



REPORT

From the Supervisor – Kathy Penner



TRANSPORTATION: *Setting the Standard...*

One of the greatest challenges Townships face is how best to serve residents. With over 10,000 Baby Boomers turning 65 every day, the continuing surge in seniors is expected to continue well into the 2030's. Out of all the Townships in Cook County, Wheeling Township ranks #1 with regard to a total population of residents 60 or older (approximately 24%), so serving their needs continues to be of vital importance to the Wheeling Township Board. Transportation and communication are at the top of that list.



Helping our seniors and residents with disabilities remain as independent as possible, *for as long as possible*, remains a steadfast goal at Wheeling Township through our Transportation Program. Long a well-regarded program with considerable dedicated internal resources, we know that not all rides were able to be met last year – demand simply outpaced capacity due to a shortage of drivers. Hiring qualified and compassionate drivers has been a challenge industry-wide, but I'm pleased to say that we've been very lucky to retain great drivers AND to recruit several new ones. First and foremost, being able to provide residents with rides to their desired medical or recreational locations – reliably and safely – is our goal. More buses are now available to assist you, and they are all wheelchair accessible. This is a precious service for precious passengers, and we want you to know that we are dedicated to ensuring the program's long-term viability.



What about getting to a medical facility outside the Township? Did you also know that we are part of a 5-Township transportation program called TRIP (*Township Riders Initiative Program*). Created in 2005, the TRIP Program provides medical rides to locations like the VA Hospitals, Loyola, dialysis centers, Northwestern, Good Shepherd, U of Illinois, Rush and a wide variety of medical locations in surrounding Townships. Rides are provided by a Pace-supported vehicle, but reservations are made through the Wheeling Township Transportation Department. Funded through Pace, the TRIP Program provides a link to crucial medical appointments well outside the Township for a very reasonable cost. If you haven't tried the TRIP program before, now might be a good time to check it out!

I'd encourage you to reach out to our Transportation department to learn more about the service, or if you'd like more information on the TRIP Program. Call 847-259-7743.

We're here to serve you.



FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Jerry Sadler

2018 2nd INSTALLMENT TAX BILLS 2019 TRIENNIAL REASSESSMENT

2018 Second Installment Property Tax Bills were mailed in early July. The due date is August 1. If you did not receive the bill, a copy can be printed from the Cook County Treasurer website www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

Property tax bills can be paid by mail, online or in person at any Chase Bank. To pay at a Chase location, you will need an original or a duplicate tax bill which can be printed from the Treasurers website. You can also pay online at www.cookcountytreasurer.com with a bank routing number. There is no fee for paying in this manner.

Please review your bill carefully and contact us at (847) 259-1515 with questions. If an exemption is missing from the bill, you may file a certificate of error to obtain the refund. The forms are available online at www.cookcountyassessor.com or in our office.

Please note 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 subject to repayment with interest and penalties.

2019 TRIENNIAL REASSESSMENT

The Cook County Assessor reassesses properties every three years. This year, Townships in the northwest suburbs (including Wheeling Township) will be reassessed. Notices with the new

assessed value (which will be reflected on the 2019 tax bill) were mailed in early July. Taxpayers are given a 30 days to appeal; the final day to appeal is August 8, 2019.

If you would like assistance with an online appeal, email us at taxpayerassistance@wheelingtowship.com. Include your **Property Index Number in the subject line**, and include your name and address in the body of the email. We will provide comparables and instructions for an appeal at www.cookcountyassessor.com. The form is available on the Cook County Assessor website or in our office if you prefer to file a hard copy.

A decision letter will be mailed a few months after the appeal period closes. If the assessed value is reduced, the new value will be reflected on the 2019 Second Installment bill which will be mailed in July of 2020.

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

Help Keep Drainage Ditches Clean and Flowing...

The unincorporated areas of Cook County in Wheeling Township use ditch and culvert systems to handle drainage. They are designed to collect moisture from the road pavement and elevated properties, and drain it into storm sewer basins at strategic locations. To function as intended, these ditch and culvert systems depend on mutual Township and resident cooperation. The Township is responsible for maintaining drainage pipes that cross under roads and the storm sewer system that the basins drain into.

Township residents are responsible for their driveway apron and the culvert that runs beneath it. This means keeping the pipe clear of obstruction to allow water to flow freely through it, and repairing the driveway apron should the culvert heave, creating a bump in the apron. Water pressure from a garden hose should be sufficient to clear a culvert of debris if done on a regular basis. If debris is allowed to

become packed, a contractor with more powerful equipment may be required.

In addition, residents are responsible for maintaining the ditch in the front of their property by simply raking out leaves and grass clippings that may accumulate. It is important to grow and maintain a grass covering in the ditches to prevent silt from accumulating and clogging culverts and drainage pipes.

This mutual cooperation between resident and Township helps to ensure that the entire drainage system operates at its maximum capacity, thus benefiting both you and your neighbors, and keeping costly drain system and road repairs to a minimum.

If you have any questions, please direct your calls to Tom Neitzke at 847-259-7730 ext. 41, or Regina Stapleton at 847-259-7730 ext. 11.



FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Joanna Gauza

2020 ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION

Although it may be hard to believe, the presidential primaries are just around the corner. The Illinois primary, which will be held on March 17, 2020, will select nominees for President, Congress and State Legislative seats. Now is the time to make sure you are registered to vote. If you have never registered, have just moved into the Township or have moved to another residence within the Township (or changed your name), you will need to register if you wish to vote in the 2020 elections.

How do you register? Come to the Clerk's Office at the Township, Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:30. In addition to providing two forms of identification (one which shows your current address), you need to be a U.S. citizen, be 18 or older by the next general election (November 3, 2020), and to have lived in the Township for at least 30 days prior to the election. Seventeen-year-olds that will turn 18 by the general election date can vote in the primary election. Naturalized citizens must provide proof of their naturalization date.

If you have an Illinois driver's license or state ID, you may register online at the Illinois State Board of Elections website: www.elections.il.gov. If you do not have a driver's license or state ID, go to www.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 photo ID when you vote for the first time. As always, while you can register to vote on Election Day, doing so prior to Election Day helps to avoid the stress of completing the registration process at the polling site.

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 October 1, 2020. The Illinois Secretary of State is now 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.



VEHICLE STICKERS/WHEEL TAX

As of May 2019, the Cook County Department of Revenue now handles all vehicle stickers ("Wheel Tax") for residents of unincorporated Cook County, including unincorporated Wheeling Township. If you are a resident of unincorporated Wheeling Township, and if you have questions about vehicle stickers ("Wheel Tax"), visit the Cook County Department of Revenue website for more information: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/wheel-tax-vehicle-sticker>. Be aware that the Cook County "stickerless" Wheel Tax has replaced physical vehicle stickers, but like the previous vehicle stickers, must be paid on time - or fines will apply. If you have any questions, contact the Cook County Department of Revenue at 312-603-6961.

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!



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 today at 847-259-7730 to see if you qualify.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP IS EXTREMELY

Thankful & Grateful

The summer has been a blessed season for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. We appreciate each and every donation made to help us keep the shelves stocked. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the following donations that were especially impactful.



The Olive Mary Stitt Owls: Families from Olive Mary Stitt Elementary School in Arlington Heights held a "Fill The Nest" food drive at the end of May. Students and staff collected more than 300 brown paper grocery bags and 5 large boxes of food for their needy neighbors. Thank you, too, to the OMS PTA for organizing the event for the 10th year running!



Christian Church of Arlington Heights: The Men's Group and congregation members of the Christian Church of Arlington Heights lost a beloved friend and long-time food pantry supporter, Mr. Joe Belt. In his memory, they purchased and donated a professional freezer to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. The extra space provided by this generosity will allow for more frozen meats to be distributed to pantry recipients.



Boy Scout Troop #166 & Fourth of July

Parade Guests: Eagle Scout Spencer Burkhalter and his fellow scouts organized, advertised and collected food during the Arlington Heights Fourth of July Parade. This special collection was a follow up to the Freedom Food Drive which began in 2017. Thanks, too, to Jewel of Arlington Heights for lending the shopping carts and to the many volunteers walking and collecting during the parade route.



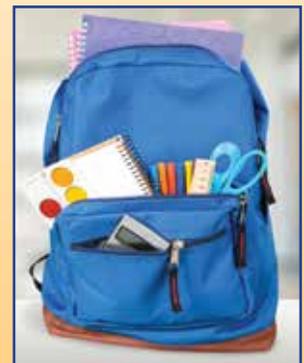
Trader Joe's: To support these collection efforts, Trader Joe's of Arlington Heights donated the brown paper bags for both the Olive Mary Stitt food drive and the Fourth of July Parade. We appreciate their community spirit! Undamaged bags are re-used for shoppers in the food pantry.



Giving Garden Gardeners: Thanks to all of you with green thumbs who have brought in your home grown produce! The ripe tomatoes, zucchini, swiss chard, peppers and all other yields have been a great addition to the non-perishables in the pantry. You can continue to give from your garden until the end of the season.



School Supplies: We are grateful to all of you who have donated to our **Ready 4 Success** School Supply Drive. Special thanks to Wood Crafters DIY Studio in Arlington Heights for being a collection site, and to Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center and the Indian Trails Public Library District staff for once again supporting our programs. New supplies can be received in the Supervisor's Office until Friday, August 9th.

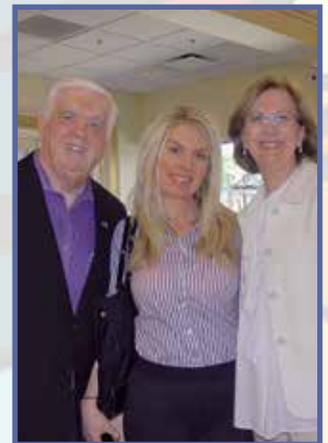


Wheeling Township appreciates all of our donors and volunteers who help us to fulfill our mission of **"Neighbors Helping Neighbors."** Be sure to read the Fall/Winter newsletter for information on our Holiday Giving Programs!

Caring is Always in Season

Wheeling Township Honors Its Hundreds of Volunteers & Donors

Wheeling Township held its annual Volunteer & Donor Thank You Luncheon in order to recognize the people who make a difference to the residents of the Township. This year's theme, "Caring Is Always In Season," gave us a wonderful opportunity to publicly honor the hundreds of people who make a difference to others by volunteering for (or donating to) Wheeling Township. All of them consistently go above and beyond in sharing their time, talent, donations and energy in order to help other Township Residents. From Meals on Wheels drivers, AARP Tax Preparers and Driver Safety Instructors to Food Pantry Volunteers/Donors and SHIP Counselors, their dedication is humbling. *Thank you for making a difference in your community!*



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.**

Medicare PART D

Prescription Drug Coverage Choices



Tuesday, September 10

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 p.m.

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. The session includes a live internet demonstration and information on how and when to enroll &/or change plans. You must register.

Wills – Trusts – Power of Attorney *Are You Prepared?*

Tuesday, October 8

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

You've probably heard that you need to make an "estate plan," but what does that really mean? Are your documents up to date? Many laws have changed over the past 20 years that have affected estate planning. Join us for an insightful presentation on whether you're really prepared/covered legally. Attorney Mildred (Millie) V. Palmer from Waltz, Palmer & Dawson, LLC will shed some light on the intricacies of Wills, Trusts, POA and Living Wills. You must register.



CUB: Fighting For Illinois Consumers

Learn how YOU can save money!

Tuesday, November 12 • 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Since its inception in 1984, the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) has been helping Illinoisans save money and get better service from the state's investor-owned electric, gas and telephone companies. Over the last 32 years, CUB has saved consumers more than \$20 billion by blocking rate hikes and winning consumer refunds. This presentation will shine a light on education, savings, unregulated vs regulated utility companies, etc. Don't miss this really useful program!



**Illinois Department of
Veteran's Affairs**

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs has a Veterans Service Officer at Wheeling

Township on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of every month. Ms. Shynae "Shy" Murphy sees veterans on a walk-in basis between the hours of 9 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. She provides information on available services, and offers assistance in applying for veteran benefits. Her office is located on the 2nd floor of the Township.

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).

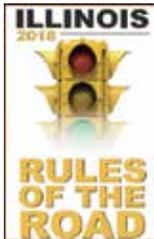
- **A1C Testing now available.** Call our nurse, Pam McVoy for more details. Appointment must be set up with her directly. (for this service only.)



**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! 847-259-7730.

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 to register.

10 a.m. – noon on the following Thursdays
September 12 • November 14



Secretary of State – Mobile Driving Unit
Renew your Driver's License/get a State ID

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Services available: Vision screening, State ID card, Driver's License renewal, license plate stickers, organ donor registration. **NO ROAD TESTS.** Call the Township to make an appointment: 847-259-7730



The AARP Smart Driver Program 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. 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.

Cost: \$15 charge for AARP members; \$20 for non-AARP members. *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. Call our office to register.

Class time is 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the following Mon. and Wed.

- **September 9 & September 11** • **November 11 & November 13**
- **October 7 & October 9** • **December 2 & December 4**



HAVE TROUBLE HEARING ON THE PHONE?

Test amplified phones on September 9

Communication is vital to maintaining your independence. Have trouble hearing on the phone? Test the free ITAC amplified phones at Wheeling Township on **Monday, September 9th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Free amplified telephones are available to qualified Illinois residents with a hearing loss. **Participants MUST make appointments by calling 847-884-0030 in advance; NO walk-ins.**

Home Delivered Meals: More Than Just a Meal



Wheeling Township administers a home-delivered hot meal program (Meals on Wheels) for residents of Wheeling Township who meet eligibility requirements. This program provides a hot, nutritious meal delivered at mid-day, Monday through Friday, right to the door of the recipient by a friendly volunteer. Applicants must agree to receive meals five days a week, Monday-Friday.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Must be a senior over 60 or permanently disabled individual over 18
- Must reside within Wheeling Township
- Must be homebound and no longer driving
- Must not have a full-time caregiver

A home assessment is required, and participation in the program is subject to availability on a route.

COST OF THE MEALS?

The cost of the one hot meal is \$6.40 per day. A supplementary cold meal is available for an additional \$4.35 per day. Bills are mailed monthly for the meals received.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving meals via the Wheeling Township Meals on Wheels program, please contact Aileen Zei at (847) 259-7730 ext. 19.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Aileen Zei, Wheeling Township's Assistant Director of Senior & Disability Services, along with Township Nurse Pam McVoy, R.N., co-facilitate this group, offering help to participants in developing coping methods, as well as encouraging caregivers to maintain their personal, physical and emotional health.

It is estimated that as many as 5.1 million Americans may have Alzheimer's disease. The incidence of the disease is rising with the aging of America. Providing care for someone with memory loss can be a labor of love, but it can also be exhausting and stressful. Wheeling Township partners with the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter, to offer a monthly support group for Alzheimer's caregivers.

VIP VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 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 45 members with eye conditions ranging from AMD and Glaucoma to congenital blindness. Please call Lynndah Lahey, Director of Senior & Disability Services to learn more about this great support group.



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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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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Awareness + Education = Hope

Remember, you are not alone...

If you are a victim of Domestic Violence, or know Someone who is, and need help, please contact:



WINGS 24 hour Hotline and Counseling Services and Emergency Shelter
(847) 221-5680

National Domestic Violence Hotline 24 hour
(800) 799-SAFE (7233)

National Sexual Assault Hotline
(800) 656-4673

National Dating Abuse Helpline
(866) 331-9474

In an Emergency dial 911

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