



# 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...

# 2023-2024 TOWNSHIP STATS

**19,835**

Rides provided to  
Seniors and Disabled

**329**

Disabled Persons  
Exemptions  
Filed

**367**

Residents'  
Taxes handled  
by AARP/Tax-Aide  
Volunteers

**40**

New Voters  
Registered

**251**

Families  
Fed at  
Thanksgiving

**470**

Residents  
Received  
Medicare & Benefit  
Access Counseling

**229**

Temporary  
Handicap  
Placards  
Provided

**325**

Home  
Delivered  
Meals  
Program  
Volunteers

**147**

Families  
Adopted at  
Christmas

**12,518**

Residents fed via  
Food Pantry:  
2,959 were children

**50**

Reduced Fare  
RTA  
Applications  
Filed

**57**

SNAP  
Applications  
Processed

**3,012**

Property  
Tax  
Exemptions  
Filed

**799**

Senior Exemptions  
Filed

**531**

Eligible  
Resident  
Visits to  
Mobile  
Dental  
Clinic

**84,008**

Pounds of  
Food  
Received  
From the  
Greater  
Chicago Food  
Depository

**45**

Visually  
Impaired  
Support  
Group  
Members

**1,213**

Property  
Tax  
Appeals  
Filed

**1,538**

Senior Freeze  
Exemptions Filed

**329**

Disabled Veterans  
Exemptions Filed

**12,378**

Hot Meals delivered  
to Homebound Seniors  
and Disabled Residents  
through Home Delivered  
Meal Program

**1,467**

TRIP Rides provided  
to Medical  
Appointments  
across  
Township lines

**5,884**

Number of visits  
Residents made  
to Food Pantry

**335**

LIHEAP  
Applications  
Processed

**4,817**

Volunteer hours  
Donated in  
Food Pantry

**12**

Alzheimer's  
Caregiver Support  
Group Members

# FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

**Ken Jochum**

## 2024 ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

For the first time in several years, second installment property tax bills in Cook County are expected to be mailed July 1 and due on August 1, in accordance with state law. If the expectation holds true it may come as a surprise to taxpayers. This is because the due dates in recent years have been considerably later than August 1.

Second installment tax bills cannot be issued until the county's two tax appeal agencies complete the processing of all Cook County tax appeals. But in the last two years, computer compatibility problems between the agencies delayed appeal processing by several months and as a result, second installment tax bills were not due until December.

This year, the appeal agencies made a concerted effort to complete their work earlier and they succeeded in finishing the process of appeals on May 5. Historically, appeal completion dates in early May have left enough time to complete the other steps necessary for bills to be issued on time. Unless there are unexpected delays in the remaining steps in the process, this year's bills should be due August 1.

The budgets of schools and other local governments can be severely disrupted when the tax revenue they rely on arrives four or five months late, as has happened the last two years. And budgets of taxpayers can also be disrupted by unpredictable due dates for tax bills. The expected August 1 due date for this year's second

installment bills will be just eight months after the due date of last year's second installment bills, and during those eight months taxpayers will have paid three property tax bills. This will cause hardship for some.

### REGARDING 2024 ASSESSOR APPEALS

We anticipate that Wheeling Township will be open for Cook County Assessor appeals in mid-August.

We are currently open for PRE-FILE

If you would like to pre-file, forms are available in our office or send an email with the following information:

[taxinfo@wheelingtowship.com](mailto:taxinfo@wheelingtowship.com)

**Subject line:** Property Index Number

**Body:** Name and address

I authorize Wheeling Township to transmit an appeal on my behalf.

If lowered, the new assessed value would be used in 2025 to calculate the 2024 tax bill.

As always our office is ready to assist with questions you may have, stop in or call us at 847-259-1515.

## 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.

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

# FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Joanna Gauza

## 2024 ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

The November 5, 2024 Presidential, Congressional, Illinois State Legislative and local Judge Elections are only some 5 months in the future. The various political party candidates for President, U.S. Congress, Illinois State Legislative offices, and local judges will be on the General Election ballot. Early voting begins October 21, 2024. Now is the 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 this election. To register, come to the Township 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, be 18 years of age or older by on November 5, 2024, 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 <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>. If you don't have a driver's license or state ID, go to <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/register-vote> 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. As always, you can register to vote on Election Day. If you will want to vote by mail, please contact Cook County at <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail> to request a mail ballot. However, ballots will not be mailed to voters until October 2024.

### Key Dates for the November 5, 2024 Presidential Election:

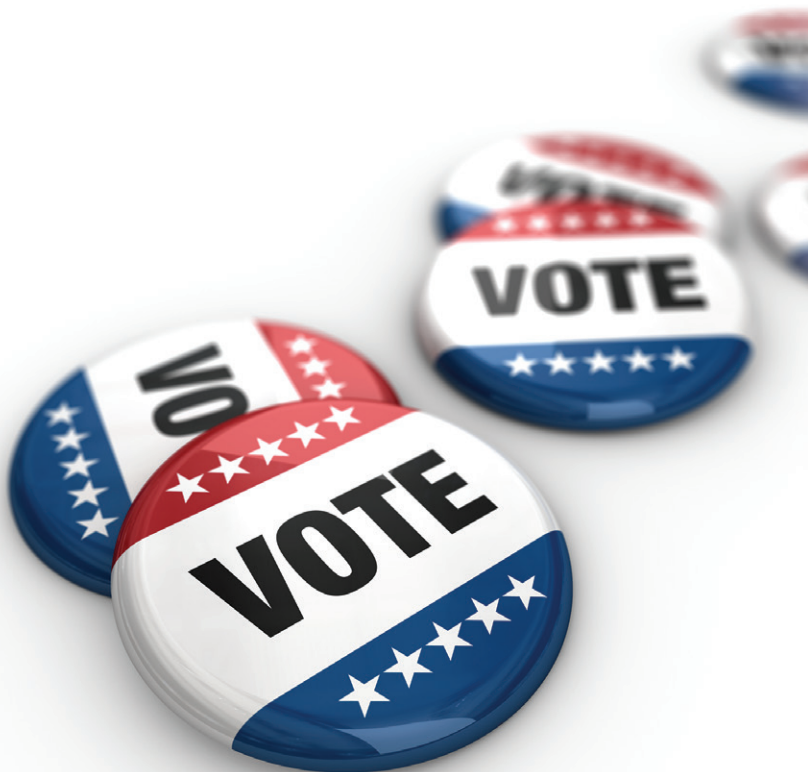
Date	Event
10/08/2024	<b>Voter registration</b> closes for deputy registrars and local election officials
10/20/2024	Last day to <b>register to vote</b> by online application
10/21/2024	First day of <b>early voting</b>
10/31/2024	Last day to request a <b>mail ballot</b> , including military and overseas voters
11/04/2024	Last day of <b>early voting</b>
11/05/2024	Last day <b>mail ballots</b> can be postmarked
11/05/2024	<b>Election Day</b>

### BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE AND EARN \$250 - \$400

**ELECTION JUDGES** Every election in suburban Cook County requires a team of Election Judges and Polling Place Technicians. These poll workers are paid \$250-\$400 depending on the position they work on Election Day. The two positions are as follows:

- ★ **Election Judges** check in voters, provide ballots, and ensure the polling place runs smoothly. This position usually pays \$250 for an election judge.
- ★ **Polling Place Technicians** work directly with the election judges to assist voters. Polling Place Technicians also have more responsibility for setting up and maintaining the voting equipment. Due to the additional responsibility, Polling Place Technicians receive more training and higher pay usually of \$400.

For information on signing up to work as an Election Judge or Polling Place Technician, please go to <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/work-election-day>. You can also contact the political parties. Contact the Democratic Party at <http://www.wheelingdems.com> or the Republican Party at <http://www.rowtgop.org>.





# TOWNSHIP ROAD MANAGEMENT

*Learn about the benefits of Building and Land Use Permits in Wheeling Township's Unincorporated Neighborhoods.*

## You're invited to attend a free Cook County Building Permit Workshop

**Date:** Saturday, July 20th  
**Time:** 9am – Noon  
**Location:** Wheeling Township  
1616 N. Arlington Hts Rd,  
Arlington Hts, 60004



At the workshop, you'll meet staff from the Cook County Building & Zoning Department, and learn about the joint Wheeling Township-Cook County Permit process which has been in place since May 25, 2012. Additionally, a Sanitarian from Cook County Public Health will be on-hand to explain the permit requirements for "private" wells and septic systems expansion or replacements.

We look forward to helping you and your contractors with the permitting process, thus avoiding violations from un-permitted work performed by an owner or contractor that's not registered by Cook County Building & Zoning Department.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PERMITS?

- 1. Permits *Protect Property Value*** Your home or business in a real estate investment. It's important that construction work – whether major or minor, interior or exterior, or just repairs to your home or business – obtains all necessary permits and land use approval.
- 2. Permits *Save Money*** Property insurers often will not cover work or damages caused by un-permitted work.
- 3. Permits *Improve Safety*** Cook County and Wheeling Township share the goals of protecting public health, safety, and welfare. It's important that your maintenance or construction project, even tree removal and landscaping, meet safety

standards. This activity reduces injury risk to you, family and future owners.

### 4. Permits *Makes Selling Property Easier*

When a property is sold, owners or agents often fail to disclose improvements or repairs made. They don't specify if permits were obtained or inspections were done. Some financial institutions won't finance a purchase without permit and occupancy certificate evidence. If you decide to sell a building or land that has been modified without permits, you or the future owner could be held responsible for costs of removal and correction of work performed without permits.

### 5. Permits — *It's the Law*

The truth is, it's the law. Permits benefit you and your community. They preserve land use, benefit the environment, and protect the ground and surface.

### PROTECT YOURSELF, THE PUBLIC, AND NEIGHBORS

A property owner who can show that permit requirements were consistently and strictly followed (as demonstrated and documented by a governmental agency that has carefully maintained records) has a strong ally.

If property owners, contract purchasers, real estate agents, developers, HOA's, civic associations and contractors apply for and obtain permits using accurate permit documents from experienced design professionals (Plats of Survey, Topographic Survey, Architectural Plans), and require their contractors furnish Bonds & Certificates of Insurance, permit staff can respond much quicker.

For more information on obtaining a permit for Unincorporated Wheeling Township, or to register for the July 20th Permit Workshop, call the Township at 847-259-7730.

## Home Delivered Meal Program

If you have concerns about your ability to shop or cook for yourself (or know someone who might need help), consider Wheeling Township's Home Delivered Meal Program. The Township offers a reasonably priced home-delivered hot meal program for residents of the Township who meet eligibility requirements.

### *How does it work?*

A hot, freshly prepared meal is 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 for at least a month.

### *What does it cost?*

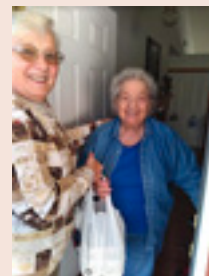
Wheeling Township's program is a self-pay program: The hot meal is \$8.00 per day. A cold meal (which is delivered at the same time) is available for an additional \$5.75 per day. Bills are mailed

monthly for the meals received. The Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights makes the food.

### *Who is eligible?*

- Must be a resident over 60 or permanently disabled individual over 18
- Must reside within Wheeling Township
- Must be considered homebound and/or no longer driving
- Must not have a full-time caregiver
- There must be availability on a route

If you're interested in finding out more about the program, call Kathy Lewiston, our Home Delivered Meal Program Coordinator, at 847-259-7730, ext. 19, or send an email to: [HomeDelivered-Meals@WheelingTownship.com](mailto:HomeDelivered-Meals@WheelingTownship.com).



## GIVE A GARDEN GIFT

Do you have a green thumb? Have you been nurturing your garden? As you take in those ripe tomatoes and other vegetables, please consider donating a portion of your harvest to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. The Giving Garden is a program in which residents from our community share the fruits of their labor with others. Since most Food Pantry items are non-perishable, the fresh produce is a welcome addition and a healthier alternative for the families using the pantry.

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



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES SOUGHT

When families are already on a tight budget, buying backpacks and school supplies for several children is an extra burden. The Ready 4 Success School Supplies Program seeks filled backpacks to be donated to low-income families in Wheeling Township. Families in need will be screened by the General Assistance Department to confirm residency and verify the household income is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, which is \$5,200 gross monthly for a family of 4.

Donors are asked to use the list below to purchase the supplies and fill the backpack prior to dropping it off at 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road. The approximate cost to purchase and fill a backpack with the contents below is \$100. If you want to donate but are unable to absorb the whole amount, please consider partnering with a friend or neighbor to split the cost. To be fair to all children participating in the program it is important that the contents of all backpacks be the same. **Filled backpacks will be received until Friday, August 2nd.**

If you are in need of receiving a filled backpack for your child, please call the General Assistance Department at 847-259-7730 or email [GA@wheelingtowship.com](mailto:GA@wheelingtowship.com) prior to July 26th to make an appointment to apply.



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

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



# SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

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

## "The Constitutional Convention"

**Tuesday, July 16**

**10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Zoom**

Join local historian and foreign policy analyst Gary Midkiff as he talks about the Articles of Confederation (which had been a disaster), and how Alexander Hamilton and James Madison decided that a new governing framework was needed through a meeting of all states. This became known as the Constitutional Convention. You must register: 847-259-7730.



## Maintain Your Balance

**Friday, August 2nd**

**10 a.m.– 11:30 a.m In Person**

Wondering how to maintain or improve your balance? Endeavor Health/NCH Physical therapists *Marie & Bill Aquino* will be here to share ideas and exercises to keep you safe and reduce your risk of falling. This is an in-person program, and *attendance is strictly limited to 30. Registration required: 847-259-7730.*



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## Wheeling Township Transportation

*...Much more than just a ride!*

**Looking for safe and 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, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Call as soon as possible to reserve your ride, as buses fill up quickly (you may call up to 30 days in advance for medical appointments).

**How much?** \$2 each way.

**How do I sign up?** Call the transportation department with questions – or for an application. Applications can also be found online at [www.wheelingtowship.com](http://www.wheelingtowship.com) under "services."

**Call today for more information: 847-259-7743.**

**Medicare can be complicated...**

## SHIP Could Help!

If you are enrolled in Medicare, are close to enrolling in Medicare, or have health insurance questions, Wheeling Township's SHIP Counselors may be able to help you. SHIP Counselors **objectively** counsel Medicare beneficiaries, their caregivers or representatives who have Medicare questions.

Our five dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers are extensively trained by the **Illinois Department On Aging** to assist Medicare participants with understanding their benefit coverage, helping with filing medical bills and claims, explaining Medicare Supplemental and Part D Insurance, and providing resolution support for problems. Our SHIP Counselors also help with Benefit Access. Call 847-259-7730 to make an appointment.



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

**MEDICARE  
& YOU**

Medicare Open Enrollment

October 15 - December 7



## Low Vision Products Road Show

**Monday, September 23rd**

**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

The free Low Vision Products Road Show welcomes the public to experience state-of-the-art LOW VISION technology such as CCTVs, portable reading devices, and much more, including independent living aids, lighting, and even sun wear. Test each product and receive training from expert staff who can advise on the right tools to improve your quality of life. Free!

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Location: Wheeling Township office.** For more info, call 847-259-7730, ext. 21.





## Improve Your Driving Skills... Secretary of State "Rules of the Road" Review Course

This FREE, two-hour Secretary of State Refresher Course will help prepare you for your driving test and soothe those road test jitters! This class is designed to give drivers the knowledge and confidence needed to renew a driver's license. The review course combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination. Call today to register: 847-259-7730.

**Date: Thursday, August 8**

**Time: 10 a.m. – Noon**

**Location: Wheeling Township Office**



**AARP –  
SMART DRIVER  
COURSE**

### TUNE UP YOUR DRIVING SKILLS

The AARP Smart Driver Course is designed to help you tune up your driving skills, learn about normal age-related physical changes and how to adjust your driving to compensate, and reduce your chances of receiving a traffic violation or getting into an accident. Upon the completion of the eight hour, two-session class, you will be issued a certificate which may be submitted to your automobile insurance company for a discount on your auto insurance. You must attend both sessions to get the certificate.

Cost: \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-AARP members. Checks or cash accepted; checks should be made payable to AARP and brought to the first class. Classes are held at the Wheeling Township building. **Dinner is not provided, so you may bring a sandwich with you. Coffee, water and cookies will be available.**

Call 847-259-7730 to register.

**Date/Time: 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., both days:**

**Monday 9/23 & Thursday 9/26**



## Get a Free Amplified Phone

**Test hard-of-hearing free  
phones at Wheeling Township**

**Monday, August 19th**

Do you have trouble hearing on the phone (landline or cell)? Test the ITAC amplified phones and amplified cell phone attachments at the Wheeling Township offices on **Monday, August 19th from 10:00am - 2:00pm**. Free amplified telephones and cellphone attachments are available to qualified Illinois residents with a hearing loss. **Participants MUST make appointments by calling Schaumburg Township at 847-884-0030 in advance. Appointments will be held at Wheeling Township. NO walk-ins.**



## Does Your Home Need to be Painted?

**You may qualify to participate in the  
Community Paint-A-Thon**



Do you own your home – and does the exterior need to be painted? Learn whether you may qualify to get your home painted for FREE as part of the **37th**



**Annual Community Paint-A-Thon.** Who qualifies? Residents 60 or older, or with a permanent disability, or a Veteran, and have limited financial resources. Homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficient condition so that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. Paint Day is Saturday, September 7th. **Applications are due by MID-JULY, 2024. Call 847-259-7730, ext 21 for more information and an application.**

Paint-A-Thon is also a major VOLUNTEER event – and we're always looking for teams of volunteers! Teams are recruited from businesses, houses of worship, schools, social service and civic groups (volunteers must be at least 16). If you're interested in applying to get your home painted, or to learn more about volunteering on Paint-Day as part of a team, contact Lynndah Lahey, Wheeling Township's Director of Senior & Disability Services at 847-259-7730, ext. 21.



**Wheeling Township Report, Inc.**

1616 N. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004  
847-259-7730

**[www.wheelingtowship.com](http://www.wheelingtowship.com)**

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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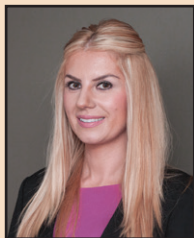
## WHEELING TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



Kathy Penner  
**SUPERVISOR**



Ken Jochum  
**ASSESSOR**



Joanna Gauza  
**TOWN CLERK**



Patricia Kozicki  
**TRUSTEE**



Jeanne Hamilton  
**TRUSTEE**



Joe Murglin  
**TRUSTEE**



Darrel Talken  
**TRUSTEE**

## HELP TO FILL THE FOOD PANTRY SHELVES

Summertime is challenging for the Food Pantry. With children eating at home for all three meals daily, the need rises, just as food drives connected to school activities or scouting are lost. During the three months of June, July and August, the increase of pantry usage from 2023 compared to 2022 was 78% higher. Since overall usage has increased in 2024, the summer spike is expected to continue. Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation!

Unknown to many is the fact that non-food items are not allowed to be purchased with SNAP benefits. Formerly called Food Stamps, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, can not be used to buy paper & personal essential items needed every day like toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. The food pantry has separate shelves dedicated to these items, but they are often empty.

When shopping during the summer months, please consider buying a few extra items for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. Both food and non-food items are always appreciated. The list below can be clipped and taken with you as you shop.

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|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers           | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Detergent | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaving Cream   | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dish Soap         | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Hand Soap  | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap/Shower Gel | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Meat Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant         | <input type="checkbox"/> Napkins           | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Products | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels      | <input type="checkbox"/> Beans           | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kleenex           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo           | <input type="checkbox"/> Beverages       | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks               |