

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

**We're Proud to Serve You..**



**FUNDING FOR THESE AGENCIES PROVIDED BY WHEELING TOWNSHIP**

- Alexian Center for Mental Health
- Avenues to Independence
- Catholic Charities
- Center for Enriched Living (housing, senior services)
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Clearbrook Center
- Countryside
- Escorted Transportation Services
- Faith Community Homes
- Hands On Suburban Chicago
- The Harbour
- JourneyCare
- Journeys - The Road Home
- Life Span
- Lutheran Services of Illinois Behavioral Health Services Program
- Midwest Council for Children with Disabilities
- NCH Foundation Mental Health Navigator Program
- Northwest Compass (childcare, headstart, housing)
- Omni Youth Services
- P.H.D.
- Salvation Army
- Shelter, Inc.
- St. Mary's Services
- Suburban Primary HealthCare / Access to Care
- WINGS

Because of Township funding, services provided by these agencies are available to residents on a sliding-scale basis.

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

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# REPORT

FALL 2015

From the Supervisor...  
*Michael B. Schroeder*

## OUR FOOD PANTRY HONORS DEBBIE SMART

There are almost 500 visits to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry each month from those in financial crisis. Hearing that the shelves are low in the summer months prompted **Debbie Smart** to spring into action. The Arlington Heights Memorial Library Board President, Rotarian, Hearts of Gold winner, and Manager of Tuscan Market & Wine Shop encouraged donations to the Food Pantry in place of gifts for her most recent birthday. Wanting to do more, she initiated a \$50/50 lbs. Facebook challenge, asking friends to donate either \$50, or 50 pounds of food, to the pantry. Just when that was taking off, she had another idea... she could further increase donations by coordinating neighborhood food drives. Because of Debbie's initiatives, thousands of pounds of food were delivered to the Township and cash in the amount of \$1,850 was received to purchase food in the future.

**Thank you Debbie for your support and compassion, and for making a difference for so many in need. You inspire us all.**



Debbie Smart and Food Pantry Coordinator Craig Wleklinski



## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS... DID YOU KNOW???

Township Officials of Illinois offers scholarships to graduating Illinois high school seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale and who plan to attend a university/college in Illinois. An interview with a Township official, a 500 word essay on a topic TBD, high school transcripts, and two letters of recommendation must accompany the application. Applications will be available in January 2016 and must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2016 to be considered. **Call Jo Stellato at 847-259-7730 for details.**

# SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

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

## SENIOR SCENE PROGRAMS

SENIOR SCENE programs, hosted by the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory & Action Council provide educational opportunities for all seniors. The timely topics and lively discussion offer older adults a chance to expand their knowledge and share fellowship.

Just call our office to register for the upcoming free programs offered from **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** at the Wheeling Township Center on the following dates. **Registration is limited, so call now to reserve your place!**

## HONOR FLIGHT – CHICAGO

**Tuesday, NOVEMBER 17**  
**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Join us as we honor our veterans and learn more about the Honor Flight Chicago.

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures—the men and women who answered our nation's call, especially at times of our greatest need. The mission of Honor Flight Chicago, is to thank and pay tribute to these heroes — especially our World War II veterans — by bringing them to Washington, D.C. for a day of honor and remembrance at no cost to them.



Learn more about the Honor Flight Program and the amazing stories of the veterans who have participated in this meaningful journey. The American Legion Merle Guild Post 208 will be serving as Color Guard.

## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS Here's How You Can Help...

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

#### Current Top Ten Items most needed:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna/Tuna Packs
- Mouthwash (16.9 oz. or less, no glass)
- Nasal Spray
- Antacids (Rolls or 100 ct. or less)
- Pain Medication (100 ct. or less)
- Breakfast Bars/Pop-Tarts
- Peanut Butter (16 oz. or less, no glass)
- AA Batteries
- Quart/Gallon Size Ziploc Bags

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

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

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

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

*Donations of supplies, checks and letters can be dropped off at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, from Monday, November 2 through Tuesday, November 24 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)*

**Thank you for your support of our troops!**

## MEDICAL SERVICES

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

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



The following health services, administered by the Township nurse, are available by appointment, for residents 60 years and over.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays • 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

- **Blood Pressure** (no charge)
- **Blood Sugar Screening** (\$1 charge)
- **INR & PRO Time – Anticoagulation Therapy Testing** (\$6 charge)

#### Cholesterol Screening:

**2nd & 4th Thursday of Each Month • 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

*(Available to residents 18 years & older)*

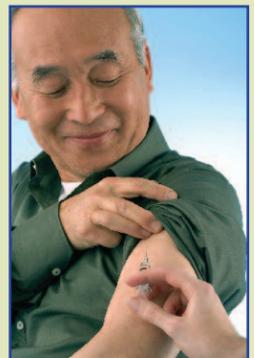
Eight hour fasting (water only) lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and blood sugar (\$15.00 charge) Cholesterol screenings require drawing of a blood sample from the fingertip.

At-home hemocult screening tests available for \$4.00

#### Concerned About the flu? What to do?

This year, the Township nurse will have a limited supply of the flu shots for homebound patients over the age of eighteen, who are unable to get a flu shot from their physician. Please call **Karen McNeir, R.N., B.S.N.** to schedule a home visit. **The flu shot is covered by Medicare Part B.**

If you do not have Medicare coverage, the cost is \$25.00



## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES...

### More Than Just a Ride!

*Helping our seniors and residents with permanent disabilities maintain their independence.*



*Ela is pictured with Maggie Peshek, Assistant Transportation Coordinator and John Prince, driver.*

Ela Stoklosa (center) rides the Township bus three days a week to volunteer at the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights. Ela is a Special Olympics athlete and Global Messenger, speaking to groups about how the Special Olympics has impacted her life. Recently, she raised over \$ 17,500 for the Special Olympics selling 3,514 yellow rubber ducks for the 10th Annual Windy City Rubber Duck Derby. Way to go, Ela!



### Unable to drive? Looking for safe & affordable transportation?

If you are age 60 and over or age 18 and over with a permanent disability, the Wheeling Township Transportation services may be an answer for your transportation needs. Our service hours are 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday within the Wheeling Township boundaries. Some expanded services outside of the Township area are available for medical appointments.



If you are in need of our transportation services, please call the Wheeling Township Transportation department at 847-259-7743 to register and find out more about this valuable service.

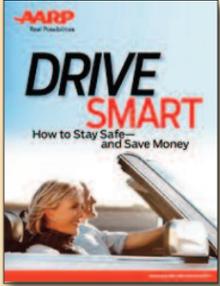
## STOP IN TO IMPROVE YOUR DRIVING SKILLS...

### Secretary of State RULES OF THE ROAD Review Course

The one-session Secretary of State Refresher Course will help prepare you for your driving test and soothe those road test jitters! The review course, taught by knowledgeable volunteers, combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination.

If you are interested in this course, offered from 9:30 a.m. until noon on the following Thursdays, please call our office to register:

- Thursday, November 12
- Thursday, January 14, 2016



### AARP – SMART DRIVER COURSE Tune Up Your Driving Skills...

In cooperation with AARP, Wheeling Township offers the AARP Safe Driving Program, designed to help you **tune up** your driving skills, **learn** about normal age-related physical changes and how to **adjust** your driving to compensate and **reduce** your chances of receiving a traffic violation or getting into an accident.

Call our office to register for one of the following two day sessions. **A \$15.00 charge for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members applies for the two session class.** Checks should be made payable to AARP and mailed or dropped off at the Township Office prior to your first class.

Class is 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, November 2 and Wednesday, November 4
- Monday, December 7 & Wednesday, December 9
- Monday, January 4, 2016 & Wednesday, January 6, 2016

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



## AARP FOUNDATION FINANCES 50+

Sponsored by and developed in collaboration with Charles Schwab Foundation.

### AARP – FINANCES 50+

Every day hardworking people, like you, struggle to make ends meet. In fact, almost 20 million people 50 and older are feeling overwhelmed by mounting debt, poor credit or lack of savings. It doesn't have to be that way. Learning to manage your money better is the first step.

**AARP Foundation and Charles Schwab Foundation** believe that everyone can benefit from smart money habits. Whether you are trying to meet your everyday needs like rent and food or planning a family vacation, being smart about your money is critical.

Each 90 minute interactive in-person session is designed to help you build habits that can improve your financial situation.

This three-part program will be held at Wheeling Township from **10:30 am to Noon**, on the following dates:

- Monday, October 19
- Monday, October 26
- Monday, November 2

Call our office to register for this new program. Participants should be able to attend all three scheduled programs. This educational opportunity is not only suitable for people 50 years or older, but for anyone who can benefit from smart money habits. Workshops are free and include a Participant Guide.



### BE A FRIEND... SHARE YOUR TIME... Bring Some Sunshine to Your Homebound Neighbor.

Have you ever thought about becoming a friendly visitor to a senior or adult with a disability? A friendly visitor is an individual who shares their time with someone in the community talking about special interests, hobbies, and life experiences. Many of our community members may also be in need of someone who is able to grocery shop or pick up prescriptions for them. By becoming a friendly visitor, you can help a senior or someone with a disability to remain independent in their own home while making a friend at the same time!

Certainly, the Friendly Visitor program embodies the Township's motto, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a friendly visitor volunteer, please contact the Wheeling Township Senior and Disability Services department.

# In the Spirit of Giving

The holidays are fast approaching. If you would like to experience sharing the joy of the season with someone, please consider participating in our Christmas program. The **Wheeling Township Adopt-A-Family Program**, or AFP, matches generous donors with needy families from our own community.

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

To participate, please complete the form below and follow these instructions:

- Email it to: CAnderson@wheelingtowship.com OR fax it to: 847-259-1570 OR mail it to: Wheeling Township AFP, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 by **Friday, November 13th.**
- Receive your Wish List, shop, wrap, bundle and **drop off on Monday, December 21st.**
- Enjoy your holiday knowing that you brought smiles and seasonal spirit to a needy family!



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Family you wish to Adopt \_\_\_\_\_

## Highway Commissioner – Scott Saewart

### ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR...

During the 2015 construction season, we selected several projects to further improve the roads and road drainage in the unincorporated areas:

1. Storm water sewer installation along 271 Lee St. and 123 and 125 **Anita Ave.** to improve road drainage.
2. Drainage ditch re-grading and culvert replacement along 138, 140 and 142 **Morrison Ave.** to improve road drainage.
3. Curb installation and minor ditch grading at the intersection of **Lee St.** and **Gregory St.** to complete the remaining drainage restoration work from last year.
4. Road resurfacing of **Lee St.** from Gregory St. to Hill St. and **Gregory St.** from 123 Gregory St., west to the cul-de-sac at 149 Gregory St.
5. Crack sealing along **Portwine Rd. from Dundee Rd. to Lake Cook Rd.** and **Forest View Rd.**

In addition, we have been working with the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to secure federal hazard mitigation grant funds for projects in Forest River Subdivision needed to improve public safety during extreme flood events from Mc Donald Creek and Feehanville Ditch.

For myself and my small staff consisting of a part-time Deputy and part-time Administrative Assistant, thank you for the pleasure of serving you!



## A Friendly Reminder: Saturday, October 24 Wheeling Township Make A Difference Day

Riley Elementary School, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

## From the Assessor – Jerry Sadler

### COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

2015 Wheeling Township property assessments can still be appealed with the Cook County Board of Review. The Board sets a 30-day appeal window annually for each Township in Cook County posted on their website at [www.cookcountyboardofreview.com](http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com). Using the property index number, **homeowners can file a complaint online** prior to or during the 30-day appeal window. Appeals can also be made with an official Board of Review appeal form. The forms are available online, at all Board of Review locations and from our office. **The Board of Review maintains a branch office in the Rolling Meadows Circuit Courthouse building to serve the northwest suburban taxpayers of Cook County.** It is located at 2121 E. Euclid Avenue, Room 237, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60098; and the phone is 874-818-2067. An appellant has the option to request a hearing with the Board, but does not need to do so in order to have the appeal reviewed.

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

**IN ORDER TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY PROPERTY, PLEASE HAVE THE 14-DIGIT PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER (PIN) AVAILABLE FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. THE NUMBER CAN BE FOUND AT THE TOP OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL. THANK YOU!**

### DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTIONS CHANGES

Senate Bill 107 (Public Act 99-0375) amends the Property Tax Code for the disabled veteran's standard homestead exemption for taxable years 2015 and thereafter as follows:

- Veterans with 30%-49% service-connected disability receive \$2,500 annual exemption.
- Veterans with 50%-69% service-connected disability receive \$5,000 annual exemption.
- Veterans with 70% or more service-connected disability are completely exempt from property taxation.

The exemption amount (along with any other exemptions such as the standard homeowners or senior exemption) is deducted from the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) which is then applied to the tax rate to determine a taxpayer's bill. The exemption will be deducted from the 2015 2nd Installment property tax bill.

Forms will be available in January 2016 from the Cook County Assessor's Office and online at [www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com). You may also contact our office at **847-259-1515**.

## From the Clerk – Joanna Gauza

### VOTER REGISTRATION AND DISTRICT MAPS



The Illinois Primary Elections for President, Congress, State Senator, State Representative, and other local offices are scheduled for March 15, 2016. If you have just moved into the Township, have moved to another residence, or changed your name, you need to register to be able to vote in these elections. To register, come to the Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, between 9:00-4:30. All you need are two forms of identification (one showing your current address), be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years of age or older by the next election, and live in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. For naturalized citizens, you must prove the date of your naturalization. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, visit [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) and go to the link called "Am I Registered to Vote in Illinois?"

**Remember - Once you have registered, you do not need to re-register unless you move or change your name.**

### VEHICLE STICKERS FOR UNINCORPORATED COOK COUNTY



**For residents of unincorporated Wheeling Township only – don't get a ticket – your new vehicle sticker should have been purchased by July 1st!** If you just moved into the unincorporated area or just bought a new vehicle, your fee is the normal rate. Proof of new residency or car purchase must be shown at the time you buy your sticker to receive the normal rate. If you have an old sticker and forgot to purchase your 2015-2016 vehicle sticker, you will be charged a late penalty equal to the price of the sticker. However, that is cheaper than a ticket of \$105 and also paying the penalty. Applications and stickers are available for purchase at the Wheeling Township Clerk's Office Monday – Friday, between 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR

Wednesday, December 16

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

If you don't drive, don't drive in the evening, or prefer to sit back and leave the driving to us, call our Transportation Department at 847-259-7743 and make your reservation for this festive tour.

Calls for reservations begin on **Monday, November 16**. Registration deadline is **Tuesday, December 1**. Space is limited and you must be a registered rider to participate.

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



### CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS GUTH...

Christine Guth, former Assistant Director of Senior & Disability Services, with Supervisor Michael Schroeder on the right, receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Illinois State Representative David Harris.



Taste of the Town 2015  
Wednesday, October 28th  
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Westin Chicago North Shore  
601 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Wheeling, IL 60090

### Celebrate a Healthy Harvest

Sample from over 20 restaurants, wineries and breweries  
Tastes of Italian, Asian, American, Korean, Mexican and more!

A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit **Wheeling Township**. Please select Taste of the Town (Food Pantry Referral) when ordering tickets online. **For more information or to register, visit [www.wphchamber.com](http://www.wphchamber.com) or call (847) 541- 0170**  
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