



REPORT

From the Desk of the Supervisor – Maria Zeller Brauer



Dear Neighbors,

I hope you had a chance to enjoy the Fourth of July and spend time with family, friends, and neighbors! This year also marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, reminding us how important community, connection, and service continue to be today.

Here in Wheeling Township, that spirit shows up every day in the ways neighbors support one another.

Our **Ready 4 Success School Supply Program** is one of the most impactful examples of neighbors helping neighbors. With the rising costs of everyday essentials like food and gas, purchasing school supplies can place a real strain on families. Through this program, donors are invited to purchase and fill backpacks with essential items. Each backpack represents more than supplies; it is a gesture of support for a child as they begin a new school year. If you are able, I encourage you to participate or help spread the word so that every student in need can start the year prepared and confident.

Summer is also the perfect time to give back through our **Giving Garden initiative** and support the Township's food pantry. Residents are invited to donate fresh produce grown in their own gardens, offering a healthy and welcome alternative to canned goods. These donations are deeply appreciated by the families we serve and play an important role in meeting ongoing needs. Whether you have a small harvest or an abundance to share, your generosity helps nourish neighbors throughout our community.

Caring for our community also means supporting overall health and well-being. The **Community Mental Health Board** continues to partner with local organizations to ensure residents have access to services related to mental health, substance use, and developmental disabilities. Their "at-a-glance" directory makes it easier to find support close to home, and it serves as an important reminder that help is always available, including through the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. In partnership with our Senior & Disability Services Department, the Board will host a September webinar focused on help, hope, and recovery, offering valuable tools for supporting mental wellness.

Our **Senior & Disability Services programs** remain a cornerstone of connection and support in Wheeling Township. For residents who may have difficulty leaving home, the Home Delivered Meal Program provides fresh, mid-day meals delivered by caring volunteers, ensuring both nutrition and a point of human connection. At the same time, a wide range of educational programs and workshops, from scam prevention to fall prevention and health education, help residents stay informed, safe, and independent. Services such as transportation, SHIP Medicare counseling, and access to adaptive technology like amplified phones are all part of our commitment to helping older adults remain connected. We encourage residents and families to explore these offerings and take advantage of the many ways the Township supports well-being at every stage of life.

We also remain committed to making Township services more accessible and responsive. The **Assessor's Office** has introduced a new streamlined appeal process that allows property owners to receive assistance with both the Cook County Assessor and the Board of Review in a single step, either in person or by email. Property taxes can often feel overwhelming, and this improved approach reflects our ongoing effort to simplify the process while continuing to advocate for residents.

Looking ahead, the **Clerk's Office** reminds us of the importance of civic participation. The General Election will take place on November 3, 2026, and now is the time to confirm your voter registration. Whether you are new to the Township or need to update your information, assistance is available both in person and online. Participating in elections is one of the most meaningful ways we can stay engaged and help shape our shared future.

Finally, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated staff, volunteers, and community partners who make this work possible each day. From organizing backpack donations, to receiving fresh produce, to delivering meals and providing essential services, your commitment strengthens our Township and reflects the very best of our community.

As always, I invite you to stay connected, get involved, and reach out if we can be of service. Together, we continue to build a community rooted in compassion, connection, and care.

With gratitude and commitment,

Maria Zeller Brauer

Township Supervisor

P.S. Be sure to sign up for the Township's new monthly eNewsletter! (See back page)

A WORD FROM THE ASSESSOR

Ken Jochum

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE?

We are happy to announce a new one stop appeal process which will enable taxpayers to appeal at both the Cook County Assessor as well as the Board of Review by visiting or emailing our office once rather than making two trips.

If you visit our office we will enroll you in the process for the tax year.

If you prefer to use email, the following **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS** should be used: appeal@wheelingtowship.com

To request assistance with an appeal to the Cook County Assessor and Cook County Board of Review please include the following:

SUBJECT LINE: Property Index Number

BODY OF EMAIL: Name, address and request that your appeal be filed by our office.

You will receive an email confirmation from the Township and a mailed decision letter from the agencies a few months after the closing date.

We will notify you of opening dates and other appeal information as it becomes available.

Condos: Check with your association, or an appeal can be submitted online at cookcountyassessoril.gov

If you are on the Senior Freeze, there is no need to appeal, the Assessed Value is frozen.

A RERESHER ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

The property tax process can seem overwhelming and for good reason. In Illinois there are over 8,500 taxing districts, the highest number of any state in the Union. In Wheeling Township, which is thirty-six square miles, there are approximately 56 taxing districts which tax property owners. The average property owner in Wheeling Township pays real estate tax for 10 to 15 of those taxing districts. While this may seem daunting enough, consider that the taxpayer may also be impacted by the Cook County Assessor, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Board of Review, Property Tax Appeal Board, Circuit Court, Department of Revenue and the State Government all of which play a part in the Real Estate Tax process.

How can the average property owner navigate, manage, question and clarify information, much less impact and influence these agencies which are "working for them?" Enter the Township Assessor.

The Township Assessor in Cook County is unique in the State since they do not assess property but act as taxpayer advocates focusing on the following:

INFORM: Providing outreach communications as well as being available for questions, in person and by phone or email.

NAVIGATE: Assistance regarding which people and offices need to be contacted for various property related issues.

ADVOCATE: Providing guidance for property tax appeals and recommending properties which are comparable to their property.

EMPOWER: Guide and direct those taxpayers who wish to identify, contact and communicate with the taxing districts which they fund.

The Wheeling Township Assessor's office has experienced and qualified staff, including Certified Illinois Assessing Officers, who understand the process and have empathy, since they are all property owners, taxpayers and neighbors.

Wheeling Township, with over 2 billion dollars of assessed value, contributes significantly to alleviating the costs of all 56 taxing districts in the area.

We stand ready to serve you, feel free to call 847-259-or stop in to our office at any time.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Joanna Gauza

NOVEMBER 3, GENERAL ELECTION & VOTER REGISTRATION

The General Election will be held on November 3, 2026. This election will determine the Illinois Governor, a U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressional Representatives, Illinois State Legislative offices and other local governing officials. In fact, candidates are already campaigning for the General Election. Now is a good 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 November 3, 2026, and to have lived in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. 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 in-person during early voting or on Election Day. If you want to vote by mail, please contact Cook County at <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail> to request a mail ballot.



Key Dates for the November 3, 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election

Date	Event
10/6/2026	Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials
10/18/2026	Last day to register to vote by online application
10/19/2026	First day of early voting
10/26/2026	Last day to request a mail ballot , including military and overseas voters
11/2/2026	Last day of early voting
11/3/2026	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
11/3/2026	Election Day



WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

As Summer begins and families across Wheeling Township enjoy community events, vacations, and time together, it is also important to reflect on the health and well-being of our Township community. This includes ensuring residents know where to find support for mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disability services.

Every day individuals and families face challenges that may require professional care, compassionate support, and strong local connections. Through careful stewardship of taxpayer resources, the Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board partners with local organizations to help ensure needed services are available close to home.

To support our mission of ensuring every Wheeling Township resident is aware of and can access these resources, the Community Mental Health Board has developed a brief, “at-a-glance” directory of partner organizations. This directory is designed to help residents quickly identify local support services and is available on the Community Mental Health Board page of the Wheeling Township website: www.wheelingtowship.com/Community-Mental-Health-Board.

We encourage residents to explore this directory to learn more about the support available in our community. We also want to remind residents that help is available 24/7 by calling or texting 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for yourself or a loved one.

In recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and National Recovery Month in September, the Community Mental Health Board, in partnership with the Township’s Senior & Disability Services Department, will present a webinar titled “Help, Hope, & Recovery – Supporting Mental Health in Wheeling Township.” To register for this Zoom webinar taking place on September 16th at 10:00 AM, please call the Township’s main number at 847-259-7730. We encourage all residents to participate and learn more about fostering hope, accessing help, and supporting recovery.

In closing, we extend our sincere appreciation to Township officials, residents, community partners, and service providers for their continued engagement and support as the Community Mental Health Board works to strengthen our community and enhance quality of life throughout Wheeling Township.

Bill Dixon

President Pro Tem

Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board

P.S. As of July 1st, please congratulate Wheeling Township Trustee, Lorri Grainawi as the new Community Mental Health Board President.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY 2026-2027 FUNDED AGENCIES

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| ■ Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. (Foundation) | ■ JOURNEYS The Road Home |
| ■ Ascension Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health | ■ Kenneth Young Center |
| ■ Avenues to Independence | ■ Kindred Life Ministries |
| ■ Cancer Wellness Center | ■ Little City |
| ■ Center for Enriched Living | ■ Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault |
| ■ Children’s Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County | ■ Northwest Compass Inc |
| ■ Clearbrook | ■ OMNI |
| ■ Gerry’s Café | ■ SEARCH, INC SEARCH360 |
| ■ Glenkirk | ■ Shelter Inc |
| ■ Hopeful Beginnings | ■ Special Leisure Services Foundation NWSRA |
| ■ Josselyn | ■ Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook |
| | ■ Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center |

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?

Giving garden season is

Already upon us.

Ready your soil and plant those seeds.

Donate your produce to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry!

Everyone enjoys a fresh, healthier alternative to canned vegetables.

Neighbors sharing their harvest helps others.

Fresh vegetables are received by Wheeling Township in the Supervisor's Office 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.



HELP CHILDREN START THE SCHOOL YEAR OFF RIGHT...

With the rising costs of food and gasoline, buying school supplies for several children can be a real burden for families struggling financially. The **Ready 4 Success School Supplies Program** seeks **filled** backpacks for low-income families who live in Wheeling Township. Families in need are screened to confirm residency and verify the household income is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, which is \$5,500 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 \$100-125. 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 Monday, August 3rd.

If you are a low-income family in need of receiving a filled backpack for your child, please call the Social Services Department at 847-259-7730 or email GA@wheelingtowship.com prior to July 31st to make an appointment to apply.

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

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| ■ Backpack | ■ Pencils – 20 |
| ■ Big eraser or 6 small erasers | ■ Red pen |
| ■ Binder – 3 ring | ■ Ruler |
| ■ Black pens – 5 | ■ Scissors |
| ■ Blue pens – 5 | ■ Sharpie marker |
| ■ Colored pencils | |
| ■ Crayons | |
| ■ Folders – 4 | |
| ■ Glue bottle | |
| ■ Glue sticks – 3 | |
| ■ Highlighters – 2 | |
| ■ Markers | |
| ■ Notebook paper | |
| ■ Pencil case | |



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

Upcoming Programs

Predators of Illinois' Past

**Brian Winters, River Trail Nature Center
Thursday, July 30, 10 – 11:30am on Zoom**

Did you know that Illinois used to be filled with predators like black bears, gray wolves, cougars and other large mammals like bison and caribou? Why and when did they disappear? Learn about our landscape today and who our occasional predatory visitors are. Don't miss this Zoom presentation. The program will be recorded, so you may sign up even if you cannot tune in on July 30. Call 847-259-7730 to register.



Protect Yourself from Scams & Fraud

**Katie Walsh, Cook County
Sheriff's Office**

**Friday, August 14, 10 – 11:30am
IN PERSON**



Learn how to protect yourself and your money. Join us for an informative presentation on how you can be on the lookout for the latest scams and fraud schemes going around. Our speaker will share the latest information on some of the many online, phone & mail scams. **This is an IN PERSON program at Wheeling Township. Call 847-259-7730 to register. Class size limited to 35.**

FALL PREVENTION

ATI Physical Therapy

**Friday, August 21, 10 – 11:30am
IN PERSON**

Falls may seem like no big deal, but they can be dangerous — especially as we age -- because they can lead to serious injuries, long-term disability, or even death. Join us as ATI PHYSICAL THERAPY physical therapists discuss common risk factors, how to recognize them, and provide practical tips you can start using right away to stay safe and independent. **This is an IN PERSON program at Wheeling Township. Call 847-259-7730 to register. Class size limited to 35.**



Other programs coming up!

- **8/27** "Alternative Medical Options – Explore Chiropractic & Acupuncture" Matt Eschenbaum & Lindy Camardella. **Zoom**
- **9/16** "Help, Hope, & Recovery – Supporting Mental Health in Wheeling Township" Karin Frisk, Wheeling Township Community Mental Health Board Executive Director. **Zoom**
- **9/18** "Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia" Alzheimer's Association **IN PERSON presentation**
- **9/25** "Open Enrollment – Why It's Important to Review Your Plans Every Year" Kim Saunchgrov, Wheeling Township Resource Specialist.

Zoom All programs begin at 10am Call 847-259-7730 to register



Get A Free Amplified Phone or Cellphone Attachment

**Try hard-of-hearing free apparatus at Wheeling Township
Friday, September 18**

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 **Friday, September 18, 10 am - 3 pm. 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 847-285-4541 in advance.** Appointments are held at the Wheeling Township building. NO walk-ins.

Super Senior Day

Friday, Sept 11, 10am – 2pm

We've got a great event planned with a number of local organizations on hand to help you! For more information, or to register for the Secretary of State, call Wheeling Township: 847-259-7730.



- **IL Secretary of State.** Get your Real ID, State ID, license plate stickers and more.

Appointments are required for Secretary of State – call the Township at 847-259-7730. No walk-ins.

Six other organizations on-site that day! Those listed below DO NOT require appointments – stop by anytime between 10am & 2pm

- **I-Pass** – Exchange your plastic transponder for the window sticker and get \$10 credit on your account!
- **RTA** – Sign up for your free Reduced Fare card if you're 65+ and learn about Ride Free, ADA & more
- **Illinois Lost Cash** – Discover if you've got cash or other assets in your name out there
- **VACCC** – Are you a Veteran? Learn all about their free service
- **Cook County Clerk** – Special discounts for seniors and more
- **SHIP** -- Senior Health Insurance Program Medicare specialists on hand to answer your questions

WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION

...So 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 to locations within the Township.

How do I sign up? Call the transportation department with questions – or for an application. Applications can also be found online at wheeling-township.com under “services.”

Call the Transportation Office for information and applications: 847-259-7743.



Wheeling Township's SHIP Counselors from L to R: Kim, Marvin, Tara, Bob, Dhun, Lou, Carol



Medicare is complicated...SHIP Will Help!

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

In addition to Wheeling Township's Resource Specialist, Kim Saunchgrow, we have six dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers who 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 assist with **Benefit Access.**

Did you know? If you are enrolled in a Medigap policy in Illinois and are between the ages of 65 and 75 years old, you have 45 days after your birthday each year to change your Medigap policy without being underwritten or answering health questions. The new policy must be equal or lesser coverage from your current Medigap carrier or **with any affiliate authorized to transact business in Illinois.** Our SHIP Counselors will review your options to switch based on your situation.

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period (October 15 – December 7) is just around the corner. **We'll start taking calls for Open Enrollment appointments beginning August 3.** Call the Township at 847-259-7730 to set your appointment up.



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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 the program work?

A hot, freshly prepared meal is delivered at mid-day, Monday-Friday, right to the door of the recipient by a friendly volunteer. The Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights makes the meals.

Cost of the meals?

Wheeling Township's program is a **self-pay** program: The hot meal costs \$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. Applicants must agree to receive meals 5 days a week for a minimum of 30 days.

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, contact Katie Ferguson, our Home Delivered Meal Program Coordinator, at 847-259-7730, ext. 19, or send an email to: HomeDeliveredMeals@Wheeling-Township.com.

Want to Volunteer?

We're always looking for a few more friendly faces! Come join our amazing team -- this program is successful because of the many dedicated volunteers who deliver meals throughout the year. Home Delivered Meal Program Volunteers must be available between 11 am – 1 pm. Routes and days are pre-assigned. For more information, call Katie Ferguson at 847-259-7730, ext. 19. Or send an email to HomeDeliveredMeals@Wheeling-Township.com.



Volunteer Larry Wollheim



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Hours: 9am- 4:30pm weekdays

Township Board Meetings: 7:00pm
on the fourth Tuesday of each month

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SUPERVISOR



Ken Jochum
ASSESSOR



Joanna Gauza
TOWN CLERK



Trisha Chokshi
TRUSTEE



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the QR code to the left!*



SCAN ME!

FOOD PANTRY TOP 5

While out shopping this Summer, please consider donating to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry:

Baking Goods: Flour, Oil, Sugar

Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Strawberry Jelly

Fruit: Applesauce, Fruit Cocktail, Mandarin Oranges, Peaches, Pears

Protein Items : Canned Chicken, Ham, Hash, Spam

Vegetables: Beets, Carrots, Mixed, Peas, Peas & Carrots

No time to Shop? The Food Pantry now has an Amazon Wishlist: **Scan the QR code above.** Thank you for your support!