



REPORT

From the Supervisor –
Kathy Penner



TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER...

Summer is the perfect time to reflect on what’s been happening at Wheeling Township. As always – a lot! Our motto, “**Neighbors Helping Neighbors,**” isn’t just a phrase; it’s a mission fulfilled on a yearly basis through an abundance of services and programs available to our residents. In addition to helping residents who may be experiencing financial challenges, or seniors and persons with disabilities, we also have many opportunities for residents to give back through donations and volunteerism -- and hundreds get involved each year.

I am awed by the benevolence of our residents. Township citizens give freely of their time, and their demonstrated compassion toward neighbors – new and old – is inspiring. **We take care of each other in Wheeling Township.** I’d like to reflect on what’s been happening:

- The Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board was appointed and is now meeting on a regular basis. The Board is reviewing Wheeling Township’s existing financial contributions to our Mental Health Agency partners and studying the mental health needs of our community. The new Board members are listed on page 3 of this newsletter.
- During our Annual Town Meeting, held in April, we recognized several groups of outstanding volunteers and also acknowledged the 10 years we’ve been offering the Client Choice Shopping Model in the Food Pantry. Eleven Food Pantry volunteers who have been with us throughout that 10-year period were recognized, as were a number of local churches that volunteer for our Home Delivered Meal Program. These churches come through, year after year, with an overwhelming number of members willing to volunteer for their assigned month. They are: First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights, First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, St. Edna Catholic Church, St. James Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church and St. Alphonsus Ligouri Catholic Church. Thank you to everyone who volunteers for Wheeling Township, whether once a year – or every week, like many do. We couldn’t do what we do without your dedication!
- Your gardens are no doubt starting to grow. We hope you won’t forget our “Giving Garden” program when you begin to reap the benefits of all your hard work. Please consider sharing some of your homegrown bounty with our Food Pantry! Freshly harvested fruits and vegetables are appreciated by Pantry clients. Giving Garden goodies are welcomed in the main office Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 4:30 pm.
- Don’t miss the chance to fill a backpack for a child as they go back to school – page 5 has all the information on how you can participate. As prices continue to rise, school supplies will too. Help a student get a good start to the year with all the learning tools they need.
- Finally, as you shop, consider buying an extra bar of soap, bottle of shampoo or package of paper towels to donate to the Pantry so that we can replenish our personal essentials shelves. Every little bit helps.

Thanks to all of you in this community for continuing to make a difference to your fellow citizens. ***We need each other!***

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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Ken Jochum

TAX YEAR 2022

As we head into the summer the Township Assessor's office has a number of items on which to provide updates.

TAX YEAR 2022

The Board of Review has not yet concluded the hearings for tax year 2022. It is anticipated that the second installment tax bills, normally due in August, will arrive in late October or early November. We will keep you posted as we move forward.

EXEMPTIONS

A significant number of exemptions for tax year 2022 have been filed by our office resulting in considerable savings for Wheeling Township property tax payers.

The February to May exemption filings are as follows:

SENIOR EXEMPTION	337 Taxpayers
SENIOR FREEZE	1015
HOMEOWNERS	141
DISABLED PERSONS	96
DISABLED VETS	11
TOTAL TAXPAYERS ASSISTED	1600

We estimate a minimum first year savings for Wheeling Township Taxpayers of \$1,425,600.

We continue to encourage you to call our office for an exemption check-up at 847-259-1515.

TAX YEAR 2023

At print time we do not know when Wheeling Township will be open for appeals.

If you would like to pre-file in advance, forms are available in our office or you may email taxinfo@wheelingtowship.com and request an appeal on your behalf. Please put your PIN in the subject line, and include name and address in the email.

We are happy to announce that our office has initiated a customer service feedback mechanism so that we can continually improve our service to taxpayers. Please give us your feedback and suggestions.



ASK THE ASSESSOR

Often I am asked how the tax rate is calculated and why are tax rates different in different parts of Wheeling Township?

ANSWER: Taxing districts submit their tax levy to the Cook County Clerk who divides the district levy by the assessed value to determine the District tax rate. The Clerk then adds the rates of all the taxing districts in the tax code area in which the property is located to determine a Composite Tax rate.

Taxing District Tax Levy
(The amount required by the taxing district)

Divided by Taxable value in taxing district

= **District Tax Rate**

- + County Rate
- + Township Rate
- + Municipality Rate
- + Grade school rate
- + High school rate
- + Community college rate
- + Park District rate
- + Other District rates

= **Composite Tax rate**

The final individual property tax bill is calculated as shown below:

- Assessed Value
- x State Equalizer
- x Local tax rate
- Exemptions

= **Your tax bill**

Since people living in different sections of Wheeling Township have different taxing bodies which levy different amounts, the tax rate may be different from area to area within the Township.

GREAT NEWS FOR WORLD WAR 2 VETERANS: THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS PASSED A BILL ALLOWING A 100% EXEMPTION FROM REAL ESTATE TAXES BEGINNING IN THE TAX YEAR 2023. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL SIGN THE BILL SHORTLY. WHEN THE BILL BECOMES LAW, WE WILL BE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE COUNTY ASSESSOR WITH SPECIFICS.

IF YOU ARE A WORLD WAR 2 VETERAN OR SPOUSE OF A WORLD WAR 2 VETERAN AND WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED ON A LIST FOR FURTHER NOTIFICATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND WE WILL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE ON THIS EXCITING BENEFIT.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Joanna Gauza

VOTER REGISTRATION

Although we do not have any elections scheduled for this year, if you want to vote in future elections, 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 elections. You can register 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 by the next General Election Day, and have lived in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. 17 year-olds that will be 18 years-old by the next Election date can register and vote in the next 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.



Introducing...

THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD



Back Row, from left: Jack Vrett, John Lubbe, James Ruffatto, William Dixon
Front Row, from left: Susan Hayes, Joanne Schultz, Jeanne Hamilton

For more information regarding the Community Mental Health Board, go to: wheelingtowship.com and click on Community Mental Health Board or email us at WT708MHB@wheelingtowship.com

TOWNSHIP ROAD MANAGEMENT

Before You Start that Project...

MULTIPLE AGENCY PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

If you are a resident of unincorporated Wheeling Township, please be aware that before any construction or maintenance work is considered, you need to review the Township and Cook County websites to identify each agency's permit requirements. Cook County's Building & Zoning Department will not issue a permit without Wheeling Township approval.

Mark Toberman, P.E., C.F.M, Wheeling Township's Highway Manager, is focused on educating and informing residents about the multiple permit agency requirements. You can review the Township's Permit Application on the Wheeling Township website: www.wheelingtowship.com. Codes, ordinances and standards were adopted to prioritize the well-being of the community above all else. Our staff enforce permits, conducts inspections and dispenses information to assist with the permit process. Township permit fees remain low and have stayed the same since 2009.

Cook County has made a consistent effort to adopt improved building codes and energy preservation standards to ensure the public's safety and protect property values. Their E-Permit Program for new construction, renovation and property maintenance work makes it much easier for homeowners. All work is required to be completed by registered contractors. Cook County's E-Permit application can be found on their website: <https://bzpermits.cookcountyil.gov/epermit/>. Questions can also be answered by phone: (312) 603-0500 or email: intake.bnz@cookcountyil.gov.

SELECTION OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

Hiring experienced design professionals (architects/surveyors/engineers) who are familiar with the multiple permit requirements makes it much easier for a registered contractor to secure permits. Engaging these individuals in the conception phase of the project allows you to secure funds needed to navigate the joint agency permit process, meeting your budget, construction schedule, and making for a smoother construction process.

Additionally, by working with permit agency staff, you can ensure compliance, mitigate risks and foster a successful, timely, and seamless construction process. It's much easier to submit a concept plan before reaching out to anyone. This indicates you have a clear understanding of permit requirements. Our suggestion is to compile as much relevant information as possible for each permit agency so they can assist you effectively and efficiently.

Whether you're considering simple property maintenance, remodeling, landscaping upgrades, a fence/shed/garage, or new construction, contact us first. We will assist you with permit acquisition and construction conflict issues that may arise.



Homegrown Goodies Wanted

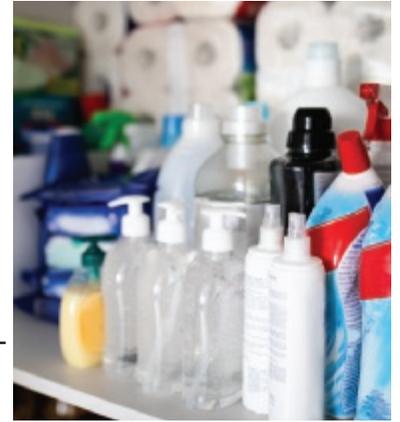
Here we are at the height of summer and gardens are growing like mad. As you take in those ripe tomatoes and other vegetables, please consider donating a portion of your harvest to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. The **Giving Garden** is a program in which residents from our community share the fruits of their labor with others. Since most Food Pantry items are non-perishable, fresh produce is a welcome addition and a healthier alternative for the families using the pantry.



Fresh veggies and fruits are received by Wheeling Township Monday through Thursday, 9:00am - 4:30 pm. Items need not be washed; however, please remove all loose dirt and lingering insects prior to dropping off. Last summer, local gardeners generously donated their fresh produce in abundance. *We hope that your green thumbs will continue to work for us this year!*

Personal Essentials, the Forgotten Items

Did you know that toilet paper cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits? Could your family get along without soap, shampoo or laundry detergent? Personal Essentials and Household Supplies are items that many pick up while grocery shopping; however, they are not allowed to be purchased with Illinois Link, the plastic card used to dispense Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (or SNAP), formerly called Food Stamps. For this reason, Wheeling Township has the space to offer these products to needy residents who use our Client Choice Food Pantry. Unfortunately, this shelf is often bare.



If you are considering donating to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry, please keep in mind the need for the forgotten items like soap, shampoo, toilet paper, laundry detergent, deodorant, toothpaste, facial tissue, and household cleaning supplies. As always, any non-perishable food item is also a welcome addition to the Pantry!

Can you help a child start the school year off right?

The Ready 4 Success School Supplies Program seeks filled backpacks to be donated to low income families in Wheeling Township. Families in need will be screened by the General Assistance Department to confirm residency and verify the household income is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, which is \$5,000 gross monthly for a family of 4.

In order to streamline the program this year, donors are asked to use the list to purchase the supplies and fill the backpack prior to dropping it off at 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road. The approximate cost to purchase and fill a backpack with the contents is \$100. If you want to donate but are unable to absorb the whole amount, please consider partnering with a friend or neighbor to split the cost. To be fair to all children participating in the program it is important that the contents of all backpacks be the same. **Filled backpacks will be received until Friday, August 4th.**

If you are in need of receiving a filled backpack for your child, please call the General Assistance Department at 847-259-7730 or email GA@wheelingtowship.com prior to July 28th to make an appointment to apply.

Backpack Contents Shopping List (Quantity is 1 unless otherwise noted)

Backpack

- Big eraser or 6 small erasers
- Binder – 3 ring
- Black pens – 5
- Blue pens - 5
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Folders - 4
- Glue bottle
- Glue sticks - 3
- Highlighters - 2
- Markers
- Notebook paper
- Pencil case
- Pencils - 20
- Red pen
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Sharpie marker
- Spiral notebooks – 4



SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

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

HOME DELIVERED MEAL PROGRAM

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, 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 \$8.00 per day. A cold meal (which is delivered at the same time) is available for an additional \$5.75 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 considered homebound and/or no longer driving
- Must not have a FT caregiver
- There must be availability on a route

If you're interested in finding out more about the program, call our Home Delivered Meal Program Coordinator, at 847-259-7730, ext. 19, or send an email to: HomeDeliveredMeals@WheelingTownship.com.

Interested in Volunteering?

We're always looking for a few more friendly faces! Come join our amazing team – this program is successful because of the many dedicated volunteers who deliver meals throughout the year. Home Delivered Meals Program Volunteers must be available between 11 am to 1 pm. Routes and days are pre-assigned. For more information, call our Home Delivered Meal Program Coordinator at 847-259-7730, ext. 19, or send an email to HomeDeliveredMeals@WheelingTownship.com



Have trouble hearing on the phone?

Try amplified phones on September 18th

Communication is vital to maintaining your independence. Having trouble hearing on the phone? Test the free ITAC amplified phones at Wheeling Township on **Monday, September 18th, 10:00 a.m.**

- 3:00 p.m. Free amplified telephones and cellphone attachments are available to qualified Illinois residents with a hearing loss.

Participants MUST make appointments by calling Schaumburg Township at 847-884-0030 in advance; NO WALK-INS.

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.

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.



The annual Open Enrollment period (October 15 – December 7) is just around the corner. **We'll start taking calls for Open Enrollment appointments on August 1st.** Call the Township at 847-259-7730 to set your appointment up.

VIP-VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP

Meets on Zoom: 1st Thursday of every month, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

If you have any type of vision loss, Wheeling Township's VIP Visually Impaired Support Group might be of help to you! Share with others, socialize, learn from educational presentations and find out about other services available to you. Started in 2000, the VIP group has over 40 members with eye conditions ranging from AMD and Glaucoma to total blindness.

The VIP Group meets on Zoom the 1st Thursday of every month from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Please call Lynndah Lahey, Director of Senior & Disability Services, at 847-259-7730, ext. 21 to learn more about this great support group.



WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION

Much more than just a ride!



Looking for safe and affordable transportation? If you are over 60 (or 18+ with a permanent disability), Wheeling Township's outstanding transportation service and team may be the perfect solution for your needs.

When is the service available? Rides are available for Township residents to a wide variety of locations within the Township, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **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



Free Retinal & Hearing Screenings

Monday September 18, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. — by appointment only

Wheeling Township, in conjunction with the Lions Club Foundation of Illinois and the Lions Club of Arlington Heights, will be offering FREE retinal and hearing screenings at the Township on Monday, September 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **The Lions Club mobile 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 to your home. A hearing test will also be performed.

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

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

Appointment Needed? YES. Call the Township at 8847-259-7730.



DRIVER SAFETY Tune Up Your Driving Skills

AARP Real Possibilities

The AARP Smart Driver Course 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. 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 discount on your auto insurance.

Cost: \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-AARP members. Checks should be made payable to AARP and brought to the first class. Classes are held at the Wheeling Township building and are IN PERSON. Call 847-259-7730 to register.

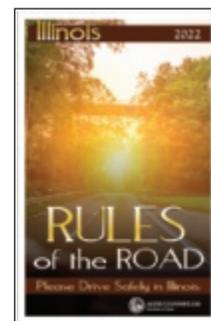
4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on September 11th & September 13th (must attend both nights)

Improve Your Driving Skills...

Secretary of State "Rules of the Road" Review Course

This free, two-hour IN PERSON 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. Call today to register: 847-259-7730.

**10 a.m. – Noon on the following Thursdays:
August 10 • November 9**



Secretary of State – Mobile Services Unit



Get Your REAL ID/ Renew Your License

When: Thursday, September 14th

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

NEW: REAL ID NOW AVAILABLE! Additional services provided: Driver's License renewal, State ID, vehicle registration stickers, organ donor registration. State law allows early renewal of DL and IDs up to one year in advance, No written or road tests administered.

Credit/Debit cards and Personal Checks/Money Orders accepted — Cash is not accepted.

**APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED – NO WALK-INS.
CALL 847-259-7730**

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

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

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TOWN CLERK



Patricia Kozicki
TRUSTEE



Jeanne Hamilton
TRUSTEE



Joe Murglin
TRUSTEE



Darrel Talken
TRUSTEE

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED...

Looking for a way to help? Please consider purchasing some of these non-perishable items needed items on your next trip to the grocery store:

- Canned Fruit
 - Pineapples
 - Peaches
 - Pears
 - Applesauce
- Flavored Rice Boxes
- Canned Meat Products
 - Corned Beef Hash
 - Chili
 - Beef Stew
- Potatoes
 - Instant Mashed Potato Boxes
 - Flavor Instant Potato Pouches
 - Flavored Potato Boxes (Scalloped, Creamy Cheese)
- Beverages (1 Liter Bottles or 2 Quart Size)



If you are unable to shop and would prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to "Wheeling Township Emergency Fund, Inc.," which is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

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.

- Ascension Center for Mental Health
- Avenues to Independence
- Northwest Compass
- Center For Enriched Living
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Clearbrook
- Connections to Care
- FamilyForward
- The Harbour
- Hands On Suburban Chicago
- Journeys | The Road Home
- Kindred Life Ministries
- Life Span
- Little City Foundation
- NCH Foundation-Mobile Dental Clinic
- Omni Youth Services
- Resources for Community Living
- Shelter, Inc.
- Hopeful Beginnings of St. Mary's
- Suburban Primary Healthcare - Access to Care
- The Josselyn Center
- WINGS