



September 21 was Illinois Township Day. Wheeling Township chose to dedicate this day to help raise awareness, support, honor, celebrate & say Thank You to all of our First Responders. We are grateful to those responsible for keeping the peace, protecting us and saving our lives.

ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP DAY Thank You to our local first responders...



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WHEELING TOWNSHIP REPORT

FALL 2016

From the Supervisor – Kathy Penner

At the Wheeling Township Board meeting on August 23rd, awards were presented to the **Arlington Heights Sunset Rotary, Boy Scout Troop #166**, and brothers **Kass and Kai**, in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the Wheeling Township Food Pantry.

The Arlington Heights Sunset Rotary organized a “foodapalooza” at the 2016 Arlington Heights July 4th parade. They partnered with Boy Scout Troop #166 who collected food by pushing shopping carts, on loan from Jewel, along the parade route. They collected donated food by shuttling between curb-side pickups and the Food Pantry truck. Afterwards they all followed the truck back to the Township building and helped unload the donations. They are making plans to do it again next year — **and we couldn't be happier.**

Brothers Kass and Kai hosted several activities to raise funds for the Food Pantry. They began with a canned bean drive and increased activities to include a lemonade stand, cookie sale, art sale, and tours of their home-made Gnome village.

We are extremely grateful for the support we receive that affords us the opportunity to accomplish our mission to help our neighbors in need. I am in awe of our creative, most generous community. **Many thanks.**



Sunset Rotary members Steve Sharer, Larry Koss, Dianna Koss, Peggay McCallum, David McCallum, George Nicholson, Dan Corwin, Suzanne Sharer and Supervisor Kathy Penner.

NCH NEW MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC DEDICATION



After being on the road for 12 years, the NCH Mobile Dental Clinic, a partnership with Northwest Community Hospital and Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling Townships, was replaced with an updated, state of the art new vehicle. In 2003, in an effort to make quality dental services available to low income residents, former **Supervisor Michael B. Schroeder** was instrumental in making the mobile clinic a reality. At the dedication of the new clinic, his family was presented with a duplicate of the plaque that was hung on the vehicle in his memory.

Pictured with Cindy Schroeder are her children Emily, Sara, and Nathan. Youngest son Jake is away at college.



Supervisor Kathy Penner presenting an award to Leader Matthew Hahn, and Scouts Andrew Hahn and Spencer Burkhalter.

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 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** at the Wheeling Township Center on the following dates. **Registration is limited, so call now to reserve your place!**

CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS: Local Stories of Patriotism and Service



**Tuesday, November 15
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

So many men and women have served – or are serving – their country, and each of them has a unique story to tell. **Join Greg Padovani, well-known local Veteran and community activist,** who will share inspiring

stories of patriotism and service about individuals from our Township. Says Greg: “We owe it to those coming after us to provide them with personal accounts of what transpired during a person’s military service.”

Greg served 12 years in the Army and Army Reserve, concluding his service as a Strategic Medical Intelligence Specialist at the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center at Ft Detrick MD. Since retiring, Greg has continued to serve his community, from chairing a local Veterans Memorial Committee to serving on the Board of the Honor Flight program.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Do You Really Know What to do in an Emergency?

Be Aware, Be Alert, Be Safe!

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**



We all think we know what to do in an emergency, but when was the last time you REALLY gave it some thought? Have you changed the batteries in your smoke detectors? Do your flashlights work? Have you thought about how you would exit your residence in case of fire? Do you have an “emergency kit” for yourself or family? Do you have a list handy of all the medications you take?

Come join **Lt. Andrew Larson, Public Education Officer for the Arlington Heights Fire Department,** as he shares the latest innovations in fire/home safety and disaster preparedness, as well as a whole host of great tips and ideas for how you can protect yourself and your family.



**MUSIC & THE BRAIN:
Using Music to Enhance One’s
Mind, Body and Spirit**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Mary Helen Ekstam, Life Learning Advocate for JourneyCare Hospice, has over 20 years of experience in healthcare and community outreach. A board-certified music therapist, Mary Helen will share her remarkable insights on how music enhances memories, helps us deal with stress & improves our brain. It’s well known that music helps to ease pain, anxiety and depression during all phases of our lives.

Come join us for a fun and spirited program guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your heart singing ...and help keep your stressors at bay! This program was provided several years ago and residents have been asking us to have her back again – don’t miss Mary Helen this time.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION More Than Just a Ride...

Unable to drive? Looking for safe and affordable transportation? 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. Call today for more detailed information regarding program services and eligibility.



MEDICAL SERVICES Karen McNeir, R.N., B.S.N.

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** (\$1 charge)
- **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 hemocult screening tests available for \$4.00

Concerned About the flu? What to do?

This year, the Township nurse will have a limited supply of the flu shots for home-bound 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 Part B.** If you do not have Medicare, the cost is \$25.00

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS... Here’s How YOU Can Help!



In cooperation with Operation Support Our Troops, America, Inc., Wheeling Township will be collecting the following items for comfort & care packages for our Troops. *(Please – no glass, larger sizes than listed, or expired items.)*

Items most needed:

1. Small/individual pkgs of cookies/nuts
2. Antacids (rolls or 100 ct. or less)
3. Jelly (30 oz or less/no glass)
4. Crackers (12 oz box or less)
5. Breakfast bars/pop-tarts/granola bars
6. Gum/fruit snacks/raisins/hard candy
7. Microwave popcorn packs
8. White athletic socks (men/women)
9. Eye drops/cough drops/saline solution
10. Mechanical pencils/pens
11. Handi-wipes/small hand sanitizers
12. Travel size shampoos/soap/mouthwash, etc.

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 our 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?** Go to www.osotamerica.org for more information and to add them to the care package mailing list.

Donations of supplies, checks and letters can be dropped off at Wheeling Township, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, from Tuesday, Nov. 1 – Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016 (9:00 am - 4:00 pm). Thank you in advance for supporting our Troops!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Wednesday, December 14

This evening neighborhood bus tour is your chance to see the beautiful holiday lights in our community! If you don’t drive, don’t drive in the evening, or prefer to sit back and leave the driving to us, call Wheeling Township’s Transportation Department at 847-259-7743 and make your reservation for this festive tour.



Calls for reservations begin on Friday, November 4. Registration deadline is Tuesday, November 22. Space is limited and you must be a registered rider to participate.

STOP IN TO 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 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. If you are interested in participating in this course, please call the Township to register.



Thursday • 9:30 a.m. – Noon

■ November 10, 2016 ■ January 12, 2017 ■ March 9, 2017



AARP – SMART DRIVER 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.

Monday & Wednesday • 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

■ November 7 & 9 ■ December 5 & 7 ■ January 9 & 11, 2017

■ February 6 & 8, 2017 ■ March 6 & 8, 2017

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.



A Friendly Reminder...

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Saturday, October 29

Wheeling Township's Make A Difference Day for children with disabilities and their families...

Where? Riley Elementary School, Arlington Heights

When? 11am – 1:30 pm

Want to register your child or volunteer?

Contact Aileen Zei at 847-259-7730 or azei@wheelingtowship.com

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Now Taking Applications



LIHEAP, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is now accepting applications for the 2016-17 winter season.

DVP, or Direct Vendor Payment, is designed to assist income-eligible households with energy services, in the form of a one-time benefit payment to the utility companies that is applied directly to the household's energy bills. The amount of the payment is determined by income, household size, and fuel type. Reconnection Assistance is used to prevent or reconnect disconnected households.

PIPP, or Percentage of Income Payment Plan, provides a monthly benefit payment to the utilities based on household utility usage and monthly income. The qualifying accounts are enrolled in utility budget billing and customers are required to pay a reduced amount on their utility bills each month to get the benefit payments. PIPP participants who make their utility payments on time will receive credits towards their outstanding balance. Disconnected households are not eligible.

Furnace Assistance is designed to restore the home's heating system back to a safe and effective operation. Assistance is only available to approved households that have or are eligible to receive a LIHEAP benefit and whose heating systems are not operational or have been red-tagged by their utility company. The services are free of charge for income qualifying households. Renters are not eligible to apply.

Income Guidelines for the 2016-17 are as follows:

Household Size	Gross Income for 30 days Prior to Application Date
1	\$1,485
2	\$2,003
3	\$2,520
4	\$3,038
5	\$3,555
6	\$4,073

Various documents are required at the time of application. To make an appointment to apply, please contact the General Assistance Department.

Santa's Helpers Wanted...

HELP MAKE SPIRITS BRIGHT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Calling all elves! The holiday season will soon be upon us. A wonderful way to experience the joy of the season is to share it with someone else! You can be an elf and make a difference for Christmas by participating in the Wheeling Township Adopt A Family Program, or AFP, which matches generous donors with needy families from our own community.

Low income families, whose identities are kept confidential, provide a "Wish List" with clothing and toy suggestions for each member. Donors who commit to adopting a family are given the Wish List and asked to spend between \$50 and \$100 per child. Family sizes vary and are chosen by the donor. Detailed instructions are also provided which assist in making this large program run smoothly.

To participate, please follow these instructions:

1. Complete the form below.
1. Email it to: **CAnderson@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 by **November 16th**.
2. Receive your Wish List, shop, wrap, bundle and **drop off on December 19th**.
3. Enjoy your holiday knowing that you brought smiles and seasonal spirit to a needy family!



Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Size of Family you wish to Adopt _____

From the Clerk – Joanna Gauza

VOTER REGISTRATION

The General Election on November 8, 2016 for President, Congress, many Illinois State Legislative seats, and local offices 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 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.

Early Voting

For the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election, traditional Early Voting will take place **October 24-November 7**. The Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, will be an early voting location. Starting October 24 through October 29, the Village polling station will be open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. On October 30, the Village polling station will be open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and from October 31 to November 4 and November 7, the polling station will be open 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. On November 5 the station closes at 5 pm and November 6 at 3pm. 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 will send a paper ballot to the mailing address you designate on 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

Earn \$175 as an Election Judge or \$325 as an Equipment Judge. Do good and earn money on Election Day by working the polls. 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 hands-on 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 Cook County Board of Elections <http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections/electionjudges/Pages/default.aspx>. You may also apply at Republicans of Wheeling Township by calling (847) 632-1774 or Wheeling Township Democrats online at <https://wheelingdems.com/>.

Key Dates

DATE	EVENT
8/10/2016	First day to apply for a mail ballot
9/29/2016	Statutory beginning of the early voting period
10/11/2016	Last day to register to vote by paper application
10/12/2016	First day of grace period registration and voting
10/23/2016	Last day to register to vote by online application
10/24/2016	First day of early voting
11/3/2016	Last day to request a mail ballot , including military and overseas voters
11/7/2016	Last day of early voting
11/7/2016	Last day of grace period registration and voting
11/8/2016	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
11/8/2016	Election Day

From the Assessor – Jerry Sadler

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

2016 Wheeling Township property assessments can still be appealed with the Cook County Board of Review. The Board sets a 30-day appeal window annually for each Township in Cook County posted on their website at www.cookcountyboardofreview.com. Using the property index number, **homeowners can file a complaint online** prior to or during the 30-day appeal window. Appeals can also be made with an official Board of Review appeal form. The forms are available online, at all Board of Review locations or from our office. **The Board of Review maintains a branch office in the Rolling Meadows Circuit Courthouse building to serve the northwest suburban taxpayers of Cook County.** It is located at 2121 E. Euclid Avenue, Room 237, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60098; and the phone is 874-818-2067. An appellant has the option to request a hearing with the Board, but does not need to do so in order to have the appeal reviewed. If you are successful in getting a reduction in your assessed value, it will be reflected on your 2016 second installment property tax bill payable in 2017.

We are available to provide information and direction on filing an appeal. **Please have your property index number available when you visit or call our office at 847-259-1515.** Once the appeal period opens for Wheeling Township, you may email us for comparables at: taxpayerassistance@wheelingtowship.com. It is best to wait until we are open for appeals to request comparables, so that the assessed values are current.

DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTIONS CHANGES

Senate Bill 107 (Public Act 99-0375) amends the Property Tax Code for the disabled veteran's standard homestead exemption for taxable years 2015 and thereafter as follows:

- Veterans with 30%-49% **service-connected disability** receive \$2,500 annual exemption.
- Veterans with 50%-69% **service-connected disability** receive \$5,000 annual exemption.
- Veterans with 70% or **more service-connected disability** are completely exempt from property taxation on their primary residence.

The exemption amount (along with any other exemptions such as the standard homeowners or senior exemption) is deducted from the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) which is then applied to the tax rate to determine a taxpayer's bill. The exemption will be deducted from the 2016 2nd Installment property tax bill. Forms will be available sometime in January 2017 from the Cook County Assessor's Office and online at www.cookcountyassessor.com. If you received the exemption last year, you should receive a renewal form that you will need to complete and return to the county after the new year.

Seniors who filed a **Senior Exemption** for 2015, should also receive a renewal form. **All Seniors need to complete the senior portion and return even if you do not qualify for the Senior Freeze.** The renewal **exemption forms and property tax bills do not get forwarded** to a winter address. You will need to get the form online or through our office. If you do not send in the original renewal form, you will need to attach a copy of a tax bill and your driver's license or state I.D. If you do not receive the property tax bill, which the Cook County Treasurer mails in February, and is due at the beginning of March, you may pay online at the treasurer's site which is: www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

From the Highway Commissioner – Scott Saewert

WORKING FOR YOU 2001– 2016...

I have served as the Wheeling Township Highway Commissioner since 2001. The Highway Commissioner is mandated by the State to maintain unincorporated roads within Wheeling Township. Many of the unincorporated areas have previously been annexed by neighboring villages; the remaining 5.4 miles of unincorporated roads have historically had problems with drainage and experience storm water flooding. When the Township Road District makes drainage improvements in these areas, it improves the conveyance of the upstream storm water from surrounding villages that drain through these areas and the villages within Wheeling Township benefit from these improvements. Well maintained roads are not just a local improvement but also benefit all motorists traveling through the unincorporated areas.

The Road District works to keep levies low and minimize the cost to Township taxpayers. Half of the Wheeling Township Road District annual tax levy is distributed to the surrounding villages for their road maintenance needs and the remaining funds

are used for projects that can be completed each year, plus normal maintenance, administrative costs and contingencies.

During the last fifteen years, the Wheeling Township Road District has completed 38 major road projects, including 22 road drainage ditch restoration projects and 16 road resurfacing projects in the unincorporated areas. With financial assistance from state grants, Wheeling Township purchased a flood prone house in the Forest River Subdivision. This allowed restoration of the Feehanville drainage channel from upstream subdivisions to the Des Plaines River and provide a storm water management area. The Road District reconstructed and raised the most flood prone road and brought it out of the flood plain to provide further flood protection to local residents. Buyout discussions with Cook County continue for flood-prone properties in the Forest River Subdivision.