WINTER/SPRING 2020



REPORT

From the Supervisor – Kathy Penner



Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

Wheeling Township's motto, **"Neighbors Helping Neighbors,"** is more than just a saying; it's a mission that is fulfilled on a yearly basis through an abundance of services and programs available to our residents. In addition to helping our seniors, persons with disabilities, and residents experiencing financial challenges, we also have many opportunities for residents to give back through donations and volunteerism — and hundreds get involved.

Year after year, I am amazed by the generosity of our residents. Township citizens give freely of their time, and their compassion toward their neighbors is inspiring. *It is clear to me that we take care of each other in this Township.*

Some of the many ways residents provided help - or received assistance last year - included:

- **Food Pantry:** 10,060 people were fed (2,171 of which were children under 18). We are grateful for the substantial monthly donations from private citizens, businesses and organizations. Many schools, businesses and organizations also held food drives throughout the year.
- Home Delivered Meals: 11,069 hot, nutritious meals were delivered to our homebound seniors and permanently disabled individuals. Thank you to 350+ volunteers from the community-at-large and the 25 churches which were involved in the delivery of the fresh meals, five days a week, including holidays.
- **Ready 4 Success:** 189 donated backpacks were filled with school supplies and provided to Township kids in need.
- Giving Garden: Residents with 'green thumbs' donated hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables so we could supplement shelf-stable products in the food pantry.
- Thanksgiving: A holiday meal was provided to 294 lower income families. Thank you to the residents and community groups who donated baskets overflowing with everything from rolls and stuffing to potatoes and dessert. Hundreds of donated gift cards, frozen cheesecakes and frozen turkeys were also distributed.
- Adopt-A-Family: 254 families participated in our annual holiday gift program, and thanks to the outstanding generosity of Township residents, community groups and businesses, the wish lists of those families were fulfilled! Each family received wrapped gifts and donated gift cards as part of their holiday package. Additionally, 122 kids coats were provided, and all the children were offered new books (donated by the Arlington Heights Memorial Library and the Indian Trails Public Library District).

All of us at Wheeling Township are indebted to the residents who remain steadfastly focused on helping their neighbors in need — every year. *Call us if you think you might benefit from receiving a service, or if you'd like to make a difference in your community, too.*

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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE Jerry Sadler

SENIOR FREEZE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS MAILED SENIOR EXEMPTIONS TO RENEW AUTOMATICALLY

Senior citizens no longer must file renewal forms for the Senior Exemption. A new law taking effect this year eliminates the annual renewal requirement for the Senior Exemption but remains in place for the Senior Freeze. Under the new law, property owners who received the Senior Exemption last year will have it automatically renewed this year (2019 tax year). Those seniors with the Senior Exemption received a post card informing them they do not need to apply this year, no action is required.

Prior recipients of the Senior Freeze received a renewal application in January. This exemption will need to be renewed every year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTIONS

(Born in 1954 or Earlier)

1) The **Senior Exemption** provides tax savings and is available to all seniors born in 1954 or earlier, and used the property as a principal residence in 2019. The Equalized Assessed Value is reduced by \$8,000. The \$8,000 is multiplied by the current tax rate and deducted from the second installment property tax bill.

2) The **Senior Freeze** provides seniors additional savings if the combined gross income of all occupants in the household is less than \$65,000 (income tax year 2018), and if the senior has been an owner-occupant of the house since January 1, 2018.

Exemptions can only be taken on one property and that must be the owner's principal residence.

The Wheeling Township Assessor's office is available to answer questions about the new law and assist with the application. Please contact us at 847-259-1515 or visit our office. We ask that you have the **14-digit property index number (PIN) available** which can be found at the top of the tax bill. If you need assistance filing the Senior Freeze, bring your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return (1040) and a drivers license or State I.D.

NEW SENIOR CITIZENS

Homeowners who were born in 1954 and turned 65 in 2019 will not receive senior application forms in the mail. A **first-time applicant** must complete the 2019 Senior Exemption application or the 2019 Senior Freeze application and attach a copy of a current driver's license, or a valid Illinois State I.D with the address of the subject property. See website for additional information and requirements regarding identification and occupancy. Forms are available at our office or at **www.cookcountyassessor.com.**

Homeowners born in 1955 and turn 65 in 2020 will be eligible for the Senior Exemptions in 2021 when Cook County property owners pay property taxes for 2020.

NEW HOMEOWNERS

New Homeowners who purchased their homes in 2018 will receive application forms in February.

DISABLED PERSONS AND DISABLED VETERANS RENEWAL FORMS

Disabled Persons or Disabled Veterans renewal exemption applications will be mailed in February, 2020. Disabled Veterans must provide a current VA letter.

2020 COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR APPEALS

Wheeling Township will tentatively open for appeals April 13. Please be advised the appeal period has moved from July and extended to 40 days. If you would like to appeal your 2020 assessed value, email **taxpayerassistance@wheelingtownship.com**, visit our office or contact us at 847-259-1515 in early April and we will provide comparables and instructions.

EXEMPTION TABLE EFFECTIVE 2017

	Homeowner	=10,000 x tax rate	Primary residence as of January 1st
	Senior	=8,000 x tax rate	Born in 1954 or before
	Senior Freeze live in home 2 full years from 1/1/2018	=Minimum of 2,000 x tax rate	2018 total household gross income under \$65,000
	Disabled Veteran	=2,500 x tax rate Need current letter from VA	30%-49% disabled
	Disabled Veteran	=5,000 x tax rate Need current letter from VA	50%-69% disabled
	Disabled Veteran	Up to 250,000 EAV exempt. Need current letter from VA	70% disabled or greater
	Disabled Person	=2,000 x tax rate Need Social Security Award Letter Or PTAX (Physician Statement)	Disabled in the year in question



FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE Joanna Gauza

2020 ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION

The presidential primaries are here. In this election, the various political parties will select their candidates for President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, Illinois State Legislative offices, and local judges. Illinois will hold its primary election on March 17, 2020.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

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 to vote if you wish to vote in the 2020 primary 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 on **November 3, 2020**, and to have lived in the Township for at least 30 days prior to the election. Seventeen-yearolds who 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 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 itself, doing so before Election Day helps to avoid the stress of completing the registration process at the polling site. Also remember, at the primary, you must declare a party and can only vote for that party in the primary election.

ELECTION JUDGES and POLLING PLACE TECHNICIANS

Every election in suburban Cook County requires a team of Election Judges and Polling Place Technicians. These poll workers are paid \$200-\$365

TOWNSHIP ROAD MANAGEMENT

Accomplished Last Year and Plans for 2020

During the summer and fall of 2019, we completed a road drainage restoration project along Morrison Ave. from Lee St. to the west end. This finishes the drainage work along the entire length of Morrison Ave. In addition, we did some drainage corrections along Brookfield Ave. between Lee St. and Woodland Dr., and did a drainage repair at the northwest home on Lee St. near Kensington Rd. This was followed by some pothole and road damage repairs on Portwine Rd., Forest View Dr. and Gregory St. in preparation for the winter snow plowing season.

During 2019, we also worked with the Cook County Land Bank on the demolition of three flood-prone properties: 101 Gregory St., 103 Gregory St. and 263 Woodland Dr. This was the culmination of many years of these homes flooding from the Des Plaines River, and requesting assistance and intervention from Cook County to remove them.

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 earns \$200.
- 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.

For information on signing up to work as an Election Judge or Polling Place Technician, please go to www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/ work-election-day. You can also contact the political parties. You may call the Democratic Party at (224) 544-9836 or the Republican Party at (847) 632-1774.

KEY DATES GENERAL ELECTION:

DATE	EVENT		
2/18/2020	Voter Registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials		
02/19/2020	First day of grace period registration and voting		
3/01/2020	Last day to register to vote by online application		
3/02/2020	First day of early voting		
3/12/2020	Last day to request a mail ballot , including military and overseas voters		
3/16 /2020	Last day of early voting		
3/16/2020	Last day of grace period registration and voting		
3/17/2020	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked		
3/17/2020	Election Day		

Although still in the planning stage, some of the projects anticipated for 2020 include:

- Road drainage restoration along Lee St. from Kensington Rd. to Anita Ave.
- Road resurfacing along Morrison Ave. from Lee St to the west end. This will complete the work on Morrison Ave.
- Road resurfacing along Lee St. from Kensington Rd. to at least Anita Ave., if not further south.

We also anticipate tackling a number of smaller annoying drainage issues at various locations throughout the unincorporated areas.

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.



The **2019** holiday programs were a tremendous success thanks to all of our caring neighbors! Bountiful Thanksgiving Baskets stuffed with food were given to 294 families. Generous donations of clothing and toys to the Adopt A Family Program helped to make Christmas special for 254 families, which included 655 children and 470 parents! Donations of **new coats** will keep **122 children** warm this winter. These programs would not be possible without all those who shared the true spirit of the season. A heartfelt thank you goes out to each and every private donor, as well as to the businesses, churches and community organizations listed on the right. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincere Thanks for y

You Really Helped Make Spirits Bright!!

ABC Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electric AccuQuote Addolorata Villa **Alligator Aquatics** Alpha Phi Chicago NW Suburban Alumnae American Legion Auxiliary #208 **Anne Sullivan Elementary School Arlington Adult Dentistry Arlington Club Condo Association Arlington Countryside Church Arlington Heights Garden Club** Arlington Heights Jr. Woman's Club Arlington Heights Memorial Library **Arlington Heights Moms Arlington Heights Park District Arlington Pediatrics Armenian Relief Society Chicago Zabelle** Chapter ATA/GMT Title 85 **Athletico Arlington Heights** Athletico Prospect Heights **Athletico Wheeling Baird & Warner Benefit Express Booth Tarkington Elementary School Boy Scout Troop 32 BG/H/W Stampede Hockey Club Brookdale Senior Living Buffalo Grove High School-Orchesis Cambridge Women's Club Christian Church of Arlington Heights Church World Service, Inc.** CJBS, LLC **Clerics of St. Viator Giving Garden College of American Pathologists Congregation Beth Am Continuity of Care NW Metro Chapter Cub Scout Pack 129 Cub Scout Pack 161 Cub Scout Pack 169** Cub Scout Pack 333 **Daugherty Business Solutions District 214 Literacy Tutor Program** Drost Kivlahan McMahon & O'Connor, LLC

Dryden Book Club E.A. Weber – Weber Flavors **EcoShield Pest Control Evolve Financial Elite Soccer Community Organization First Person Live Fisher Clinical Services Fit4Mom Chicago Frictionless Solutions** Girl Scout Troop 45213 **Godey Questers Gourmet's Delight, Inc. Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Hancock Square Handy Button Machine Company Happy Old Guys Home Depot of Mount Prospect Hope Lutheran Church IDEX** Corporation **Indian Trails Public Library District Inspyr Studios John Hersey High School Kiddie Academy of Mount Prospect Kopka Pinkus Dolin Korean Central United Methodist Church** L.A. Tan **Lions Club of Arlington Heights Foundation** Little Elves "Stock The Shelves" **Living Christ Lutheran Church** Luther Village Enrichment Foundation Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Lynfred Winery, Inc. **Marriage Encounter Maverick Pools McNulty School of Irish Dance** Meetings by LJ **Mobile Missions Munch Supply, LLC National Catholic Society of Foresters** North Northfield United Methodist Church Northwest Suburban Montessori School **Olive-Mary Stitt PTA Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Our Saviour Evangelical Free Church Our Saviour's Lutheran Chair Exercise Group**

our Generosity!

Pan-O-Gold Baking Company **PEO Chapter FW PEO Chapter LG Picket Fence Realtv Pursuit-NWSRA Prospect Heights Police Department Prospect Heights School Dist. 23** Protect-A-Bed **Read to Learn District 214 Forest View Re/Max Suburban Re/Max United Rolling Green 9 Hole League Rolling Green Country Club Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Noon** Salem Blvd, Neighbors **Saturday Morning Prayer Warriors** Sears/Kmart Real Estate Team Shakou, LLC **Sonshine Tuesday School South Church of Mount Prospect** South Middle School South Middle School PTA **Southminster Presbyterian Church** St. Basil of Ostrog Serbian Orthodox Church St. James School St. John UCC St. Paul Lutheran Church St. Raymond's Church – Branches Youth Group Teleflex, Inc. **The Arlingtones The Pointe Apartments The Pursam Group** The Training Ground, LLC **Tony's Fresh Market Topco Associates, LLC Toshiba Business Solutions Total Insurance Services US Elite Martial Arts & Fitness Center** Vents Products & Cleats Manufacturing Co. Village Bank & Trust **Visualedge Creative Services, Inc.** Westgate Cares Westgate Elementary School Wheeling High School Boys Basketball Wheeling High School NJ ROTC Wheeling Park District **Willow Creek Community Church Willow Creek Small Group ZF** Services



Operation Support Our Troops Donation Drive UPDATE

Last fall, Wheeling Township held its annual donation drive to collect items for Operation Support Our Troops America, Inc, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to mailing 'comfort & care packages' to active military personnel stationed around the globe.

Wheeling Township residents outdid themselves again this year. A new record was set with 2,266 lbs of snacks and toiletries donated – that's a 61% increase over 2018! Many thanks to everyone in the community who took the time to make a donation, write a card, or make a financial donation for this great cause. You made a difference!

Volunteers Diane & Jack Ferguson on their delivery route



Home Delivered Meals:

Do You Know Someone Who Might Benefit?

Are you – or someone you know – finding it challenging to get to the store or cook for yourself? Wheeling Township offers a reliable and reasonably priced home-delivered hot meal program (Meals on Wheels) for residents of the Township who meet eligibility requirements.

How does the program work?

A hot, nutritious 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.

Cost of the meals?

Wheeling Township's program is a self-pay program: The hot meal is \$6.50 per day. A supplementary cold meal (which is delivered at the same time) is available for an additional \$4.45 per day. Bills are mailed monthly for the meals received.

Who is eligible?

- Must be 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. As there are three types of meals available (Heart-Healthy, Carbohydrate-Controlled and Regular), a medical note for meal type is required from a doctor.

How do I participate?

Being able to reliably obtain, consume and metabolize nutritious foods is essential to your well-being. If you have concerns about your ability to shop or cook for yourself (or know someone who might need help), reach out to Aileen Zei, Wheeling Township's Assistant Director of Senior & Disability Services at the Township: 847-259-7730, ext 19.

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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, 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. Registration is always limited, so call now to reserve your place at these free programs! Unless noted, all programs are held at the Township office.



Did You Know? Programs & Services Offered by Your Township

Tuesday, April 14 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Did YOU know? From feeding hundreds through the Food Pantry to providing over 20,000 rides to the seniors and disabled in the community, Wheeling Township offers many beneficial programs and services to residents — yet many people don't know what is offered at their Township! Learn about Senior Services, Transportation, General Assistance, Food Pantry and Assessor's Office. Representatives from the Township will answer your questions and provide insight into some of the many services that occur at this busy office!

Container Gardening

Tuesday, May 12 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Olga DeSio and Marcia Jendreas, Master Gardeners from the U of I Extension office, will share great tips and ideas on how to make and sustain container gardens. Learn how to design, assemble and care for a variety of dif-





ferent containers, including patio planters, window boxes and hanging baskets. This is a demonstration only – no planting will be done by attendees. *Registration limited and required!*



Northwest Community Healthcare Strengthen Your Core Improve Your Balance Tuesday, June 9 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Marie & Bill Aquino, physical therapists from Northwest Community Healthcare, will help answer important questions and present exercises and information that can help you be more confident and reduce your risk of falling...all helping to keep you independent. *Registration limited and required.*

MEDICAL SERVICES

Pam McVoy, RN, BSN

We have a terrific community nurse – Pam McVoy – who is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help you! Make an appointment to meet with her: 847-259-7730.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(Walk-ins allowed for some services, but priority is given to appointments) Medical Services Available:

- Blood Pressure (no charge)
- INR & PRO Time Testing (\$6 a doctor's order is required)
- At-home hemoccult screening tests (\$4)
- Blood Sugar Testing
 - * Traditional Blood Sugar Screening (\$1) Patient needs to fast 8 10 hours prior; but remember to drink water; hydration is important!

* A1C Blood Sugar Test (\$20) No fasting needed, but appointments are required and must be set up with Nurse Pam McVoy directly.

• **Cholesterol Screening (\$15)** Appointments are required. Cholesterol testing is generally available on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month. Available to residents 18 years and over. Test provides a lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and blood sugar. Patient needs to fast 10 - 12 hours; remember to drink plenty of water (but no coffee/tea/ soda/juice, etc).

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 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. 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 combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination. Call the Township to register.

Thursday, March 12 • 10:00 a.m. - Noon Thursday, June 11 • 10:00 a.m. - Noon

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

When: Thursday, April 16 • Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Services available: Vision screening, State ID card (NOT the Real ID), Driver's License renewal, license plate stickers, organ donor registration. Call 847-259-7730 for an appointment. The REAL ID can only be obtained by visiting one of the Secretary of State's offices – REAL ID not available through Mobile Driving Unit.



Tune Up Your Driving Skills

The AARP Smart Driver Course is designed to help you tune up your driving skills, and reduce your chances of receiving a traffic

violation or getting into an accident. 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 for AARP members and \$20 for non-AARP members [Please note that the price increases on July 1, 2020 to \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-AARP members]. Checks should be made payable to AARP and mailed or dropped off at the Township Office prior to your first class. Call 847-259-7730 to register.

Class time is 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on the following Mondays & Wednesdays:

- April 6 & April 8
- June 1 & June 3
 July 6 & July 8

AARP SMART DRIVER**TEK**'

• May 4 & May 6

AARP Smart DriverTEK Workshop on Vehicle Technology

Thursday, March 26 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *NEW PROGRAM*

Cars are becoming more

technologically advanced every day and show no sign of slowing down. This means there's more safety technology in today's cars than ever before. However, many drivers aren't familiar with how to use the technology to keep them safe. In this FREE workshop, drivers will learn how to utilize the latest high-tech safety features in their current or future car, to make driving safer and more enjoyable. Registration required – call today! 847-259-7730.

32nd ANNUAL SENIOR CELEBRATION DAY...

Tuesday, March 24 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Don't miss the 32nd Annual Senior Celebration Day on

March 24th (2121 S Goebbert Rd, AH 60005). This fun, FREE event features health screenings, a discounted lunch, entertainment (the terrific band, Rosie & The Rivets!), raffle prizes, free parking, and so much more. There are plenty of free tickets available at Wheeling Township now, or available at the door on the day of the event. For information, call 847-259-7730.



ILLINOIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS CORPORATION

Have trouble hearing on the phone? Test amplified phones on March 11th

Communication is vital to maintaining your independence. Test the ITAC amplified phones at Wheeling Township on **Wednesday**, **March 11th**, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 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.*



The Chicago 10:30 Lighthouse

Low Vision Products Road Show Monday, April 13th 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Low Vision Products Road Show welcomes the public to experience state-of-the-art technology such as CCTVs, portable reading devices, and much more, including independent living aids, lighting, and even sunwear. Test each product and receive training from expert staff who can advise on the right tools to improve your quality of life. **Free! No reservations needed.** For more info, call the Township at 847-259-7730.

Time to File Your Taxes



Wheeling Township partners with the **AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide Program on Friday mornings** to help residents file their taxes. The free IRS-supported tax service uses specially trained volunteers who provide extra attention to those with low to moderate incomes and to those 60 and over. **All tax returns at Wheeling Township are filed electronically.** Call the Township to check on appointment availability.



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TRUSTEE



Patricia Kozicki TRUSTEE

Great News to Share...



Wheeling Township Wins 3 Awards at Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) Conference in Springfield

1. Best Newsletter, 50,000+ population: For effectively communicating the impact Wheeling Township has on its community through its quarterly newsletter, and in particular, the 2019 "Did You Know" newsletter and graphic.

2. Mighty Message Overall Winner: The 2019 "Did You Know" graphic allowed us to receive "Message of Year Overall Winner."

3. Senior Volunteer of the Year: Wheeling Township's SHIP Program Coordinator — volunteer Lou Barnett — was chosen as the most outstanding senior volunteer from the ITASCSC Division of TOI. ITASCSC stands for Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizen Services Committees. *Congratulations to Lou!*

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. For medical appointments, **call at least one week in advance to reserve your ride,** as buses fill up quickly (you may call up to 30 days in advance for medical appointments). For casual appointments (hair salon, grocery store, etc), you must **call two days in advance.**

How much? \$2 each way.

How do I sign up? Call our transportation department if you have any questions – or for an application. Applications can also be found online at www.wheelingtownship.com.

Call today for more information: (847) 259-7743.