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- Omni Youth Services
- P.H.D.
- Salvation Army
- Shelter, Inc.
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- Children's Advocacy Center
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- Countryside
- Escorted Transportation Services
- Faith Community Homes
- GERO Solutions
- Hands On Suburban Chicago
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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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REPORT

WINTER 2014

From the Supervisor... Michael B. Schroeder



My heartfelt thanks goes to all the generous donors that helped us make a wonderful holiday for so many. There were food drives, Wish Tree gifts, monetary donations, gift cards, turkeys, hams and Adopt-a-Family presents. So many of you also gave your time and energy and we appreciate each and every one of you. We are grateful to be part of such a giving community. There were 4,648 visits to the food pantry last year and with your help, we were able to assist 266 families with Thanksgiving baskets and 684 children with gifts at Christmas.

Wishing all of you many blessings in 2014.



▲ Buffalo Grove, Hersey & Wheeling Hockey Team



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▲ LaVelle Law, LTD with Mayor Thomas Hayes, State Rep. Elaine Neckritz, & U.S. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky



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▲ Munch's Supply of Wheeling



▲ Volunteers from Northridge Prep Catholic School



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SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

CALL 847-259-7730 to register for any of the programs & services offered through Wheeling Township.

SENIOR SCENE PROGRAMS

SENIOR SCENE programs, hosted by the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory & Action Council provide educational opportunities for all seniors. The timely topics and lively discussion offer older adults a chance to expand their knowledge and share fellowship.

Just call our office to register for the upcoming free programs offered at the Wheeling Township Center on the following dates. **Registration is limited, so call now to reserve your place!**



Strengthening...

MAINTAIN & BUILD BODY STRENGTH

Tuesday, March 11 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Physical therapists from Northwest Community Healthcare will provide an interactive class on initiation or progression of your strengthening program. If you are a newbie or an avid exerciser, come and learn how to safely do your exercises from trained clinicians. Learn how you can start or improve an exercise strength training that will help you maintain your independence in performing activities of daily life.

It's Never Too Late to Volunteer...

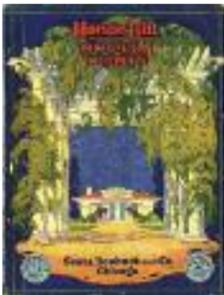
**SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENTS
HELPING OTHERS...**

Tuesday, April 15 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Wondering what you can do with your time? What can you do to make a difference? Through volunteering you will meet new people...create new experiences...make new connections to stay actively involved. Just ask, Jack and Diane Ferguson, who have been delivering Meals On Wheels for Wheeling Township twice a month for over five years.



April's program will offer you a variety of volunteer choices, presented by Bruce Cruz, Career Advocate and member of the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory Council; Linda McLaughlin, HandsOn Suburban Chicago – RSVP Program Manager and Chris Guth, Assistant Director of Senior & Disability Services for Wheeling Township.



Sears Homes of Chicagoland
YOU LOVE OLD HOMES?

Tuesday, May 13 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

From 1908 to 1942, Sears, Roebuck and Company sold about 65,000 ready-to-build kit homes through catalogs. Despite the rash of teardowns in the Chicago area, some of these houses have managed to survive...undiscovered treasures that are hidden in plain sight.

Lara Solonickne's presentation will feature the kit homes still standing in Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Des Plaines, and neighboring communities. Lara lives in Arlington Heights. She is an architecture enthusiast, blogger and the founder of *Sears Homes of Chicagoland*.

EXPLORE THE SECRETS OF YOUR HEART

Tuesday, May 20 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Looking for ongoing support as you, a member of your family or a friend face the challenges of living with heart disease? A volunteer organization, **Mended Hearts**, is a partner with Northwest Community Healthcare, providing up-to-date information on cardiovascular disease and support for patients and their families. **Mended Hearts'** members live in our local communities and will be at the Township Center on Tuesday, May 20 to share experiences, and listen to your concerns. Learn how you can become involved and be proactive through **Mended Hearts** meetings and social programs. You are under no obligation to join the local Chapter – just come and enjoy.



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES...

More Than Just a Ride!

Unable to drive? Looking for safe and affordable transportation? If you are age 60 and over or age 18 and over with a permanent disability, the Wheeling Township Transportation services may be an answer for your transportation needs. Our service hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday within the Wheeling Township boundaries, with some exceptions for medical services.



If you are in need of our transportation services, please call the Wheeling Township Transportation Department at (847) 259-7743 for program services and eligibility.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Wheeling Township recognizes the importance of older adults to remain living independently in their homes and their communities.

The following health services, administered by the Township nurse, are available by appointment, for residents 60 years and over.

Tuesdays & Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Blood Pressure (no charge)
- Blood Sugar Screening (\$1 charge)
- INR & PRO Time – Anticoagulation Therapy Testing (\$6 charge)



Cholesterol Screening:

2nd & 4th Thursday of Each Month • 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Available to residents 18 years & older)

Eight hour fasting (water only) lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and blood sugar (\$15.00 charge) Cholesterol screenings require drawing of a blood sample from the fingertip.

At-home hemocult screening tests available for \$4.00

**New Service offered at the
Township Center...**

**ALZHEIMER'S
CAREGIVER
SUPPORT GROUP**



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 has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Illinois Chapter to offer a monthly support group for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease. The support group is designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers through monthly scheduled meetings.

Karen McNeir, R.N., B.S.N. and Kris Freeman, M.A. will be Co-Facilitators of this group, offering help to participants in developing coping methods and encouraging caregivers to maintain their personal, physical and emotional health, as well as providing optimal care for the person with dementia.

The Caregiver Support Group will begin **Tuesday, May 20 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm at the Township Center**. Please contact Karen or Kris at 847-259-7730 to learn more details about this new service.

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM – SHIP



State & Federal Programs guidelines can be complicated... SHIP Could Help You!

If you are enrolled in Medicare or have health insurance questions, our SHIP volunteers may be able to help you. Our counselors are trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance to assist Medicare and Medicaid participants with understanding their benefit coverage, helping with fil-

ing 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.

Medicare and health insurance can be complicated and challenging systems to evaluate, understand and access. 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.

If you are a member of a local civic group, faith community or an organization that would like to learn more about Medicare and how recent changes might affect you, our SHIP volunteers are available to come and speak to your group.

You can make an appointment to meet with a SHIP volunteer at the Township or arrange for our counselors to speak to your group by calling 847-259-7730.

STOP IN TO IMPROVE YOUR DRIVING SKILLS...

Secretary of State RULES OF THE ROAD Review Course

The one-session Secretary of State Refresher Course will help prepare you for your driving test and soothe those road test jitters! The review course, taught by knowledgeable volunteers, combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination.



If you are interested in this course, offered from 9:30 a.m. – noon on the following Thursdays, please call our office to register:

■ March 13 ■ May 8 ■ July 10

SAVE TIME AND STAY IN YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD

SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE AT THE TOWNSHIP ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 • 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Call for an appointment...Services available include vision screening, duplicate license, corrected license, driver's license renewal, State I.D. card.

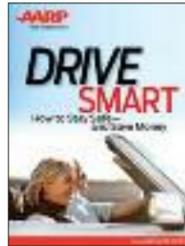
AARP – SMART DRIVER COURSE Tune Up Your Driving Skills...

This the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. In cooperation with AARP, Wheeling Township offers the AARP Smart Driver Course, designed to help you tune up your driving skills. Call our office to register for one of the following two day sessions. A \$15.00 charge for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members applies for the two session class. Checks should be made payable to AARP and mailed or dropped off at the Township Office prior to your first class.

Class is on Monday & Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

■ March 3 & March 5 ■ April 7 & April 9 ■ May 5 & May 7 ■ June 2 & June 4

Upon the completion of the two-session class, you will be issued a certificate, which may be submitted to your auto insurance company for a possible discount.



RING, RING! Test the Amplified Telephones!

Do you have trouble hearing on the phone? Join Wheeling Township & Schaumburg Township Disability Services on **Thursday, June 19 10a.m. – 3 p.m.** to test the ITAC fee amplified telephones and learn more about getting a free amplified phone. (Clients are also 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 form
- Have a licensed physician, speech pathologist, audiologist or designated DHS/DRS counselor sign the application form certifying the applicant is deaf, hard-of-hearing, Speech-Disabled or Deaf-Blind

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

The Mobile Dental Clinic is a partnership with Northwest Community Hospital and Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling Townships. It provides necessary dental care to residents who do not have resources to go to a general dentist. Residents must meet financial guidelines and there is a cost of \$30 per visit. Services are by appointment only. Call us at 847-259-7730 to see if you qualify.



WITH SINCERE THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO ALL...

We send our heartfelt thanks to each private citizen who shared with us and to our schools, churches, business and community donors listed below:

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Arlington Heights Park District
Arlington Heights Sunset Rotary
Arlington Heights Women's Club
Arlington Lakes Golf Club
Arlington Painting
Arlington Park Racetrack
Arlington Pediatric Therapy Superstars
Block and Company
Books for Kids
Boy Scout Troop #37– St. Peter Lutheran Church
Brook Run Apartments
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Buffalo Grove High School
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Elite Soccer Community Organization
Executive Administration, Inc.
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FedEx
Fluid Management
First Church of Christ Scientist
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Girl Scouts—Patton Elementary School
Girl Scout Brownie Troop #40726
Girl Scout Daisy Troop #40531
Girl Scout Troop #276—Our Lady of the Wayside
Greenbrier Elementary School
Grace Lutheran Church
Greek American Rehab & Care
Harper College Student Nursing Association
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John Hersey High School – Service Over Self
Kids In Need
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Northwest Community Hospital – Wellness Ctr.
Northwest Life Member Club
Northwest Suburban Montessori School
NWSRA
Olive Mary Stitt Elementary School
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Confirmation Group
Our Saviour's Chair Yoga
Plexus
Prospect Heights Public Library
Prudential Stark

Read to Learn
Redemption Bible Church
Re/Max Suburban
Regent Park Homeowner's Association
Riley Elementary School – SPIN
River North Business Association
Robert Frost Elementary School
Rolling Green Country Club – 9 Hole
Golf League
Rolling Green Woman's Club
Rotary Club Mount Prospect/Arlington Hts
Shure Incorporated
South Middle School
St. James Christ Renews His Parish Team 5
St. Joseph Club of Italian Americans
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Sunshine Tuesday School
Superior Overnight Services
Taylor Plumbing, Inc.
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Teddy's Liquors
The Penray Companies Inc.
The Pointe Apartments
The Pursam Group
The Webb Foundation
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Willow Creek Small Group
Windsor Elementary School
Worsham College of Mortuary Science

From the Assessor – Jerry Sadler

SENIOR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WERE MAILED

The Cook County Assessor's Office mailed senior citizen renewal applications for senior citizen property tax exemptions in early January. Seniors were to return the forms to the Cook County Assessor's office by February 5, 2014, or as soon thereafter as possible. Under current law, Senior Exemptions must be renewed every year. It is not too late to return the forms if you have not yet done so.

The renewal form that was mailed is a two-part application. **The upper part of the renewal application must be completed, signed and returned to the Cook County Assessor by all seniors who are entitled to the senior exemption on their principal residence.** The Senior Freeze portion need only be completed and signed by those seniors who qualify for the Senior Freeze exemption. Total household income for the Senior Freeze exemption cannot exceed \$55,000 for the **2012 income tax year and the senior must have resided in the home as a principal residence for January 1, 2012, and January 1, 2013.** The senior applications that have been mailed are for 2013 property taxes payable in 2014. The savings from the exemptions will appear on the second installment tax bills scheduled to be mailed in July of 2014.

Eligibility for Senior Citizen Exemptions (Born in 1948 or Earlier)

There are two senior citizen property tax exemptions:

- 1) The Senior Exemption, available to all seniors regardless of income, reduces the Equalized Assessed Value on your 2nd Installment bill by 5,000. That can equate into a savings of \$400 or more annually on the property tax bill.
- 2) The Senior Freeze may provide some seniors with additional savings if the combined income of all occupants in a senior's household is less than \$55,000 (for income tax year 2012), and if the senior has been an owner-occupant of the house since January 1, 2012.

Exemptions can only be taken on one property, and that must be the owner's principal residence. One senior/senior freeze exemption per household is permitted.

If you have questions, need a form or help in completing the form, please contact us at **847-259-1515** or visit the Wheeling Township Assessor's office. We ask that you have your property index number available when you call or visit with any property tax questions.

Homeowners who were born in 1948 and turned sixty-five in 2013 will not receive senior application forms when the senior renewal forms are mailed. A first-time applicant must complete the 2013 Homeowner/Senior Exemption application or the 2013 Senior Freeze application and attach a copy of the most recent property tax bill and a current driver's license at the address of the subject property or a valid Illinois State I.D. The forms are available online at www.cookcountyassessor.com or from our office. They can be mailed to the address on the form or dropped at our office for forwarding to the Cook County Assessor's office.

Homeowners who were born in 1949 and will turn 65 in 2014 will not be eligible for the senior exemptions until 2015 when Cook County property owners pay on property taxes for 2014.

New Homeowner Packets and Disabled Persons and Disabled Veterans **renewal** exemption forms will be mailed later this year.

From the Highway Commissioner Scott Saewart

What is a Critical Facility and Why is it Important?

Some buildings or places are of such importance to a community that they must remain accessible and able to operate even during a flood, tornado or other natural disaster. For example, hospitals and fire stations need to remain in operation for the rescue and treatment of injured people. Water treatment facilities and wastewater treatment plants are needed to provide potable water and safe living conditions for residents.

Federal regulations require local governments preparing hazard mitigation plans to define which facilities and infrastructure are critical to the community's ability to respond to and recover from the impacts of natural hazards. This definition is then used to create an inventory of all critical facilities in the planning area.

During a disaster, communities need to provide essential services to their residents. To do that, roads and bridges must be accessible, police and fire departments need power and fuel for their vehicles, and shelters need potable water and electricity. Identifying critical facilities within a community helps leaders plan for the impacts and ensure that they will be able to continue providing those services.

As a member of the Cook County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Steering Committee (SC), part of our mission is to develop a list of the critical facilities for Cook County.

For myself and my staff, thank you for the pleasure of serving you! If you have any questions or if we can be of service, please call our office at 847-259-7730.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

Many Opportunities to Serve



The Pearson Literacy-Math Fun Representatives in Glenview joined together to collect new toys for the Township's annual Make A Difference Day for children with disabilities and their families. Although the employees' professional positions are creating and writing children's text books, they volunteered their time and donated their resources to help contribute to this Township program.

We are so very grateful!



Thank you to: (left to right) Row 1: Jessica White, Heather Cooper, Row 2: Chris Batty, Susan Sheehan, JoAnn Revak, Susan Graef, Row 3: Owen O'Malley, Cathleen Nilles, Jim McPherson, Elizabeth Nielsen Not pictured: John Miller & Nancy Winship.

From the Clerk — Joanna Gauza

VOTER REGISTRATION

The Illinois Primary Elections for Governor and Congress are scheduled for March 18, 2014. If you have just moved into the Township, have moved to another residence, 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 9:00-4:30. All you need are two forms of identification (one showing your current address), be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years of age or older by the next election, and live in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. For naturalized citizens, you must prove the date of your naturalization. You may also register to vote at the Cook County Clerk's Office at 69 W. Washington Street, Room 500, Chicago or at the Rolling Meadows Court House, Clerk's Office, located at the corner of Wilke and Euclid in Rolling Meadows. The last day to register to vote is February 18, 2014. **Remember - Once you have registered, you do not need to re-register unless you move or change your name.**

MOST SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLDS CAN VOTE

Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, most Illinois 17-year-olds will be eligible to register and vote in a primary election. U.S. citizens who were born on or before Nov. 4, 1996 can register and vote in the March 18, 2014 Primary Election because they will turn 18 by the November 4, 2014 General Election.

JUDGES OF ELECTION

Two positions are available for working Election Day, election judge and equipment manager. Election judges can receive up to \$175 and equipment managers \$300 because of greater training and responsibilities. The positions require working Election Day, successfully completing training and assisting with polling place set-up before Election Day. If you would like to serve as an election judge or equipment manager for the March 18, 2014 Primary Election, contact your Republican headquarters at 847-632-1774 or Democratic headquarters at 847-253-9032. You may get information by visiting the Cook County Clerk's website. To qualify, you must be a registered voter and live in Cook County.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS

If you have someone in your household or a child away at school who cannot get to the polls to vote, an absentee ballot application can be sent to him or her just by

calling the Clerk's Office, 847-259-7730. You can also download an application on line by going to "cookcountyclerk.com". When arriving at the site, go to the left side of the page to "Mail Voting", then to "Apply to Vote by Mail", and then download an application.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting will be held at the Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. It will start March 3, 2014 and continue through March 15, 2014. The hours are: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 – 5:00; Sunday, 9:00-3:00. In an effort to prevent vote fraud and double voting, the State law requires early voters to display identification to an election official before receiving a ballot. Valid forms of identification include a driver's license, state issued ID card or another government-issued ID with a photograph. Voters who participate in early voting must vote in person. Your ballot will remain secret and securely stored, just as state law calls for, by the judges of election serving here. The names of the early voters are available to the public and are updated each day during early voting.

KEY DATES

- 2/06/2014** First day mail ballots will be sent out
- 2/18/2014** Last day to register to vote
- 2/19/2014** First day of grace period registration and voting
- 3/03/2014** First day of Early Voting
- 3/13/2014** Last day to request a mail ballot, including military & overseas voters
- 3/15/2014** Last day of Early Voting
- 3/15/2014** Last day of grace period registration and voting
- 3/16/2014** In-person absentee voting begins at Clerk's downtown Chicago office
- 3/17/2014** Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office

In-person absentee voting continues at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers

- 3/18/2014** Election Day