



Registration is required prior to October 23, 2017. To register for the event, please contact the Wheeling Township Senior & Disability Services department at 847-259-7730.

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location: Wheeling Township
 1616 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

snacks and surprises are in store for all who attend.

Join us for an exciting new event planned as part of Wheeling Township's Annual Make a Difference Day celebration. This year we are happy to invite children with disabilities ages 2-18 and their families to a special showing of the movie *The Incredibles*. All attendees are invited to dress up as their favorite superhero and come to the Township building for an afternoon of fun! Photo opportunities.



SAVE THE DATE...
 November 4, 2017
 1:00 - 4:00pm
 Special event for children with disabilities & their families...



WHEELING TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS

Township Board Meetings: 8:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month

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

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REPORT

From the Supervisor – Kathy Penner



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Many of our programs do not use tax dollars – volunteers and donors make this possible.

Wheeling Township's **Ready 4 Success** school supply program was again a success. Because of the increasing need, Wheeling Township Emergency Fund Inc. is proud to be one of the many organizations that provide this service. Our staff distributed 242 backpacks overflowing with supplies to underprivileged students so they are prepared to start the school year ready to learn. Among many others, **Siemens of Buffalo Grove** held a large school supply and cereal drive and **Fed Ex of Wheeling** donated a huge supply of schools supplies. We are extremely grateful to all who help make this program possible.



The **Rotary Club of Arlington Heights Noon** made a large donation that purchased an additional commercial refrigerator and food, and a successful paper and personal essentials drive replenished shelves in our food pantry. Many thanks for making a difference in the lives of our individuals, families, and senior citizens that use our pantry.

A large group of private citizens, schools and churches donated fresh produce to Wheeling Township's **Giving Garden Program**. In addition to produce, beautiful flowers grown by the **Viatorian Community Garden** were donated by the Clerics of St. Viator. It's truly heartwarming to see the smiles on the faces of the recipients.



We are in awe of the overwhelming support of our community and send heartfelt thanks to all who help us meet our mission.



SEATS FOR SAILORS is an ongoing campaign that provides funding for food and transportation for U.S. Navy recruits at Great Lakes Training Center for the holidays. Many of these young men and women are away from home for the first time and the holidays can be especially melancholy. Wheeling Township raises funds so that American Legion Post 208 can provide transportation, meals and holiday cheer at Thanksgiving and Christmas to recruits from all over the nation who are in training to defend our country. Help us show our appreciation for their service. *Send a donation made payable to SEATS FOR SAILORS, c/o Jo Stellato, Wheeling Township, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.*

SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

Call 847-259-7730 to register for any of the Programs & Services offered through Wheeling Township.

SENIOR SCENE PROGRAMS

SENIOR SCENE programs, hosted by the Wheeling Township Senior Advisory & Action Council provide educational opportunities for all seniors. The timely topics and lively discussion offer older adults a chance to expand their knowledge and share fellowship. Just call our office to register for the upcoming **FREE programs** offered at the Wheeling Township office. **Registration is always limited, and our programs fill up fast, so call now to reserve your place!**

THE INVISIBLE WOUNDS OF WAR: MORAL INJURY

Special guest speaker:
Major General James Mukoyama

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Program to be held at
Indian Trails
Public Library
(355 Schoenbeck Rd,
Wheeling 60090)

Our nation is losing veterans to suicide at an epidemic rate. A so-called 'invisible wound of war,' Moral Injury is at the root of many psychological issues facing our returning troops. It can linger for decades. We are honored to have Major General James Mukoyama, US Army retired, as our speaker on this important subject. He is the President and CEO of Military Outreach USA, a local 501(c)(3) organization focused on helping military personnel and their families cope with the visible and invisible wounds associated with military service to our great nation.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Major General Mukoyama speak. He is the first Asian-American to command an Army division, and among his many decorations are a Purple Heart, a Distinguished Service Medal and 3 Bronze Stars. **Please note that this program will be held at the Indian Trails Public Library in Wheeling, not at Wheeling Township.**



UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE BENEFITS: AN OVERVIEW

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



If you are already enrolled in, or are close to enrolling in Medicare, join us for a great overview presentation on unraveling the Medicare maze. Lou Barnett, Wheeling Township's SHIP Coordinator (Senior Health Insurance Program), will walk you through resources, suggestions and tips on how to understand Medicare and your options. A great program to better understand traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage and Medicare supplements. **This program always fills up fast, so call today.**

ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

This annual evening neighborhood bus tour is your chance to see the beautiful holiday lights in our community! If you are a registered Wheeling Township bus passenger, call Wheeling Township's Transportation Department at 847-259-7743 to make your reservation for this festive tour.

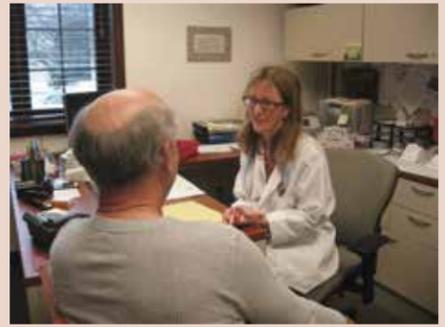
We will pick you up at your home and take you on a night tour of the holiday lights in Wheeling Township and return you safely home after the tour, so visions of sugar plums can dance in your head.

Calls for reservations begin on Friday, November 3. Registration deadline is Wednesday, November 22. Space is limited and you must be a registered rider to participate.



MEDICAL SERVICES

Make an appointment to meet our Nurse, Pam McVoy, RN, BSN. With over 30 years of clinical nursing experience, Pam is happy to provide the following medical services to Township residents. **Call for your appointment.**



Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(walk-ins allowed, but priority is given to appointments)

- **Blood Pressure** (no charge)
- **Blood Sugar Screening** (\$1 charge)
- **PRO Time/INR Testing** (\$6 charge)
- **At-home hemocult screening tests available** (\$4 charge)

2nd & 4th Thursday of Each Month
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (appointments required)

- **Cholesterol Screening** (\$15 charge)

Available to residents 18 years & older. It requires an 8-hour fast (but PLEASE drink water—being hydrated is important!), and provides a lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and blood sugar.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS... It's Our Annual Donation Drive

In cooperation with Operation Support Our Troops, America Inc., Wheeling Township will be collecting the following items for comfort & care packages for our Troops.

Last year compassionate residents donated 950 POUNDS of goodies, over \$1,100 in checks, and nearly 1,000 hand-written cards. ... Let's see if we can top that!

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

1. Small/individual pkgs of cookies/nuts
2. Jelly (30 oz or less/no glass)
3. Crackers (12 oz box or less)
4. Breakfast bars/pop-tarts/granola bars
5. Gum/fruit snacks/raisins/hard candy
6. Microwave popcorn packs
7. White athletic socks (men/women)
8. Eye drops/cough drops/saline solution
9. Mechanical pencils/pens
10. Handi-wipes/small hand sanitizers/travel size shampoos/soap/mouthwash, etc. **(Please, no glass, 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 OSOT is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, meaning your donation is tax deductible.*

• **Writing Letters of Encouragement:** The most coveted items in care packages are letters of encouragement. Every care package 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.

• **Know an active service person?** If someone you know is a deployed service person serving in harm's way, OSOT, Inc. would love to add them to the care package mailing list. Go to www.osotamerica.org for more information.

Donations of supplies, checks and letters can be dropped off at Wheeling Township, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, from Tuesday, November 1 – Tuesday, November 22, 2016 (9:00am - 4:30 pm). Thank you in advance for supporting our Troops!

IMPROVE YOUR DRIVING SKILLS

Secretary of State "RULES OF THE ROAD" Review Course

This FREE one-session Secretary of State refresher course will help prepare you for your driving test and soothe those road test jitters! The 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 taking one of these courses, please call our office to register!



9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on the following Thursdays

■ November 9 ■ January 11, 2018 ■ March 8, 2018

AARP – SMART DRIVING PROGRAM

Tune Up Your Driving Skills...

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



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

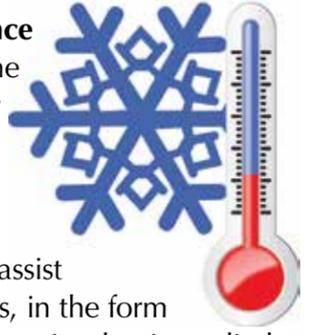
Class time is 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, November 6 & Wednesday, November 8
- Monday, December 4 & Wednesday, December 6
- Monday, January 8, 2018 & Wednesday, January 10, 2018
- Monday, February 5, 2018 & Wednesday, February 7, 2018
- Monday, March 5, 2018 & Wednesday, March 7, 2018

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

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LIHEAP, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program will begin accepting applications for the 2017-18 winter season on October 1st for senior citizens & those receiving Social Security Disability or SSI benefits. General enrollment will begin on December 1st.



DVP, or Direct Vendor Payment, is designed to assist income-eligible households with energy services, in the form of a one-time benefit payment to the utility companies that is applied directly to the household's energy bills. The amount of the payment is determined by income, household size, and fuel type. Reconnection Assistance is used to prevent or reconnect disconnected households.

Furnace Assistance is designed to restore the home's heating system back to a safe and effective operation. Assistance is only available to approved households that have or are eligible to receive a LIHEAP benefit and whose heating systems are not operational or have been red-tagged by their utility company. The services are free of charge for income qualifying households. *Renters are not eligible to apply.*

INCOME GUIDELINES FOR 2017-18 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Household Size	Gross Income for 30 days Prior to Application Date
1	\$1,508
2	\$2,030
3	\$2,553
4	\$3,075
5	\$3,598
6	\$4,120

Various documents are required at the time of application. To make an appointment to apply, please call the General Assistance Department at 847-259-7730.

'Tis the Season
to help a
Needy Neighbor...



Are you looking for a meaningful holiday experience? A wonderful way to share the joy of the season is to help someone else! You can make a difference for Christmas by participating in the Wheeling Township **Adopt a Family Program**, or AFP, which matches generous donors with needy families from our own community. Low income families, whose identities are kept confidential, provide a "Wish List" with clothing and toy suggestions for each member. Donors who commit to adopting a family are given the Wish List and asked to spend between \$50 and \$100 per child. Family sizes vary and are chosen by the donor. Detailed instructions are also provided which assist in making this large program run smoothly.

To participate, please follow these instructions:

1. Complete the form below.
2. Email it to: **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 **November 17th.**
3. Receive your Wish List, shop, wrap, bundle and **drop off December 14 – 18.**
4. 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 _____

FROM THE ASSESSOR JERRY SADLER

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

2017 Wheeling Township assessments can still be appealed through the Cook County Board of Review. The Board sets a 30 day appeal window annually for each township in Cook County. Appeal dates will be posted on their website: www.cookcountyboardofreview.com

Using your PIN# (property index number), an appeal can be filed online or submitted during the 30-day appeal window with a Board of Review appeal form. The forms are available online, at all Board of Review locations, or from our office. If you qualify for the Senior Freeze you should not file an appeal.

The Board of Review still maintains a branch office in the Rolling Meadows Circuit Courthouse located at: 2121 E. Euclid Avenue Room 237, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 6009, Phone # 847-818-2067.

If successful in getting a reduction in your assessed value, it will be reflected on your 2017 second installment property tax bill payable in 2018. We are available to provide information and direction in filing an appeal. You may email us requesting comparables at: taxpayerassistance@wheelingtowship.com. **Please have your Property Index Number available when you visit or call our office at 847-259-1515.** You can find your PIN on your tax bill.

DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTIONS

Senate Bill 107 (Public Act 99-0375) amends the Property Tax Code for the disabled veteran's standard homestead exemption for the 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 on their primary residence

The exemption amount (along with any other exemptions such as the standard homeowner or senior exemptions are deducted from the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV), which is then applied to the tax rate to determine a taxpayer's bill. Forms will be available in January 2018 from the Cook County Assessor's Office and online at www.cookcountyassessor.com. If you received the disability exemption last year, you should receive a renewal form to complete and return to the county in early 2018.

SENIOR EXEMPTIONS

Seniors who filed for a Senior Exemption for 2016, should receive a renewal form annually, as long as you are still living at the same residence. **All Seniors** must complete the senior portion on the front of the form every year and return it, **even if you do not qualify for the Senior Freeze**. Please note that the renewal exemption forms and property tax bills **will not** get forwarded to a winter address. You will need to get the form online or through our office—and if you are not sending the original renewal form, you will need to attach a copy of a tax bill and your driver's license or state I.D. with the property address. If you do not receive your property tax bill, which the Cook County Treasurer mails in February, and is due March 1, you may pay online at the treasurer's site: www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

FROM THE CLERK JOANNA GAUZA

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you want to vote in the Primary Election on March 20, 2018, now is time to make sure you are registered. If you are not registered, have just moved into the Township, have moved to another residence in the Township, or changed your name, you need to register to be able to vote in future elections. To register, come to the Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, between 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. You will need two forms of identification (one showing your current address), proof that you are a citizen of the United States, will be 18 years of age or older by the March 20, 2018 primary election, and have lived in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. For naturalized citizens, you must prove the date of your naturalization. If you have an Illinois driver's license or state ID, you may register online through the Illinois State Board of Elections website elections.il.gov. If you don't have Illinois driver's license or state ID, go to cookcountyclerk.com and complete the form online, print, sign and mail it to the address on the application. If you register by mail or online, you must bring a valid state issued picture identification when you vote for the first time. Remember - Once you have registered, you do not need to re-register unless you move or change your name.

You may have also heard about the new Illinois automatic voter registration act. Eligible voters will automatically be registered through an electronic process when they apply for a driver's license or state ID at the Secretary of State's facility.



FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

FLOOD EVENTS...

What Services the Township Can and Cannot Provide

After the most recent severe flood event that occurred in Forest River Subdivision during July, 2017, we think we should make it clear to our unincorporated residents what services Wheeling Township Road Management **can** and **cannot provide** during such events.

Wheeling Township Road Management is responsible for maintaining the unincorporated roads and road drainage systems. When a flood occurs and any road or section of road becomes flooded, the road drainage systems can no longer function until the flood water subsides below the drainage system level. When road flooding occurs, we will have ROAD CLOSED signs placed at appropriate locations to warn drivers not to proceed onto the flooded roads.

If residential flooding becomes imminent, we will do our best to warn the affected homeowners. Also, as a courtesy, we will contact Cook County Highway Department to request sandbags and sand for these residents. If the County does provide these supplies, the filling and positioning of sandbags is the responsibility of the resident. When the flooding subsides, the disposal of these sandbags is also the resident's responsibility. We do have some contacts for possible volunteer groups to help with sandbagging, which we will call on, but this is not a certainty.

If a home is going to flood, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to move any vehicles to higher ground to prevent them from being flood damaged. Vehicles can be parked at the Forest River Civic Center during flood events. We also have a contact at ComEd for disconnecting power to a residence should that become necessary.

If possible, when the flooding subsides, Wheeling Township will do its best to obtain help from Cook County to pump any lingering trapped flooded areas into the Graylynn Dr. retention area. Township cannot, however, pump out any flooded portions of private residences or property. If you have any questions, please direct your calls to Tom Neitzke at 847-259-7730 ext 41 or Jo Stellato at ext 11.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION

Looking for safe and affordable transportation?

If you are over 60 (or 18 and over, with a permanent disability), Wheeling Township's outstanding transportation service and team may be the perfect solution for your needs. With 8 buses on the road every day, we are doing our very best to help Township residents get where they need to be.



When is the service available? Rides are available to a wide variety of locations within the Township, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Some locations outside the Township are covered for medical services. **Cost? \$2 each way.**

When should you call? For medical appointments, please call at least one week in advance, as buses fill up quickly (you may call up to 30 days in advance for medical appointments). For casual appointments (hair salon, grocery store, etc), you must call two days in advance. **Call (847)259-7743** for more information about the program & eligibility.

However, remember, you must be a citizen and if you are not, you need to opt out from the automatic registration. Although the law is immediately in effect, the automatic voter registration process will be rolled out over the next year, in time for the November 2018 General Election.

VEHICLE STICKERS:

For residents of **unincorporated** Wheeling Township – **don't get caught without a valid vehicle sticker!** The deadline for displaying the new sticker was July 5, 2017. If you missed the deadline, **it is still cheaper to buy a vehicle sticker and pay the late fee than to receive a ticket.** The Cook County Vehicle Stickers for the **unincorporated** areas are available for purchase at Wheeling Township. Online purchases are also available at the following link - <http://www.cookcountyil.gov/agency/department-revenue>.



Stickers are valid from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018. The cost for stickers varies, but generally an automobile is \$80, a small truck is \$100 and a motorcycle is \$25. Senior citizens (65 years and older) can receive up to two stickers free of charge. Others eligible for no fee stickers are individuals with physical disabilities and disabled veterans. If you have purchased a vehicle within the last 30 days or moved to an unincorporated area within the last 60 days - you will not be charged a late fee. When you come to purchase vehicle stickers, Wheeling Township cannot accept cash or credit cards, so please bring a check or money order. If you have any questions, contact jgauza@wheelingtowship.com.