



REPORT

From the Supervisor –
Kathy Penner



DID YOU KNOW???

Through the Wheeling Township programs and in conjunction with our wonderful volunteers, we have accomplished so much this past year! Here is a quick snapshot...

2018-2019 TOWNSHIP STATS



WHEELING TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wheeling Township's Annual Town Meeting was held on April 9, 2019. This year Boy Scout Troop 166 presented the colors and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken Jochum was once again our Moderator. Supervisor Penner presented our honorees with their awards...



Kathy Penner with Bonnie and Jim Harbke



Kathy Penner with Chuck O'Malley and Bill Myers



Kathy Penner with Debbie Cline



Boy Scout Troop 166



Kathy Penner with Indian Trails Public Library District



Wheeling HS Boys Basketball Team



Joanna Gauza gives Annual State of the Township Speech

Ken Jochum moderates event



Kathy Penner with Pastor Kris from Saint Paul Lutheran Church



FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Jerry Sadler

2019 TRIENNIAL REASSESSMENT

The Cook County Assessor will reassess all properties in Wheeling Township in 2019. The new assessed value will be reflected on the 2019 second installment tax bill payable in 2020. Notices are expected to be mailed in early July, at which time property owners will have the opportunity to appeal. Please check the Cook County Assessor website for open dates.

If you would like assistance with comparables for an online appeal at www.cookcountyassessor.com email us at taxpayerassistance@wheelingtownship.com. Please include your Property Index Number in the subject line and name and address in the email. Forms are available in our office if you would prefer to complete a hard copy. Contact us at 847-259-1515 for further direction and information on the appeal process. Appeals are reviewed and decisions made by the Cook County Assessor's Office. A reduction would be reflected on the 2019 tax bill payable in 2020.

Cook County Board of Review appeal decisions for 2018 have been finalized. Reductions from that process will be reflected on the 2018 2nd installment bill.

2018 Second Installment tax bills are expected to be mailed in early July with a due date of August 1st. We recommend you check the tax bill for current exemptions. If missing an exemption you will need to complete a Certificate of Error Form with a copy of a tax bill and ID at the property address for an adjustment or refund. If you were born in 1953 or earlier you are entitled to the Senior Exemption on your primary residence. **All Senior Exemptions must be renewed annually.** Renewal forms were mailed in January. For questions regarding exemptions or the tax bill, contact us at 847-259-1515.

TO BETTER ASSIST YOU WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR PROPERTY, PLEASE HAVE THE 14-DIGIT PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER (PIN) AVAILABLE WHEN VISITING OR CALLING OUR OFFICE. THE NUMBER CAN BE FOUND AT THE TOP OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL. THANK YOU!

TOWNSHIP ROAD MANAGEMENT

PROJECT PLANS FOR 2019

Spring is here and the road improvement season has started. We have several projects planned for 2019.

1. Drainage improvements along Lee St. from Kensington Rd. to Anita Ave. – this block has experienced excessive side yard flooding for a number of years, primarily due to the lack of drainage along Kensington Rd. That drainage ditch is under the jurisdiction of IDOT, and despite several requests, they don't seem to be planning to fix it anytime soon. So we are going to approach this in a different manner by directing the storm water south to the intersection of Lee St. and Anita Ave. and east along Anita Ave., and finally to McDonald Creek and the Des Plaines River.
2. Drainage improvements along Morrison Ave. from Lee St. to the west end – We previously completed drainage improvement and road resurfacing along Morrison Ave. from River Rd. to Lee St. We want to continue this project from Lee St. to the west end near the railroad tracks.
3. Road resurfacing along Lee St. from Kensington Rd. to Anita Ave. and along Morrison Ave. from Lee St. to the west end – depending on



our road maintenance budget constraints, we plan on resurfacing these road sections after the drainage improvements have been completed.

4. Flood prone and abandoned home demolitions – Cook County has completed the purchase of three flood prone properties in Forest River Subdivision. We will work with them to have these homes demolished and the lot re-graded. There is also an abandoned and dilapidated home in Buffalo Highlands Subdivision that the Cook County Court has issued a demolition order. We will work with the County to accomplish this.
5. Spring and fall Patching – potholes and damaged areas will be patched in the spring after the winter and fall prior to the next winter. We may consider other projects within our budget as the need arises.

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

TOWNSHIPS WILL NO LONGER SELL VEHICLE STICKERS FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS...

If you are a resident living in an unincorporated area of Wheeling Township, you will no longer be able to buy your Cook County vehicle sticker at Wheeling Township. Effective May 2019, the Cook County Department of Revenue will handle all vehicle stickers for unincorporated areas of Cook County. Townships, including Wheeling, can no longer accept payment. Instead, residents of unincorporated areas will need to pay the vehicle Wheel Tax in person at the Cook County Department of Revenue, by mail, online at the Department of Revenue, or at designated Currency Exchange locations. In addition, the Cook County Department of Revenue will not be giving a physical vehicle sticker. A Wheel Tax will be paid, but no vehicle sticker will be provided. The new process is "stickerless." These are the new requirements from Cook County. On behalf of our entire staff, the Clerk's office has been proud to serve the residents of unincorporated areas for many years by selling vehicle stickers and urges you to timely pay your Wheel Tax (previously the vehicle sticker). There is no late penalty for new residents who have moved into the unincorporated Cook County area within the last 60 days. After 60 days, penalties will apply for not paying the Wheel Tax. For those who failed to pay the Wheel Tax by July 1, 2019 or after moving into an unincorporated area for more than 60 days, a notice of violation will be sent by Cook County. Per the Wheel Tax ordinance, a penalty on each class of vehicle license will be assessed.

If you have questions or want to resolve failing to pay the Wheel Tax, contact The Cook County Department of Revenue at 312-603-6961.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Although we just completed the Municipal Elections on April 2, 2019, the Presidential Primaries and General Election will be in 2020. 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 vote in these 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), to be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older by Election Day, 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. 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 valid state issued picture identification when you vote for the first time. Finally, Election Day voter registration will be available at your polling place on Election Day.



NO MORE VEHICLE STICKERS/TAGS

The Cook County Department of Revenue

CCDOR is going live May 2019 with the new

STICKERLESS Wheel Tax Liability Notice Process!!!

- ✓ NO MORE PHYSICAL STICKERS/TAGS
- ✓ Qualifying Senior Citizens/No Fee Categories will not be required to register
- ✓ Remit payment by utilizing your Renewal Wheel Tax Liability Notification
- ✓ Payments accepted online, by mail, in-person at DOR and 100+ participating ELS Currency Exchange locations!

Please visit our website at cookcountyil.gov/revenue for up and coming details!

HAVING TROUBLE PAYING A PAST DUE ELECTRIC BILL?

Are you having trouble paying a past due electric bill? The Com Ed Special Residential Hardship Program may be able to help. The bill must be more than \$25 past due; you can not have applied in the last 2 years and you must meet one of the qualifying hardships below:

- Medical Hardship -made payments of more than 5% of your income during the last 6 months
- Military Hardship -adult member of the household was deployed or returned with a disability
- Senior Hardship -over age 60, or receiving in home care, or raising grandchildren
- Disability Hardship -receiving Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income
- Loss of Employment -laid off or terminated from job or Unemployment Insurance exhausted
- Low or No Income -under 60 & underemployed or receiving TANF benefits
- Family Crisis -death in last 6 months, domestic violence or child abuse
- Property Damage -from natural disaster and not covered by insurance

- Criminal Activity – Victims of crime who filed police reports
- Subsidized Housing -unable to move in due to past due bill or currently residing there
- Transitional Situations -homelessness, rehabilitation, addiction, returning from prison

If you meet one of the listed hardship criteria and your income is within the guidelines listed below, please call the General Assistance Department at 847-259-7730 to make an appointment to apply.

Household Family Size	Under 250% FPL for 30 Day Income
1	\$2,602
2	\$3,523
3	\$4,444
4	\$5,365
5	\$6,285
6	\$7,206

GIVE FROM YOUR GARDEN

In May as you till the soil, please consider planting an extra row or two for our Giving Garden. Community residents grow and donate fresh produce to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. It is a welcome addition to the non-perishables and very much appreciated by recipients who may not be able to have their own gardens due to health issues or lack of appropriate outdoor space. Donations will be accepted in the Supervisors Office, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. until October. Although washing your garden goodies is not required, please take the time to remove any soil from the items. Sharing your bounty is a great way to be *Neighbors Helping Neighbors!*



HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION... PLEASE HELP STOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY!

Perhaps the most challenging time of year for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry is the summer months. The academic year draws to a close and all of the food drives coordinated by the schools or scout troops come to an end. Children are home for all 3 meals, which can be taxing to a family's grocery budget, especially if they were receiving free lunch. Businesses often organize food drives during the fall holiday season, not during the summer when employees are on vacation.

All of these factors lead up to the food pantry having empty shelves during the summer months. But hunger doesn't take a summer vacation!

When shopping this summer, please consider purchasing from the list. These items are vital in keeping the shelves stocked. You can clip this handy list on the right to take with you shopping.

PLEASE SHOP THE Pantry List:

- Canned Meat (tuna, salmon, stew, etc.)
- Cereal
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Fruit Juices (Quart bottles or boxes)
- Fruit Cups
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola Bars
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Peas
- Detergent
- Diapers
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toilet Paper



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 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. **Registration is always limited, so call now to reserve your place at these free programs! Unless noted, classes are held at the Township office. 847-259-7730.**

Strengthen Your Core - Improve Your Balance



**Tuesday, June 11
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Wondering how to maintain and improve your balance? Marie & Bill Aquino, physical therapists from Northwest Community Healthcare, will help answer important questions and present exercises and information that can help you be more confident and reduce your risk of falling... Registration is required.



Ask Me About Medicare

All Things Medicare – An Overview

Tuesday, June 18 • 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

If you are already enrolled in, or are close to enrolling in Medicare, join us for a great overview presentation on unraveling the Medicare maze. Lou Barnett, Wheeling Township's SHIP Coordinator (Senior Health Insurance Program), will walk you through resources, suggestions and tips. A great program to better understand traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage and Medicare supplements. Registration is required.

Our 10 Worst Former Presidents

**Tuesday, July 9
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Historians and political scientists enjoy debating who our best President was, or who had the best foreign policy or domestic agenda. Historian Gary Midkiff will guide you on a tour of the other end of the spectrum to analyze and explain why men such as James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson and Franklin Pierce are always rated at the bottom. Each was a competent person with a solid political background who failed as President. He will look at the 10 (of our past 43) Presidents rated lowest by C-Span and try to understand their mistakes.

Note the change in location! This program will be presented at the Arlington Hts Memorial Library. Registration is required.



MEDICAL SERVICES

Pam McVoy, RN, BSN

Make an appointment to meet our Nurse, Pam McVoy. Call 847-259-7730.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

9 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 hemocult screening tests** available (\$4 charge)
- **Traditional Blood Sugar Screening** (\$1 charge)

Patient needs to fast 8 – 10 hours; but remember to drink water; hydration is important!

2nd & 4th THURSDAY of each month

9 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.

Patient needs to fast 10 – 12 hours; but remember to please drink plenty of water (but no coffee/tea/soda/juice, etc).

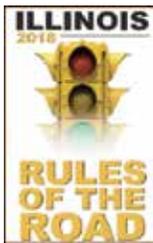
- **New Service: A1C Testing now available.** Call our nurse, Pam McVoy for more details. Appointment must be set up with her directly. (for this service only.)



**Medicare can be complicated...
SHIP Could 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 and knowledgeable volunteers 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. Call the 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, make an appointment with our SHIP Coordinator at 847-259-7730.



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, taught by knowledgeable volunteers, combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination. Classes held at the Township. Call the Township to register.

10 a.m. – noon on the following Thursdays

June 13 • September 12



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 charge for AARP members and \$20 for non-members applies for the two-session class. Checks should be made payable to AARP and mailed or dropped off at the Township prior to your first class. Classes are held at Wheeling Township.

Class time is 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the following dates:

• **June 3 & June 5 • July 1 & July 3**

• **August 5 & August 7 • September 9 & September 11**

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.

SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL PROGRAM

Tuesday, July 23

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Join representatives from the SMP Program at AgeOptions who will share detailed information regarding Medicare and Medicaid fraud. The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program is a national program that empowers Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud. This free program will be held at Wheeling Township; *Call the Township to register.*

At this informative program, you will learn how to:

- **Protect:** Protect yourself from Medicare errors, fraud, or abuse by never giving your Medicare number to strangers who call or visit your home.
- **Detect:** Learn how to detect potential errors, fraud, or abuse by reading your Medicare Summary Notice or explanation of benefits from your insurance company.
- **Report:** If you suspect that you have been a target of errors, fraud, or abuse, contact AgeOptions at (800) 699-9043 and ask for SMP.



32nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY PAINT-A-THON

September 14



Wheeling Township is one of 10 area Townships participating in this year’s Paint-A-Thon. Older (60+) or disabled homeowners of single-family residences who are financially disadvantaged and are physically unable to paint their homes themselves are eligible

to get the exterior of their home painted. Homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficient condition so that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. Rain date is 9/21/19.

Paint-A-Thon is a major volunteer event. Teams of volunteers are recruited from businesses, churches, social service and civic groups. Volunteers must be at least 14. *If you’re interested in an application or for more information, contact Aileen Zei, Wheeling Township’s Assistant Director of Senior & Disability Services at 847-259-7730.*



The Chicago Lighthouse

Low Vision Products Road Show
Tuesday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Low Vision Products Road Show gives people with low vision the opportunity to experience new technology, independent living aids and other products. Test products and receive training from expert staff who can advise on the right tools to improve your quality of life.

Free – *program held at the Township.*

Wheeling Township Transportation

...Much more than just a ride!

LOOKING FOR SAFE, AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION?

If you are over 60 (or 18+ and permanently disabled), Wheeling Township’s outstanding transportation service may be the perfect solution for your needs.



WHEN IS SERVICE AVAILABLE?

Rides are available for Township residents to a wide variety of locations within the Township, Mon. – Fri., 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. **For medical appointments, call at least one week in advance to reserve your ride**, 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.**

HOW MUCH? \$2 each way.

HOW DO I SIGN UP? Call our transportation department if you have any questions – or for an application. Applications can also be found online at www.wheelingtowship.com.

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



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

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SUPERVISOR



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ASSESSOR



Joanna Gauza
TOWN CLERK



Ruth O'Connell
TRUSTEE



JoAnne Schultz
TRUSTEE



Brian Medley
TRUSTEE



Patricia Kozicki
TRUSTEE



MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

The Mobile Dental Clinic, established in 2003, is a partnership with Northwest Community Hospital and Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling Townships. Many residents struggle to pay rent and put food on the table for their families. The clinic provides necessary dental care to residents who do not have the resources to go to a dentist. Residents must meet financial guidelines and there is a cost of \$30 per visit. Services are by appointment only so call us at 847-259-7730 to see if you qualify.

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

GET YOUR REAL ID

REAL ID goes into effect October 1, 2020.



Your current Illinois driver's license or ID card will be accepted at airports, military bases and secure federal facilities until Oct 1, 2020. Beginning this spring, the Illinois Secretary of State is providing residents with the choice to obtain a Real ID or keep a standard card. Please visit realid.ilsos.gov or call 833-503-4074 for more information, including a list of the documents required should you wish to get a Real ID. Real IDs may be obtained at an Illinois Secretary of State office only.