



REPORT

From the Supervisor –
Kathy Penner



Wheeling Township’s motto, **“Neighbors Helping Neighbors,”** is more than just a saying; it’s a mission that is fulfilled on a yearly basis through an abundance of services and programs. In addition to helping seniors, persons with disabilities, and residents experiencing financial challenges, Wheeling Township also has opportunities for residents to give back.

Year after year, I am astounded by the generosity of our residents. Your donations of Thanksgiving baskets stuffed with food, beautifully wrapped toys and gifts as part of the Adopt-A-Family program, and year-round Food Pantry donations is both amazing and inspiring. Thank you for your continued benevolence.

Ways residents received assistance, or provided help last year, include:

- **Food Pantry:** 7,512 people were fed (1,414 of which were children under 18). We sincerely appreciate the substantial monthly food and financial donations from private citizens, businesses and organizations. Many businesses, churches, neighborhoods, and organizations also held food drives throughout the year, and our amazing crew of volunteers keeps it all going.
- **Home Delivered Meals:** 14,689 nutritious meals were delivered to homebound seniors and permanently disabled individuals. Thank you to the many volunteers from the community-at-large and the 25 churches who were involved in the delivery of the fresh meals, five days a week, including holidays.
- **Giving Garden:** Residents with ‘green thumbs’ donated hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables during the summer season to supplement shelf-stable products in the food pantry. Thank you to the local gardeners!
- **Thanksgiving:** A holiday meal was provided to 370 lower income families. Thank you to the residents and community groups who donated containers overflowing with everything from rolls and stuffing to potatoes and dessert. Hundreds of donated gift cards and frozen turkeys were also distributed.
- **Adopt-A-Family:** 269 families participated in our annual holiday gift program, and thanks to the outstanding generosity of Township residents, community groups and businesses, the wish lists of those families were filled! Each family received wrapped gifts and donated gift cards as part of their holiday package. Additionally, all the children were offered new books (donated by the Arlington Heights Memorial Library) and craft kits made by the Indian Trails Public Library District.
- **Winter Coat Program:** 123 new children’s coats were distributed, each paired with a hat, gloves, and matching scarf. Many items were donated; others were purchased with donated funds.
- **Military:** Students and residents donated over 1,500 beautiful handmade cards or hand-written letters/cards as part of our Operation Support Our Troops annual donation drive. Additionally, residents donated \$3,700 to the organization to support the cost of mailing care packages. We are incredibly appreciative of the community’s support of this annual program.

Once again, I’m saying **thank you** to residents for remaining steadfastly dedicated to helping your neighbors in need - **every year.** Wheeling Township and its residents truly are **‘Neighbors helping Neighbors.’**

thank you!

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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE... Ken Jochum

The property tax process can seem overwhelming and for good reason. **In Illinois there are over 8,500 taxing bodies, the highest of any state in the Union. In Wheeling Township, which is thirty-six square miles, there are approximately 55 taxing bodies which taxpayers support.** The average property owner in Wheeling Township pays real estate tax to 14 or 15 of those taxing bodies. While this may seem daunting enough, consider that the taxpayer may also be impacted by the Cook County Assessor, Cook County Clerk, Cook County Treasurer, the Cook County Board of Review, Property Tax Appeals Board, Circuit Court, Department of Revenue and the State Government all of which play a part in the Real Estate Tax process.

How can the average property owner navigate, manage, question and clarify information, much less impact and influence these agencies which are 'working for them?' Enter the Township Assessor.

The Township Assessor in Cook County is unique in the state since they do not assess property, instead their focus is fourfold; Inform, Navigate, Advocate, Empower, thereby acting as support for the taxpayer who interacts with the property tax system.

INFORM: The Township Assessor's office provides outreach and communications, as well as being available for questions, in person, by phone or e-mail.

NAVIGATE: Assistance is provided regarding which offices and people within those offices to contact for various property related issues.

ADVOCATE: The office provides guidance for property tax appeals as well as properties that are comparable to their property, for taxpayers who are considering an appeal.

EMPOWER: Guidance and direction can be provided to those taxpayers who wish to contact and communicate with their taxing bodies as well as information as to which taxing bodies impact individual taxes.

Wheeling Township, with over 2 billion dollars of assessed value, contributes significantly to alleviating the costs of all 55 taxing bodies in the area. Wheeling Township property taxpayers want to pay their fair share but not overpay, consequently it is important that everyone understands – and is involved in – the tax process.

Our office has experienced people who understand the process and have empathy, since we are all property owners, taxpayers and neighbors.

2021 AUTO-RENEW EXEMPTIONS

- Homeowner, Senior (annual auto-renew)
- Senior Freeze (2021 auto-renew)
- Persons with Disabilities (2021 auto-renew)
- Veterans with Disabilities (2021 auto-renew)



FIRST INSTALLMENT 2021 PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The first installment of the property tax bill, mailed in early February was due March 1, 2022 and represents 55% of the previous year's total tax bill. Your second installment should be due late summer reflecting new tax rates, levies, assessments and exemptions for which you qualify.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review has not yet begun the 2021 appeals session for Wheeling Township due to the considerable delay in the County Assessor's Office. At this point we do not know when the Board of Review session will take place.

AS ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS

Visit us at 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights
Call 847-259-1515 • Email taxinfo@wheelingtowship.com

WHEELING TOWNSHIP ROAD MANAGEMENT

Permit Process Helps Protect Homeowners

The construction season is upon us. If you are a resident of Unincorporated Wheeling Township, as you plan your next maintenance, demolition or improvement project (tree removal, remodeling, building a home, shed, garage, fence, etc), remember to call Wheeling Township Highway Manager, Mark J. Toberman at 847-259-7730 (highwaymanager@wheelingtowship.com) and Cook County Building & Zoning Department at 312-603-0500 (permitcontrol.bnz@cookcountyil.gov) before starting.

In a co-operative agreement with Cook County, landowners or registered contractors who intend to perform work in Unincorporated Wheeling Township must secure a Township Permit or Determination letter as a condition before Cook County Building & Zoning Department can issue their permit (except for roofing and siding). The Township

permit application and guidelines are available on our website: www.wheelingtowship.com. Nearly everything, including flatwork, grading, fences, drives, patios, decks, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and utility work require permits, and the permit procedure is the same whether it's for property maintenance or improvement. Please remember, homeowners or contractors performing the work must also be registered with Cook County Building & Zoning Department (cr.bnz@cookcountyil.gov).

Why is this important? Contractor registration, permitting, inspections and code enforcement practices protect your safety, property rights and property value. Following proper permit and advance inspection practices make it difficult for unscrupulous or inexperienced contractors to cut corners, or for an unpermitted neighbor whose weekend project alters the natural storm water flow path. Incorrect grading often causes

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE... Joanna Gauza

2022 ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

2022 brings another election season. The Illinois legislature recently changed the primary date from March 15, 2022 to June 28, 2022. The change was needed because the census data for re-districting was just released. As a result, the primary election will be later, but the General Election will still be on November 8, 2022. The re-districting also will change the Congressional and local legislative district boundaries meaning many voters may be voting in a new district. These elections will be for Governor, the State Legislature members, and Congress. If you want to vote in these 2022 elections and avoid the last minute rush, now is a good time to make sure you are registered.

DO YOU NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE? If you are not registered, have just moved into the Township, have moved to another residence in the Township, or changed your name, you need to register to be able to vote in the next elections. You can register in the following ways.

1. Register to Vote at Wheeling Township. You'll need two forms of identification (one showing your current address), to be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years of age or older by the general election date of November 8, 2022, and have lived in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. 17 year-olds that will be 18 years-old by November 8, 2022 can register and vote in the June 28, 2022 primary election and the November 8, 2022 general election. For naturalized citizens, you must prove the date of your naturalization.

2. Register Online. If you have an Illinois driver's license or Illinois State ID, you may register online at cookcountyclerk.com/agency/register-vote. If you do not have a driver's license or state ID, go to the same website and complete the form online, print, sign and mail it to the address on the application. If you register by mail, you must bring a valid state issued picture identification when you vote for the first time.

Become an Election Judge and Earn \$200 - \$365

Every election requires a team of Election Judges and Polling Place Technicians to serve at the polling places. These poll workers are paid \$200-\$365 depending on the position they work on Election Day. Before

KEY DATES FOR THE JUNE 28, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

5/31/2022 **Voter Registration** closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

6/12/2022 Last day to register to vote by online application

6/13/2022 First day of **early voting**

6/23/2022 Last day to request a **mail ballot**, including military and overseas voters

6/27/2022 Last day of **early voting**

6/28/2022 Last day **mail ballots** can be postmarked

6/28/2022 **Primary Election Day**

Election Day, Election judges and Polling Place Technicians receive training so they are able to serve voters.

Election Judges work to ensure voters can vote. They attend training about their duties. Then on Election Day, they check in voters, provide ballots, and process the votes. This position earns about \$200.

Polling Place Technicians work directly with the election judges to ensure the polling place is running smoothly. Polling Place Technicians also have more responsibility for setting up and maintaining the voting equipment. Due to the additional responsibility, Polling Place Technicians receive more training and higher pay.

Students can also be poll workers in the elections of 2022. They need to be at least a high school junior or senior, have at least a 3.0 GPA, their high school's permission, and reside in Cook County. Students also receive training and work with trained Election Judges and Technicians.

For more information about serving as an Election Judge or Technician in Suburban Cook County, email Elect.Judge@cookcountyl.gov or call (312) 603-0965. You can also contact the Wheeling Township Democrats at (224) 544-9836 or the Republicans of Wheeling Township (847) 632-1774.

water to pool which could adversely impact sewer lines, septic fields, or contaminate wells. In the end, the homeowner often ends up paying the costs to satisfy violation fines and perform corrective reconstruction work to remedy violations.

You are encouraged to call the Township with your contractor or design professional so we can discuss your future project. As co-operative partners in the permit process, the Cook County Building Department and Township will review the details of the project to make sure it complies with building and zoning codes.

After work is completed, the Plat of Survey must be updated and an "as-built" Grading Plan furnished to verify that all permit work was completed per the approved permit plan. This document, along with Grading Certification Statement, is required to ensure that what is completed does not cause drainage issues in the Township right-of-way or an increased ponding of water on your or your neighbor's property.

Cook County Building and Zoning requires inspections of all work during various stages of the construction to make sure all work is being done correctly per the approved permit plans. This adds a layer of security, as a homeowner might not be aware of construction problems until identified by an inspector. The permit and inspection process protects homeowners from poor workmanship or non-code compliant materials. Permit tips and information are available for download from the Cook County website: www.cookcountyl.gov.



With Our Sincere Thanks...

The 2021 holiday programs were a tremendous success! Bountiful **Thanksgiving Baskets** stuffed with food were given to **370 families**. Generous donations of clothing and toys to the **Adopt-A-Family** Program helped to make Christmas special for **269 families**, which included 690 children and 496 parents! In addition to the many holiday gifts, **123 new children's coats** were distributed. These programs would not be possible without all those who shared the true spirit of the season. A heartfelt thank you goes out to each and every private donor, as well as to the businesses, churches and community organizations listed below. **We couldn't do it without you!**

2021 HOLIDAY DONOR LIST

ABC Plumbing
Alpha Phi Chicago NW Suburban Alumnae
American Building Services
American Legion Auxiliary #208
American Legion Jr. Auxiliary #208
Arlington Countryside Church
Arlington Heights Garden Club
Arlington Heights Jr. Woman's Club
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
ESL Literacy Services
Arlington Heights Police Department
Community Services
Arlington Heights Senior Center
Arlington Pediatric Therapy
Aspired Living-Prospect Heights
ATA Title Agency
Athletico Wheeling
B Fit with Christina
Bimbo Bakeries
Booth Tarkington Elementary School
Children of Abraham Coalition
Christian Church of Arlington Heights
Christian Pre K Prep
Church of the Incarnation UMC
Church World Service, Inc.
CJBS, LLC
Clerics of St. Viator
Congregation Anshe Tikvah
Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton
Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrison
CorePower Yoga
Costello & DeHart Dental Excellence
Crescent Cardboard
Cub Scout Pack 169

D'Agostino's Pizza
Daugherty Business Solutions
DFS Corporate Services LLC
Drost Kivlahan McMahon & O'Connor LLC
Dryden Book Club
EA Langenfeld Associates
FedEx Ground
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights
First United Methodist Church
Fitness Team Inc.
Flooring Resources Corp.
Girl Scout Troop 45970 Westgate Elementary
Girl Scout Troop 47072 Dryden Elementary
Godey Questers
Greenbrier Elementary School
Happy Old Guys
Hidden Valley Manufacturing
Highland/Chestnut Book Club
Indian Trails Public Library District
In Working Order
Kiddie Academy of Mount Prospect
Kitchen Village
Kopka Pinkus Dolin
Lake & House Apartments
Lions Club of Arlington Heights Foundation
Little Elves "Stock the Shelves"
Living Christ Lutheran Church
London Middle School
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Medline Industries
Meetings by LJ, LLC
Mindful Kitchen
Munch Supply, LLC
New Hope Academy
North Arlington Pediatrics, SC
North Northfield United Methodist Church
Northwest Special Recreation Association
Olive Mary Stitt Elementary School & Garden
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
PEO Chapter HN
Picket Fence Realty

Prospect Heights Library
Prospect Heights High School Football Team
Prospect Heights High School Marching Band
Pursuit-NWSRA
ReMax Suburban
Remke Industries
Rolling Green Country Club
Rolling Green Women's Golf Association
Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Noon
Smile Today Dental
Sonshine Tuesday School
South Church of Mount Prospect
South Middle School
St. James Parish
St. James Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society
St. James School
St. Paul Lutheran Church
St. Peter Lutheran Deborah Circle
Taylor Plumbing, Inc.
Temple Beth El Sisterhood
Terramere Neighborhood Group
Terrazzo & Marble
The Orchard Evangelical Free Church
The Pointe Apartments
The Pursam Group
ThermoFisher/Fisher Clinical Services
Thomas Middle School
Thrivent
Tony's Fresh Market
Viant, Inc.
Village of Wheeling Board of Health
Village Bank and Trust
Waste Management
Wheeling Park District
Wheeling Park District Chevy Chase
Willow Creek Church Small Group
Worsham College of Mortuary
Science
Wyatt's Dog Company
ZF Services



SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

Call 847-259-7730 to register for any of the Programs & Services offered through Wheeling Township.

Home Delivered Meals:

Do You Know Someone Who Might Benefit?

Being able to easily and reliably obtain nutritious foods is essential to your well-being. If you have concerns about your ability to shop or cook for yourself (or know someone who might need help), consider Wheeling Township's Home Delivered Meal Program. The Township offers a reasonably priced home-delivered hot meal program for residents of the Township who meet eligibility requirements.



How does the program work?

A hot, freshly prepared meal is delivered at mid-day, Monday through Friday, right to the door of the recipient by a friendly volunteer. Applicants must agree to receive meals five days a week for at least 30 days.

Cost of the meals?

Wheeling Township's program is a self-pay program: The hot meal is \$6.50 per day. A supplementary cold meal (which is delivered at the same time) is available for an additional \$4.45 per day. Bills are mailed monthly for the meals received.

Who is eligible?

- Must be a senior over 60 or permanently disabled individual over 18
- Must reside within Wheeling Township
- Must be homebound and no longer driving
- Must not have a caregiver
- There must be availability on a route
- As there are three types of meals available (Heart-Healthy, Carbohydrate-Controlled and Regular), a medical note for meal type is required from a doctor.

Home Delivered Meals:

Interested in Finding out more about the program? Call our Home Delivered Meal Program Coordinator, Anne Camarano, at 847-259-7730, ext. 19.

Interested in Volunteering? We're looking for a few more friendly faces! Home Delivered Meal Program volunteers must be over 18 and be available between 11am -1pm. Routes and days are pre-assigned and you choose your schedule. For more information, email Anne Camarano at HomeDeliveredMeals@WheelingTownship.com.

Medicare can be complicated...

SHIP Can Help!

If you are enrolled in Medicare, are close to enrolling in Medicare, or have health insurance questions, Wheeling Township's SHIP Counselors may be able to help you. Our dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers are extensively trained by the **Illinois Department On Aging** to assist Medicare participants with understanding their benefit coverage, helping with filing medical bills and claims, explaining Medicare Supplemental and Part D Insurance, and providing resolution support for problems. Call the Township to make an appointment! All appointments continue to be virtual or by phone only. No in-person appointments at this time.

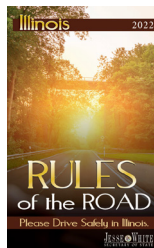


SHIP counselors can also assist those seniors who qualify for both **Medicare and full benefit Medicaid with their enrollment in the Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative, also known as MMAI**. With this program you may choose to enroll in a health plan and receive all of your benefits through one MMAI health plan. If you feel you might qualify for MMAI, make an appointment with our SHIP Coordinator at 847-259-7730.

Improve Your Driving Skills...

Secretary of State "Rules of the Road" Review Course on Zoom

This free, two-hour Secretary of State Refresher Course will help prepare you for your driving test and soothe those road test jitters! This class is designed to give drivers the knowledge and confidence needed to renew a driver's license. The review course combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination. The program is presented on Zoom. You must call to register for the program link, and course materials are available to be picked up in the Township office prior to the program. Call today to register: 847-259-7730.



10am – Noon on the following Thursdays: June 9 • September 8



35TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PAINT-A-THON

September 10th

Even during the pandemic, the Community Paint-A-thon successfully persevered! In 2021, 12 local homes were painted.

Older (60+) or disabled homeowners of single-family residences who are financially disadvantaged and are physically unable to paint their homes are eligible to get the exterior of their home painted. Homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficient condition so that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed.

Applications are due by July 1.

Paint-A-thon is always a major volunteer event. Teams of volunteers are recruited from businesses, churches, schools, social service and civic groups. **Volunteers must be at least 14.** If you're interested in an application or for more information, contact Lynndah Lahey, Wheeling Township's Director of Senior & Disability Services at 847-259-7730, ext. 21.



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Township Board Meetings: 8:00 p.m.
on the fourth Tuesday of each month
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ASSESSOR



Joanna Gauza
TOWN CLERK



Patricia Kozicki
TRUSTEE



Jeanne Hamilton
TRUSTEE



Joe Murglin
TRUSTEE



Darrel Talken
TRUSTEE



If you do not properly dispose of the unused or expired prescription drugs in your home, they might find a new one.

Consumers and caregivers: It is important to properly dispose of unused, expired, or unwanted medicines to help reduce harm from accidental exposure or intentional misuse.

Below are FREE and ANONYMOUS year-round collection sites in Wheeling Township where you can safely dispose of medications:

- **Arlington Heights Police Department** (Open 24 hours)
200 E Sigwalt St, Arlington Heights
- **Buffalo Grove Police Department** (Open 24 hours)
46 Raupp Blvd, Buffalo Grove
- **Mount Prospect Public Works** (M-F: 7:30a - 5p)
911 Kensington Rd, Mount Prospect
- **Prospect Heights City Hall** (M-F: 8:30a - 5p)
8 N Elmhurst Rd, Prospect Heights
- **Wheeling Police Department** (Third Saturday of each month 10a - 12p)
1 Community Blvd, Wheeling
- **Walgreens** (Daily: 7a - 10p) – 10 N Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling
- **Walgreens** (Daily: 7a - 11p) -15 N Buffalo Grove Rd, Buffalo Grove

For an updated list of year-round locations and to learn about the DEA's bi-annual Drug Take Back Day event on Saturday April 30th, 2022 from 10a-2p visit, linktogethercoalition.org/drug-take-back/

WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION
...So much more than just a ride!

Looking for safe and affordable transportation?

If you are over 60 (or 18+ and permanently disabled), Wheeling Township's outstanding transportation service may be the perfect solution for your needs.

When is service available?

Rides are available for Township residents to a wide variety of locations within the Township, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. *Call as soon as possible to reserve your ride, as buses fill up quickly* (you may call up to 30 days in advance for medical appointments).

How much? \$2 each way.

How do I sign up? Call the transportation department with questions – or for an application. Applications can also be found online at wheelingtowship.com.

Call today for more information: 847-259-7743.

