

## FUNDING FOR THESE AGENCIES PROVIDED BY WHEELING TOWNSHIP

Wheeling Township funds a variety of important human care services for residents of all ages. Because of Township funding, services provided by these agencies are available to residents on a sliding-scale basis.

- Alexian Center for Mental Health
- Avenues to Independence
- Catholic Charities
- Center for Enriched Living (housing, senior services)
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Clearbrook Center
- Countryside
- Escorted Transportation Services
- Faith Community Homes
- Hands On Suburban Chicago
- The Harbour
- JourneyCare
- Journeys - The Road Home

- Life Span
- Lutheran Services of Illinois Behavioral Health Services Program
- Midwest Council for Children with Disabilities
- NCH Foundation Mental Health Navigator Program
- Northwest Compass (childcare, headstart, housing)
- Omni Youth Services
- P.H.D.
- Salvation Army
- Shelter, Inc.
- St. Mary's Services
- Suburban Primary HealthCare / Access to Care
- WINGS

## We're Proud to Serve You..



(left to right) Michael B. Schroeder Supervisor, Joanna Gauza Township Clerk, Robert Hoban Trustee, Ruth O'Connell Trustee, Mike Domrzalski Trustee, Kathy Penner Trustee, Scott Saevert Highway Commissioner, and Jerry Sadler Assessor

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www.wheelingtowship.com  
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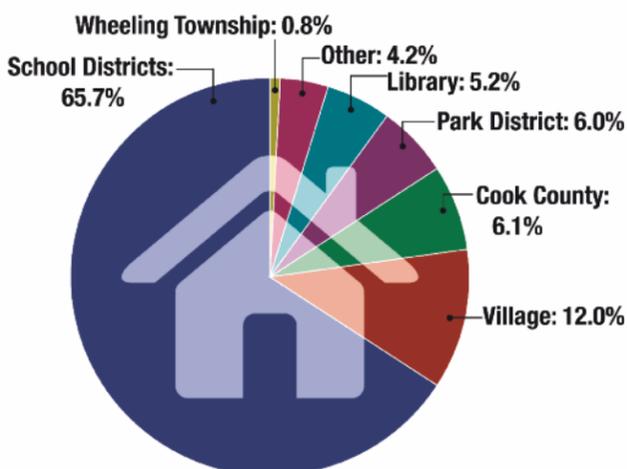
# WHEELING TOWNSHIP REPORT

WINTER 2016



## From the Supervisor... Michael B. Schroeder

Wheeling Township cares for the community with a myriad of social services, while always keeping the resulting liability to homeowners in the forefront of our planning. Our elected officials and professional staff take pride in each and every program the township offers. We have one of the lowest local tax rates, balanced budgets, and provide full transparency. Many of our programs function with little or no cost to taxpayers because of a legion of dedicated volunteers and donors. See page 3 for a list of some of our generous and caring partners.



As you can see on the chart to the left, less than 1% of the average Wheeling Township homeowner's property taxes – or \$60 per year – finance all the services provided. We are proud to be the safety net for those in need, as well as for the not-for-profit agencies we fund. This is especially critical at a time when many agencies are struggling to stay afloat because of the state's dire financial crisis and budget impasse.

A recent Tribune article highlighted one of the flawed recommendations from the Local Government Consolidation Task Force that allows the ability to consolidate local townships into counties or villages. Perhaps that could work in smaller townships that don't provide many programs... Wheeling Township is the second largest township in Cook County with 154,000 residents. Arlington Heights Mayor Tom Hayes was quoted in the article as saying "the village relies very heavily on Wheeling Township, especially for social services for our residents that the village cannot afford to provide. The village would obviously have to increase staffing and there would certainly be a lot of costs that would end up being passed on to the taxpayers and residents".

There is support for the efforts to reduce the number of governmental units, but the needs of our residents, the quality of service, and the cost of service must be considered. Consolidating Wheeling Township's many services into villages or Cook County would come at a higher cost to taxpayers, likely make accessibility difficult, and could lead to fewer essential programs. As a result of conservative financial planning and sound fiscal management, Wheeling Township will be able to offer valuable services for many years to come — *with the biggest bang for your buck!*

# SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

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

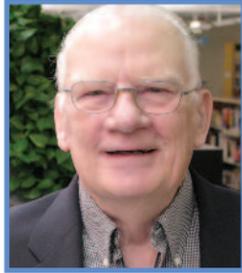
## SENIOR SCENE PROGRAMS

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!**

### HOW TO SELL MUTUAL FUNDS

Tuesday, March 8 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Jack Muldoon, a member of the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory & Action Council is back for another informative presentation, not to be missed by anyone who is interested in learning more about Mutual Funds.

This presentation will contain a review of the “basics” to use in finding a suitable fund, allocation and diversification fundamentals and the use of a screener to apply certain criteria in finding a few desirable mutual funds. Jack is an alumnus of De Paul University and Harvard University Graduate School of Business with extensive experience as an instructor, lecturer and speaker.

### IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO VOLUNTEER...

Tuesday, April 12 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Each October, over 150 volunteers share their time and talents at Wheeling Township's Annual Make A Difference Day— Just one of the many programs offering countless volunteer opportunities.

Do you have a few hours of free time to use your talents and resources to volunteer? Do you know that many of the services provided to our local residents would not be available without the support and countless hours of dedicated volunteers?

How can you help your local neighbors in need? How you can use your time to meet new people and create new experiences? What can you do to make a difference? This interactive presentation will give you a wide range of the many opportunities available to you to become a valued volunteer in your community.

#### Presented by:

- **Bruce Cruz** - Career Advocate & member of the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory & Action Council
- **Aileen Zei** - Wheeling Township Senior & Disability Services, Assistant Director
- **Linda McLaughlin** - HandsOn Suburban Chicago, Senior Corps-RSVP Program Manager

Join Bruce, Aileen and Linda to find out how you can help to your neighbors in need.



## CONTAINER GARDENING...

Presented by **Kim Ellson**, Horticulture Educator  
Tuesday, May 10 • 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Containers are a fun simple way to garden with minimal physical exertion and still reap the rewards of vibrant floral displays. Learn first-hand how to design, assemble and care for a variety of different ----containers, including patio planters, window boxes and hanging baskets. Have your container be the envy of the neighborhood!

## ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Wheeling Township partners 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.



The Caregiver Support Group meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Township Center from 1:00-2:30 pm. Please contact Karen or Aileen at the Township to learn more about this service.

## 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

## SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM – SHIP

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



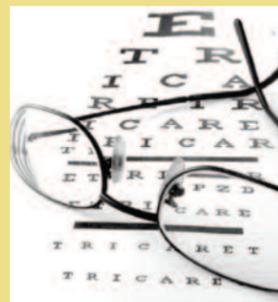
If you are enrolled in Medicare or have health insurance questions, our SHIP volunteers may be able to help you. Our dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers are trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance to assist Medicare and Medicaid participants with understanding their benefit coverage, helping with filing 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. In 2015, the Wheeling Township SHIP counselors assisted over 450 people.

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 Wheeling Township Center or arrange for our counselors to speak to your group by calling us!

## VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP (VIP)



If you have vision loss the VIP support group may be of help to you. Share with others, socialize, learn from educational presentations and find out about other services available to you.

The VIP Support Group meets the first Thursday of every month at the Township Center from 1:00-2:30 pm. Please call the Senior & Disability Department to learn more about this service.



The Chicago Lighthouse  
www.chicagolighthouse.org

presents its:

## Low Vision Products Show

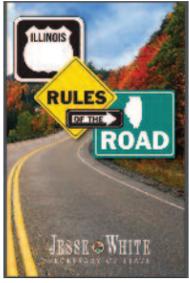
Thursday, March 31, 2016 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at Wheeling Township

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 our expert staff who can advise on the right tools to improve your daily life.

**Absolutely free!** Everyone is invited to attend any time during the scheduled hours on March 31 at Wheeling Township. Chicago Lighthouse staff will demonstrate, explain and let you try the variety of products available for help with school, work or daily life.

## 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 10 ■ May 12 ■ July 14

### Secretary of State Driver's License Renewal

#### Renew Your Driver's License at Wheeling Township

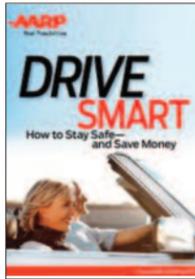
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 • 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

### AARP – SMART DRIVER COURSE

#### Tune Up Your Driving Skills...

In cooperation with AARP, Wheeling Township offers the AARP Safe Driving Program, designed to help you **tune up** your driving skills, **learn** about normal age-related physical changes, **adjust** your driving to allow for the changes and **reduce** your traffic violations.



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 7 & March 9 ■ April 4 & April 6 ■ May 2 & May 4 ■ June 6 & June 8

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.

## DON'T FORGET TO FILE YOUR TAX RETURN!



Are you a senior citizen who needs help filing your 2014 State and Federal income tax forms? Wheeling Township partners with the AARP Senior Tax Assistance Program to have trained tax counselor volunteers at our facility to assist with filing simple income tax forms. Special attention is given to people 60 and older and people with disabilities.

Call our office to schedule an appointment for the following Fridays:

• February 5, 12, 19 and 27 • March 4, 11, 18 • April 1, 8, 15

Please bring the following information with you at the time of your appointment in order to maximize the tax counselor's time and expedite the filing process

\* **All tax returns filed at Wheeling Township will be paperless.**

- Copy of your 2014 filed tax return
- Photo Identification and Proof of Social Security Number
- Brokerage Statements
- If filing jointly, both individuals must be present at the appointment time

## OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS...

For the past six years in November, Wheeling Township has collected letters, personal supplies and cash donations for Operation Support Our Troops- America. At this time, Operation Support Our Troops is sending an average of one hundred packages a week to help brighten the day of the military personnel serving around the world.

This November we collected over 377 pounds of personal essentials, \$600 in cash donations and over 1,000 personalized letters and notes. Our thanks to everyone who donated to this annual outreach effort.



The Illini Tribe of Indian-Princesses-Prairie Nation supported the collection for our troops with letters and personal supplies. (L to R) Matt McLaughlin, Claire McLaughlin, Molly Fitzsimmons, Gabrielle Olbur and Dan Olbur



## "Singing Your Praises" for Making Spirits Bright!

**The 2015 holiday programs were a tremendous success! Bountiful Thanksgiving Baskets stuffed with food were given to 289 families. Generous donations of clothing and toys to the Adopt A Family Program helped to make Christmas special for 232 families, which included 592 children and 414 parents! 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 below. We couldn't do it without you!**

AccuQuote/Byron Udell Assoc.  
Algonquin Longhouse-Indian Guides & Princesses  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
Arlington Countryside Church  
Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce  
Arlington Heights Garden Club  
Arlington Heights Junior Women's Club  
Arlington Heights Memorial Library  
Arlington Heights Professional Dental  
Arlington Heights Women's Club  
Armenian Relief Society-Chicago Zabelle Chapter  
At Home Chicago, Inc.  
Athletico  
Baxter International Alumni Club  
BG/H/W Hockey Club  
Block and Company  
Boy Scout Troop 159  
Brownie Troop 40683  
Buffalo Grove High School  
Buffalo Grove High School-Interact Club  
Cambridge Women's Club  
CCP Inc, Financial Planning Services  
Champro Sports  
Christian Church of Arlington Heights  
Clear Capital Investments  
Cleats Manufacturing Company  
College of American Pathologists  
Community Home Team  
Container-Quin Testing Laboratories  
Creative Group, Inc.  
Cub Scout Pack 129  
Cub Scout Pack 169  
Cub Scout Pack 269

Daisy Troop 45213  
Daisy Troop 45420  
Defense Contract Mgmt Agency  
E3 Diagnostics  
Elite Soccer Community Org.  
Europa International  
Fed Ex Ground  
First Church of Christ Scientist  
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Hts.  
Fisher Clinical Services  
Flexera Software  
Fluid Management, Inc.  
GE Healthcare  
Girl Scout Troop 40115  
Girl Scout Troop 40427  
Girl Scout Troop 40694  
Girl Scout Troop 40726  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
Greenbrier School  
Happy Old Guys  
Highland/Chestnut Book Club  
In Working Order  
Ivy Hill Elementary PTA-Garden Committee  
Ivy Hill School  
Jewel Food Stores  
Kimco Services  
KinderCare  
Korean Central United Methodist  
LH Interiors/The Competitive Edge  
Lincoln Middle School  
Living Christ Lutheran Church  
Living Faith Bible Church  
London Middle School  
Lutheran Church of the Cross

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
Luther Village  
Luther Village Spiritual Enrichment  
MacArthur Middle School  
Mark My Words  
Meadows Community Bible Study  
Moon Graphic Finishing, LLC  
Munch's Supply Co, Inc.  
National Louis University  
North Northfield United Methodist Church  
Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council  
Northwest Suburban Montessori  
NPN360  
NWSRA  
Olive Mary Stitt School  
One in Christ Church  
Palm Court Restaurant  
PEO Chapter ER  
Patton Elementary School  
Poe School-Service Over Self Club  
Prospect High School Marching Band  
Prospective Soccer  
Quest Church  
Quilter's Destination  
Re/Max Suburban  
Real Estate Finders  
Redemption Bible Church  
Reese Recreation Products, Inc.  
Riley Elementary Before & After School Care  
Rolling Green Country Club-9 Hole Golf League  
Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Noon  
Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Sunset  
Saint Viator High School Volunteers  
School District 23

Siemens  
Sonshine Tuesday School  
South Middle School  
St. Basil of Ostrog Serbian Orthodox Church  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
St. Peter Lutheran Pre-School  
Taylor Plumbing Inc.  
Team Logic IT  
The Arlingtonges  
The Cove School  
The Penray Companies, Inc.  
The Pointe Apartments  
Therm Flo, Inc.  
ThermoFisher Scientific  
Thomas Middle School-Gamma Team  
TopCo Associates LLC  
Toshiba Business Solutions  
Towne West  
Tuscan Market & Wine Shop  
Vent Products Co., Inc.  
Village Bank and Trust  
WCPAAA  
Wa Pa Ghetis Pizza  
Walgreens Design, Development & Construction  
Westgate Elementary School  
Wheeling Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce  
Willow Creek Church  
Wiss, Janney, Elstner Assoc., Inc.  
Wolters Kluwer/CCH  
Worsham College of Mortuary Science  
Z F Services

## From the Assessor – Jerry Sadler

### SENIOR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WERE MAILED

Under current law, Senior Exemptions must be renewed every year. Anyone who received a senior exemption on their property in the past and still qualifies for the exemption must submit a renewal form each year. The Cook County Assessor's Office mailed senior citizen renewal applications for senior citizen property tax exemptions in early January. Those renewal forms are to be returned to the Cook County Assessor's office by **February 3, 2016**, or as soon thereafter as possible. 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 FIRST PAGE OF THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR BY ALL SENIORS** entitled to the senior exemption on their principal residence. The Senior Freeze worksheet 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 **2014 income tax year and the senior must have resided in the home as a principal residence for January 1, 2014, and January 1, 2015**. The senior applications that have been mailed are for 2015 property taxes payable in 2016. The savings from the exemptions will appear on the **second installment tax bills scheduled to be mailed in July of 2016**. 2015 first installment property tax bills are estimated bills (55% of the previous year's total) and no exemptions are deducted from the first installment. First installment bills are mailed in February and due in March.

### Eligibility for Senior Citizen Exemptions (Born in 1950 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 2014), and if the senior has been an owner-occupant of the house since January 1, 2014.

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 by visiting the Wheeling Township Assessor's office. We ask that you **have the 14-digit property index number (PIN) available** when you call or visit with any property tax questions. The PIN can be found at the top of your property tax bill.

Homeowners who were born in 1950 and turned sixty-five in 2015 will not receive senior application forms when the senior renewal forms are mailed. A first-time applicant must complete the 2015 Homeowner/Senior Exemption application or the 2015 Senior Freeze application and attach a copy of the most recent property tax bill and a current driver's license or a valid Illinois State I.D at the address of the subject property. The forms are available online at [www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://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 1951 and will turn 65 in 2016 will not be eligible for the senior exemptions until 2017 when Cook County property owners pay on property taxes for 2016.

### New Homeowner Packets & Disabled Persons & Disabled Veterans Renewal Forms

New Homeowner Packets and Disabled Persons and Disabled Veterans renewal exemption applications will be mailed sometime after the senior renewal exemption applications are mailed. The changes to the Disabled Veterans' exemptions passed by the Illinois legislature in 2015 are reflected on the 2015 forms.



Betty Schneider, frequent rider with the Wheeling Township Transportation service, and Transportation Coordinator, Fred Gablenz, with the Township's newly purchased lift equipped bus.

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

### More Than Just a Ride!

*Unable to drive?*

*Looking for safe and affordable transportation?*

Just ask Betty Schneider, a Buffalo Grove resident for over thirty four years, about riding the Wheeling Township bus. Betty has been riding the bus to the Alcott Senior Center and her doctor's office for over four years. Betty has celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday, lives independently and still enjoys getting

out to socialize, play bingo, and to volunteer. Betty is thankful for and proud of her two children, her son-in-law, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In fact, when asked for words of wisdom regarding life, Betty said, "Family and friends are the most important." Safe travels on your life journey, Betty.

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. 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.



## SHOOT HOOPS FOR CHANGE...

The Township would like to extend a special **Thank You** call out to the Wheeling High School boys basketball team. They donated \$1,000 to the Food Pantry as a part of their Shoot Hoops for Change program. We are grateful!

## From the Highway Commissioner – Scott Saewart

### Wheeling Township Partners with IDOT to Install Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Dundee Rd. and Portwine Rd.



Portwine Rd., once a quiet two lane forested road between Dundee Rd. and Lake Cook Rd., has over the years become a very busy traffic avenue connecting these roads. So much so that years ago, for safety concerns due to the high volume of traffic along Lake Cook Rd., a traffic signal was installed at Lake Cook Rd. and Portwine Rd.

In more recent years, the traffic along Dundee Rd. has also increased to the point that, again for safety concerns, a traffic signal was deemed appropriate for the intersection of Dundee Rd. and Portwine Rd. After a two year traffic flow and environmental study, along with completing formal agreements of financial cooperation between the Federal Government, IDOT and neighboring governmental bodies, including Wheeling Township Road District, this traffic signal installation was completed in September, 2015. We are grateful to IDOT for identifying the need for this project and for allowing us to participate in it.

## From the Clerk – Joanna Gauza

### VOTER REGISTRATION

The Illinois Primary Elections for President and Congress are scheduled for March 15, 2016. 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, Illinois or at the Rolling Meadows Court House, Clerk's Office, located at the corner of Wilke and Euclid in Rolling Meadows. You can also print a voter registration application at [cookcounty-clerk.com](http://cookcounty-clerk.com) and mail it to the address on application. If you register by mail, you must bring a valid state issued picture identification when you vote for the first time. The last day to register to vote is February 16, 2016. **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:** Most Illinois 17-year-olds are eligible to register and vote in a primary election. U.S. citizens who were born on or before Nov. 8, 1998 can register and vote in the March 15, 2016 Primary Election because they will turn 18 by the November 8, 2016 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 successfully completing training, assisting with polling place set-up before Election Day and working Election Day. You must also be a registered voter and live in Cook County. If you would like to serve as an election judge or equipment manager for the March 15, 2016 Primary Election, contact either your Republican headquarters at 847-632-1774 or Democratic headquarters at email [info@wheelingdems.com](mailto:info@wheelingdems.com). You may also get information by visiting the Cook County Clerk's website.

**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 online by going to "[cookcountyclerk.com](http://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 February 29, 2016 and continue through March 14, 2016. 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

**2/16/2016 Last day to register to vote**

**2/17/2016 First day of grace period registration and voting**

**2/29/2016 First day of early voting**

**3/10/2016 Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters**

**3/14/2016 Last day of early voting**

**3/14/2016 Last day of grace period registration and voting**

**3/15/2016 Election Day**