



REPORT

From the Supervisor –
Kathy Penner



Your Support Is Amazing *Township Residents Rally During the Pandemic*

This far into the year, I had hoped we wouldn't still be in the middle of a pandemic, but here we are. Many things continue to look different for all of us – gatherings, dining out, spending time with loved ones. Instead of turning inward, however, Township residents have continued to rally to help their neighbors in need. In short, you are amazing. We've been astounded at the number of food and financial donations to both the Food Pantry and to the 501(c)(3) Wheeling Township Emergency Fund, Inc., which helps with emergency housing and utilities issues. ***Thank you for your generous spirit!***

Through it all, the Township continues to provide essential services and programs to residents. We are very cognizant of the changes we (or you) need to make in order to be safe, but seasonal programs like our Thanksgiving Baskets and Adopt-A-Family will proceed with modifications. They may look different this year, but we want to continue offering opportunities for sharing as much as you do. More on how to participate on page 4. Other services that remain available for residents include:

- Residents facing financial hardship, potential eviction or utility disconnections should contact the General Assistance office at the Township to learn more about applying for Emergency Assistance: GA@wheelingtowship.com or 847-259-7730.
- Buses provide rides for seniors over 60 (or those with permanent disabilities over 18), Monday – Friday, 9am – 3:30pm. Rides available to medical appointments and a variety of other locations like pharmacies and grocery stores. Call 847-259-7743.
- SHIP appointments are available for seniors who want help during Medicare's annual Open Enrollment period, Oct 15 – Dec 7. Call 847-259-7730.
- LIHEAP appointments are available for those who may need assistance with heating bills. Call 847-259-7730 to make an appointment.
- The Home Delivered Meals program delivers hot, fresh meals to the homebound in the community. For more information: AZei@wheelingtowship.com or 847-259-7730.
- The Assessor's office is available to assist residents with property tax questions. Most questions can be handled over the phone or by email: taxinfo@wheelingtowship.com or 847-259-1515.

Month after month – particularly this year – I'm reminded that this is a community of ***"Neighbors Helping Neighbors."*** I never cease to be amazed by the generosity of our residents, and your compassion toward your neighbors is inspiring. ***It is clear to me that we take care of each other in this Township.***

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE... Jerry Sadler

2020 COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW APPEAL

2020 Wheeling Township assessments can be appealed with the Cook County Board of Review. The Board of Review sets a **30 day** appeal window annually for each township in Cook County. Appeal dates are posted on their website: www.cookcountyboardofreview.com.

The Township Assessor's office is available to provide information and direction for appeals, either online or with an appeal form. To obtain comparables and instructions for an online appeal email taxinfo@wheelingtowship.com. Please include the PIN in the subject line and name and address in the body of the email.

For your convenience appeal forms can be found in the front entrance of the Township building, in the rear Red Info Box (labeled Assessor Forms) and in our office. Please complete the form and drop in the Black Lock box located at rear of building. We will research comparables and submit your appeal to Cook County Board of Review.

Appellants may have the option to request a telephone hearing with the Board of Review, although it is not required. **If the Assessed Value is reduced, it will be reflected on the 2020 Second Installment Property Tax Bill Payable in 2021.**

2020 COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR APPEAL

Cook County Assessor Appeal results should be mailed to Homeowners soon. This appeal process closed June 19th.

2020 ALL EXEMPTIONS AUTOMATICALLY RENEW

House Bill 685 was signed into law which automatically renews all exemptions for the 2020 tax year. Under the new law homeowners who received the Senior Freeze, Persons with Disabilities, and Veterans with Disabilities exemptions will not need to file next year. The exemptions will *renew automatically*. This also applies to the Senior Exemption as it did for 2019. There is no need to complete a form as has been done in previous years. The exemptions will be reflected on the second installment bill in July of 2021.

Seniors not currently receiving the exemption (born in 1955) and those who are newly qualified for the Senior Freeze, Disabled Veterans and Disabled Per-

sons must apply for the exemption in 2021. Veterans with a change in disability will need to reapply with an updated VA letter. For further information and to apply online go to cookcountyassessor.com.

2020 FIRST INSTALLMENT TAX BILL

2020 Property Tax Bills will be mailed in early 2021 and can be paid on the Treasurer's website www.cookcountytreasurer.com or at Chase Bank. No fee is applied if paid from a bank account.

Please note the Post Office does not forward property tax bills to a winter address.

MOST PROPERTY TAX ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED BY PHONE OR EMAIL. PLEASE CONTACT US AT: 847-259-1515 • TAXINFO@WHEELINGTOWNSHIP.COM

TO BETTER ASSIST YOU PLEASE HAVE THE PIN (PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER) AVAILABLE. THE NUMBER CAN BE FOUND AT THE TOP OF THE TAX BILL.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT:

PROJECT UPDATES ...and Good Luck, TOM!

In spite of the COVID pandemic, three major projects were completed during the summer of 2020:

- 1) Drainage Improvements.** The road and right-of-way drainage from Kensington Rd. to Anita Ave. has been an annoying problem for many years. This project concentrated on addressing those problems.
- 2) Lee St. Resurfacing.** After the drainage project was finished, we resurfaced this section of road from Kensington Rd. to Anita Ave. We also used this opportunity to do some major road patching along particularly bad sections of Lee St.
- 3) Morrison Ave. Resurfacing.** Last year, the road drainage from Lee St. to the West End was completed. This year, the resurfacing for this section of Morrison Ave. was completed.

If you have any questions, please direct your calls to Township Administrator Regina Stapleton at 847-259-7730 ext 11.

Tom Neitzke, Wheeling Township's Highway Manager, retired in September. We thank him for his 18 years of dedicated service and detailed attention on the unincorporated roads and road projects within the Township. He and his wife have moved to be closer to their family. His expertise and knowledge will be missed!



FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE...

Joanna Gauza



2020 ELECTIONS

The General Election is November 3, 2020. In this election, voters will vote for candidates for President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, Illinois State Legislative offices, and local judges.

REGISTERING 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 this election.

1. Register to Vote at Wheeling Township (by appointment only).

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 November 3, 2020, and to have lived in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. For naturalized citizens, you must prove the date of your naturalization. Call 847-259-7730 to make an appointment.

2. Register Online. If you have an Illinois driver's license or 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.

3. Register During Early Voting or on Election Day. If you register on Election Day, you may only do so in your home precinct. If you register to vote during early voting, you have to register at the early voting location. If registering on the same day as voting, you will need to bring two forms of identification card and one must show where you live. For what identification is acceptable, please go to cookcountyclerk.com/service/when-voters-do-and-dont-need-identification-id.

HOW TO VOTE:

1. At your local polling place. Cast your vote on November 3, 2020. However, if you moved and you have only lived less than 30

days in your new home, you need to vote in your old precinct or change your registration at your new polling place on Election Day.

2. Early Voting. From October 19, 2020 to November 2, 2020, you can vote in person at certain early voting locations. In Wheeling Township, the Arlington Heights Village Hall is an early voting location.

3. By Mail. If you wish to vote by mail, obtain an application for a mail ballot at Wheeling Township or contact Cook County at cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail. Applications for mail ballots may be requested until October 29, 2020. The actual Ballot will not be sent until closer to the November 3, 2020 Election date. In addition to U.S. Postal mailboxes, the Cook County Clerk will also have drop boxes to collect mail ballots. A collection box will be available starting October 9 at the Rolling Meadows courthouse and starting October 19 at the Arlington Heights Village Hall.

Key Dates for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election

Date	Event
10/6/2020	Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials
10/7/2020	First day of grace period registration and voting
10/18/2020	Last day to register to vote by online application
10/19/2020	First day of early voting
10/29/2020	Last day to request a mail ballot , including military and overseas voters
11/2/2020	Last day of early voting
11/2/2020	Last day of grace period registration and voting
11/3/2020	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
11/3/2020	Election Day

ELECTION JUDGES Every election in suburban Cook County requires a team of Election Judges and Polling Place Technicians. These poll workers are paid \$200-\$365 depending on the position they work on Election Day. The two positions are as follows:

- **Election Judges** check in voters, provide ballots, and ensure the polling place runs smoothly. This position earns \$200.
- **Polling Place Technicians** work directly with the election judges to assist voters. 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 of \$365.

For information on signing up to work as an Election Judge or Polling Place Technician, please go to cookcountyclerk.com/agency/work-election-day.

Looking for Ways to Help this Holiday Season?



The Holiday Season can be a particularly tough time for families dealing with financial or health challenges, and the Covid-19 pandemic has taken its toll on many of Wheeling Township's neediest families. Some have experienced the disease itself, while others have lost jobs or faced increased financial struggles. Sadly, some residents have had to deal with both. Accordingly, we have reviewed and revamped our Holiday programs in order to reduce the risk of exposure for everyone, while at the same time still providing you with an opportunity to make a positive impact in the community.

Here are three ways you can make a difference to your Wheeling Township neighbors in need this Holiday season:

1. Thanksgiving Baskets. Do you want to provide a basket full of Thanksgiving items for one of our Food Pantry families? After you sign up, we will provide you with the list of the must-have items to be included, and basket drop-off-day information. **Signups must be received by November 2nd.**

2. Adopt-A-Family. In previous years, donors were asked to donate wrapped presents associated with a family's holiday wish list. This year, however, we will be providing gift cards to our Adopt-A-Family recipients. Donors are being asked to donate \$50 gift cards from the following stores only: Target, Walmart or Kohl's. The gift cards will be shared with our low-income families with minor children who enroll in the Adopt-A-Family program. In keeping with previous years, our goal is \$50 per person, but children will be prioritized over parents. **Sign up by November 13th. Gift cards need to be dropped off by December 1st.**

3. Monetary Donation. If you would prefer, you can write a check to the Wheeling Township Emergency Fund, Inc., and we will purchase the \$50 gift cards for a family on your behalf. The Emergency Fund is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. **Simply send your check by November 13th.**



Here is How to Participate:

1. Please completely fill out the form below.
2. **Email it to: GA@wheelingtowship.com OR fax it to: 847-259-1570 OR mail it to: Wheeling Township AFP, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Thanksgiving signups must be received by 11/2; Adopt-A-Family signups and/or checks must be received by 11/13.**
3. *Enjoy your holidays knowing that you brought smiles and seasonal spirit to a family who might otherwise not have experienced it!*

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

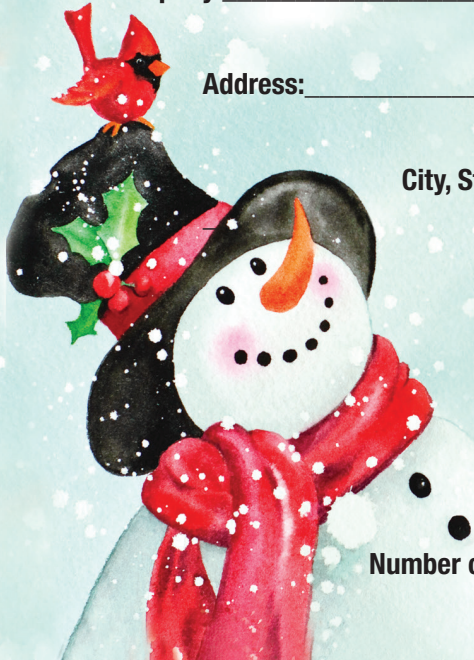
City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Thanksgiving Baskets you would like to provide: _____
(Details will be sent after registration)

Number of \$50 Gift Cards you would like to donate for Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program: _____
(Please deliver to Wheeling Township by December 1st)



2019-2020 WHEELING TOWNSHIP STATS...

20,230
Rides provided to
Seniors and Disabled

339
Disabled Persons
Exemptions
Filed

378
Residents'
Taxes filed
by AARP/Tax-Aide
Volunteers

189
Backpacks
& School
Supplies
Provided

295
Families
fed at
Thanksgiving

678
Residents
received
Medicare & Benefit
Access Counseling

307
Temporary
Handicap
Placards
provided

121
Kids Provided
with New Coats

254
Families
Adopted at
Christmas

854
Visits
to Township
Nurse by
Residents

10,240
Residents fed via
Food Pantry—
2,137 were children

242
Reduced Fare
RTA
Applications
filed

350
Home Delivered
Meals Volunteers
(Meals on Wheels)

15
Alzheimer's
Caregiver
Support Group
Members

3,155
Property
Tax
Exemptions
filed

949
Senior Exemptions
filed

4,095
Residents
received
information
& referrals

55,937
Pounds of
Food
purchased
with
donated
funds

32
SNAP
Applications
processed

3,075
Property
Tax
Appeals
filed

1,178
Senior Freeze
Exemptions filed

509
Eligible Resident
visits to
Mobile Dental
Clinic

45
Visually
Impaired
Support Group
Members

72
Disabled Veterans
Exemptions filed

10,909
Hot Meals delivered
to Homebound Seniors
and Disabled Residents
through Home Delivered
Meal Program

1,063
TRIP Rides provided
to Medical
Appointments
across
Township lines

347
New Voters
registered

800
LIHEAP
Applications
processed

4,166
Volunteer hours
donated in
Food Pantry

5,137
Number of visits
Residents made
to Food Pantry

WHEELING TOWNSHIP



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on the fourth Tuesday of each month

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TOWN CLERK



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TRUSTEE



JoAnne Schultz
TRUSTEE



Ken Jochum
TRUSTEE



Patricia Kozicki
TRUSTEE

Medicare is complicated... SHIP Can Help You!



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 Counselors are trained by the Illinois Department On Aging to assist Medicare participants with understanding their benefit coverage and explaining Medicare Supplements, Part C Advantage Plans and Part D Drug Plans. Call Wheeling Township to make an appointment!

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, or have any questions, make an appointment with our SHIP Coordinator at 847-259-7730.

Help Support Our Troops... It's our annual Donation Drive!

In cooperation with **Operation Support Our Troops, America Inc.**, Wheeling Township will be holding its annual Donation Drive to support Military personnel this fall. It will be a little different this year; however: due to Covid-19, we are only accepting financial donations and cards/letters/pictures. **No food or personal items this year.** If you have questions, please contact Lynndah Lahey at 847-259-7730, ext 21.



How to support our Troops:

- **Make a monetary donation:** Donations help to cover the cost of postage (each care package costs OSOT 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.
- **Write letters of encouragement:** The most coveted items in the care packages are letters of encouragement or drawings from school kids. **NO HOLIDAY CARDS**, please! Only cards, letters or pictures that can be used throughout the year are requested. Whether a scribbled drawing from a pre-schooler or a heartfelt letter, each message is precious and appreciated. Address your letter or card to: **"Dear Military Person."** Please do NOT seal any letters or cards.

Checks and cards/letters can be mailed to (or dropped off) at Wheeling Township, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, 60004 from now through the end of November (9:00am - 4:30pm). **Thank you in advance for supporting our Troops!**