

FUNDING FOR THESE AGENCIES PROVIDED BY WHEELING TOWNSHIP

Wheeling Township funds a variety of important human care services for residents of all ages. Almost half of the Township's general budget funds 22 social service agencies. 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
- ⊙ CEDA (emergency shelter, child care, Head Start)
- ⊙ Catholic Charities (housing, senior services)
- ⊙ Center for Enriched Living
- ⊙ Children's Advocacy Center
- ⊙ Clearbrook Center
- ⊙ Community Companion Volunteers
- ⊙ Countryside
- ⊙ Faith Community Homes
- ⊙ Greater Wheeling Youth Outreach
- ⊙ The Harbour
- ⊙ Journeys from PADS to HOPE
- ⊙ Life Span
- ⊙ Lutheran Services of Illinois Behavioral Health Services Program
- ⊙ Midwest Council for Children with Disabilities
- ⊙ Omni Youth Services
- ⊙ P.H.D.
- ⊙ Salvation Army
- ⊙ Shelter, Inc.
- ⊙ Suburban Primary HealthCare/ACCESS TO CARE
- ⊙ WINGS

Please call Jo Stellato at 847-259-7730 to learn more about these agencies.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Wheeling Township Food Pantry experienced a drop in food donations especially during the 2007 spring and summer months. The low food supplies made it necessary for the Township to purchase food from local food stores, in order to continue providing food to the Township's neediest citizens.

If you can, please consider donating to the food pantry all year round. The following basic items are always in need:

Pasta, rice and potato products, pasta sauce, dried beans and peas, cooking oil, corn meal muffin mix, tomato products, dry or condensed milk, oatmeal, coffee, tea, sugar, and fruit juices. Also non-food items such as toilet paper, paper towels, detergent, and diapers (large sizes #4 and #5).

Please bring donations to the Wheeling Township Offices, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60004 - Ph: 847-259-7730. Our regular business hours are: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We have maintenance and volunteer staff available until 2 p.m. daily to assist with larger donations. Thank you for your support.



WHEELING TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



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WINTER 2008

Wheeling TOWNSHIP



From the Supervisor

My sincerest gratitude goes to the individuals, families, organizations and corporate sponsors who consistently, year round, partner in Wheeling Township's mission to provide needed services to the less fortunate in our community.

The annual holiday partnership between the **Arlington Heights Junior Woman's Club** and Wheeling Township was again a huge success. One hundred and fifty children from families in need received a generous outpouring of gifts from local residents.



Arlington Heights Junior Women's Club Members

Michael Schroeder
Supervisor

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Junior Women's Club membership and the management at Egg Harbor Café, the Wish Tree project made the season brighter for many needy families in the community. Club members handcrafted ornaments with the names of one hundred and fifty children and hung them on the Wish Tree at Egg Harbor. Within a couple of weeks almost all the children were sponsored. The Wheeling Township General Assistance Department administers the project and distributes the gifts. Since families can only qualify for the Adopt-A-Family program for a maximum of three years, the Wish Tree program is the last hope for some children for gifts for the holiday season. The Arlington Heights Junior Woman's Club does an outstanding job and has the respect and gratitude of Wheeling Township elected officials and staff for supplementing our programs and by making the holiday a little merrier for those who are less fortunate.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank **Michael Numerowski, owner of Gourmet's Delight Inc**, a fundraising company that makes and sells cheesecakes. For a number of years now Mike has donated cheesecakes to the families in our Adopt a Family program. This year he outdid himself – he donated 180 gourmet cheesecakes! Not only did he want to do something special for needy families, but he insisted cheesecakes be given to members of our Visually Impaired Support Group and to Wheeling Township staff in appreciation for all they do for the residents. He truly is an example of "Neighbors helping Neighbors".



A complete list of donors is on page 2. I am humbled by your generosity and extremely proud to live in a community that fosters, promotes and encourages the true spirit of the holiday season. Wishing you peace and a healthy and happy 2008.

Wheeling Township recognizes and is proud to honor Sue Ellen Burlini as the recipient of the 2007 Township Officials of Illinois Senior Director of the Year. Sue works tirelessly as an advocate for senior citizens and continuously strives to make services available to meet their needs. She serves as an inspiration and role model to the entire Township. Congratulations on an award well deserved!

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR "2007 ADOPT-A- FAMILY DONORS"

Thank you to all who participated in the 2007 Wheeling Township Holiday Programs. Because of your kindness and generosity, over 200 less fortunate families, including over 1,000 children were able to enjoy gifts such as toys, books and clothing this year. Many other families received food and many were helped financially. We recognize that everyone has many claims on their time and resources during the holidays and throughout the year, so we wish to especially thank you all again for remembering those Wheeling Township citizens currently in need. Due to privacy issues, we are not listing the names of individuals or families; all donors will receive 'thank you' letters from the Township.

- American Legion Auxiliary Post 208
- Amvet Post #66
- Angiotech
- Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce
- Arlington Countryside Church
- Arlington Heights Chapter #992 OES
- Arlington Heights Garden Club
- Arlington Heights Junior Women's Club
- Arlington Heights Masonic Lodge 1162
- Arlington Heights Memorial Library
- Arlington Heights Noon Rotary
- Arlington Painting
- Arlington Park Racecourse
- BGHS Interact Club
- Bright Horizons Child Care
- Dominicks Food Store
- Congregation Beth Judea
- Cross Com National
- Curves Arlington Heights North
- Cutest Kids Playgroup
- Daugherty Business Solutions
- Insurance Resource Consultants, Inc
- Engis Corporation
- First Church of Christ Scientist
- Faith Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights
- Gap and Gap 546
- Garden Fresh Market of Arlington Heights and Mount Prospect
- GE Healthcare
- Girl Scouts - Illinois Crossroads
- Girl Scout Troop 83
- Grace Presbyterian Church
- Gourmet Cheesecake
- Indian Trails Public Library
- Intercap Merchant Partners
- Ivy Hill Cub Scout Pack #468
- Kiwanis Club Mt. Prospect
- L&L Bright Beginnings
- Lions of Arlington Heights Foundation
- Life Member Club Telecom Pioneers
- Living Christ Lutheran Church
- Luther Village of Arlington Heights
- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- Membership Consultants
- Midwest Bank – Mt. Prospect
- Morgan Stanley
- Northwest Community Hospital
- Northwest Covenant Church
- Northwest Special Recreation Ass'n
- NW CC Chapter of Thriven Financial for Lutherans
- Olive-Mary Stitt School
- Our Lady of the Wayside School Brownie Troop
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Prospect Heights
- Patton Elementary School
- Preceptor Epsilon Rho, Mt. Prospect
- Prospect Heights Community Church
- Prospect Heights Library
- Property Casualty Insurers of America
- Ready Press
- Reese Recreation
- Regent Park Home Owners Association
- ReMax Suburban
- Rinord Seal
- Salon Lorrene
- Sampson Photography
- Schroeder and Associates
- Segerdahl Graphics
- Sheraton Hotel CoCo Key Water Resort
- Sonshine Tuesday School
- St. Nectarios Philoptochos Society
- Sunrise Realty
- Telecom Pioneers
- Toko America Inc.
- Village Bank and Trust
- Visualedge Creative Services
- Wheeling Police Department/Citizens Patrol AAA
- Wheeling Township Staff
- Wickes Furniture, Wheeling
- Willow Creek Community Church, Lakeshore
- Willow Creek Community Church, Barrington
- WJE Associates, Inc

FROM THE ASSESSOR... DAN PATLAK YOUR TAXPAYER ADVOCATE



Wheeling Township received its triennial reassessment from the Cook County Assessor's office last September. The staff at our Wheeling Township office submitted over 650 assessment appeal applications to the County Assessor from among 1,100 office visits and 1,400 phone calls during the month-long appeal period. Many of our visitors were able to take advantage of our new constituent workstations where they researched comparable properties with the help of our employees. All who

applied for assessment reductions should have received a response in the mail in December. Regardless of the response you received or if you missed the deadline to appeal with the County Assessor, you may still appeal at the Cook County Board of Review. Check our web site at www.wheelingtowship.com or their web site at cookcountyboard-ofreview.com to find out if the appeal period has begun for Wheeling

Township. Stop in during regular office hours (Monday through Friday 9-4:30) to get help with an appeal to the Board of Review or call with any questions. Our office is installing a new computer program that will help in providing information on whether or not your assessment is in line with other homes in your area.

Seniors should begin receiving renewal forms for their Senior (Homestead) Exemption and Senior Freeze Exemption in late January or early February. These forms need to be completed each year. Please note that if you qualify for the Senior Freeze, you need only fill out and send in the Senior Freeze form not both. The Senior Freeze form qualifies the applicant for the Homeowner, Senior, and Senior Freeze. This year's 2007 Senior Freeze applications will be based on the 2006 income tax year. Household income for the 2006 tax year must be at \$50,000 or less to qualify for the exemption.

Call us at 847-259-1515 if you have any questions. We're here to help.

FROM THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER... SCOTT SAEWERT



TORNADO AND FLOOD DAMAGE RECOVERY...

Along with most of the Municipalities in Wheeling Township, we too experienced damaged and down trees, branches and debris from the tornado/microburst that occurred in late August this year, an event that has been recognized and officially declared a disaster by FEMA. We are now applying to FEMA for reimbursements to recover the extraordinary costs incurred by the Highway

Department for flood control efforts and clean up.

Planning for Next Year...

During the winter months, the most important task for the Road District is to insure the roads are kept clean and free of ice after storms occur. At the same time, I use this period to work with my staff on setting goals and planning projects for next year. We identify what we want to accomplish, estimate the cost for each project, and then use this to develop my annual budget for the Road District operations. Once the projects are selected, the design is prepared by our contract Township Engineer, after which a contractor is selected through a formal bidding process.

After concentrating on road drainage improvement projects for the past few years, we have achieved success in restoring the storm water drainage throughout the Dunlo subdivision and are now prepared to begin repaving the well-worn roads there. The emphasis in 2008 will be re-paving those roads where the drainage has been corrected, which includes: **Brookfield Avenue, Woodland Drive and Dunlo Avenue.**

Budget permitting, other projects being considered include:

- **Restoration of Storm Water Drainage in the South Portion of Forest River Subdivision** – this will include the demolition of a

house in the flood plain to achieve additional compensatory storm water storage. The purchase of this house was a joint venture with IDNR and an Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DECO) Grant to remove flood-prone structures and allow drainage improvements to the surrounding neighborhood.

- **Road Drainage Improvements** – areas throughout the unincorporated areas that require road drainage ditch regarding and driveway culvert replacements.

The final projects selected will be identified in the next Wheeling Township Newsletter. Prior to starting any project, the homeowners affected will be given advance notification.

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.



FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE... PAULA ULREICH



Great News! Wheeling Township is now a designated location for **EARLY VOTING!**

Any registered voter in suburban Cook County can now cast their ballot before Election Day here at the Township Community Center without a reason or excuse. This makes voting more convenient. Early voting is held from January 14-31, 2008. Any registered suburban Cook County resident may vote at this site. The hours are from 8:30-5:00 Monday-Friday and 9:00-

noon on Saturday, January 19 and 26. Please call the Clerk's Office, at 847-259-7730, for any additional help.

In an effort to prevent vote fraud and double voting, 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 photo.

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.

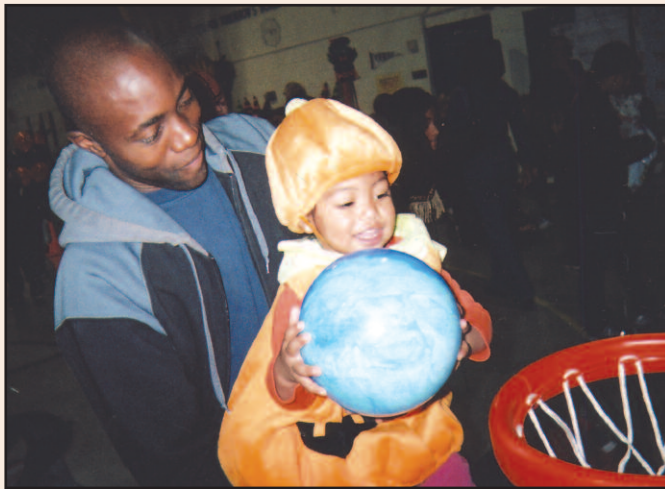
ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS If you have someone in your household or a child away at school who cannot get to the polls to vote, an **absentee ballot application** can be sent to him or her just by calling the Clerk's Office.

JUDGES OF ELECTION If you would like to serve as an election judge for the February 5, 2008 General Primary contact either Republican headquarters at 847-632-1774 or Democratic headquarters at 847-253-9032. To qualify, you must be a registered voter and live in Cook County.

VOTER REGISTRATION Regular voter registration for the General Primary ended on January 8, 2008, but there is one other way for you to still get registered. A new law called "grace period registration and voting" extends the regular registration allowing voters to register to vote up to two weeks before an election at the Cook County Clerk's Office at 69 W. Washington Street, Room 500, Chicago, Illinois.

VEHICLE STICKERS For residents of unincorporated Wheeling Township – don't get caught without a vehicle sticker. If you are found without one, the fine is \$105 plus the purchase of a sticker, which is double the original price. You can pick one up by coming to the Clerk's Office during regular office hours, Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:30.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL TIDBIT At the Annual Town Meeting held on April 5, 1853, held at the home of Joseph Filkins, the election of township officials took place. It was interesting to read that Joseph Filkins, who ran for supervisor, and his entire board won the election, each receiving 123 votes. Also voted upon at the meeting were fines to be incurred for animals that ran at large - \$5 for each bull and \$1 for each hog, sheep and calf. It certainly was a different world back in 1853!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY – HALLOWEEN FUN FAIR FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

Once again, children, dressed as princesses, pirates, cowboys, and ballerinas, turned out for the annual fun fair. Scout troops and American Legion groups, as well as school service clubs created and staffed the games the children played. Parky the Clown emceed the event providing music and balloon magic for the children. Wa-Pa-Ghettis donated a portion of the delicious pizzas that families enjoyed for lunch. Toy donations and Halloween decorations poured in from our wonderful community. We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every volunteer who helped us put together this awesome event for some of the most precious and "special" Township residents we know.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you are unemployed or underemployed, in search of a full or part-time position, feel free to make an appointment with Employment Director Valerie Profit. She is in the WTS office every Thursday. Bring your resume – or Val will help you prepare one.



While in the office, Val will make contact with various companies on your behalf. She will fax your resume to them and hopefully set up an interview. You are also strongly encouraged to attend our monthly Senior Job Club, a partnership with Palatine and Schaumburg Townships. This is a support group for serious job seekers ages 50+ and a great networking opportunity. Typically one or two companies attend to interview interested job seekers. Each attendee leaves with a copy of our Job Bank, a listing of approximately 100 job opportunities in the northwest Chicagoland area. Why not call (847) 259-7730 to make an appointment.

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.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR ASSETS WHEN ENTERING A NURSING HOME AND

HOW TO APPLY FOR VA BENEFITS

Tuesday, February 12

Presented by: John Belconis, Elder and Disability Law

The Illinois Medicaid eligibility laws are going to change dramatically. The requirements to gain Medicaid coverage for individuals entering nursing homes are going to become much more difficult. Come learn how to protect assets should it become necessary to apply for Medicaid now or in the near future. Also, if you are a veteran, come learn how to apply for VA benefits.

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM YOUR NEXT DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

Tuesday, March 11

Presented by: Sue Barrett, Medical Laboratory Technologist, certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists

Many patients leave their doctor's office feeling rushed, confused and frustrated; not getting the most from their doctor's appointment. Sue Barrett will discuss how by following a few simple rules, you will leave the physician's office feeling that you used your time effectively and have the ability to understand your health.



MOVING A LIFETIME

Tuesday, April 8

Presented by GERO Solutions

GERO Solutions will help guide you through the moving process. If you have lived in your current home for 20, 30, 40 or more years, sometimes knowing where to begin can be overwhelming. Come hear tips on moving, downsizing, de-cluttering, and dealing with both the physical and emotional side of moving. You may not have thought about moving now, but if it is in your future, why not be prepared?

HEALTH SCREENINGS AT THE TOWNSHIP

The following health screening services are administered through the Township nurse, by appointment, for residents 60 years of age and over.

BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR MONITORING

- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 pm, by appointment.
- Blood pressure – no charge. Blood sugar - \$1 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 am - 3:30 pm, by appointment. \$6 charge

THE FOLLOWING HEALTH SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER:

New Schedule for Cholesterol Screening

An 8 hour fasting (water only) lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, and blood sugar - \$15 charge. Non fasting total cholesterol and HDL - \$10 charge. Requires drawing of a blood sample from a fingertip. 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month – 9:30 am – 11:00 pm, by appointment.

Hemocult Kits (for cancer screening of blood in the stool)

Kits available any time during Township office hours. Tests are done at home and returned by mail to the nurse for reading. \$4 per kit



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

DISABILITY GROUPS

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

Voices - Therapeutic Support Group for Visually Impaired meets every Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm – except the 1st Thursday.

Advisory Council on Disabilities – Meets 4th Thursday of the following months – Jan, March, May, July, and September - 10:00 to 11:00 am.

SENIOR GROUP

Senior Advisory and Action Council – meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, except July, August, and December – 9:30 – 11:00 am. Please join us!

Senior & Disability News

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

SHIP - WHAT IS SHIP?

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) is a free insurance counseling service for people with Medicare and their caregivers. SHIP is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance.



This service, offered statewide, is available to people with Medicare of all ages.

- Ship is not affiliated with any insurance company.
- Ship counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance.
- Ship counselors are trained by the Illinois Division of Insurance to:
 - Organize and assist in filing Medicare and Medicare supplement claims;
 - Analyze Medicare supplement and long term care insurance policies;
 - Educate and assist consumers with questions about Medicare, Medicare supplement, Medicare Advantage, long term care insurance, prescription drug coverage and other health insurance plans.

Our counselors are here on Monday mornings by appointment.

APPLY FOR CIRCUIT BREAKER/ ILLINOIS CARES RX

Wheeling Township and Catholic Charities Northwest are working together by providing trained counselors to help you apply for Circuit Breaker/Illinois Cares RX.



The eligibility guidelines for Illinois Cares Rx are:

- A senior age 65 or older
- Single with an annual income less than \$22,793 or
- Married with an annual income less than \$30,594

What to bring?

1. Social Security Card
2. Medicare Card
3. 2006 Income Tax Information or Proof of Income
4. Asset Information: such as CD's Stock, Bonds, and Insurance
5. Any notices you have received regarding Circuit Breaker/ Illinois Cares Rx

INTRODUCING: RED TAPE CUTTERS PROGRAM

- Want to learn about government or public benefits for which you may be eligible
- Need help organizing paperwork or submitting applications
- Have been denied a benefit without sufficient explanation.

THE RED TAPE CUTTERS CAN HELP WITH: Benefits Check up

Social Security, Supplemental security Income (SSI), Medical Assistance/"Spend down", Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low income Medicare Beneficiary SLMB, Tax Exemption and Tax Freeze, Energy Assistance, Circuit Breaker Tax Relief, Food Stamps/Illinois Link Card

Advocates and volunteers are trained to:

- Screen for benefits eligibility using Benefits Check Up
- Clarify benefits
- Assist with paperwork or applications
- Help obtain necessary documents
- Advocate on your behalf with involved parties

Counselors are here on Tuesday mornings by appointment for the above programs.

DISABILITY ISSUES

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS

- Talk to a person in a wheelchair at eye level, whenever possible
- Do not touch assistive devices such as canes, walkers and wheelchairs
- Ask before offering assistance
- Do not stare



TAX TIME REMINDER!

AARP – FREE SENIOR TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Wheeling Township will be a host site for the AARP Senior Tax Assistance program. Trained AARP tax counselors will be here on the following Fridays to assist seniors in filling out simple income tax forms. Please call to schedule an appointment beginning Friday, January 4.

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

March 7, 14, and 28

April 4, 11

Please be sure to bring the following information with you when you met with the Tax Counselor.

- 2007 State and Federal income tax forms, as well as any income or expense information that could affect your tax return.

UPCOMING DRIVER'S PROGRAMS SECRETARY OF STATE

Renew your Driver's License - Mobile Drivers' Unit here at Wheeling Township on Wednesday, May 21 - 9:30 – 2:30 by appointment

Services available: Vision Screening, Duplicate License, Corrected License, Driver's License Renewal, Identification Cards, Vehicle Renewal Stickers

To apply for or renew a driver's license, you must provide acceptable identification to verify your NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, ILLINOIS RESIDENCY, and SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND SIGNATURE.

DRIVERS REFRESHER COURSE ILLINOIS RULES OF THE ROAD – FREE REVIEW COURSE

Come prepare yourself to take the written test that may be required to renew your driver's license. No need to be stressed out about taking this test, because you will leave this workshop prepared, confident, and filled with knowledge. Update yourself with new Illinois driving laws. Learn what is expected for your actual road test. Be prepared and relieve your anxiety.

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

- Thursday, March 13
- Thursday, May 8
- Thursday, July 10

AARP – SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM

In cooperation with AARP, Wheeling Township will offer the AARP Safe Driving Program from 5:30 until 9:30 pm on the following dates. Included is new and updated safety information, as well as an updated and extended, superb video.

- Monday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 6
- Monday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 5
- Monday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 9

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.

LIFTING SPIRITS – A NEW IN-HOME COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR SENIORS PROVIDED BY THE SALVATION ARMY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Are you feeling sad and lonely?
- Are you suffering from a loss and are grieving?
- Do you have relationship issues?
- Do you have health concerns?

Don't suffer alone. Let us help! You may call Wheeling Township (847-259-7730) or Salvation Army at (847) 392-0265, extension 6.

In-Home counseling for seniors is covered by Medicare.

A CALL TO VOLUNTEER! IT'S A NEW YEAR –

GET OFF TO A GREAT START BY VOLUNTEERING TO HELP OTHERS!

We know you are busy, but organized people always seem to find the time to get things done. We provide volunteer opportunities that provide flexibility and can easily fit into your schedules. We need volunteers for all of our programs: Meals on Wheels, Friendly Visitors, Caring Caller, and A-OK (Acts of Kindness). Call us and we will help you find the right fit.

A-OK (ACTS OF KINDNESS) – AN INTER-GENERATIONAL PROGRAM HOME MAINTENANCE HELP IS AVAILABLE TO YOU - FREE.

We are now assessing clients to be served by our A-Ok program this spring. Maybe you will need a spring yard cleanup, window washing, smoke alarms checked and/or installed, patio furniture put in place, etc. Whatever it is, call us so that we can help you get these chores completed at no cost to you by trained District 214 High School students under the guidance of an adult Team Leader. All we ask in return is that upon completion of your jobs, you spend about 1/2 hour with the students, sharing some of your memories of how life used to be.

If you are a senior citizen and would like to receive help this spring, you MUST call us by February 29th so we can schedule a home assessment with you and get your work scheduled for March and or April.

A-Ok is a partnership of: District 214 Community Education and High Schools, Elk Grove Village, Elk Grove Township, Rolling Meadows Police Department – Senior Services, University of Illinois Extension, and Wheeling Township.

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

■ **Lifeline Kits:** 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:** Applications for seniors 65 years of age and over are available through the Township for reduced rides on buses and trains. Come into the Township to complete your application. \$2 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:** You may pick up our newly updated Handyman Directory featuring local handyman who can help you with home projects. Good work for a fair price.

■ **Lion's Club:**

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

The Mobile Dental Clinic is a partnership with Northwest Community Hospital, Elk Grove, Palatine and Wheeling Townships and provides necessary dental care to residents who do not have the resources to go to a general dentist. General Assistance clients and those having an income below 200 percent of federal poverty levels are eligible for treatment. \$20 charge for each visit and **service is by appointment only.** Call 847-259-7730 to see if you qualify.

