

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

WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU...



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. Call Jo Stellato for additional information.

- Alexian Center for Mental Health
- Avenues to Independence
- Catholic Charities (housing, senior services)
- Center for Enriched Living
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Clearbrook Center
- Countryside
- Escorted Transportation Services
- Faith Community Homes
- GERO Solution
- 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 – MH Navigator Program
- Northwest Compass
- Omni Youth Services
- P.H.D.
- Salvation Army
- Shelter, Inc.
- St. Mary's Services
- Suburban Primary HealthCare/Access to Care
- WINGS

Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays
 Township Board Meetings: 8:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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REPORT

From the Supervisor...

Michael B. Schroeder



SEATS FOR SAILORS

The US Navy provides basic training to all its sailors at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. The recruits are 18-20 year old men and women from all over our nation and for many, Thanksgiving will be the first time they are away from home. The Navy's **"Adopt a Sailor Program"** affords these homesick young sailors a day of respite from the rigors of training by encouraging organizations to host those otherwise stuck on base.

For the past 14 years, American Legion Post 208 has been hosting 40 – 50 sailors each Thanksgiving. Besides providing a delicious Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, they make arrangements for the guests of honor to have unlimited access to TV's, DVD movies, video games, music, pool, ping pong, etc. as well as free phone calls all day. The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the Auxiliary finance the lion's share of the cost for these activities while local veterans, residents, organizations and businesses graciously donate their time and services.

However, this year transporting the recruits from Great Lakes to Arlington Heights, and back again, has become an issue. Vehicles used in the past are no longer available. Let's show our support for the sacrifices these young men and women make for all of us by helping raise funds to transport them to and from their destination on Thanksgiving Day. The cost of a Motor Coach is approximately \$20 per seat. Please sponsor a seat for a sailor by donating to this cause. Make checks payable to **Wheeling Township – Seats for Sailors** and mail to Jo Stellato, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Checks need to be received no later than November 17, 2014. Thank you in advance for helping make their Thanksgiving holiday special.

Wishing you and yours a blessed holiday season!



Sailors before and after Thanksgiving celebration at Arlington Heights American Legion Post 208



Everyone in attendance can phone home.



Last years celebration included bowling!



Sailors at the Arlington Heights American Legion Post for Thanksgiving 2013

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!**

FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION IN WWII

D-Day Invasion at Omaha Beach

Tuesday, November 18

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Marking the 70th anniversary of D-Day, this eye-opening presentation by our guest speaker Nat Goodman, from the First Division Museum at Cantigny, will highlight the First Division's lead role in WWII, especially the D-Day Invasion at Omaha Beach.

Nat has a broad background of experience, volunteering as a guide at the First Division Museum, presenting worldwide seminars and serving as an artillery commander and qualified paratrooper in the U.S. Army.



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS...

Here's How You Can Help...

In cooperation with Operation Support Our Troops, America, Inc., Wheeling Township Senior Advisory & Action Council will be collecting the most needed items:

Current Top Ten Items Most Needed:

- Individual cold drink mix packets (Gatorade, Propel, etc.)
- Peanut Butter (28 oz. or less)
- Lotion for Men (12 oz. or less)
- Cereal Bars
- Hand Sanitizer (12 oz. or less)
- Microwave Popcorn
- Non-aerosol Shaving Cream & Razors
- Deodorant
- Slim Jims/Jerky
- Foot Powder (20 oz. or less)
- Socks (athletic white or black-no visible logos)

(Please no glass items, larger sizes than listed or expired items.)

You can also contribute to Operation Support our Troops, America, Inc. by:

• **Making a monetary donation via check:** Donations help cover the cost of postage (each box costs approximately \$25 to ship). Make checks payable to Operation Support our Troops – America, Inc. Please note that this contribution meets the 501© 3 status, making your donation tax exempt.

• **Writing Letters of Encouragement:** The most coveted items in care packages are the letters of encouragement. Every care package that is sent to our military personnel includes at least one letter from a citizen. Please address your letter to "Dear Military Person". Whether it is a scribbled drawing from a pre-schooler or a heartfelt message from a vet, each message is precious and very much appreciated. Please do not seal the letters. If you would like the individual who receives your letter to possibly write back to you, please include your name and address.

Donations of supplies, checks and letters can be dropped off at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, from Monday, November 3 through Tuesday, November 25 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Thank you for your support of our troops!

Understanding Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D – October 15 through December 7



Seniors have many choices when it comes to Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage. Understanding those choices can insure that you receive the prescription drugs you require at the most beneficial cost to you. Our SHIP counselors can also provide application assistance to Medicare beneficiaries about the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), Low-Income Subsidy Program (LIS) and help educate beneficiaries about the prevention and wellness benefits included in the Affordable Care Act.

You can call the township to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a SHIP counselor to review your Part D drug coverage during the annual enrollment-- period or find out more information about available benefits. SHIP counselors are not affiliated with any insurance company. Our SHIP counselors, are often "lifesavers" helping to identify, explain, and solve Medicare related problems.

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.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Karen McNeir, R.N., B.S.N.

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

The following health services 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 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

Concerned About the flu? What to do?

This year, the Township nurse will have a limited supply of the flu shots for homebound patients over the age of eighteen, who are unable to get a flu shot from their physician. **Please call Karen McNeir, R.N., B.S.N.** to schedule a home visit. **The flu shot is covered by Medicare.** If you do not have Medicare coverage, the cost is \$20.00



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.

The Caregiver Support Group meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Township Center from 1:00-2:30 pm. Please contact Karen McNeir, R.N., B.S.N. or Kris Freeman, M.A., to learn more about this service.



VIP- VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP



If you have any level of vision loss, the Township's Visually Impaired Support Group may be of assistance to you. This group meets the first Thursday of every month at the Township Center from 1:00-2:30 pm. Please contact Kris Freeman or Chris Guth 847-259-7730 to learn about this service, which provides socialization, education and training.

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! 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, taught by knowledgeable volunteers, combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination.

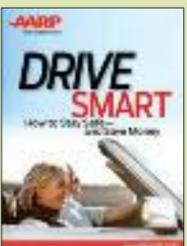
This course runs from 9:30 a.m. – noon • Please call the Township to register.

■ Thursday, November 13 ■ Thursday, January 8, 2015

AARP – SMART DRIVER COURSE

Tune Up Your Driving Skills...

In cooperation with AARP, Wheeling Township offers the AARP Smart Driver Course, designed to help you: **tune** up your driving skills, **learn** about normal age-related physical changes and how to adjust your driving to compensate and **reduce** your chances of receiving a traffic violation or getting into an accident. 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 time is 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, November 3 & Wednesday, November 5
- Monday, December 1 & Wednesday, December 3
- Monday, January 5, 2015 & Wednesday, January 7, 2015

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

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

...veterans serving veterans

Five of the drivers from our Transportation Department have served our country in the Armed Services. We thank them for their years of service to our nation and for their current role serving our senior and disabled residents.

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.



L to R: John O'Meara (Army), Duane Rakestraw (Army), Lou Brand (Army), John Prince (Air Force), Steve Boor (Army.)

HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR

Thursday, December 11

This evening neighborhood bus tour is your chance to see the beautiful holiday lights.

If you don't drive, don't drive in the evening, or prefer to sit back and leave the driving to us, call our Transportation Department at 847-259-7743 and make your reservation for this festive tour. Calls for reservations begin on **Monday, November 17**. Registration deadline is **Monday, December 1**. Space is limited and you must be a registered rider to participate.

We will pick you up at your home and take you on a night tour of the holiday lights in Wheeling Township and return you safely home after the tour, so visions of sugar plums can dance in your head!



MEET WWII VETERAN, JAMES CASEY ★★★★★



After 90 years of living, James Casey has a remarkable memory, quick humor and an appreciation for the many blessings in his life.

In 1942, James graduated from high school in Chicago and was drafted into the Navy at the tender age of 18. He initially trained at the Great Lakes Naval Base with subsequent training in Maryland and Submarine School in New London, Connecticut. He was assigned to the U.S. Fourth Fleet in the South Atlantic Ocean.

"I had never traveled outside Illinois and Wisconsin before my assignment in the military." James states, "I remember when the Fourth Fleet Command crossed the equator for the first time, traveling to Uruguay, Argentina and eventually through the Panama Canal to Japan.

Returning home, after the war, James graduated from DePaul University on the GI Bill, majoring in business and accounting. He and his wife, Marilyn, have been married for 65 years, and are blessed with five children, twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. James and Marilyn live in Wheeling, where he loves to garden and shares that he is fondly known as the "tomato king".

You might see veteran James Casey riding on the Township bus, often times being driven by fellow veterans. Veterans serving veterans; we extend our thanks and gratitude for their honorable service.

LIHEAP – Need Help Paying High Heating Bills?

If you're struggling to meet the cost of high heating bills, we can help. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, offers a one time credit on your gas and electric bills during the winter season. Approved applicants receive a payment directly to the utility company, which remains on the account until it is fully used. Residents meeting the income criteria listed below should call the General Assistance Department to schedule an appointment and to obtain the list of documents required to apply.

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,459
2	\$1,966
3	\$2,474
4	\$2,981
5	\$3,489
6	\$3,996

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 to see if you qualify.



Giving Season Approaches...

Fall will be over before we know it, bringing the holiday season right behind it. If you would like to experience sharing the joy of the season with someone, please consider participating in our Christmas program. The Wheeling Township Adopt-A-Family Program, or AFP, matches generous donors with needy families from our own community.

Low income families, whose identities are kept confidential, provide a "Wish List" with clothing and toy suggestions for each member. Donors who commit to adopting a family are given the Wish List and asked to spend between \$50 and \$100 per child. Family sizes vary and are chosen by the donor. Detailed instructions are also provided which assist in making this large program run smoothly.

To participate, please follow these instructions:

1. Complete the form below.
2. Email it to: CAAnderson@wheelingtowship.com OR fax it to: 847-259-1570 OR mail it to: Wheeling Township AFP, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 by November 14th.
3. Receive your Wish List, shop, wrap, bundle and drop off on December 15th.
4. Enjoy your holiday knowing that you brought smiles & seasonal spirit to a needy family!

Detach, Fill out, Email, Fax or Mail to Wheeling Township Adopt-A-Family Program.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Email it to: CAAnderson@wheelingtowship.com OR fax it to: 847-259-1570 OR mail it to: Wheeling Township AFP, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 by November 14th.



From the Assessor – Jerry Sadler

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

2014 Wheeling Township property assessments can still be appealed with the Cook County Board of Review. The Board sets a 30-day appeal window annually for each Township in Cook County posted on their website at www.cookcountyboardofreview.com. Using the property index number, **homeowners can file a complaint online** prior to or during the 30-day appeal window. An appellant has the option to request a hearing with the Board, but does not need to do so in order to have the appeal reviewed. Appeals can also be made with an official Board of Review appeal form. The forms are available online, at all Board of Review locations and from our office. **Unlike the Cook County Assessor, the Board of Review still maintains a branch office in the Rolling Meadows Circuit Courthouse building to serve the northwest suburban taxpayers of Cook County.** It is located at 2121 E. Euclid Avenue, Room 237, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60098; and the phone is 874-818-2067.

We are available to provide information and direction on filing an appeal. Please have your property index number available when you visit or call our office at **847-259-1515**.

THE PROPERTY TAX BILL—TAXING DISTRICTS AND ANNUAL LEVIES

Your 2nd Installment property tax bill lists all the taxing districts that levy property taxes in a tax code area. The taxing districts are required by Illinois statute* to annually determine and certify (report) the amount of property taxes to be levied for all purposes. This is referred to as a “levy.” It is used to calculate the “tax rate” and impacts the amount of your 2nd Installment property tax bill.

To calculate the tax bills, the levy (amount) must be certified to the Cook County Clerk. Taxing districts are required by law to certify the levy on or before the last Tuesday in December. Budget and levy meetings must be announced in the local newspaper, and are open to the public for comment. Most taxing districts maintain budget and levy information as well as meeting dates on their websites. A “Directory of Elected Officials” for the taxing districts listed on the 2nd Installment tax bill is available online at www.cookcountyclerk.com. Simply search by property address.

*Reference: 35ILCS 200/Art 18

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

I am available to speak to any civic, private, church, or business organization about the property tax system. Please contact my office at 847-259-1515 to schedule a presentation.

From Highway Commissioner – Scott Saewart

EMERALD ASH BORER

Proves Costly to the Road District...

This year, the Road District has spent thousands of dollars removing dead ash trees in the road right-of-way. The Emerald Ash Borer is a beetle from Asia that feeds on Ash trees. This destructive pest was introduced in the early 1990's in infested solid wood packing material originating in Asia. Once a tree is infected it is impossible to save. Some chemical treatments can help the tree endure longer, but eventually it will die and have to be removed. The EAB can infest a tree and be there for six or seven years before anyone has the slightest inkling it is there. It then devastates the entire canopy of the tree.

The EAB arrived in the Chicago area in 2006, so by this year, a large number of dead ash trees were observed in the Forest River Subdivision. Since dead and dying ash trees become weakened by the EAB, they pose a risk to public safety and therefore are a potential liability to the Road District. As a result, this became the year that these ash trees needed to be removed.

While we removed dead ash trees along the road right-of-way, the ash trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner. Dead ash trees can be an extreme liability as the branches are brittle and will come down in rain and wind storms. This can cause damage to your own or your neighbor's house. If you have a dead ash tree on your property, you should seriously plan on removing it. Dead trees are not subject to the Cook County Tree Preservation Ordinance. If you have a dead ash tree in the right-of-way in the front of your property, if you have any question or we can be of service, please call our office at 847-259-7730.



From the Clerk – Joanna Gauza

VOTER REGISTRATION



The general elections for United States Senate, Congress, Illinois Governor, and most Illinois offices will be held on November 4, 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 the November 4 elections. You can register at the Clerk's Office, Monday through 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 November 4, 2014 (you can be 17 years of age when registering as long as you are 18 years of age on election day), and live in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. For naturalized citizens, you must prove the date of your naturalization (naturalization certificate is good proof).

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. Online voter registration is also available at <http://www.elections.il.gov/>. When registering online, you will need to have a state issued driver's license or state-issued ID. Registration ends on October 7, and early voting is from October 20 to November 2, 2014. Please check the cookcountyclerk.com for early voting locations. It is expected that the Village of Arlington Heights City Hall will be an early voting location.

If you wish to know the Congressional, State or local district you reside in, you can contact the Clerk's Office at (847) 259-7730 or check online at cookcountyclerk.com, — in the map room section. **Remember - Once you have registered, you do not need to re-register unless you move or change your name.**

VEHICLE STICKERS FOR UNINCORPORATED COOK COUNTY



DON'T GET A TICKET — our new vehicle sticker should have been purchased by July 1st! Cook County vehicle stickers are valid from July 1 - June 30. If you just moved into the unincorporated area or just bought a new vehicle, your fee is the normal rate. Proof of new residency or car purchase must be shown at the time you buy your sticker to receive the normal rate. If you have an old sticker and forgot to purchase your 2013-2014 sticker, you will be charged a late penalty equal to the price of the sticker. However, that is cheaper than a ticket and also paying the penalty. Applications and stickers are available for purchase at the Wheeling Township Clerk's Office Monday – Friday, between 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



You Can Make Difference...
Can you help share your time and resources?

October 25 Wheeling Township Make A Difference Day

This annual Halloween Fun Fair for children with disabilities and their families needs the support of volunteers and donors to make the event a success.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? *You can volunteer to help the day of the event...*

WHEN? Saturday, October 25

WHERE? Riley Elementary School from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Or even better, organize your friends, neighbors, family, or service group to volunteer or sponsor a booth.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? *Here is our "WISH LIST"...*

- Children's toys, books, stuffed animals
 - Canned pop and juices
 - Wrapped Candy
 - Halloween decorations
- (Sorry, we are unable to accept used items.)*

TOO BUSY TO SHOP?

Cash donations are always welcome to help defray our costs.
Call the Township at 847-259-7730 to find out how you can Make A Difference!



Happy Birthday & Thank You Louisa Finch!

A huge thank you goes out to **Louisa Finch** and her friends. For her 8th birthday, she held a Mad Science theme party at the Mount Prospect park district building. In lieu of gifts, the 17 friends that attended brought food for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. Their generosity filled a cart full of food! Thank you for helping us to fulfill our mission of “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”.

Louisa Finch proudly pictured with the food she collected and donated from her 8 year old birthday party.



With Our Appreciation...

-Another thank you goes out to Joan Sweeney for donating fresh flowers in jar vases for the Meals on Wheels recipients and members of the Alzheimer's group and Eileen Daday for donating produce grown in the garden of the Clerics of St. Viator. We are grateful and count our blessings!

Left to Right: Joan Sweeney and Eileen O'Grady Daday.