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 - Omni Youth Service ■ Northwest Compass (childcare, housing) Health Services Program
 - Lutheran Services of Illinois Behavioral m Life Span ■
 - Kindred Life Ministries

- Journeys The Road Home ■ The Harbour
- Hands On Suburban Chicago
- Faith Community Homes ■ Escorted Transportation Services
 - Countryside ■ Clearbrook Center
 - Children's Advocacy Center
 - Center for Enriched Living (housing, senior services)
 - Catholic Charities
 - Avenues to Independence

■ Alexian Center for Mental Health available to residents on a sliding-scale basis.

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REPORT

SUMMER 2016



From the Supervisor - Kathy Penner

Food Pantry Helpers...

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KASS & KAI

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Two community conscious kids are 6 year old Kass and 5 year old Kai of Arlington Heights. They have hosted several activities to raise money for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. Last fall they began with a Bean Drive, collecting canned goods from their neighbors. This spring they have increased activities to include a lemonade stand, a cookie sale, and an art sale. But perhaps the most interesting and most profitable activity is tours of their Gnome Village. For only a quarter, which is a steal of a deal, visitors can see all

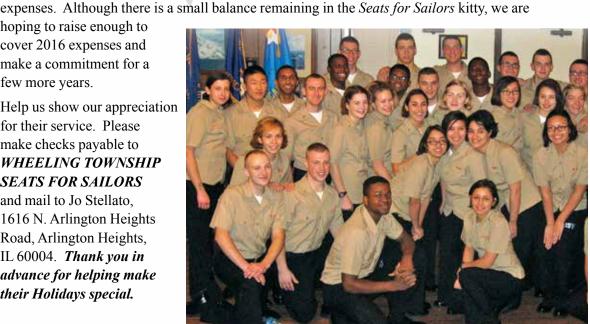


Seats for Sailors Program

We again are asking for your help with funding for food and transportation for U.S. Navy recruits from Great Lakes Naval Training Center for the holidays. Many of these 18 to 20 year old young men and women, from all over our nation, are away from home for the first time. We want to help these sailors have a day of respite from the rigors of training and missing loved ones. Our super successful 2014 Seats for Sailors Campaign allowed us to treat record numbers of recruits for two years running for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Besides providing delicious holiday meals and gifts, the American Legion Post #208 arranges for the guests of honor to have unlimited access to TV's, music, pool, bowling, movies as well as free phone calls all day. We want to show our support for the sacrifices these young men and women are making for all of us by helping raise funds to transport them to and from their destination, as well as help the American Legion with

hoping to raise enough to cover 2016 expenses and make a commitment for a few more years.

Help us show our appreciation for their service. Please make checks payable to WHEELING TOWNSHIP **SEATS FOR SAILORS** and mail to Jo Stellato, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Thank you in advance for helping make their Holidays special.



SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

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

SENIOR SCENE PROGRAMS

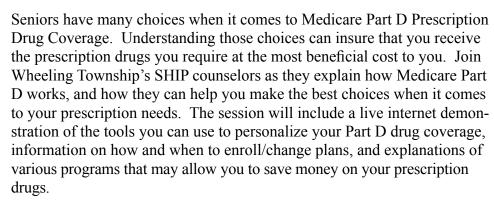
SENIOR SCENE programs, hosted by the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory & Action Council, provide educational opportunities for all seniors. The timely topics and lively discussion offer older adults a chance to expand their knowledge and share fellowship.

Just call our office to register for the upcoming **FREE** programs offered from **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** at the Wheeling Township office on the following dates. *Registration is limited, so call now to reserve your place!*

UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE PART D

Prescription Drug Coverage Choices Tuesday, September 13 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.





Whether you are able to attend the presentation or not, you can schedule a one-on-one appointment with a SHIP counselor to review your Part D drug coverage during the annual enrollment period. SHIP counselors are not affiliated with any insurance company. Call the Township office to set up your appointment.

If you are a member of a local civic group, faith community or an organization that would like to learn more about Medicare and how recent changes might affect you, our SHIP volunteers are available to speak to your group.

KNOW YOUR DRIVING LIMITATIONS...

Thinking about giving up the keys? Know someone who should?



Options, Resources & Ideas Tuesday, October 11 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

SENIOR HEALTH

Insurance Program

Giving up the keys – or even just talking about it – can be one of the toughest things seniors, adult children, Doctors and/ or caregivers have to face, and many people simply refuse to

consider the idea. Have you ever thought about what YOU would do if you were no longer able to drive? How would you maintain your independence? Who would you turn to for assistance? Or do you think your loved one should stop driving?

Many seniors know that they should no longer sit behind the wheel of a car due to vision or other health issues, but continue to keep driving because they are unaware of other options. That's where this program may help! Join Wheeling Township for an informative discussion on giving up the keys and thinking ahead.

We will focus on sharing information about the many terrific transportation options available to our community's seniors should you (or your loved one) decide to give up driving. We'll also take a look at some of the reasons why you may need to stop driving, along with some warning signs that others should consider when watching an older adult drive. Lastly, representatives from Wheeling Township's own transportation department, PACE, and Escorted Transportation Service NW will be on hand to share ideas, viable transportation alternatives and other resources so that you and your family can make an informed decision.

Making the decision not to drive definitely alters an older person's daily routine and habits, but doesn't necessarily signal an end to independence. It's not an easy thought or discussion for anyone, but knowing that there are other options can make the transition easier. We hope you'll join us for this really useful session.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Wheeling Township recognizes the importance of older adults to remain living independently in their homes and their communities.

The following health services, administered by the Township nurse, are available **by appointment**, for residents 60 years and over.



Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Blood Pressure (no charge)
- Blood Sugar Screening (\$1charge)
- INR & PRO Time Anticoagulation Therapy Testing (\$6 charge)

Cholesterol Screening:

2nd & 4th Thursday of Each Month • 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Available to residents 18 years & older)

Eight hour fasting (water only) lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and blood sugar (\$15.00 charge) Cholesterol screenings require drawing of a blood sample from the fingertip.

At-home hemoccult screening tests available for \$4.00

Worried about the Flu? Homebound? Call Karen!

Again this year, the Township nurse will have a limited supply of the flu shots for homebound patients over the age of eighteen who are unable to get a flu shot from their physician. Please call Karen McNeir, R.N., B.S.N. to schedule a home visit. The flu shot is covered by Medicare. If you do not have Medicare coverage, the cost is \$25.00

SENIOR CELEBRATION DAY

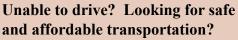
Thursday, September 15 Arlington International Racecourse



This terrific FREE event - the 28th Annual Senior Celebration Day will be held Thursday, September 15 from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. This fun, FREE event offers health screenings, exhibitors, a discounted lunch, entertainment, raffle prizes, free parking & shuttle, and so much more! Don't miss this really great day out. For more information, call the Senior Services Department at the Township office.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION

Much more than just a ride!





If you are over 60 (or 18 and over with a permanent disability), Wheeling Township's outstanding transportation service and team may be the perfect solution for your needs. With 8 buses on the road every day, we are doing our very best to help Township residents get where they need to be. Last year, over 24,500 rides were provided to Township residents.

When is the 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. Some locations outside the Township are covered for medical services.

When should I call? For medical appointments, please call at least one week in advance, as buses fill up quickly (you may call up to 30 days in advance for medical appointments). For casual appointments (hair salon, grocery store, etc), you must call two days in advance.

What's the cost? \$2 each way.

How do I sign up? Call our transportation department if you have any questions – or for an application. Our team of drivers are dedicated, compassionate and truly concerned about your well-being. Don't hesitate to call – or stop by – should you have any questions about whether we can assist you or not.

Call us today at **(847) 259-7743** for more detailed information regarding program services and eligibility.

IMPROVE YOUR DRIVING SKILLS

Secretary of State RULES OF THE ROAD Review Course

The one-session 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, especially senior citizens and persons with disabilities, the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain driver's license. The review course,



taught by knowledgeable volunteers, combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination.

If you are interested in this course, offered from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on the following Thursdays, please call our office to register:

■ September 8

■ November 10



AARP – SMART DRIVING PROGRAM
Tune Up Your Driving Skills...

In cooperation with AARP, Wheeling Township offers the AARP Safe Driving Program, designed to help you **tune up** your driving skills, **learn** about normal age-related physical changes, **adjust** your driving to **allow** for the changes and **reduce** your traffic violations.

Call Wheeling Township to register for one of the following two day sessions. A \$15.00 charge for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members applies for the two-session class. Checks should be made payable to AARP and mailed or dropped off at the Township Office prior to your first class.

Class is on Mon. & Wed., 5:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- August 1 & August 3
- September 12 & September 14
- October 3 & October 5
- November 7 & November 9
- December 5 & December 7

Upon the completion of the two-session class, you will be issued a certificate, which may be submitted to your auto insurance company for a possible discount.

TWO GREAT SUPPORT GROUPS

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 3rd Tuesday of every month, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Karen McNeir, R.N., B.S.N. and Aileen Zei, Wheeling Township's Assistant Director of Senior & Disability Services, co-facilitate this group, offering help to participants in developing coping methods, as well as encouraging caregivers to maintain their personal, physical and emotional health.



It is estimated that as many as 5.1 million Americans may have Alzheimer's disease. The incidence of the disease is rising with the aging of America. Providing care for someone with memory loss can be a labor of love, but it can also be exhausting and stressful.

Wheeling Township partners with the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter, to offer a monthly support group for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

VIP LOW OR NO VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Meets: 1st Thursday of every month, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

This terrific group of individuals, whose vision issues include everything from macular degeneration and Stargardt's disease to advanced glaucoma and complete blindness, enjoys a monthly meeting which focuses on sharing resources and ideas, as well as enjoying a nice afternoon together.



Co-facilitated by Wheeling Township's Senior & Disability Services Director and Asst Director, most meetings also feature interesting speakers who focus on topics related to low or no vision.

Group members support each other and offer coping methods and tips. Some group members also participate in a book club, which leads to some very lively discussions!



YOU Can Make A Difference! Please Share Your Time & Resources...

October 29, 2016 • Make A Difference Day!

Make a Difference Day is the largest national day of community service and is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. This annual Halloween Fun Fair for children with disabilities and their families needs the support of volunteers and donors to make the event a success.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? You can volunteer to help the day of the event...

WHEN? Saturday, October 29, 2016

WHERE? Riley Elementary School (Arlington Hts), 11:00 am – 1:30 pm Or even better, organize your friends, family, neighbors, or a service group to volunteer or sponsor a 'fun fair' booth.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Here's our "WISH LIST"...

- NEW children's toys, games, books, stuffed animals
- Wrapped candy Halloween decorations

Canned pop and juices

TOO BUSY TO SHOP? Cash donations are always welcome to help defray the costs.

THE MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC



The Mobile Dental Clinic is a partnership with Northwest Community Hospital and Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling Townships. It provides necessary dental care to residents who do not have the resources to go to a general dentist. Residents must meet financial guidelines and there is a cost of \$30 per visit. Services are by appointment only. Call us to see if you qualify.

KIDS WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY

On Friday, May 13th, Olive Mary Stitt elementary students collected 295 grocery bags full of food for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. This marked the end of their month long "Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation" food drive, which was done as a part of the Character Counts Program. For the past several years, students at Olive Mary Stitt had been collecting food in October, in conjunction with Make A Difference Day. Last year, parents heard how low the food pantry is during the summer months and decided to move the date to make it a learning experience for the five pillars of Character Counts, which are Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness and Citizenship. Coordinating the drive at the end of the school year was a great way to



help the pantry get through the summer months when donations generally tend to be lower and usage is higher.



It wasn't just elementary students who came to the rescue! To help unload this mountain of groceries, students from **St. Viator High Schoo**l volunteered their time and strength to get things out of the truck and into the pantry. St. Viator also supports the food pantry during low summer months by providing fresh vegetables to supplement the non-perishables from their garden. *Many thanks to all!*



MOST SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLDS CAN VOTE

Most Illinois 17-year-olds are eligible to register and vote in the General election. LLS citizens who were born on or before Nov. 8, 1998 can register and vote in the November 8, 2016 General Election because they will turn 18 by the November 8, 2016 General Election.

From the Clerk Joanna Gauza $\star\star\star\star\star\star\star\star\star\star$

VOTER REGISTRATION

The General Election on November 8, 2016 promises a large voter turnout. If you want to vote in the General Election, now is time to make sure you are registered. 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 future elections. To register, come to the Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, between 9:00-4:30. All you need are two forms of identification (one showing your current address), be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years of age or older by the November 8 election, and live in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. For naturalized citizens, you must prove the date of your naturalization. If you have an Illinois driver's license or state ID, you may register online through the Illinois State Board of Elections website elections.il.gov. If you don't have a driver's license or state ID, go to cookcountyclerk.com 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. Finally, you can always register by visiting the Cook County Clerk's Office at 69 W. Washington Street, Room 500, Chicago, Illinois or the Rolling Meadows Court House, Clerk's Office, located at the corner of Wilke and Euclid in Rolling Meadows.

Remember - Once you have registered, you do not need to re-register unless you move or change your name.

VEHICLE STICKERS:

For those living in unincorporated Wheeling Township only - don't get a ticket, buy a vehicle sticker. These Cook County Vehicle Stickers for the unincorporated areas only are available for purchase at Wheeling Township. Stickers are valid from July 1, 2016 until June 30, 2017. The cost for stickers varies, but generally an automobile is \$80, a small truck is \$100 and a motorcycle is \$25. Senior citizens (65 years and older) can receive up to two stickers free of charge. Others eligible for no fee stickers are individuals with physical disabilities and disabled veterans. If you have purchased a vehicle within the last 30 days or moved to an unincorporated area within the last 60 days - you will not be charged a late fee. Please be aware that the Cook County Sheriff's Police will ticket vehicles registered in unincorporated Cook County that do not display a current sticker. When you come to purchase vehicle stickers, please bring a check or money order, we cannot accept cash or credit cards. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my office anytime at 847-259-7730 or by e-mail at jgauza@wheelingtownship.com.

From the Assessor Jerry Sadler

You should have received the 2015 2nd installment property tax bill at the beginning of July, which is due the beginning of August. If you did not, you can request a duplicate bill online at www.cookcountytreasurer.com, or by calling the Cook County Treasurer's office at (312) 443-5100.

"Any successful

2016 Real Estate

Appeal will be

reflected in your

2nd Installment

Property Tax

Bill to be paid

in July 2017."

2015 2ND INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX

County Treasurer's office in Chicago at the County Building at 118 N. Clark Street. To pay at a Chase Bank location, you will need an original or duplicate tax bill. You can pay online at the Treasurer's website www.cookcountytreasurer.com without a tax bill, but you will need your property index

number and bank account routing number. There is a small fee for paying in this

In reviewing your 2nd installment property tax bill, please note that any and all Homestead exemptions are permitted on one property only and that must be the owner's principle residence. Any exemptions taken on properties other than the owner's principal residence could be deemed "erroneous" and, therefore, subject to repayment with interest and possible penalties. Please review your bill carefully, and contact us with any questions. Our phone number is (847) 259-1515. You may also contact the Cook County Assessor's office in Skokie at (847) 470-7237, or the main office of the Cook County Assessor at (312) 443-7550 regarding any missing exemptions. They can expedite a revised bill for you if needed. During the reassessment period, our office will be assisting taxpayers with their proposed assessment, therefore keep in mind the county offices can also help you.

IN ORDER TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR PROPERTY, PLEASE HAVE THE 14-DIGIT PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER (PIN) AVAILABLE FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. THE NUMBER CAN BE FOUND AT THE TOP OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL. THANK YOU!

2016 TRIENNIAL REASSESSMENT

Property tax bills can be paid by mail, online or in person at any Chase Bank location, or at the Cook

You should have also received a 2016 reassessment notice from the Cook County Assessor for the taxes payable in 2017. If you feel your proposed assessed value is too high, you may file an appeal during the appeal period listed on the notice for Wheeling Township. During the 30 day window, you can file an appeal online at www.cookcountyassessor.com. If you file a hard copy appeal, mail

> to the Cook County Assessor at the downtown address which you will find on the form. Do not mail appeals to the Wheeling Township Assessor. The appeal period is open for approximately 30 days each year. Any 2016 appeal, if successful, will affect 2016 2nd installment property tax bills paid in July 2017. All assessments are published in the local newspaper in a triennial reassessment year only. After that, only changes are published the following two years. Appeals are reviewed and decisions made by the Cook County Assessor's office. We are here to assist you by providing information and direction on filing your appeal. Please contact us at (847) 259-1515. Have your property index number (PIN) available.

COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR PROPERTY TAX SEMINAR

On Wednesday July 27th, 2016 we have scheduled a seminar with the Cook County Assessor's office regarding the Triennial Reassessment. It will be held at the Arlington

Heights Memorial Library @ 7:00 pm in the Hendrickson Room. You will learn how to appeal your 2016 proposed assessment. Please do not call the library with questions.

Documents to bring:

- Tax Bill or Reassessment notice
- Appraisal if done within the last 1.5 years
- Closing Statement if home was purchased within the last year

From Highway Commissioner Scott Saewert

PLANS FOR 2016

The annual budget for the Highway Department has been approved by the Township Board and the summer construction season for unincorporated roads has arrived. As a prelude to this year's projects, we completed our annual pot-hole patching throughout our unincorporated areas. Although still in the planning stages, some of the projects scheduled for this year include:



- Remove debris and generally clean both McDonald Creek, from Kensington Rd. to River Rd. and Feehanville Ditch, from River Rd. to the Des Plaines River. A request has been sent to MWRD under their small streams maintenance program to do this.
- Restore the right-of-way grading along the south side of Gregory St. The grading was actually completed last year but was destroyed by cars parking along it. In addition to re-grading, an ordinance was passed for no parking along the south side of Gregory St. and NO PARKING signs were posted. A contract with a landscaper has been approved and signed.
- Road drainage improvements for the south side Morrison Ave., from Woodland Dr. to River Rd. Included is this project will be the enclosure of the steep ditch at the northwest corner of Morrison Ave. and Woodland Dr. The project plans are completed.
- Road drainage improvements for Anita Ave. from Lee St. to the west end. Some trees have been removed in preparation for this project. The project plans and near completion.
- Crack sealing along Lee St. from Hill St. to Kensington Rd.
- Sign replacements and additional signs in Forest River Subdivision. All the STOP signs at exits to the subdivision will be replaced with new highintensity signs and pole strips. Missing or worn-out signs will be replaced. In addition, a new ordinance providing for NO PARKING along Graylynn Dr. from Gregory St. to Hill St. will be passed and all appropriate signs posted.

We also anticipate completing a number of smaller projects as our budget permits. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact my department.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS...

When families are already on a tight budget, buying backpacks and school supplies for several children is an extra burden. Wheeling Township General Assistance Department is collecting new school supplies between now and Tuesday, August 16th. Donations are given to children of low-income families in our community. Every child should be able to start the school year off right with a new backpack filled with the needed supplies.

During your next trip to the store, please consider donating some of the following most needed items. They can be dropped off in the Supervisor's Office Mon. - Fri. from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730 or jvillarreal@wheelingtownship.com.



PLEASE TRIM AND SAVE WITH YOUR SHOPPING LIST!

School Supplies	Needed
CHECKLIST	
☐ Backpacks	
☐ Binders	1
☐ Crayons	

- □ Erasers ☐ Folders
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Loose Leaf Paper
- Markers
- Pencils
- □ Pencil Cases
- □ Pens
- □ Rulers
- □ Scissors
- □ Spiral Notebooks

