



SUMMER 2008

Wheeling TOWNSHIP



From the Supervisor



Michael Schroeder
Supervisor

With visits to our Food Pantry more than doubling in the last few months, we made a plea in our last newsletter for help in replenishing our shelves. I knew we'd get a good response from our compassionate and giving community but never could I have imagined the degree of that generosity.

After reading about the depleted stock on the shelves of the Wheeling Township Food Pantry, **Michelle Miller**, an Arlington Heights resident, was encouraged by her young son to call into the Eric and Kathy radio program on 101.9 the MIX. As part of the "Little Give" program, Michelle won \$100 seed money and had 24 hours to raise as much money as she could for her designated charity. This creative, inventive mother

of three, with the help of her husband Jeff, developed a flyer, recruited friends and neighbors to canvass neighborhoods, convinced school officials to send information home in backpacks, and spent hours at the train station soliciting donations for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. At last count, over 200 people made donations. And if that wasn't enough, a representative from Aldi Food Stores heard the radio program and donated \$500 in gift certificates directly to the Township to help Michelle reach her goals. These will be used for perishable items such as milk, fish, meat, fresh fruits and vegetables – the many items our underprivileged do without. After all was said and done, Michelle's efforts raised over **\$8,600** in donations for our Food Pantry! How awesome is that? We are grateful to all the generous donors and send a special heartfelt thank you to Michelle. You have truly made a difference in the lives of many.



Mike accepting checks from Michelle Miller

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Students and staff from **Thomas Middle School** collected over 1,800 items for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Rachel Leadership Group, along with the Student Council and National Junior Honor Society. Organized by Assistant Principal Jason Dietz, the entire student body made a human "hand chain" and passed canned goods from the school's main entrance to just across the street from the Wheeling Township building. The Arlington Heights police provided traffic control while passing vehicles honked horns and shouted words of encouragement. It was a phenomenal sight! Mr. Dietz, along with a group of students, delivered the items directly to the pantry and were given a tour of the facilities. To all those involved in making this event the enormous success it was – you have my sincerest gratitude.



FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE... PAULA ULREICH



REGISTER TO VOTE

If you would like to vote in the Presidential Election on November 12th, you must be registered to vote in order to cast a ballot.

If you have just moved into the Township, have moved to another residence, or changed your name, come to my office,



Monday – Friday, between 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to register. All you need are two forms of identification, with one showing your current address; be a citizen of the United States; and be 18 years of age or older by the next election. Once you have registered, there is no need to re-register unless you move or change your name again.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting will be held here at Wheeling Township, so if you want to alleviate long lines on election day, plan on taking advantage of this wonderful service. It will begin on October 14 through October 30, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday 9:00 a.m. – noon. Voting will be held in the large community room. Accommodations for the visually and hearing impaired will be available for your convenience.

ELECTION JUDGE

If you are interested in being an election judge for the November 4th Presidential Election, now is the time to sign up. To qualify, you must be a registered voter and live in Cook County. If you are interested in serving on Election Day, call either Republican headquarters at 847-632-1774 or Democratic headquarters at 847-253-9032.

VEHICLE STICKERS FOR UNINCORPORATED COOK COUNTY

For residents of unincorporated Wheeling Township only – don't get a ticket – buy your vehicle sticker before July 1st! Cook County vehicle stickers are valid from July 1st –June 30. If you purchase your sticker after July 1st, you will be charged a late penalty equal to the price of the sticker. Applications and stickers are available for purchase at the Wheeling Township Clerk's Office Monday – Friday, between 9:00-4:30.

Fees remain the same as last year: smaller passenger vehicles - \$40, larger passenger vehicles of at least 4,500 pounds - \$50, Physically Handicapped vehicles – no fee, Disabled Veterans – no fee, Senior - \$5 one time fee (with a two car maximum), motorcycles - \$25.

HISTORICAL TIDBIT

On March 20, 1855, 12 petitioners requested a new road be built in Wheeling Township at the corner sections of 21, 22, 27 and 28. The petitioners added, "Pray therefore that you will take the proper proceedings to cause said road to be laid out and opened according to law."

SAVE THE DATE AND SPREAD THE WORD... MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY - Fun Fair for Children with Disabilities We need your help!



National Make a Difference Day is Saturday, October 25, 2008. We are rallying the community to get involved to make this even better by helping to make a difference in the lives of our children with special needs. As in the past, we need many different donations to make this fair successful. Everything that we receive will go to helping over 200 children with disabilities and their families enjoy a fun, stress-free, accessible Halloween Party. All community service groups are invited to participate. (Call us to find out how.)

Donations needed: Must be NEW: Toys, books, stuffed animals, wrapped candy, Halloween decorations, paper plates, cups, napkins, straws, canned pop, juice boxes, etc. To help defray our costs, cash donations are always welcome.

BRING YOUR CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO THE WHEELING TOWNSHIP HALLOWEEN FUN FAIR

Wheeling Township invites all special needs children, ages 2 to 12, and their families to our annual Halloween party. This event is hosted in conjunction with National Make a Difference Day, and is FREE to all who attend.



When: Saturday, October 25, 2008
Where: Riley Elementary School (in the Northgate Subdivision) 1209 East Burr Oak Drive, Arlington Heights
Time: 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Free Pizza Lunch!
Admission: A beautiful Smile!!!

Prizes will be awarded for best costume in a number of different categories as well as prizes for every single game played.

Please call the township to reserve your space no later than October 20.

LEGISLATIVE FORUM TO ADDRESS PRESSING ISSUES AFFECTING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Wheeling Township Advisory Council on Disabilities is hard at work planning a fall legislative forum that will be open to anyone who is interested in dialoging with our legislators regarding issues and concerns affecting persons who are disabled (adults and children.) Local legislators will be present to talk with you and to inform you of what is being done in Springfield to address these needs. Please refer to our upcoming fall newsletter for detailed information (date, place and time) about this event.

FROM THE ASSESSOR... DAN PATLAK YOUR TAXPAYER ADVOCATE



Our main goal at the Wheeling Township Assessor's Office is to provide courteous and professional service in a timely manner and to ensure that the information we provide is current and accurate. With these goals in mind, we have made many improvements to our office over the past two-and-a-half years. Our state-of-the-art Assessor Information Management (AIM) database system was installed last March and enabled us to assist taxpayers with their Board of Review assessment appeals faster than we were able to when we had the previous

system. We filed 292 appeals for Wheeling Taxpayers and assisted well over 1,000 more people with questions regarding assessment appeals during the six-week Board of Review appeal period. The AIM system also enables our staff to electronically fill out and print Cook County Assessor forms as needed including exemptions, certificates of error, assessment appeals, etc., all of which were previously handwritten. AIM has also allowed us to reduce our printing and postage costs by enabling us to transmit permit data electronically to the County Assessor where we previously had to print out and mail the information.

A constituent computer workstation is open for taxpayers who want to research assessment data on their own. Our staff is ready to offer a helping hand if needed. We also have a new map table for the

Sidwell maps of the Township. This table is also readily accessible to constituents who wish to do their own research.

In conjunction with the modernization of the entire Wheeling Township facility, our office moved to the second floor. We now have a waiting room that we share with the offices of the Clerk and Highway Commissioner. During those periods when we have higher than normal traffic, our constituents can wait in comfort rather than having to stand as they did previously. In addition, a customer service counter is in place where we can serve up to three property owners at one time cutting down on crowding and reducing the wait for our customers. Since the beginning of the year, we have submitted 768 applications for Homeowner, Disabled, Senior or Senior Freeze Exemptions on behalf of homeowners visiting our office.

We just finished printing the second edition of our Assessor office brochure that highlights information about exemptions and the assessment appeal process. It also contains contact information for every property tax related agency in Cook County. Feel free to stop by to pick one up. We are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like a copy mailed to you, we will be happy to do so. Just give us a call at 847-259-1515. We're here to help.



FROM THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER... SCOTT SAEWERT



PROGRESS ON FLOOD CONTROL INITIATIVES IN FOREST RIVER SUBDIVISION...

Since first being elected as Highway Commissioner for Wheeling Township, I have become aware of and sought a solution to the storm water drainage problem in the southern portion of Forest River Subdivision. In the area near Graylynn Dr. and Gregory St., the road

runs along the lowest point of the flood plain. The road base is constantly wet, always in need of costly repairs and is periodically flooded and impassable. This flooding often causes damage to the surrounding homes. Part of the solution to this problem is to re-establish a drainage ditch avenue from Graylynn Dr. to the Feehanville Ditch tributary at River Rd., which would provide storm water drainage for the entire south end of the subdivision. The obstacle in doing this was that this proposed drainage avenue ran directly through private property at 209 Graylynn Dr. So the logical solution was to purchase the property, demolish the existing flood-prone structures and then use this property to re-establish the drainage avenue.

Knowing the solution and having the funds to do it are two different things. To accomplish this goal, I desperately need funding assistance. But getting this assistance is no easy prospect. First, I had to bring awareness to the problem. I did this by going to countless

meetings with neighboring villages, Cook County Highway Department, MWRD, the Army Corps of Engineers, and State representatives, just to name a few. At each meeting, I brought up the flooding problems caused by the Feehanville Ditch in Forest River Subdivision. When each flood event too-often occurred, I requested assistance from these governmental agencies so they could see first hand what was happening; I documented the flooding extent and the damages that were incurred by the Township and homeowners; and then I presented these photos and data at subsequent meetings. Although these agencies are struggling to find solutions to countless similar flooding problems throughout the County, my persistence finally led to grants from both the State of Illinois and MWRD, which enabled me to purchase the property at 209 Graylynn Dr. and demolish the structures.

Of course, the house demolition is just the beginning. We are already in the process of developing plans to alleviate flooding and to re-build the hopelessly flood damaged portion of Graylynn Dr. When these plans are ready, we will present them to concerned homeowners in Forest River Subdivision to make them aware of what is being proposed.

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



COME TO THE 15TH ANNUAL FIVE TOWNSHIP SENIOR JOB FAIR

If you are 50 years of age or older and would like the opportunity to meet with dozens of employers at one time in one place, plan to attend the 15th Annual Five Township Senior Job Fair.

This hugely popular event will be held at the Cotillion in Palatine. The event is free of charge and open to all job seekers age 50 and over. The Job Fair provides mature job seekers with the opportunity to meet with local employers who are specifically seeking to fill their job openings with dependable, enthusiastic employees who have a great work ethic and valuable life and work experience. You'll find all kinds of jobs for all kinds of people. Be sure to bring plenty of resumes.

The Senior Job Fair is co-sponsored by Hanover, Maine, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling Townships.

WHAT: 15th Annual Five Township Senior Job Fair
WHEN: Thursday, October 2, 2008
WHERE: The Cotillion, 360 Creekside Drive, Palatine
TIME: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
WHO: Job seekers age 50 and over who are seeking new employment opportunities
Free and open to the public!

GARDENING FOR THE NEEDY!



Attention all green thumbs! We know there are many of you that enjoy growing beautiful and plentiful fruits and vegetables. When you find yourself with an overabundance, please keep Wheeling Township Food Pantry in mind. Wheeling Township participates in the "Giving Garden" program sponsored by Paddock Publications. Our Food Pantry can use your fresh produce to supplement the needs of the residents who come to us for help. The Giving Garden program has enabled our families in need to enjoy fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables during the summer, thanks to you and your generosity.

If you would like to share your bounty, please deliver your donations early in the week so that fresh produce can be distributed on the same day. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We thank all the gardeners who have donated in the past and look forward to meeting new gardeners from the community as well. Have an enjoyable and abundant gardening season!

A GENEROUS DONATION

Arlington Heights Chapter No. 992, Order of the Eastern Star, recently relocated to Des Plaines from Arlington Heights but continues to donate to local charities in need of support. Their recent donation of \$500 to our Food Pantry allows us to offer services to families experiencing difficult times and we can't thank them enough for their kindness and giving spirit.



Lynette Bearer presents Thelma Talamantes with a generous \$500 donation.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Sponsored by: Northwest Community Hospital

HERE AT WHEELING TOWNSHIP ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: 1-800-324-1851

Wheeling Township is hosting a community preventive health screening on Friday, September 12, 2008. Life Line Screening will be offering ultrasound screenings for the prevention of stroke and vascular disease.

Life Line Screening includes an ultrasound of the carotid arteries in the neck (CA) to determine if you are at risk for stroke. The majority of strokes are linked to blockage caused by the build up of plaque in the carotid arteries. A new screening is now available to detect atrial fibrillation (a fib), an irregular heart rhythm that is linked to up to 20% of strokes. Another test is performed to detect abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA). Lastly, a screening of the arteries of the legs is offered to check for peripheral arterial disease. All results are reviewed by a board certified vascular surgeon and sent directly to you with all the information you need to take to your own personal physician for any needed follow up.

These screenings are non-invasive, painless and affordable: the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package (CA, AAA, PAD, and A Fib) is only \$139. The Vascular Package (CA, AAA, PAD) is \$119. Any of the four tests can be ordered individually at \$45 each. Also, a finger stick blood package (including cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL/LDL, and glucose) is available for an additional \$50 with either package or for \$65 without. Finally, a heel bone ultrasound screening to assess your risk for osteoporosis can be performed for an additional \$10 with either ultrasound package or \$35 individually. There will be a nurse representative from Northwest Community Hospital on site the day of the screening offering FREE blood pressure checks to any participants who are interested.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Appointment times begin at 9:00 a.m. and fill quickly; please call Life Line Screening directly at 1-800-324-1851 for your appointment or for more information.

Senior & Disability News

CALL 847-259-7730 TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS

THE SENIOR SCENE

SENIOR SCENE programs are held in the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Programs are **FREE** of charge and open to all seniors age 60 and over. Refreshments are served.

PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS 847-259-7730

There are no Senior Scenes in July and August.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Presented by Brian Gordon, Vice President, MAGA LTD.

Are you planning properly for your family's future? Then you won't want to miss a valuable program that will help you and your family understand how to fund the cost of Long-Term Care. Come hear one of the nation's most respected independent organizations specializing in Long-Term Care planning. Chicago Sun-Times columnist Terry Savage calls MAGA "my advisor on LTC policies." The workshop will address how major medical, Medicare and Medicare supplements involve LTC. You will learn what Long-Term Care insurance covers, how benefits are triggered, funding options, today's cost and plan design. Handouts will be available, and there will be plenty of time for questions.



Tuesday, Oct. 14

MEDICARE PART D, EXTRA HELP/SOCIAL SECURITY, AND ILLINOIS CARES RX

Presented by: Maribeth Stein, Outreach Specialist, AGE OPTIONS

Join us for a timely presentation and explanation of your choices for Medicare Part D (financial help for seniors with prescription medications), how to apply for extra help for Medicare Part D through Social Security, and what Illinois Cares Rx will provide for you. Don't miss this workshop that will clarify your options for signing up for Medicare or changing to another provider for prescription coverage.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPELLING BEE WINNERS!!!

Our fourth Old Fashioned Spelling Bee was held on May 13, and after 28 rounds of competition, we have our top three winners: **Lorraine Gorman, Joe Foreman, and Nancy Pasiuk** all of Arlington Heights. The top two winners will go on to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee held at Maine Township on June 23. The final words they aced were: "criophore" and "vizierial". **Sally Decker Smith** from Indian Trails Library served as our "pronouncer" and **Clerk Paula Ulreich** served as a judge. Our thanks to all of the participants who brought their knowledge and courage to competition. We are proud of each one of you!

A-OK (ACTS OF KINDNESS) INTERGENERATIONAL HOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

This program is designed to help our older citizens maintain their homes by having some basic maintenance work done for them by trained student volunteers from District 214. These students are supervised by adult advisors who oversee the work being done. Examples of jobs that can be completed are as follows: Rake leaves, clean gutters, winterize windows, test smoke detectors and replace batteries, replace light bulbs, change furnace/water heater filters, install deadbolt locks, trim overgrown shrubbery, wash windows, etc.



Our students gain valuable volunteer experience, develop self esteem through the process of helping others, increase awareness of the life cycle, and earn school credit for participating in the program. Our older adults have access to low or no cost home maintenance, obtain these services without fear of fraud, and have a better understanding of today's youth. For our whole community, this program reduces "the generation gap" by increasing positive interaction between youth and older adults and maintains neighborhood property values.

For additional information, please call the Township. All assessments for work completed in the fall must be done by Oct. 7, 2008.

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT

WOW! Summer is definitely in full bloom and so are the jobs! If anyone out there is unemployed or underemployed, why not call the Township to meet with our Director of Employment, Val Profit?



Val is in the office every Thursday. She asks that you bring your resume so she can see what you've done in the past, access where you're going in the future, and talk to you about open positions in your area of interest. While you are in the office, she will present your resume to several area companies via our fax when appropriate.

She also facilitates a monthly senior Job Club for any Wheeling Township resident 50 and over. This is a support group and networking opportunity. It is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL. Many times a few companies will visit the Job Club to recruit and hire. After each meeting, everyone leaves with a copy of the *Job Bank* which is a listing of 100 jobs to take home and review at your leisure.

Give us a call at (847)259-7730 and make an appointment to come in and see Val Profit today!

Senior & Disability News

CALL 847-259-7730 TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS

SHIP – SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Volunteers are here to Answer Your Insurance Questions

Seniors frequently have questions about their Medicare and Medicare supplemental insurance benefits. Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) volunteers can answer questions and assist with the paperwork associated with filing claims at no charge.

Ship volunteer counselors are trained and certified by the Illinois Department of Insurance and are available to meet with you one-on-one at the Wheeling Township Community Center. The counselors have also been trained in Medicare health insurance policy comparisons.

Our counselors are here on Monday mornings by appointment.

HEALTH SCREENINGS AT THE TOWNSHIP

The following health screening services are administered through the Township nurse for residents 60 years of age and over. Call 259-7730 for appointment.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

The following Health services are available to residents 18 years of age and older:

Cholesterol Screenings are available on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. by appointment only.

Cost: \$10.00 for Total and HDL (No fasting required)

Cost: \$15.00 for Total, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides, and Glucose - An 8 hour fasting (water only) lipid profile is required.

Test requires drawing of a blood sample from a fingertip.

BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR MONITORING

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., by appointment.

Blood pressure – no charge. Blood sugar - \$1.00 charge.

HOMEBOUND? NEED THE NURSE TO COME VISIT YOU?

The nurse will visit the homebound to assess needs, and monitor blood pressure, blood sugars, and Pro Time. If you are homebound and in need of the above services, call to schedule an appointment.

ANTICOAGULATION THERAPY TESTING (PRO TIME)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., by appointment.
\$6.00 charge.

HEMOCULT KITS

(for cancer screening of blood in the stool)

Kits are available any time during Township office hours. Tests are done at home and returned by mail to the nurse for reading. \$4.00 per kit.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

DISABILITY GROUPS

Visually Impaired Support Group - meets the 1st Thursday of each month 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Transportation available.

Voices - Therapeutic Support Group for Visually Impaired meets every Thursday of each month from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. except the 1st Thursday.

Advisory Council on Disabilities – Meets 4th Thursday of the following months – Jan, March, May, July, and September - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

SENIOR GROUP

Senior Advisory and Action Council – meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, except July and December – 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. We are seeking individuals from Prospect Heights and Mount Prospect to join us.

DISABILITY ISSUES

You may qualify for a FREE PHONE or other telecommunications equipment from ITAC. ITAC programs are REQUIRED and GOVERNED by Illinois law.

Requirements:

- Legal resident of Illinois
- Standard phone service in residence
- Certified as unable to use the standard phone system

Illinois law requires all Local Exchange Carriers to provide telecommunications access for people who are deaf, deaf blind, hard of hearing, or speech disabled. ITAC administers the Illinois Relay and Equipment Programs on behalf of the phone companies. Available equipment: Amplified Phone, CapTel Captioned Phones, TTY, and Braille Phone.



IMPORTANT FLU SHOT INFORMATION

Flu shots will be given at Wheeling Township this fall. We are partnering with Northwest Community Hospital and our clinic will be provided through them. Please check dates and times in our upcoming fall Township newsletter.



EXPANDED TRANSPORTATION (TOWNSHIP RIDERS INITIATIVE PROGRAM)

TRIP Program offers more flexibility and destinations for Wheeling Township bus riders in accessing their medical appointments. Recently, a mass transit funding and reform package won approval from the General Assembly providing permanent funding for our vital and innovative transportation program called "TRIP" (Township Riders Initiative Pilot). This program provides transportation outside Wheeling Township borders to Barrington, Elk Grove, Hanover, Maine, Palatine, and Schaumburg Townships with extended hours: 5:00 a.m. to 9 pm., Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Who can ride? Service is available to seniors age 60 and over and for persons with permanent disabilities age 18 and over.

What is the cost? Most rides are \$5.00 each way. Crossing two township boundaries is \$10.00 each way.

Special Destinations? Stroger Cook County Hospital, Hines Veterans' Hospital – Maywood, and the Veterans' Health Administration-Elgin Clinic.

Wheeling Township wishes to thank State Representative, 53rd District, Sidney Mathias for his work in securing permanent funding for this program. For additional information on this program, please contact our Transportation Office at 847-259-7743.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER!

Regular volunteers are vacationing. If you are off during the summer (teachers), we could use your help in delivering meals to the homebound or visiting someone who is homebound. Please call to see how you can help out over the summer months and give our regular volunteers a much needed break and by doing something so worthwhile. Thanks!



NICE TO KNOW...

For your convenience, residents may take advantage of the following services offered through the Wheeling Township.

LIFELINE KITS

This kit includes a personal medical history sheet, which you fill out and then place on your refrigerator door in the distinctive red vinyl Lifeline envelope. In case you are unconscious or unable to speak, paramedics will have ready access to vital medical information. Stop by the Township to pick up your packet.

RTA REDUCED FARE CARDS (NOW ARE FREE)

Applications for seniors 65 years of age and over are available through the Township for FREE rides on buses and trains. Come into the Township to complete your application. \$2.00 picture fee.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARD APPLICATIONS

You may pick up forms to take to your doctor to apply for a permanent or temporary placard. Wheeling Township can issue the temporary cards for a three-month period. Permanent placard applications (4 years) need to be mailed downstate.

HANDYMAN DIRECTORY

Pick up our newly updated Handyman Directory featuring local handy-men who can help you with home projects. Good work for a fair price.



UPCOMING DRIVER'S PROGRAMS ILLINOIS RULES OF THE ROAD – FREE REVIEW COURSE

The Rules of the Road Review course 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 exam with a practice written exam. This course is taught by knowledgeable volunteers.

The course will be held from 9:30 a.m. – noon.

- **Thursday, July 10**
- **Thursday, Sept. 11**
- **Thursday, Nov 13**

AARP – SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM

In cooperation with AARP, Wheeling Township will offer the **AARP Safe Driving Program** from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on the following dates. This course is designed to help you: Tune up your driving skills, learn about normal age-related physical changes, and how to adjust your driving to allow for these changes, reduce your traffic violations, crashes, and chances for injuries.

- **Monday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 9**
- **Monday, August 4 and Wednesday, August 6**
- **Monday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 10**

Call the Township to register for the class of your choice. There is a \$10.00 charge for the two-session class. Check should be made payable to **AARP** and mailed to or dropped off at the Township office prior to the first evening class. Upon completion of the two-evening session, you will be issued a certificate, which can be submitted to your insurance company for a possible discount.

RED TAPE CUTTERS PROGRAM

Volunteers are trained to:

- Help you file for Circuit Breaker
- Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage)
- Screen for benefits eligibility using Benefits Check up
- Clarify benefits
- Assist with paperwork or applications
- Help obtain necessary documents



Counselors are here on the following Tuesday mornings by appointment.

- **Tuesday, July 8**
- **Tuesday, August 12**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 9**

THANK YOU TO WHEELING TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEERS

WHEELING TOWNSHIP thanked its volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held on April 25, 2008 at Bristol Court Banquets. The theme this year was **Volunteers – The Heart of our Community**. Supervisor Mike Schroeder told the volunteers “Whether offering direct service to those in need or assisting behind the scenes, you are an indispensable and unique asset, always ready to lend a hand with compassion, commitment and care.” While each and every volunteer was honored, “**Leading the Way**” recognition was given to the following individuals who have volunteered for over five years.

- Food Pantry – **Crystal Asosta**
- Meals on Wheels – **Todd Custer, Bill & Anita Frankel, and Maggie Peshek**
- Friendly Visitor – **Andrew Haman**
- Church Coordinator – **McKenzie Parker, Southminster Presbyterian Church**

The volunteers were entertained by the award-winning **MacArthur Middle School Jazz Ensemble** under the direction of **Dave Thomas**. Prizes were awarded to volunteers by playing a spirited game of “**Deal or No Deal**” (Township version) with our Supervisor and Trustees. All prizes were generously donated by individuals and businesses in our community, and a special “thanks” goes out to them as well.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Each year, the Wheeling Township General Assistance Department collects backpacks filled with much-needed school supplies for needy children in an effort to help under-resourced parents get their children ready for the new school year.



If you would like to donate, please bring your donations during the week of July 28- August 1. We will sort, pack, and distribute them prior to the beginning of the school year. We can especially use backpacks. The bags serve a dual purpose in that they are an excellent means for our volunteers to pack and distribute a complete set of supplies for each student. The following items are the most needed:

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| Back packs | Highlighters | Permanent markers |
| Whiteout | Scissors | Erasers |
| Colored Pencils | Glue Sticks | Pencil Pouches |
| Red Pens | Black Pens | Blue Pens |
| Book Covers | Compasses | Composition Books |

Please drop off your donations at the Township office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thank you for your support with this worthwhile event. We wish you a wonderful summer!

WHEELING TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



Michael Schroeder, DDS
Supervisor



Paula Ulreich
Town Clerk



Dan Patlak
Assessor



Scott Saewert
Highway Commissioner



Mike Domrzalski
Trustee



Ruth O'Connell
Trustee



Kathy Penner
Trustee



JoAnne Schultz
Trustee



Stephen Sharer
Collector

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Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m weekdays

Township Board Meetings: 8:00 p.m.
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