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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.

- @Home Matters
- 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
- 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.



CONGRATULATIONS

For many years Buffalo Grove High School's "Blue Crew", a spirit group, has delivered meals to the homebound on Thanksgiving Day. This year was no exception. Jeff Siegal, leader of the "Blue Crew" was named "Advisor of the Year" by the Illinois Director of Student Activities Association. Congratulations to Jeff and the Blue Crew for helping the seniors and disabled in Wheeling Township.

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



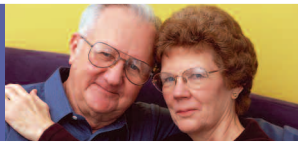
Ken Jochum
 Collector



WINTER 2010

Wheeling

TOWNSHIP



Michael Schroeder
Supervisor

From the Supervisor

THANK YOU -

We could not have done it without you!

On behalf of the elected officials, the staff and clients of Wheeling Township, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the individuals, families, businesses, and organizations that donated to our holiday programs. Because of your generosity over 3,000 people received toys, clothing, books, food, and financial aid. Due to confidentiality, we are not listing the names of individuals or families; they have been thanked on a personal basis.

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2009 Holiday Donors...

- 9-Hole Ladies' League
- 100 Percent Foundation
- Accuquote
- Angiotech
- Aristo Dental, Wheeling
- Arlington Aces Soccer
- Arlington Countryside Church
- Arlington Health & Wellness
- Arlington Heights Junior Women's Club
- Arlington Heights Lodge 1162 AF & AM
- Arlington Heights Masonic Lodge
- Arlington Heights Memorial Library
- Arlington Heights Newcomers & Neighbors
- Arlington Heights Noon Rotary
- Arlington Heights Park District
- Arlington Heights District 25 Central Office
- Arlington Heights Sunrise Rotary Club
- Arlington Heights Woman's Club
- Arlington Park Racecourse
- Arlington Pediatric Therapy
- ATT Life Member Pioneers
- Benefit Express Services
- Beta Sigma Phi Preceptor Epsilon Rho
- BGHS Interact Club
- Bright Horizons Family Solutions Child Care

- Brownie Girl Scout Troop #40412 – Ivy Hill
- Brownie Girl Scout Troop #40535
- Brownie Girl Scout Troop #41616
- CCI M.I.N
- Christian Church of Arlington Heights
- Congregation Beth Judea
- Continuity of Care—Northwest Metro Region
- Cornerstone Bible Church
- Cross Com National, LLC
- Cub Scout Den #6
- Detail Kitchens
- Destaco, Wheeling
- District 214 Read to Learn Literacy Program
- Dominicks Foods, Arlington Heights
- Dr. Timothy J. Brouder
- Dryden School--Cub Scout Den #4
- EA Weber, Wheeling
- ECDEL Preschool; Poe School
- Educational Tours, Inc.
- Elementary Classroom
- Elite Soccer/Parent Council
- First Church of Christ Scientist
- First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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Thank You

for making the Holiday Season so bright!

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Foxboro Apartments
 Gap Store 55Z
 Garden Fresh
 Girls Night Out Group
 Girl Scout Troop #26
 Girl Scout Troop #40026
 Girl Scout Troop #40611
 Girl Scout Troop #41354
 Girl Scout Troop #41388 Poe School
 Godey Questers
 Gourmet Cheesecake
 Harris Bank
 Hebron Presbyterian Church
 IBM
 IL Tops 1613, Wheeling
 Indian Trails Library – Read to Learn
 John Hersey High School
 Lake of the Winds
 Lions Club of Arlington Heights Foundation
 Living Christ Lutheran Church
 Luther Village of Arlington Heights
 Luther Village Spiritual Enrichment Foundation
 Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard
 Martorano Group

Meadows Credit Union
 Merry Feast, Arlington Heights
 Mount Prospect Bike Club
 Northwest Suburban Montessori School
 NTN Bearing Corp., Mt. Prospect
 NWSRA
 Olive Mary Stitt School
 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Pactiv Corp., Wheeling
 Progeny Dental, Lincolnshire
 Property Casualty Insurers Association of America
 Prospect Heights Garden Club
 Prospect Heights Library
 Prospect Heights Lions Club
 Prudential Stark Realtors
 Quill. Com
 Random Acts of Kindness Club
 Regent Park Property Owners Assc
 Remax Suburban Real Estate Co.
 Republicans of Wheeling Township
 Rexnord Seal Inc., Wheeling
 Rolling Green Country Club
 Michael B. Schroeder, DDS
 Senior Six Plus One

Shure Inc., Wheeling
 Siemens Building Technologies Inc.
 Signode Distributory Sales
 Sonshine Tuesday School, Rolling Meadows
 Starbucks Café - Arlington Hts.
 St John United Church of Christ
 St Joseph the Worker, Wheeling
 Skin Deep
 Southminster Presbyterian Church
 St. James Preschool Religion
 St. Joseph the Worker
 Superstars c/o Arlington Pediatric Therapy
 The Green at Chevy Chase
 Thomas Middle School
 U.S. Tsubaki
 United Way Arlington Heights
 United Way Prospect Heights
 Village Bank & Trust
 Wal – Mart Store #1735
 Westgate School, School District 25
 WJE, Northbrook
 Willow Creek Community Church
 Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.
 Worsham College of Mortuary Science

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE ARLINGTON ACES...



Arlington Aces and volunteers with their Thanksgiving donations.

Thanks to the Arlington Aces for their generous donation of Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards. Because of this difficult economy, the number of families asking for assistance has almost doubled so, needless to say, the baskets were appreciated and well received.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE DIFFERENCE...

at our ANNUAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!

Our 2009 annual Make a Difference Day in October, for special needs children and their families, was a wonderful event thanks to generous donations and volunteer efforts. Over 100 volunteers helped with games, prizes, and food, bringing smiles to the faces of the children and parents. Thanks to everyone who "made a difference" in their community!

FROM THE ASSESSOR... DAN PATLAK YOUR TAXPAYER ADVOCATE



Board of Review Appeals for 2009 Assessments

Many of you appealed your new 2009 tax year assessment to the Cook County Assessor. If you were not satisfied with the results or if you forgot to appeal, there is still an opportunity for you to appeal at the Cook County Board of Review. The Board of Review is likely to open for appeals from Wheeling Township property owners some time in the next several months. You can keep track of when the Board opens by calling our office or by going to the

Board web site at www.cookcountyboardofreview.com. If you need help preparing your appeal, stop by our office or give us a call and we'll answer any questions you may have. Please have your permanent index number (PIN) ready when you call or visit.

For New Homeowners

The Cook County Assessor normally mails an exemption booklet to all residential property owners who have purchased within the last two years. It is important to complete the booklet and return it to the County Assessor in order to ensure you receive your Homeowner Exemption. Once you personally apply for and receive the Homeowner Exemption, it will be renewed automatically each year.

Your Next Tax Bill

In past years, all first-half tax bills (normally arriving on February 1 and due March 1) were always exactly one-half of the previous year's total tax bill. Due to a change in law passed by the Illinois legislature last summer, the first half tax bill will now be 55% of the previous year's tax bill.

Permanent Index Number (PIN)

People often ask us what is represented by the numbers contained in their Permanent Index Number (PIN) so I thought I'd make an effort to explain it to you. First you need to know that a perfectly shaped township is thirty-six square miles and Wheeling is a perfectly shaped township. Townships are divided into one square mile sections. Sections are divided into blocks and blocks are divided into parcels. A PIN is broken down into

five sets of two or three digit numbers such as 03-04-405-025-0000.

The first set of numbers represents the township. Wheeling Township is number 03. Our neighbor to the west, Palatine Township is 02 and our neighbor to the south Elk Grove Township is 08.

The second set of digits represents the section of the township in which your property is located. These sections can be numbered from 1 to 36.

The third group of three digit numbers represents your block. Block numbers start with a one, two, three or four. If your block starts with a one then you are in the northwest quadrant of your section. A two means you are in the northeast quadrant, a three is the southwest quadrant and a four is in the southeast quadrant.

The fourth set of three digit numbers represents the particular parcel of property you own within a particular block, section and township.

The last four numbers are almost always zeros for single family homes. If they are not zeros, then they usually indicate an individual condominium unit, townhome condominium, or parking space within an Association.

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36

Wheeling Township Assessor's Office

Between October 29th and December 8th when tax bills and reassessment notices arrived, our office serviced more than 2,000 taxpayers who walked through our doors and over 1,600 who phoned in with questions. I would like to thank those taxpayers for their patience and I would like to also thank our staff of full and part time professionals who did an extraordinary job in accommodating the needs of every taxpayer who requested help with an appeal or an explanation of their tax bill. Whenever you have a property tax related question, please call our office at 847-259-1515 or stop in the second floor of the Wheeling Township Service Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road. We're here to help!

FROM THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER... SCOTT SAEWERT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PLANS...

In spite of the economic downturn that occurred during 2009, we were able to complete a number of major projects to further improve the roads and drainage in the unincorporated areas. The first major project completed was the Graylynn Dr. Drainage Channel Restoration, which improved the drainage for the southern portion of Forest River Subdivision. The restored drainage channel from Graylynn Dr. to the culverts under River Rd. has helped alleviate flooding onto Graylynn Dr. during the subsequent rainfalls experienced this year. This is the beginning of a long term solution to the poor road drainage in this area. The next phase is to improve the drainage from Graylynn Dr., Gregory St. and Hill St. into this drainage channel, which will help alleviate neighborhood flooding in this area.

In addition to this, we completed road resurfacing projects for both Woodland Dr. and Ellen Dr. And finally, we completed minor drainage improvements along Salk Rd. in preparation for a road resurfacing project for Park Pl., Salk Rd. and Darryl Dr. that will be done next spring.

For next year, due to substantial grants from State of Illinois Emergency Repair Program (ERP), we are planning to complete two larger projects that, with-

out these grants, would have been done in phases over several years:

- Road drainage restoration and road reconstruction/repaving on Hill St., Graylynn Dr. and Gregory St. This is the next phase of alleviating drainage issues for the southern section of Forest River Subdivision. This will correct the long on-going deterioration to Graylynn Dr. near Gregory St., and provide some protection against road and property flooding problems in this area.
- Road drainage restoration and road repaving on Portwine Rd. and Forest View Rd. This will provide road drainage restoration along the south side of Forest View Rd. and the north end of Portwine Rd. in preparation for resurfacing both of these roads.

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.



flooding prob-

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE PAULA ULREICH



We are starting out 2010 with a "Gubernatorial Primary Election" on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. With the new year, there are also changes in the State law which took effect on January 1, 2010 which deal with the voting process.

VOTER REGISTRATION Regular voter registration closed on January 5, 2010 but a new state law extends the "Grace Period" so a new voter may now register to vote and cast his/her ballot in the Primary at the same time. This three

week program runs through January 26, 2010. It is available at the Cook County Clerk's Office, 69 W. Washington St, Room 500, in Chicago; the Rolling Meadows Court House at 2121 Euclid Av.; the Skokie Court House at 5600 W. Old Orchard Road; the Maywood Court House at 1311 Maybrook Square, Room 109; the Markham Court House at 16501 S. Kedzie, in Markham; and in Bridgeview at 10220 S. 76th Av.

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 on line by going to "cookcounty-clerk.com". When arriving at the site, go to the left side of the page to "Absentee Voting", then to "Early/Absentee Voting", and last to the right side of the page to "Download an **absentee ballot application**", and click English, Spanish or Chinese.

EARLY VOTING Early voting is currently being held at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. It will continue through January 26, 2010. 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. For further information, call the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0900.

JUDGES OF ELECTION If you would like to serve as an election judge for the February 2, 2010 Gubernatorial 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.

SCHEDULE OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2010 All regularly scheduled Wheeling Township board meetings are held at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, commencing at 8:00 p.m. The dates are:

Tuesday, January 26, 2010	Tuesday, July 27, 2010
Tuesday, February 23, 2010	Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Tuesday, March 23, 2010	Tuesday, September 28, 2010
Tuesday, April 27, 2010	Tuesday, October 26, 2010
Tuesday, May 25, 2010	Tuesday, November 23, 2010
Tuesday, June 22, 2010	Tuesday, December 14, 2010

UNINCORPORATED WHEELING TOWNSHIP For those of you who live in unincorporated Wheeling Township, don't get a ticket -- buy a vehicle sticker. They are available here at the Clerk's Office Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:30.

HISTORICAL TIDBIT At the Annual Town Meeting, held at the home of Jacob Zimmer, on Tuesday, November 8, 1859, the following was voted upon: 1) That cattle shall not be allowed to run at large at night and if they are found at large the cattle shall be holden for all the damage they may do. 2) That cattle shall be allowed to run at large day times between the first day of April and the first day of November of each year but not between the first day of November and the first day of April. There were certainly different problems 140 years ago!

THE UNITED STATES CENSUS... IT'S IN OUR HANDS!

Your census form will arrive in March 2010. By answering 10 simple questions, you can help improve local schools, roads, hospitals, job-training programs, public transportation, and much, much more. Please take a few minutes to participate in the census - complete the form!

You can make a difference!



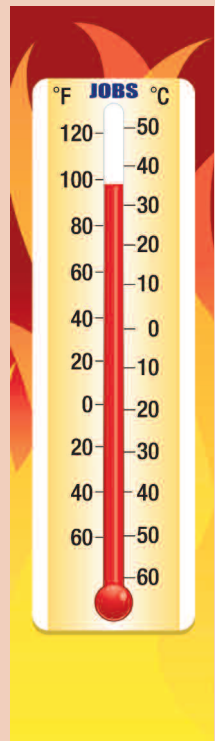
JOBS ARE STARTING TO HEAT UP

Things are definitely getting better jobwise. If you are currently unemployed or underemployed, you may want to consider making an appointment to see our job counselor Val Profit one on one. She asks that you bring in a resume so she can see what you've done in the past to determine appropriate job leads.

Val also facilitates a senior Job Club every EVEN month on the 4th Tuesday at 1pm at Schaumburg Township, 1 Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates. The Job Club is a support group for serious job seekers over 50 years of age; it's also a fantastic networking opportunity. We sometimes have a company come out to recruit and hire. At the end of the Job Club, we pass out our latest JOB BANK, a listing of 100 open positions in this northwest corridor, which is published monthly.

Val coordinates an incredible annual "Senior Job Fair" in October, where she has 20-25 fortune 100-500 companies come out to recruit and hire for viable positions!

Wow! There you have it; JOB CLUB, JOB BANK, JOB FAIR... you don't have to be in your job search alone. Feel free to give Val Profit a call today at 847-259-7730, ext. 42.



Senior & Disability News

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

“IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO GROW YOUNG.” *Pablo Picasso*

SENIOR SCENE

Senior programs, hosted by the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory & Action Council, reflects their newly adopted mission statement:

“The Wheeling Township Senior & Advisory Council is committed to empowering older adults to lead fulfilling lives through educational programs, health services and social activities.”

So, join us for the free educational opportunities for all seniors. The timely topics and lively discussion, offer older adults a chance to expand their knowledge and share fellowship. Please call to register for the upcoming free programs.

MUTUAL FUND SELECTION

Tuesday, February 9 – 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Jack Muldoon, a member of the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory & Action Council, has had extensive professional experience in the insurance industry and over 55 years as a private investor.

This Mutual Fund presentation will cover: what they are, where do you find them, how do you select from the many offered, when should you buy and sell and from whom. Jack will discuss criteria used in the selection of the type, style, cost factors, etc. and their “fit” with respect to the allocation and diversification of a portfolio.

Jack is an alumnus of De Paul University and Harvard University Graduate School of Business. This is a timely topic for investors during these volatile times.

LEGACY LIVING: AGING IS NOT FOR WIMPS

Tuesday, March 9 – 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

“Remember when life was filled with endless vision and possibilities? When each day was a new adventure filled with meaning and purpose? Recapture Positive Mental Aging in this insightful and inspirational presentation that asks “where does the rest of my life go from here?” and “how can I live and leave a legacy that shows others a love of life and discovery of my purpose for living?”

Presented by: Sandy Stoub, Gerontologist and Director of Wellness Services for Alliance Rehab

BOOK REVIEW

109 EAST PALACE: ROBERT OPPENHEIMER AND THE SECRET CITY OF LOS ALAMOS By **Jennet Conant**

Tuesday, April 13 – 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Dorothy McKibben runs a nondescript office at 109 East Palace. From here she issues security passes and coordinate logistics for the hidden world of Los Alamos. From her perspective we see the day-to-day life of the scientists, technicians and families stationed there. The story is less about the science of building the bomb and more about the creation of a unique place and time in which that bomb could be built. Conant, the granddaughter of a Manhattan Project administrator, brings us many of the characters and their foibles of this colorful and eccentric town.

Presented by: Joyce Voss, Community Service Manager at the Arlington Heights Library



STOP IN TO IMPROVE YOUR DRIVING SKILLS

Secretary of State Drivers Refresher 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.

If you are interested in this course, offered from **9:30 a.m. – noon** on the following Thursdays, please call our office at (847) 259-7730 to register for one of the following classes:

- Thursday, January 14
- Thursday, March 11
- Thursday, May 13

AARP – SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM

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 \$12.00 charge for AARP members and \$14.00 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, Monday, February 1 & Wednesday, February 3
- Monday, March 1 & Wednesday, March 3
- Monday, April 5 & Wednesday, April 7
- Monday, May 3 & Wednesday, May 5

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

Senior & Disability News

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

PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP (VIP)

This group meets the first Thursday of every month from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Township Transportation is available to help you attend this group. Just call our Transportation Department at (847) 259-7743 to register for transportation services or to make a reservation.

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM — SHIP

**State & Federal Programs guidelines can be complicated...
Benefit Check Up Could Help You!**

If you are a senior, and have questions regarding health insurance the SHIP program can help provide you with answers. The *Benefit Check Up* service can help you identify state and federal programs that may be of help to you. Trained counselors are available, by appointment, to provide assistance to you. Please call (847) 259-7730 to schedule an appointment.

MEDICAL SERVICES OFFERED

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. — 3:30 P.M.**

- **Blood Pressure** (no charge) • **Blood Sugar Screening** (\$1.00 charge)
- **PRO Time - Anticoagulation Therapy Testing** (\$6.00 charge)

2ND & 4TH THURSDAY EACH MONTH - 9:00 A.M. — 11:30 A.M.

- **Cholesterol Screening:** (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

DON'T? FORGET TO FILE YOUR TAX RETURN

Are you a senior citizen who needs help filing your 2009 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.

Call our office at (847)259-7730 to schedule an appointment:

- **Friday, February 5, 12, 19 and 26**
- **Friday, March 5, 12, 19 and 26**
- **Friday, April 9**



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

- Copy of your 2008 filed tax return
- Verification of your 2009 income and sales/purchases of assets

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Winter Blues Busters

Winter is a hard time for almost everyone. The sky becomes dark early in the evening, and the outside air is always chilly. Snow and ice make it almost an impossible task to leave our homes just for church or to see friends and families. When that breathtaking first snow quickly turns into a week long blizzard, and temperatures fall deep into the single digits, many of us are stuck indoors for what seems to be eternity. The winter doldrums can affect us all at some time during this long season.

Here are some ideas to keep our sanity until that first spring day is upon us.

First, make sure driveways and walks are safe from ice and snow. That way, when the opportunity arises, getting out will be a possibility. Hire someone, or ask some neighborhood teens if they would be interested in clearing your driveways. The township has a list of snow removal services that are willing to help out for a nominal fee. This small fee is worth not having a broken hip for the winter.

When it's cold and dark it is easy to become isolated. Make sure to keep social commitments. Find rides to continue with card clubs, dinners out, church or other engagements. If you are a senior or disabled, call our Transportation Department to register for our services. Remember the township bus is readily available to transport you anywhere within the township. Even if it seems easier to stay in, make every effort to get out and about whenever possible. Check out the Township Senior Scenes programs highlighted in the newsletter. These programs are informative and interactive; come and learn about topics of interest and meet new and interesting people. If you live in senior housing, get out and meet your neighbors. You might find a friend just a few doors down!

Exercising is always important. If you find yourself homebound for health or other reasons why not try some of the new electronic games that are now available? The Wii game console makes for some great indoor sports and entertainment. Bowling, yoga and even skiing can be done in your own home with just a flick of your wrist. If electronic games are not your thing, Sit and Be Fit tapes are fun and get the blood flowing.

Winter is a great time to learn a new program or brush up on your computer skills. Many programs have on line tutorials that can be accessed at your convenience.

Having a bird feeder outside your window can bring all kinds of interesting sights during those long cold winter afternoons. An indoor window box or garden can sure help those of us who miss the earthy pursuits of summer.

Don't forget the libraries. Many local libraries offer delivery service for homebound people. Libraries carry music as well as books. Nothing like the fast pace of an upbeat polka to past the day away!

So let's all work on beating those winter blues as best we can because one thing is for certain. Spring will come (eventually!)



TRANSPORTATION SERVICE — PROVIDING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS TRAVELING THE WORLD IN A LIFE TIME



For the past two years, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Lester Interrante travels on the Wheeling Township bus for dialysis.

Lester is one of many local residents who depend on our transportation services to connect them with services in our community. Lester is 88 years old and has been married to his wife, Mary, for 66 years.

During World War II, Lester served in the European Theatre with the 35th Infantry Division. He arrived on an LST on Omaha Beach and saw action at the St. Lo, Battle of the Bulge and Rhineland in 1944.

Recently, Lester traveled on the Honor Flight with eighty other WWII veterans. They were welcomed home at Midway Airport to bands, flag waving and shouts of gratitude by a crowd of over one thousand family and military supporters.

Wheeling Township is proud and honored to provide transportation to the many seniors and disabled in

our community. We recognize their many and varied contributions to their families, communities and our country.

Accessible and affordable, the Wheeling Township Transportation Service offers curb-to-curb transport to older adults (age 60 and over) and permanently disabled residents (age 18 and over) in the Wheeling Township area.

Wheeling Township partners with four Townships in the Northwest Suburbs, **TRIP** (Township Riders Initiative Program), to travel beyond its boundaries to medical appointments. TRIP will take you to Stroger Cook County Hospital, Hines Veterans Hospital and Veterans Health Administration – Elgin Clinic.

If you are in need of our transportation services, please call the Transportation Department at (847) 259-7743 for detailed information regarding program services and eligibility. (First time riders must register for services and reservations are required.)



Friends have commented that his military service was very impressive, to which Lester replies, “No, my service was not impressive... what was impressive is that we came home.”

VETERANS? SERVICES

If you are a veteran and have questions regarding benefits and services, Jim Lopez, Veterans Service Officer (VSO) is at the Wheeling Township Office on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

You may call (224) 345-3446 to talk with Jim or to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Learn more about what benefits may be available for you and to discuss your individual concerns.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU THIS HOLIDAY - DAY SEA -



Home Instead Senior Care delivered over 125 beautifully wrapped gifts and gift cards for seniors and the disabled receiving services from Wheeling Township. The gifts were delivered to the homebound for the holiday, helping celebrate a season of caring.



THANK YOU AMERICAN LEGION

Members of the Arlington Heights American Legion – Merle Guild Post 208 presented colors at the November 2009 Senior Scene, The Greatest Generation. Joyce Voss, Community Services Manager of the Arlington Heights Library, led the book discussion. The Peoples’ Bank of Arlington Heights donated copies of the local book “Arlington Heights’ Greatest Generation” as door prizes. This collaborative event honored our veterans and recognized their significant contributions to our country.



Looking for a great way to volunteer?

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

If you want to help, consider driving for our Meals On Wheels. It’s a great way to donate a few hours and assist our homebound residents. The volunteer schedule is flexible, so give Chris Guth a call at 847.259.7730, and you can join our team of volunteers!

