

- Alexian Center for Mental Health
- Avenues to Independence
- Catholic Charities
- (housing, senior services)
- Center for Enriched Living
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Clearbrook Center
- Countryside
- Escorted Transportation Services
- Faith Community Homes
- Hands On Suburban Chicago
- The Harbour
- Journeys - The Road Home
- Kindred Life Ministries
- Life Span
- Lutheran Services of Illinois Behavioral Health Services Program
- Northwest Compass (housing)
- Omni Youth Service
- P.H.D.
- Salvation Army
- Shelter, Inc.
- St. Mary's Services
- Suburban Primary HealthCare/Access to Care WINGS

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.

## FUNDING FOR THESE AGENCIES PROVIDED BY WHEELING TOWNSHIP

Director of Finance and Administration at [stellato@wheelingtowship.com](mailto:stellato@wheelingtowship.com). For additional information regarding agencies and funding, please contact Jo Stellato,



## WHEELING TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

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

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# WHEELING TOWNSHIP REPORT

SUMMER 2017



We are extremely grateful to our remarkable donors and volunteers who give so much to help those in our community. Because of their selfless actions, Wheeling Township is able to assist many of those in need without using your property tax dollars.



**Spencer Buckhalter**, Troop 166 Eagle Scout candidate and volunteer in the Food Pantry, learned there was an increased demand for food during the summer months because kids receiving free lunches are no longer receiving those meals at school. When he also realized that food donations were sparse during the summer season, he got to work. He planned, advertised, and coordinated the **FREEDOM FOOD DRIVE** and collected donations at a strategically placed tent during peak hours at Arlington Heights Frontier Days. Spencer then joined his troop to collect food donations along the 4th of July parade route with the Rotary's **FOODAPALOOZA** volunteers. **Thank you Spencer for a job well done!**

The **Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Sunset** again organized a **FOODAPALOOZA** collection at the Arlington Heights 4th of July parade. Club members, Scout Troop 166, and volunteers pushed roving shopping carts along the route and accepted non-perishable food and personal essential items for our pantry. And that wasn't enough, they helped deliver the countless donations to the Wheeling Township Community Center. **We couldn't do it without you – many thanks!**



# 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 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!**

### MEDICARE PART D

#### Prescription Drug Coverage Choices

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

*Due to popularity, program will be offered twice on the same day:*

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

OR 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

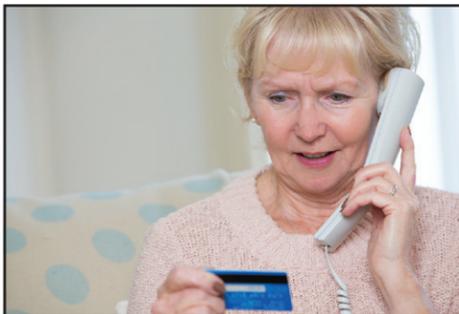
*Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D is October 15 – December 7*

Seniors have many choices when it comes to Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage. Understanding those choices can ensure that you receive the prescription drugs you require at the most beneficial cost to you. Join Wheeling Township's SHIP program coordinator Lou Barnett as he explains how Medicare Part D works, and how SHIP counselors can help you make the best choice when it comes to your prescription needs. The session includes a live internet demonstration with information on how and when to enroll and/or change plans.



### BE SAFETY SAVVY! How to Stay Safe at Home and Online

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



There are so many scams and safety concerns we all have to be worried about these days, but there ARE ways you can protect you and your loved ones! Join us for an interesting and detailed panel discussion for ways you can remain safe online, out in public and in your own home. Experts from local police departments will be with us to share their knowledge and answer your questions. Don't miss this enlightening program – and learn how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe!

## EARLY DETECTION MATTERS

alzheimer's association® Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### KNOW the 10 SIGNS

EARLY DETECTION MATTERS

The warning signs of Alzheimer's Disease are often dismissed as normal age-related memory changes. Attend this program to learn the 10 Warning Signs of the disease. Our speaker,

Meagan O'Connor-Roossien, Manager of Education & Outreach for the Alzheimer's Association, will separate myth from reality and address commonly-held misconceptions. Learn how to recognize the warning signs, and why early detection really matters. Not an easy subject, but one we all need to know about. We hope you'll join us.

**Our November Senior Scene program – which focuses on Veterans and Moral Injury -- will be Tuesday, November 14th**

Details in the next newsletter

## MEDICAL SERVICES

Pam McVoy, RN, BSN

Make an appointment to meet the Wheeling Township Nurse, Pam McVoy. With over 30 years of clinical nursing experience behind her, Pam is happy to provide the following medical services to Township residents. Call to set up 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)
- **Blood Sugar Screening** (\$1 charge)
- **PRO Time/INR Testing** (\$6 charge)
- **At-home hemocult screening tests available** (\$4 charge)

**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. It requires an 8-hour fast (but PLEASE drink water– being hydrated is important!), and provides a lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and blood sugar.

### Medicare and Insurance

Can Be Complicated...

### SHIP Could Help You!



If you are enrolled in Medicare or have health insurance questions, Wheeling Township's SHIP Counselors may be able to help you. Our four dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers are trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance to assist Medicare and dually enrolled Medicare/Medicade participants with understanding their benefit coverage, helping with filing their medical bills and claims, explaining Medicare Supplemental Insurance and Long Term Care Policies, and providing resolution support for any problems that you might be experiencing.

If you are nearing Medicare eligibility and have questions regarding traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Part B or Medicare supplements, our SHIP counselors are here to help you. Last year, Wheeling Township's SHIP counselors assisted over 450 local residents. Make an appointment to see one of our dedicated SHIP counselors today!



The Chicago Lighthouse

## LOW VISION PRODUCTS ROAD SHOW

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Low Vision Products Road Show welcomes the public to experience state-of-the-art technology such as CCTVs, portable reading devices, and much more, including independent living aids, lighting, and even sunwear. Test each product and receive training from expert staff who can advise on the right tools to improve your quality of life. **Absolutely free! Everyone is invited to attend any time during the scheduled hours on August 30 at Wheeling Township.** Chicago Lighthouse staff will demonstrate and let you try out the variety of products available for help with school, work and daily life.

# 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 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 test with a practice written examination. Call the Township office to register.



9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on the following Thursdays

■ September 14

■ November 9



## Secretary of State MOBILE DRIVING UNIT Renew Your Driver's License/Get Your State ID

■ Thursday, October 12 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Services available: Vision screening, duplicate license, corrected license, license renewal, State ID card, license plate stickers, organ donor registration. **NO ROAD TESTS.** Questions? Call the Township office.

## AARP – SMART DRIVING 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.

Register for one of the following two evening 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*. Call the Township office to register.

5:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. on these Mondays & Wednesdays:

■ August 7 & August 9 ■ October 2 & October 4

■ Sept. 11 & Sept. 13 ■ November 6 & November 8

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.

## SNAP APPLICATIONS ARE HERE...

Wheeling Township has partnered with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to offer online applications for SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps. Instead of completing a paper application and going to the local Illinois Department of Human Services office, residents can now call the General Assistance Department at 847-259-7730 to make an appointment for completing an application live online. Online renewals of existing SNAP benefits, called Re-Determinations, are also available. Submitting an application online offers an immediate, printed receipt and will help expedite the process, resulting in receiving benefits sooner. **How do you know if you qualify for SNAP? Below are the income guidelines by household size:**

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Monthly Income for a Senior or Disabled Person
1	\$1,634	\$1,980
2	\$2,203	\$2,670
3	\$2,772	\$3,360
4	\$3,342	\$4,050

Since the application is digital, documents will also be sent electronically.

**The following items should be brought to your appointment:**

1. Driver's License or State of Illinois ID card
2. Social Security card
3. Paystubs for the last 30 days
4. Other income verification such as Social Security, SSI, Pensions, Unemployment, etc.
5. Rent receipt or mortgage statement
6. Proof of medical expenses for the last 30 days
7. Medicaid card or notice from IDHS with case ID number, if applicable

After submitting the application, you will have a telephone interview or an in person interview with a IDHS employee. If approved, the Link card will be sent in the mail. Receiving SNAP benefits does NOT disqualify you from using the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. In fact, every SNAP application completed at Wheeling Township earns a subsidy from the Greater Chicago Food Depository to help stock the shelves of our pantry. So help yourself and help the food pantry by applying for SNAP today!



## Join us for our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Paint-a-thon 2017

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Wheeling Township is one of 10 area townships participating in this year's Paint-A-Thon. *Who qualifies?* Older (60+) or disabled homeowners of single-family residences who are financially disadvantaged and who are physically unable to paint their homes themselves are eligible to get the exterior of their home painted. The homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficient condition so that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. **Rain date is 9/23.**



**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 volunteering (or might qualify to have your home painted), contact Aileen Zei, Wheeling Township's Assistant Director of Senior &*

*Disability Services, for information or an application.*



ILLINOIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
ACCESS CORPORATION

## HAVE TROUBLE HEARING ON THE PHONE??

**Test amplified phones at Wheeling Township on October 19, 2017**

Do you have trouble hearing on the phone? Join Wheeling Township & Schaumburg Township's Disability Services (at Wheeling Township's office) on **Thursday, October 19th, from 10am – 3 pm** to test the ITAC free amplified telephones and learn more about getting a free amplified phone. (Clients are eligible for a new phone every four years.)

**Participants must make appointments by calling 847-884-0030 in advance.** Free amplified telephones are available to qualified Illinois residents with a hearing loss. To qualify applicants must:

- Be a legal resident of the State of Illinois
- Have telephone service at the address shown on your application
- Have a licensed physician, speech pathologist, audiologist or designated DHS/DRS counsellor sign the application form certifying the applicant is deaf, hard-of-hearing, Speech-Disabled or Deaf-Blind

## WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION

**MUCH more than just a ride!**



**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. With 8 buses on the road every day, we are doing our very best to help Township residents get where they need to be. Last year, over 25,000 rides were provided to Township residents.

**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 are covered for medical services. **Cost? \$2 each way.**

**When should you call?** For medical appointments, please call at least one week 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. **Call (847)259-7743** for more information about the program & eligibility.

## FROM THE ASSESSOR JERRY SADLER

### 2016 2nd INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX BILLS

You should have received the 2016 2nd installment property tax bill at the beginning of July. **It is due the August 1, 2017.** If you did not receive your tax bill, you can request a duplicate bill online at: [www.cookcountytreasurer.com](http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com), or by calling the Cook County Treasurer's office at (312)443-5100.

Property tax bills can be paid by mail, online, or in person at any Chase Bank location, or at the Cook County Treasurer's office in Chicago at the County Building at 118 N. Clark Street. To pay at a Chase Bank location, you will need an original, or duplicate tax bill. You can pay online at the Treasurer's website [www.cookcountytreasurer.com](http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com) with your property index number and bank account routing number. There is a small fee for paying in this manner.

Please review your bill carefully, and contact us with any questions at (847)259-1515. If you are missing an exemption you are entitled to, you may file a certificate of error to obtain a refund.

**Please note that any and all Homestead exemptions are permitted on one property only and it must be the owner's principal residence.**

Any exemptions taken on properties other than the owner's principal residence could be deemed "erroneous" and, therefore, subject to repayment with interest and possibly penalties.

You may also contact the **Cook County Assessor's office in Skokie at (847) 470-7237, or the main office of the Cook County Assessor at (312) 443-7550** regarding any missing exemptions. They can expedite a revised bill for you if needed.

During the tax bill period, our office will also be assisting taxpayers with assessment appeals for the 2017 assessed value. If you receive a reduction, it will be reflected on the 2nd installment bill payable in 2018. You are not able to "appeal" your current tax bill.

**IN ORDER TO 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!**

## FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### STORM WATER DRAINAGE & ROAD REPAIR PROJECTS



Thanks to watchful eyes from our unincorporated residents, two road related problems were brought to our attention:

**1) Culvert failures at Ellen Dr. and Dunlo Ave.** – The old corrugated metal storm sewer

culverts running along the southwest corner of Ellen Dr., south of Dunlo Ave., and across Ellen Dr. south of Dunlo Ave. have rusted through. This has resulted in a sink hole at the southwest corner of Ellen Dr. and Dunlo Ave. and settling of the road across Ellen Dr. due to collapsing of the rusted culverts below. An engineering plan to repair this was completed and the project is now out for bid. The repair will be completed in July.

**2) Road collapse at 206 Graylynn Dr.** – a small area of the road is sinking due to ground settling below it. About a year ago, the sanitary sewer line from this property was replaced under the road and the ground has since settled near the west edge. The contractor has been made aware of this and will make the repair.

Since we cannot be everywhere at all times, we greatly appreciate calls or emails from our unincorporated residents to make us aware of road related problems.

If we can be of service, or you have questions, please direct your calls to Highway Manager Tom Neitzke or Administrator Jo Stellato at 847-259-7730.

## FROM THE CLERK JOANNA GAUZA

### VOTER REGISTRATION



As we enjoy our summer, we should also remember that the Illinois and some federal elections are fast approaching. Our next State Primary Election will be held on March 20, 2018, which includes the offices of Governor, State Legislators, and U.S. Congressional Representatives. If you want to vote in this Primary Election and avoid the last minute rush, now is time to make sure you are registered. If you are not registered, have just moved into the Township or to another residence in the Township, or changed your name, you need to register to be able to vote in future elections. To register, come to the Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, between 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. You will need two forms of identification (one showing your current address), proof that you are a citizen of the United States, will be 18 years of age or older by the March 20, 2018 election, and 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](http://elections.il.gov). If you don't have Illinois driver's license or state ID, go to [cookcountyclerk.com](http://cookcountyclerk.com) and complete the form online, print, sign and mail it to the address on the application. However you register, you must bring a valid state issued picture identification when you vote for the first time. **Remember - Once you have registered, you do not need to re-register unless you move or change your name.**

### VEHICLE STICKERS:

For residents of **unincorporated** Wheeling Township – **don't get caught without a valid vehicle sticker!** The new stickers must be purchased and displayed by July 5, 2017. You don't want a ticket, along with the increased cost of buying the vehicle sticker. If you missed the deadline, **it is still cheaper to buy a vehicle sticker and pay the late fee than to receive a ticket.** The Cook County Vehicle Stickers for the **unincorporated** areas are available for purchase at Wheeling Township. Online purchases are also available as of May 1, 2017 at the following link - <https://www.cookcountyl.gov/agency/departments-revenue>.

Stickers are valid from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018. The cost for stickers varies, but generally an automobile is \$80, a small truck is \$100 and a motorcycle is \$25. Senior citizens (65 years and older) can receive up to two stickers free of charge. Others eligible for no fee stickers are individuals with physical disabilities and disabled veterans. If you have purchased a vehicle within the last 30 days or moved to an unincorporated area within the last 60 days - you will not be charged a late fee. When you come to purchase vehicle stickers, please bring a check or money order, we cannot accept cash or credit cards.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact my office at 847-259- 7730 or by e-mail at [jgauza@wheelingtowship.com](mailto:jgauza@wheelingtowship.com)

*Your Story Makes You Special...*

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**



Back row, from left: Dawes Garrett, Dave Kaiser, Don Roth, Township Supervisor Kathy Penner; Front row, from left: Alice Kurtyka, Ron Tufano, Wendy Avner

*Wheeling Township held its annual Volunteer & Donor Thank You Luncheon on April 21, 2017 at Astoria Banquets. Pictured above are this years winning recipients. Thank you to all who took part in this year's event!*