

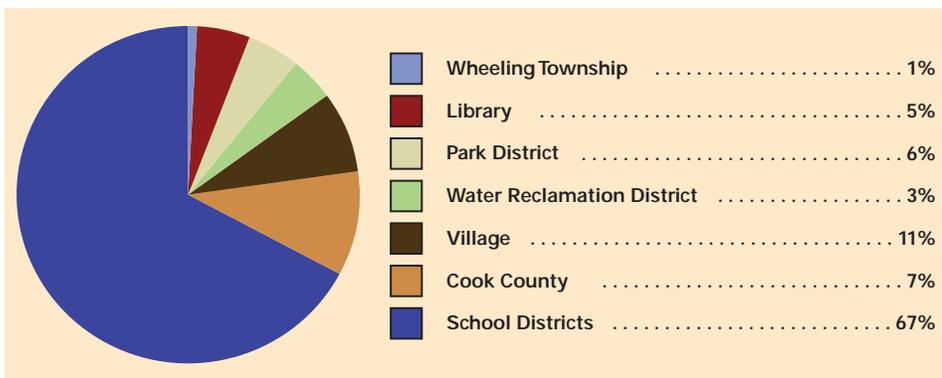


# REPORT

From the Supervisor –  
**Kathy Penner**



## A TRANSPARENT TOWNSHIP — THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Wheeling Township’s revenue is derived almost entirely from property tax dollars and amounts to less than 1% of the average homeowner’s tax bill. There are approximately 154,000 residents living in Wheeling Township.

Townships are mandated by state law to provide General Assistance, a local form of public aid, to those experienc-

ing financial crisis. We are also mandated to maintain our 5 miles of unincorporated roads, and offer help to citizens with property tax questions and appeals. We are the government closest to the people and our goals are to feed the hungry, assist those in financial crisis, provide transportation to the elderly and those with disabilities, fund needed social services – we are a safety net for those in need. A recent article in the Daily Herald highlighted funding provided by Wheeling Township to various local agencies that address issues with developmental and/or physical disabilities. A heartbreaking call from an ailing senior citizen worried about her disabled adult child after she is gone, confirms to us that our funding is crucial and necessary. *(See a list of funded agencies on page 8.)*

We have steadfastly reduced reserves and increased services while experiencing minimal or no increase in budgets. Our Food Pantry operates strictly with donated funds – no tax dollars are used. We owe this in part to a community of generous donors, appreciated and valued volunteers, partnerships and intergovernmental cooperatives that help make our work possible with the least impact to taxpayers. Wheeling Township is proud to say that we care for our community with low tax rates, balanced budgets, fiscal responsibility, and full transparency.

***Here is a recap of some of the services we provided in fiscal year 2017-18:***

- 25,325 dial-a-ride and medical van rides
- 13,179 meals delivered to homebound residents
- 5,343 visits to the Food Pantry – 11,912 people fed
- 837 LIHEAP applications processed
- 270 Thanksgiving Baskets distributed
- 238 families participated in the Adopt-a-Family program
- 121 Easter Baskets distributed
- 3,061 property tax exemptions processed
- 1,768 property tax appeals processed
- 1,373 nurse visits

# FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

## Jerry Sadler

### 2017 2nd INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The treasurer normally mails the 2nd installment tax bills on or about July 1st, with a due date the first part of August. We recommend that you check the bill carefully. The bill should have a summary of the tax bill calculation and any relevant exemptions. If an exemption is missing from the bill, you will need to complete a **Certificate of Error form** - and submit it along with a copy of the current property tax bill and a copy of a valid driver's license, or Illinois ID card with the address of the property to the Cook County Assessor's office. If you were born in 1952 or earlier, you are entitled to a senior exemption, or possibly senior freeze exemption along with your homeowner exemption on your primary residence only. **All senior exemptions must be renewed every year.** If you have any questions, or need assistance filing for your exemption, please call us at 847-259-1515. **We ask that you have your tax bill with your property index number (PIN) available.** The PIN is found at the top of the property tax bill.

The Cook County Assessor maintains a branch office at the Skokie Circuit Courthouse building located at 5600 W. Old Orchard Rd., Room 149, Skokie, IL 60077. Their phone # is 847-470-7237. The Cook County office can issue a revised bill.

If you filed an appeal for your 2017 assessed value and received a reduction, it will be reflected on your 2nd installment tax bill. You will have another opportunity to file an appeal with the Cook County Assessor for next year's assessed value. We are tentatively set to open for appeals July 26, 2018. You can check the website [www.cookcountyassessor.com](http://www.cookcountyassessor.com) - under appeals for dates and deadlines.

We are available to assist you by providing information and direction on filing your appeal. Contact us by email at [taxpayerrassistance@wheelingtowship.com](mailto:taxpayerrassistance@wheelingtowship.com) - after June 1st, and provide your property index number for possible comparables for an appeal. If you do not use the internet you may contact us by phone at 847-259-1515, or by visiting our office. We ask that you have your property index number available when calling or coming in to the office, so we can assist you in a timely manner.

## TOWNSHIP ROAD MANAGEMENT

Since January 1, 2017, the maintenance of approximately five miles of unincorporated roads within Wheeling Township is the responsibility of the Township Board of Trustees. Township staff, under the direction of the Board, outsources for all needed services. We also have oversight duties over new construction designs on properties within our jurisdiction to ensure that their property storm water drainage will not adversely affect their neighbors or adjacent municipalities.



### Our project plans for 2018 include:

- Road resurfacing along Morrison Avenue from River Road to Lee Street
- Drainage improvements at the intersection of Morrison Avenue and Lee Street

- Crack-sealing along Lee Street
- Continue encouraging Cook County and Homeland Security to purchase and demolish six flood-prone homes in the unincorporated Forest River subdivision
- Annual spring pothole patching throughout the unincorporated areas.
- We may consider other projects as the availability of our budget permits.

# FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Joanna Gauza

## VOTER REGISTRATION and VEHICLE STICKERS:

### VOTER REGISTRATION

The General Election for Governor and other State and Federal offices on November 6, 2018 promises a large voter turnout. If you want to vote in the General Election, 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 9:00-4:30. 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 November 6, 2018 election, and live in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. If you are 17 years of age but will be 18 years old on November 6, you can register. 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](http://elections.il.gov). If you don't have a driver's license or state ID, go to [cookcountyclerk.com](http://cookcountyclerk.com) and complete the form online, print, sign and mail it to the address on the application. If you register by mail, you must bring a valid state-issued picture identification when you vote for the first time. Finally, you can always register by visiting the Cook County Clerk's Office at 69 W. Washington Street, Room 500, Chicago, or the Rolling Meadows Court House, Clerk's Office, located at the corner of Wilke and Euclid in Rolling Meadows.

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

### VEHICLE STICKERS:

For those living in unincorporated Wheeling Township only – don't get a ticket, buy a vehicle sticker. These Cook County Vehicle Stickers for the unincorporated areas of



Wheeling Township will be available for purchase at the Township Clerk's Office. Stickers are valid from July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019. 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.

### Prorated Vehicle License

A resident of unincorporated Wheeling Township qualifies for a prorated vehicle sticker, per ordinance, if they purchase a new vehicle on or after Dec 1st through June 30th and purchase a vehicle sticker within 30 days of the new vehicle purchase. The following is required:

1. Resident must provide their Bill of Sale or registration which includes the vehicle and residents information
2. Resident must provide their valid driver's license, state ID or equivalent identification card

If a resident purchases a new vehicle on or after December 1st through June 30th but fails to purchase their vehicle sticker within the 30 day grace period, the resident would be liable for the regular fee. **\*New Cook County residents do not qualify for the prorated fee.**

Please be aware that the Cook County Sheriff's Police will ticket vehicles registered in unincorporated Cook County that do not display a current sticker. In addition to the ticket, you will need to purchase a vehicle sticker with a late penalty. Therefore, please purchase your sticker by July 1. When you come to purchase vehicle stickers, please bring a check or money order, we cannot accept cash or credit cards.

*If you have any questions or comments, please contact my office anytime at 847-259-7730 or by e-mail at [jgauza@wheelingtowship.com](mailto:jgauza@wheelingtowship.com).*



# LINK TOGETHER

*Empowering Youth to Be Drug and Alcohol-Free*

**Do you have old or unused prescription medications that you no longer need?** Consumers and caregivers should remove expired, unwanted, or unused medicines from their home as quickly as possible to help reduce the chance that others may accidentally take or intentionally misuse the unneeded medicine.

It is important to dispose of unused medications properly to help reduce harm from accidental exposure or intentional misuse. There are many locations in Wheeling Township that you can safely dispose of medications:

- **Arlington Heights Senior Center**, 1801 W Central Rd., Arlington Heights – **First Thursday of each month, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**
- **Walgreens**, 15 N Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove – **Open 24 hours**
- **Buffalo Grove Police Department**, 46 Raupp Blvd, Buffalo Grove – **Open 24 hours**
- **Mount Prospect Public Works**, 1700 W Central Road, Mount Prospect – **Monday -Friday: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm**
- **Prospect Heights City Hall**, 8 N Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights – **Monday -Friday: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm**
- **Wheeling Village Hall Police Department**, 1 Community Blvd, Wheeling – **Third Saturday of each month, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

## WHEELING TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2018 AWARD HONOREES...

Wheeling Township's annual Town Meeting was held on April 10, 2018. At this annual meeting, the Clerk addresses the Township's financial statements and items for future budgets. This year, Scouts from Troop 166 presented the colors and led a full house in the Pledge of Allegiance. With sincere gratitude, Supervisor Kathy Penner presented awards to the following volunteers and donors...



**Jack DeCarlo & Julie Wright** – Secretary of State, Rules of the Road Instructors



**Slim Petrie** – AARP Safe Driving Instructor



**Buffalo Grove/Hersey/Wheeling High Schools Stampede Hockey Club** – Food Pantry Donors



**Southminster Presbyterian Church** – Food Pantry Donors



**Christian Church of Arlington Heights** – Food Pantry Donors



## PLAN AHEAD TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR



### THE GIVING GARDEN PROGRAM

With spring finally here, many will start preparing their yards for gardens. As you are turning over that soil, please consider planting a few extra rows for **the Giving Garden**.

**The Giving Garden** program provides fresh produce to needy residents. Home grown vegetables are such a nutritious supplement to the non-perishables from the food pantry. Many pantry recipients are unable to make their own garden because of where they live. Having a locally grown, perfectly ripened tomato is a wonderful treat!

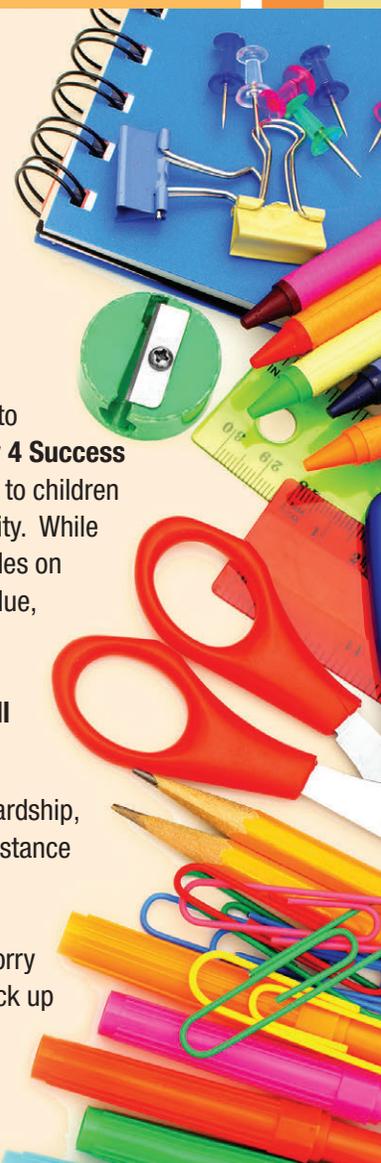
If you don't want to tackle a garden by yourself, consider helping at a community garden or talk to your neighbors and cooperate by having

one together. **Every extra seed planted helps to make the Giving Garden grow!** Produce is best brought in on Monday or Tuesday 9:00- 4:30 so that it can be used fresh within the week.

### READY 4 SUCCESS SCHOOL PROGRAM

Even though it's May, it's not too early to think about back to school. **The Ready 4 Success** program provides new school supplies to children of low income families in our community. While you are out shopping, watch out for sales on things like binders, crayons, erasers, glue, markers, pencils, pens, scissors, etc. Any tradition school supply is helpful to fill those backpacks. **Donations will be taken until Friday, August 10th.**

If you know of a family experiencing hardship, please have them call the General Assistance Office at 847-259-7730 to apply for assistance. All children need to concentrate on learning without the worry of missing needed supplies. Please pick up a few items to help them start the school year off right!



## HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION

Perhaps the most challenging time of year for the Wheeling Township Food Pantry is the summer months. The academic year draws to a close and all of the food drives coordinated by the schools or scout troops come to an end. Children are home for all 3 meals, which can be taxing to a family's grocery budget, especially if they were receiving free lunch. Businesses often organize food drives during the fall holiday seasons, not during the summer when employees are on vacation.

All of these factors lead up to the food pantry having empty shelves during the summer months. But hunger doesn't take a summer vacation!

When shopping this summer, please consider purchasing from the **P List: Paper products, personal essentials and pantry pairs**. These items are vital in keeping the shelves stocked. You can clip this handy list on the right to take with you shopping.



### PLEASE SHOP THE Pantry P List:

**Paper Products, Personal Essentials & Pantry Pairs...**

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Rice & Beans
- Soup & Crackers
- Pasta & Sauce
- Granola Bars & Juice
- Cake Mix & Frosting
- Cereal & Powdered Milk
- Fruit & Nuts
- Coffee & Tea
- Ketchup & Mustard
- Flour & Sugar
- Mayonnaise & Salad Dressing
- Toilet Paper & Kleenex
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap & Deodorant
- Detergent & Fabric Softener
- Paper Towels & Cleaning Products
- Tooth paste & Mouth Wash
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Diapers & Wipes



# SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

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

**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!**

## Illinois' 10 Defining Moments



**Tuesday, July 10**  
**10 am – 11:30 am**  
*Back by popular demand!*

Mr. Midkiff will cover events from all corners of the State and connect them to National history. From the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 and 1917 race riots in East St Louis, to the New Madrid earthquakes of 1811-1812 and the Lincoln-Douglas debates of 1858, Gary will touch on a wide variety of significant Illinois events, and how they've impacted the whole country. Mr. Midkiff is a college professor who teaches business and American history throughout the Chicagoland area. His annual lecture at Wheeling Township promises to be interesting and insightful.



## Medicare PART D Prescription Drug Coverage Choices

**Tuesday, September 11**

*Due to popularity, program will be offered twice on the same day:*

**10 am – 11:30 am or 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D is October 15 – December 7**

Seniors have many choices when it comes to Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage. Understanding those choices can insure that you receive the prescription drugs you require at the most beneficial cost to you. Join Wheeling Township's SHIP program coordinator Lou Barnett as he explains how Medicare Part D works, and how SHIP counselors can help you make the best choice when it comes to your prescription needs. The session includes a live internet demonstration and information on how and when to enroll and/or change plans.

## MEDICAL SERVICES

**Pam McVoy, RN, BSN**

Make an appointment to meet our Nurse, Pam McVoy. 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)
- **INR & PRO Time Testing** (\$6 charge— a doctor's order is required)
- **At-home hemocult screening** tests available (\$4 charge)
- **Traditional Blood Sugar Screening** (\$1 charge)

*Patient needs to fast 8 – 10 hours; but remember to drink water; hydration is important!*

**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. Test provides a lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and blood sugar.

*Patient needs to fast 10 – 12 hours; but remember to please drink plenty of water (but no coffee/tea/soda/juice, etc).*



**Medicare can be complicated...**

## SHIP Could Help You!

If you are enrolled in Medicare, are close to enrolling in Medicare, or have health insurance questions, our SHIP volunteers may be able to help you. Our dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers are trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance to assist Medicare participants with understanding their benefit coverage, helping with filing medical bills and claims, and providing resolution support for any problems. Our SHIP counselors are here to help you. Make an appointment to see one of them today!



**The Chicago Lighthouse**

**Low Vision Products Road Show • Wed., August 29th, 10 – 3pm**

The Low Vision Products Road Show welcomes the public to experience state-of-the-art technology such as CCTVs, portable reading devices, and much more, including independent living aids, lighting, and even sunwear. Test each product and receive training from expert staff who can advise on the right tools to improve your quality of life. **Absolutely free!** Everyone is invited to attend any time during the scheduled hours on August 29th at Wheeling Township.



## 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! 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. Call the Township to register.

**9:30 am – 11:30 am on the following Thursdays**

**July 12 • September 13**

### Secretary of State – Mobile Driving Unit

#### Renew your Driver’s License/get a State ID

When: Monday, September 24 • Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Services available: Vision screening, State ID card, Driver’s License renewal, license plate stickers, organ donor registration.

**NO ROAD TESTS.** Call for an appointment.



**AARP** Real Possibilities

The AARP Smart Driver Program is 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. Upon the completion of the two-session class, you will receive a certificate which may be submitted to your automobile insurance company for a possible discount.

**Cost: \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-AARP members.**

*Checks should be made payable to AARP and mailed or dropped off at the Township office prior to the first class.*

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

- June 4 & June 6
- July 9 & July 11
- August 6 & August 8
- September 10 & September 12

## SAVE THE DATE! Make A Difference Day



Our annual **Make A Difference Day** event for the Township’s disabled and handicapped kids (under 18) and their families will be held at Wheeling Township on **Saturday, October 27th**. If you’re interested in attending, or potentially volunteering your time, contact Lynndah or Aileen at the Township office.

## 31ST ANNUAL COMMUNITY PAINT-A-THON

September 15



Wheeling Township is one of 10 area townships participating in this year’s Paint-A-Thon. Who qualifies? Older (60+) or disabled homeowners of single-family residences who are financially disadvantaged and who are physically unable to paint their homes themselves are eligible to get the exterior of their home painted as part of this year’s Paint-A-Thon. The homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficient condition so that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. Rain date is 9/22.

Paint-A-Thon is a major volunteer event. Teams of volunteers are recruited from businesses, churches, social service and civic groups. Volunteers must be at least 14.

If you’re interested in volunteering (or might qualify to have your home painted), contact Aileen Zei, Wheeling Township’s Assistant Director of Senior & Disability Services, for information, or an application, at 847-259-7730.

## Wheeling Township Transportation

*...Much more than just a ride!*



### LOOKING FOR SAFE AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION?

If you are over 60 (or 18+ and permanently disabled), Wheeling Township’s outstanding transportation service may be the perfect solution for your needs.

**WHEN IS SERVICE AVAILABLE?** Rides are available for Township residents to a wide variety of locations within the Township, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. **For medical appointments, call at least one week in advance to reserve your ride,** 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.**

**HOW MUCH?** \$2 each way.

**HOW DO I SIGN UP?** Call our transportation department if you have any questions – or for an application. Applications can also be found online at [www.wheelingtowship.com](http://www.wheelingtowship.com).

**Call today for more information: (847) 259-7743.**



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**WHEELING TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS**



**Kathy Penner**  
SUPERVISOR



**Jerry Sadler**  
ASSESSOR



**Joanna Gauza**  
TOWN CLERK



**Ruth O'Connell**  
TRUSTEE



**JoAnne Schultz**  
TRUSTEE



**Jeffrey Battinus**  
TRUSTEE



**Brian Medley**  
TRUSTEE



**MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC**

The Mobile Dental Clinic, established in 2003, is a partnership with Northwest Community Hospital and Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling Townships. Many residents struggle to pay rent and put food on the table for their families. The clinic provides necessary dental care to residents who do not have the resources to go to a dentist. Residents must meet financial guidelines and there is a cost of \$30 per visit. Services are by appointment only so call us to see if you qualify.

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

Wheeling Township funds a variety of important human care services for residents of all ages. 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
- Catholic Charities (housing, senior services)
- Center for Enriched Living
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Clearbrook Center
- Escorted Transportation Service NW
- Faith Community Homes
- Hands On Suburban Chicago
- The Harbour
- Journeys - The Road Home
- Kindred Life Ministries
- Life Span
- Little City
- Lutheran Services of Illinois Behavioral Health Svcs. Program
- Northwest Compass Housing
- Omni Youth Services
- Shelter, Inc.
- St. Mary's Services
- Suburban Primary HealthCare/ Access to Care
- WINGS

**WELLNESS HOUSE HELPS CANCER PATIENTS WITH MINDFUL YOGA**



WELLNESS HOUSE, a non-profit organization whose mission is to let you live your life with cancer and beyond, offers **MINDFUL YOGA** at the Wheeling Township Community Center every Monday morning from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Diagnosed individuals and their loved ones are welcome. Mindful Yoga nurtures your entire being with mind/body movement (*no yoga experience necessary*).

All WELLNESS HOUSE programs are offered at no cost to participants, but registration is required. To register, or inquire about other programs, contact Kelli Mitchell at 630-654-5197 or [kmitchell@wellnesshouse.org](mailto:kmitchell@wellnesshouse.org).