

REPORT

From the Supervisor – Kathy Penner





Regina Stapleton

Welcome Our New Director of Finance & Administration

As we bid farewell to Jo Stellato, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Regina Stapleton, our new Director of Finance and Administration. Regina comes to us from Palatine Public Library, where she served as the Finance Manager for over four years. Regina also brings her experience from her time at Palatine Township where she held the position of Finance Manager. She will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Township offices, personnel and programs.

Regina will work closely with me in maintaining township transparency, developing the levies and budgets and monitoring investments. She will be accountable to our Board of Trustees and is the liaison to all of the social service agencies funded by the Township. Regina will also coordinate the Township's quarterly newsletter, brochures and website. She is supported and welcomed by Wheeling Township's dedicated elected officials and a staff of professional service providers. Regina can be

reached at 847-259-7730 or via email at rstapleton@wheelingtownship.com.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Wheeling Township's **Ready4Success** was once again a huge success! Our staff distributed 239 backpacks – overflowing with supplies to students in need – so they were prepared to start school, ready for learning. We would like to thank our many donors, including Arlington Pediatrics, LTD, who raised over 150 boxes of backpacks and supplies, Federal Express, Fisher Clinical Services, Rolling Green Country Club and all of those who helped make this event such a huge success. *We are extremely grateful!*

Our **Giving Garden Program** received a bounty of fresh produce this summer from residents, schools and churches. In addition to produce, we were very fortunate to receive beautiful flowers grown in the Viatorian Community Garden, donated by the Clerics of St. Viator. The recipients were delighted and very appreciative of the fresh produce and flowers. Those little extras really make a big difference!

And finally, I want to personally send a big thank you to all who donate their time, talent and treasure, by helping supply and stock our Food Pantry shelves. We are in awe of the overwhelming support of our community and send heartfelt thanks to all who help us meet and live our mission!

SEATS FOR SAILORS

Seats for Sailors is an ongoing campaign that provides funding for food and transportation for U.S. Navy recruits at Great Lakes Training Center for the holidays. Many of these young men and women are away from home for the first time and the holidays can be especially melancholy. Wheeling Township raises funds so that American Legion Post 208 can provide transportation, meals and holiday cheer at Thanksgiving and Christmas to recruits from all over our nation who are in training to defend our country. Help us show our appreciation for their service. Send a donation made payable to SEATS FOR SAILORS, c/o Regina Stapleton, Wheeling Township, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Your generosity will be very appreciated.

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Jerry Sadler

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

2018 Wheeling Township assessments can be appealed through the Cook County Board of Review. The Board sets a 30 day appeal window annually for each township in Cook County. Open appeal dates will be posted on their website: www.cookcountyboardofreview.com

An appeal can be filed online or submitted with an Appeal form (which are available on the website or at our office). If you qualify for the Senior Freeze it is not necessary to appeal, as your Assessed Value is frozen.

Appellants also have the option to request a hearing with the Board of Review downtown Chicago, although it is not required. If the Assessed Value is reduced, it will be reflected on the 2018 Second Installment Property Tax Bill Payable in 2019.

We are available to provide information and direction in filing an online appeal. Email us at taxpayerassistance@wheelingtownship.com to request comparables. Please include your PIN and address.

Please have your Property Index Number (PIN) available when you visit or call our office at 847-259-1515. This number is located at the top of the tax bill.

*The Board of Review Office in Rolling Meadows has permanently closed however there is an office in the Skokie Courthouse located at 5600 W. Old Orchard Rd Skokie, IL 60077.



2018 SENIOR EXEMPTIONS

Cook County Assessor's Office will mail a Senior Renewal form to those who received a Senior Exemption in 2017 and living at the same residence. *ALL Seniors* must complete the senior portion on the front of the form *even if you do not qualify for the Freeze.* Those who qualify (total household income less than \$65,000 in 2017) need to complete the income portion on the back of the renewal form.

Please note the Post Office does not forward renewal exemption forms and property tax bills to a winter address. The Exemption forms are available online at **cookcountyassessor.com** or at our office. You will need to include a copy of an ID and tax bill if you are not sending the original renewal form.

2018 Property Tax Bills received in early 2019 can be paid on the Treasurer's website www.cookcountytreasurer.com. There is no fee if paid from a checking account.

TOWNSHIP ROAD MANAGEMENT

Road Projects in 2018

As we approach the end of the road project season, the following will summarize what we have completed and will yet complete during 2018:

- General Road Pothole Patching throughout the Unincorporated Areas – this project was completed in the spring.
- 2) Road Resurfacing along Morrison Ave. from River Rd, to Lee St. – the road resurfacing was completed at the end of August. Stop bars will be painted at the appropriate locations and some minor grading corrections will be done to complete this project.
- 3) Road Drainage Improvements at the intersection of Morrison Ave. and Lee St. – this project will remove an old abandoned pipe that runs diagonally across the intersection, add a new road crossing pipe and install some other storm sewer extensions to improve road drainage. This project will be completed by the end of October.





- 4) General Road Patching throughout the Unincorporated Areas this will be done again to prevent damage to the roads or the snow plows in preparation for the winter snow plowing season
- Crack Sealing along Lee St. this will be done to stabilize sections of this road not yet resurfaced or patched for the winter snow plowing season.

If you have any questions, please direct your calls to Tom Neitzke at 847-259-7730 ex 41 or Regina Stapleton at 847-259-7730 ex 11.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Joanna Gauza

2018 GENERAL ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

The General Election on November 6, 2018 is for Governor, Congress, many Illinois State Legislative seats, and local offices. It 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 these and 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 6 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.

KEY DATES:

DATE	EVENT
8/8/2018	First day to apply for a mail ballot
10/9/2018	Last day to register to vote by paper application
10/10/2018	First day of grace period registration and voting
10/21/2018	Last day to register to vote by online application
10/22/2018	First day of early voting
11/1/2018	Last day to request a mail ballot , including military and overseas voters
11/5/2018	Last day of early voting
11/5/2018	Last day of grace period registration and voting
11/6/2018	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
11/6/2018	Election Day

Early Voting: For the November 6, 2018 Governor's Election, traditional Early Voting will take place **October 22-November 5**. The Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, will be an early voting location. Starting October 22 through October 27, the Village polling station will be open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. On October 28, the Village polling station will be open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and from October 29 to November 2 and November 5, the polling station will be open 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. On November 3 the station closes at 5 pm and November 4 at 4:00 pm. Additional locations and information can be found at http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections/earlyvoting/Pages/EarlyVotingLocations.aspx

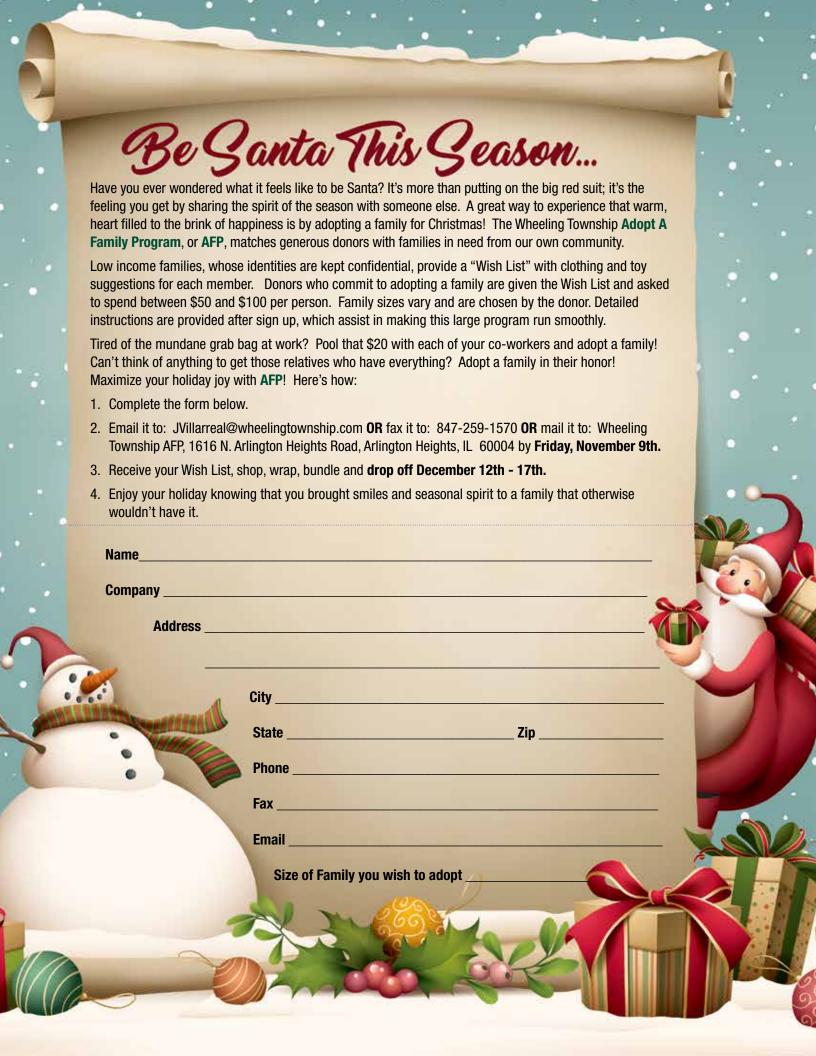
Voters do not need to provide an excuse or reason why they cannot vote on Election Day. **Government-issued photo ID is not required** but is helpful if there is a question about the voter's registration, address or signature. Providing an ID can also speed up the process because we have ID card readers at every check-in station.

Mail Ballots: Any registered suburban Cook County voter may request a mail ballot using this online application at https://mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.com. Once Cook County verifies your registration and processes your application, Cook County we will send a paper ballot to the mailing address you designate in your application. The deadline to apply is five days before an election. If you do not have one of the online application requirements, or if you prefer to apply on paper, you may download, print and sign a mail ballot application and send it to the Cook County Clerk's office. You can also get a mail ballot application at our Clerk's office.

Election Judge Jobs: Those interested in earning some money while serving on Election Day can serve as an election judge. Earn \$200 as an Election Judge or \$340 as an Equipment Judge. You must be a U.S. citizen registered to vote in Cook County or a High School student with at least a 3.0 GPA. The duties include completing online and handson training classes, helping set up the polling place with your fellow judges, and working Election Day from 5 a.m. until the results are transmitted and the equipment has been packed up at the end of the night. You can apply and learn more at www.cookcountyclerk.com/work, or call (312) 603-0965. You may also apply at Republicans of Wheeling Township by calling (847) 632-1774 or Wheeling Township Democrats online at https://wheelingdems.com.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at **jgauza@** wheelingtownship.com.





NEED HELP PAYING HIGH HEATING BILLS?



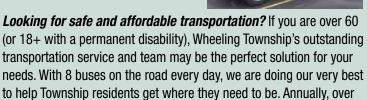
If you're struggling to meet the cost of high heating

bills, we can help. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, offers a one-time credit on your gas and electric bills during the winter season. Approved applicants receive a payment directly to the utility company, which remains on the account until it is fully used. Documents needed to apply include a picture ID, Social Security cards for everyone in the household, current utility bills and proof of all sources of household income for the last 30 days. (Additional documents may be requested, depending on situation.) Residents meeting the income criteria listed below should call the General Assistance Department at 847-259-7730 to schedule an appointment.

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,518
2	\$2,058
3	\$2,598
4	\$3,138
5	\$3,678
6	\$4,218

WHEELING TOWNSHIP **TRANSPORTATION**





When is the service available? Rides are available to a wide variety of locations within the Township, Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Some locations outside the Township may be covered for medical services. Cost? \$2 each way.

When should you call? For medical appointments, call at least one week to 10 days 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. Same day appointments are not available.

Call today for more information: (847) 259-7743

25,000 rides are provided to Township residents.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS... It's our annual **Donation Drive!**



Starting November 1st, in cooperation with Operation Support Our Troops, America Inc., Wheeling Township will again be collecting the following items for comfort & care packages that OSOT America will ship to Troops located around the World.

In 2017, compassionate residents donated 1,100 POUNDS of goodies, over \$1,500 in financial donations, and nearly 1,000 hand-written cards...Let's see if we can top that this year! Donations accepted the entire month of November.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

- 1. PB & Jelly (30 oz or Less/No Glass)
- 2. Mouthwash (16 oz or Less/No Glass)
- 3. Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups (16 oz or Less/No Glass)
- 4. Crackers/Nuts/Cookies/Snacks (Individual Packs)
- 5. Gum/Fruit Snacks/Raisins/Hard Candy
- 6. Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
- 7. White Athletic Socks (Men/Women)
- 8. Single Toothbrushes/Dental Floss
- 9. Antacids/Eye Drops/Handi-Wipes/Sanitizer
- 10. Individual Trail Mix/Pringles/Granola Bars

You can also contribute to Operation Support our Troops, America, Inc. by:

- Making a monetary donation via check: Donations help cover the cost of postage (each box costs approximately \$25 to ship). Make checks payable to Operation Support our Troops – America, Inc. Please note that OSOT is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, meaning your donation is tax deductible.
- Writing Letters of Encouragement: The most coveted items in care packages are letters of encouragement. Every care package sent to military personnel includes at least one letter from a citizen. Please address your letter to "Dear Military Person." Whether it is a scribbled drawing from a pre-schooler or a heartfelt message from a Vet, each message is precious and very much appreciated. Please do not seal the letters. If you would like the individual who receives your letter to possibly write back to you, please include your name and address.
- Know an active service person? If someone you know is a deployed service person serving in harm's way, OSOT, Inc. would love to add them to the care package mailing list. Go to www.osotamerica.org for more information.

Donations of supplies, checks and letters can be dropped off at Wheeling Township, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, during the entire month of November (9:00am - 4:30pm). Thank you in advance for supporting our Troops!

SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

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

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 at the Wheeling Township office. Registration is always limited, and our programs fill up fast, so call now to reserve your place!

Explore the VA: Benefits for Veterans



Tuesday, November 13 • 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

You're a Veteran and have served our Country — Thank You! Come meet the new NW Suburban VSO Officer, Shynae Murphy, and learn about the many benefits you are entitled to as a Veteran. From education benefits to healthcare, don't miss learning what you might be eligible for. The State of Illinois is committed to making sure that their military heroes and families receive the benefits they rightfully deserve when they return home. In addition to the federal benefits available, Illinois has a number of its own benefits for the veterans and family members including compensation, education, burial, employment, real estate, and permits.



Nutrition and Aging- Eating Healthy

Tuesday, February 12 • 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Eating right as you grow older is a key factor for successful and healthy aging! If you're interested in receiving more information about this program, please send an email to LLahey@wheelingtownship.com.



Funds for Investment

Tuesday, March 12 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Jack Muldoon loves to help people learn how to successfully invest for themselves! His annual presentation at the Township will address how to find funds, be they mutual

funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), closed-end funds (CEFs) or unit investment trusts (UITs) in order to invest in the various Asset Classes: Equity (common stocks, etc.); Fixed Income (bonds, etc.), Real Estate (R.E.I.T.s, etc.) and Commodity (metals, crops, etc.). Jack spent almost his entire career in the casualty and property insurance industry. He has held titles of Chief Financial Officer, Chief Marketing Officer, Chief Underwriting Officer, and Chief Operating Officer. This is always an interesting program!

MEDICAL SERVICES

Pam McVoy, RN, BSN

Make an appointment to meet our Nurse, Pam McVoy. Pam is happy to provide the following medical services to Township residents. Call for your appointment.



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(walk-ins allowed, but priority is given to appointments)

- Blood Pressure (no charge)
- INR & PRO Time Testing (\$6 charge— a doctor's order is required)
- At-home hemoccult screening tests available (\$4 charge)
- Traditional Blood Sugar Screening (\$1charge)

Patients need to fast 8 – 10 hours; but remember to drink water; hydration is crucial!

2nd & 4th THURSDAY of each month 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (appointments required)

• Cholesterol Screening (\$15 charge) Available to residents 18 years & older. Test provides a lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and blood sugar.

Patients need to fast 10 – 12 hours; but remember to please drink plenty of water to remain hydrated! (but no coffee/tea/soda/juice, etc).

FREE Retinal Screenings

Monday October 29 10:00am – 3:00pm





Wheeling Township, in conjunction with the Lions Club Foundation of Illinois, will be offering FREE retinal screenings at the Township. The Lions Club mobile retinal screening truck will screen your eyes for a variety of diseases (including Diabetes, Glaucoma, etc). A picture of the eye is taken and sent to a medical laboratory for review. Any eye conditions detected will be noted on the review, which will be sent directly to your home.

Who may participate? Any Township resident over the age of 18.

Where? Wheeling Township's parking lot (Lions Club mobile retinal unit), 1616 N Arlington Heights Rd, IL 60004

Cost: Free

Appointment needed? No appointments; it is first come, first served. The screening only takes a few minutes, so even if there are people ahead of you, it won't take a long time.

Do they give me the report that day? Reports are mailed directly to the resident's home after being reviewed by medical professionals, no reports or detailed diagnoses are provided on-site.



Stop in to Improve Your Driving Skills... Secretary of State

"Rules of the Road" Review Course

This free, 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 a driver's license. The review course combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination. Call the Township to register.

November 8 • 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. March 14 • 10:00 a.m. - Noon



Tune Up Your Driving Skills

AARP Real Possibilities

In cooperation with AARP, Wheeling Township offers the AARP Smart Driver

Course, which is designed to help you **tune up** your driving skills, **learn** about normal age-related physical changes and how to adjust your driving to compensate, and **reduce** your chances of receiving a traffic violation or getting into an accident.

Call our office 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 time is 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, November 5 & Wednesday, November 7
- Monday, December 3 & Wednesday, December 5

NEW class times in 2019:

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, January 7 & Wednesday, January 9
- Monday, February 4 & Wednesday, February 6
- Monday, March 4 & Wednesday, March 6

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

Medicare can be complicated...

SHIP Could Help You!

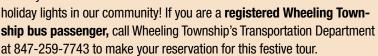
If you are enrolled in Medicare, or close to enrolling, Wheeling Township's SHIP Counselors may be able to help you. Our SHIP counselors are trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance to assist Medicare participants with understanding their benefit coverage, helping with filing medical bills and claims, explaining Medicare Supplemental and Part D Insurance, and providing resolution support for problems. Make an appointment with one of our six (6) SHIP counselors today by calling the Township.

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

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Wednesday • December 12

This annual evening neighborhood bus tour is your chance to see the beautiful



This program is intended for our Township seniors and disabled residents who aren't able to get out to see the lights on their own – it is not for children or groups. All passengers must live in Wheeling Township, and every participant must be a registered bus rider.

We will pick you up at your home and take you on a night tour of the holiday lights in Wheeling Township and return you safely home after the tour, so visions of sugar plums can dance in your head. We even have volunteer 'elves' on each bus!

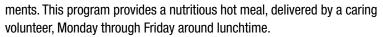
Calls for reservations begin on **Friday, November 2**. Registration deadline is **Wednesday, November 21**. First come, first served. Space is limited and you must be a registered rider to participate.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to make a difference in your community? Wheeling Township's

Meals On Wheels Program

Wheeling Township administers a home-delivered hot meal program for homebound residents of Wheeling Township who meet eligibility require-



Want to help? We are looking for volunteer drivers for specific days throughout the month and we also need substitute drivers willing to fill in as needed. If you would like to learn more about volunteering to deliver meals, please contact Aileen Zei, Wheeling Township Assistant Director of Senior and Disability Services at (847) 259-7730 ext. 19.

Who is eligible to receive Meals on Wheels?

- Wheeling Township residents 60+ and those who are 18+ with a permanent disability
- Homebound
- No longer driving
- Without a full time caregiver

A home assessment is required to apply and participation in the program is subject to availability on a route.

What is the cost? The hot meal is \$6.40 per day. The recipient must register to receive meals Monday — Friday of each week for at least one month. A supplementary cold meal is available for an additional \$4.35 per day. Bills are sent monthly for the meals received. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in receiving meals via the Wheeling Township Meals on Wheels program, please contact Aileen Zei at (847) 259-7730 ext. 19.





Wheeling Township Report, Inc.

1616 N. Arlington Heights Road Arlington Heights, IL 60004 847-259-7730

www.wheelingtownship.com

Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays

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







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WHEELING TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



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Jerry Sadler
ASSESSOR



Joanna Gauza
TOWN CLERK



Ruth O'Connell
TRUSTEE



JoAnne Schultz
TRUSTEE



Brian Medley
TRUSTEE



Patricia Kozicki
TRUSTEE

FUNDING FOR THESE AGENCIES PROVIDED BY WHEELING TOWNSHIP

Wheeling Township funds a variety of important human care services for residents of all ages. Because of Township funding, services provided by these agencies are available to residents on a sliding-scale basis.

- Alexian Center for Mental Health
- · Avenues to Independence
- Catholic Charities (housing, senior services)
- Center for Enriched Living
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Clearbrook Center
- Escorted Transportation Service NW
- Faith Community Homes
- · Greater Elgin Family Care Center
- Hands On Suburban Chicago
- The Harbour
- · Journeys The Road Home

- Kindred Life Ministries
- Life Span
- Little City
- Lutheran Services of Illinois
 Behavioral Health Svcs. Program
- · Northwest Compass Housing
- · Omni Youth Services
- Resources for Community Living
- Shelter, Inc.
- · St. Mary's Services
- Suburban Primary HealthCare/ Access to Care
- WINGS

Wheeling Township CEMETERY MAINTENANCE



Grooming and maintaining the Wheeling Township Cemetery located on Euclid Ave., west of Route 12, is an ongoing focus.



To keep up a groomed appearance, we have a wonderful team of landscaping personnel and tree maintenance specialists. This year we have completed phase two of a three year plan to straighten and level headstones. Nature takes its toll on the monuments in any cemetery. We are doing our best to maintain a dignified look to our cemetery and a place where loved ones can visit and know that the area is safe. We also completed work on our fence and pillar structures. Our goal is and always will be to provide a place of honor, safety, and dignity for those buried there and for their visiting loved ones.