



# REPORT

From the Supervisor –  
**Kathy Penner**



## ***Consistently Addressing the Needs of the Community***

According to state law, Townships in Illinois are mandated to provide the following: 1) **General Assistance** (a local form of public aid) to residents experiencing imminent financial crisis; 2) **Maintenance of unincorporated roads in the Township** (Wheeling Township only has 5 miles of unincorporated roads); and 3) **Property tax Information, assistance and appeals**.

Beyond those 3 mandated services, Illinois Townships choose to provide other services which the elected Supervisor, Board, and Trustees consider to be vital and beneficial to its residents. For example, Wheeling Township has an award-winning Food Pantry and a Senior & Disability Services Department which offers crucial senior/disabled transportation, home delivered meals, and Medicare assistance, among others.

Townships are the level of government closest to the people, and this specific township's goals are to ensure that those who are hungry are fed, to help those who are facing financial crisis, and to support residents as they age if they choose to remain independent and in their homes.

Wheeling Township has always recognized the need to offer, serve, and support human services, whether directly or indirectly. Most specifically, we continue to be aware of the ever-increasing mental health crisis. To that end, in addition to the many human service programs Wheeling Township offers in-house, we also choose to fund over 25 **local** human service organizations and not-for-profit groups, including a number of which specifically address mental health, homelessness, sexual assault and child abuse. We choose to do this because of the highly talented, skilled specialists who staff those organizations. They are already addressing our community's mental health challenges, and do so with firmness of purpose and dedicated resources. The Township has always recognized the opportunity to offer this type of support so that our residents have access to the assistance they may require. **We consider ourselves to be a 'safety net' for residents in need.**

From where does our funding derive? Property tax dollars – and it amounts to less than 1% of the average homeowner's tax bill.

There are approximately 155,000 residents living in Wheeling Township. We have worked tirelessly to increase the quantity, quality and diversity of the services we offer while reducing our reserves and keeping our budget flat. For example, our Food Pantry operates solely on donated funds – no tax dollars are used. This is owed, in part, to a community of generous donors, valued volunteers, partnerships, and intergovernmental cooperatives which help make our work possible with the least impact to the taxpayer.

I am proud to say that Wheeling Township truly cares for its community with outstanding in-house services, financial support of additional crucial services offered by specialized agencies, low tax rates, balanced budgets, fiscal responsibility, and full transparency.

### **Recap of Some of the Services Directly Provided by Wheeling Township during Fiscal Year 21 – 22**

<b>7,512</b>	<b>Number of people fed by the Food Pantry</b> (1,414 were children under 18)
<b>14,689</b>	<b>Number of Home Delivered Meals</b> delivered by Volunteers
<b>15,846</b>	<b>Number of Rides Provided</b> to Seniors and Disabled
<b>639</b>	<b>Number of Families Helped</b> by Thanksgiving and Adopt-A-Family Programs
<b>1,104</b>	<b>Number of Property Taxes Appeals Filed</b> through the Assessor's Office

### **Some of the LOCAL specialized agencies we provide funding to:**

- Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health
- The Josselyn Center
- Northwest Compass, Inc.
- Journeys/The Road Home
- Connections to Care
- Shelter, Inc.
- Omni Youth Services
- Little City Foundation
- Suburban Primary Healthcare
- WINGS
- Avenues to Independence
- Children's Advocacy Center
- FamilyForward
- NCH Mobile Dental Clinic
- Clearbrook Center

# FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE... Ken Jochum

## TAX YEAR 2021

This tax year we have processed 661 appeals at the County Assessor and 443 appeals at the Board of Review. Additionally we have handled 560 exemptions thus far which will be reflected on the second installment of the 2021 tax bill. Our office has also initiated many Certificates of Error which resulted in refunds to taxpayers. During tax year 2021 we have handled 4,484 permits amounting to a total permit value of \$194,590,248 some of which will support increased township valuation.

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE SECOND INSTALLMENT TAX BILLS WILL BE LATE DUE TO DELAYS IN THE COUNTY ASSESSORS OFFICE, POSSIBLY AS LATE AS DECEMBER. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TAXPAYERS PLAN APPROPRIATELY SINCE THE FIRST INSTALLMENT TAX BILL FOR 2022 WILL DEFINITELY BE ARRIVING IN FEBRUARY.

### 2020 TOTAL TAX BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

**9,532.22**

### Homeowner's Exemption

**-1,058.90**

### Senior Citizen Exemption

**-847.12**

### Senior Freeze Exemption

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### 2020 Total Tax After Exemptions

**7,626.20**

### First Installment

**4,210.43**

### Second Installment

**3,415.77**

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### Total 2020 Tax (Payable in 2021)

**7,626.20**

## TAX YEAR 2022

This tax year Wheeling Township properties will be reassessed, however at this point we are not aware of the schedule. Since this is a reassessment year it is very important that you be aware of your notice of assessment and be prepared to appeal both at the County Assessor as well as the Board of Review. We can help you appeal at both offices.

A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S STAFF HAS INFORMED US THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY IN NORTH SUBURBAN TOWNSHIPS, CONSEQUENTLY WE RECOMMEND WATCHING FOR YOUR ASSESSEMENT NOTICE AND CONTACTING US FOR ASSISTANCE WITH AN APPEAL.

### In the Mean Time, Get a Check-up

Make sure you have all the appropriate exemptions by either; checking the box to see how exemptions appear on your tax bill, or stopping by the office or contacting us by phone, (847-259-1515) or emailing us at [taxinfo@wheelingtowship.com](mailto:taxinfo@wheelingtowship.com) and we will do a quick exemption check-up.

### An Opportunity to Learn How to Navigate the Maze

On September 14 at 7 p.m. I will be giving a presentation at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library in the Henderson Room. We will discuss how taxes are assessed, what agencies handle the tax process, how taxes are calculated, how to appeal and what you can do to influence taxing bodies. Join us and get a handle on the process. Registration is not required.

# WHEELING TOWNSHIP ROAD MANAGEMENT...

## Road Maintenance and Drainage Projects Scheduled for 2022

Wheeling Township Road District has completed a pavement evaluation and design to obtain bids for resurfacing **Lee Street** from Anita Avenue to Hill Street in the Forest River Subdivision. Limited culvert pipe replacement work will be performed as part of this project.

The paving and minor drainage work is expected to be completed this construction season.

**Portwine Road** (Dundee Road to Lake Cook Road) and Forest View Drive (Portwine Road to Basswood Drive) routine "pot hole" patching work will be scheduled before winter to avoid damage to plow blades and vehicle tires.



**Forest River Subdivision Drainage Investigation:** Woodland Drive (Bonnie Brae Avenue to Anita Avenue) road drainage patterns will be investigated.

**Crack Sealing and Patching:** Staff

continues to monitor the condition of the pavement. Maintenance work will be scheduled on a priority basis.

# FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE... Joanna Gauza

## 2022 ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION

With the June 28 Primary Elections complete, the 2022 election season now moves to the November 8, 2022 General Election. Because of re-districting that is done every 10 years, many who voted in the primaries and many who will vote in the November 8, 2022 General Election will be voting in districts with different district numbers. The Congressional and local legislative district boundaries have changed and the district numbers have changed. In the General Election, voters will choose the Governor, Statewide Officials, the State Legislature members, Judges, a U.S. Senator and U.S. Congressional Representatives. If you want to vote in the November 8, 2022 election and avoid the last minute rush, now is a good time to make sure you are registered.

**DO YOU NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?** 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 the next elections. You can register the following ways.

**1. Register to Vote at Wheeling Township.** You'll need two forms of identification (one showing your current address), to be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years of age on November 8, 2022, and have lived in the Township for at least 30 days before the election. 17 year-olds that will be 18 years-old by November 8, 2022 can register and vote in the November 8, 2022 General Election. For naturalized citizens, you must prove the date of your naturalization.

**2. Register Online.** If you have an Illinois driver's license or Illinois State ID, you may register online at [cookcountyclerk.com/agency/register-vote](http://cookcountyclerk.com/agency/register-vote). If you do not have a driver's license or state ID, go to the same website 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.

### Road Management (continued)

#### Township Permits or Letter of Determination required by Cook County Building and Zoning Department

Contractors and homeowners are encouraged to review both Township and Cook County permit requirements.

If property improvements or repairs are anticipated, contact Wheeling Township and the Cook County Building & Zoning Department before signing a proposal, or scheduling the work to be done. Any questions, contact Mark J. Toberman, at 847-259-7730, or email: [highwaymanager@wheelingtowship.com](mailto:highwaymanager@wheelingtowship.com).

### Key Dates for the November 8, 2022 Gubernatorial Election

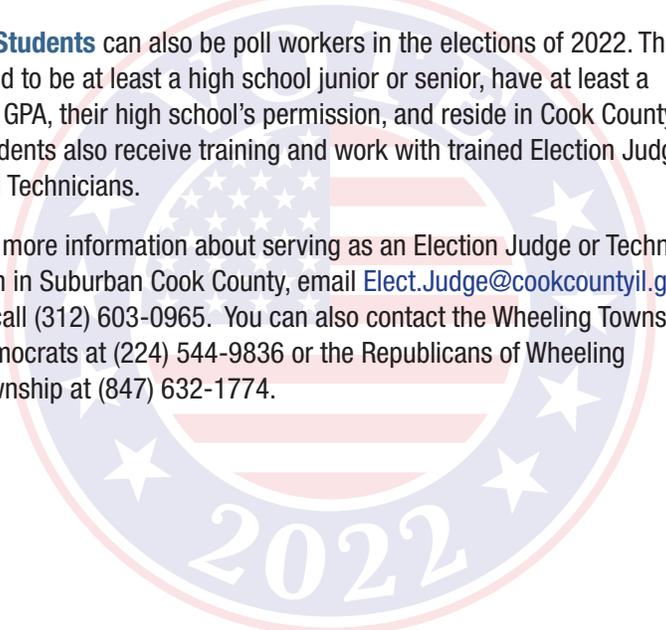
Date	Event
10/11/2022	Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials
10/23/2022	Last day to register to vote by online application
10/24/2022	First day of early voting
11/3/2022	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
11/7/2022	Last day of early voting
11/8/2022	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
11/8/2022	Election Day

### BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE AND EARN \$200 -\$365

Every election requires a team of Election Judges and Polling Place Technicians to serve at the polling places. These poll workers are paid \$200-\$365 depending on the position they work on Election Day. Before Election Day, Election Judges and Polling Place Technicians receive training so they are able to serve voters.

- **Election Judges** work to ensure voters can vote. They attend training about their duties. Then on Election Day, they check in voters, provide ballots, and process the votes. This position earns about \$200.
- **Polling Place Technicians** work directly with the Election Judges to ensure the polling place is running smoothly. Polling Place Technicians also have more responsibility for setting up and maintaining the voting equipment. Due to the additional responsibility, Polling Place Technicians receive more training and higher pay.
- **Students** can also be poll workers in the elections of 2022. They need to be at least a high school junior or senior, have at least a 3.0 GPA, their high school's permission, and reside in Cook County. Students also receive training and work with trained Election Judges and Technicians.

For more information about serving as an Election Judge or Technician in Suburban Cook County, email [Elect.Judge@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:Elect.Judge@cookcountyl.gov) or call (312) 603-0965. You can also contact the Wheeling Township Democrats at (224) 544-9836 or the Republicans of Wheeling Township at (847) 632-1774.



# SENIOR AND DISABILITY NEWS

## Home Delivered Meal Program

If you have concerns about your ability to shop or cook for yourself (or know someone who might need help), consider Wheeling Township's Home Delivered Meal Program. The Township offers a reasonably priced home-delivered hot meal program for residents of the Township who meet eligibility requirements.



### How does the program work?

A hot, freshly prepared meal is delivered at mid-day, Monday through Friday, right to the door of the recipient by a friendly volunteer. Applicants must agree to receive meals five days a week for at least 30 days.

### Cost of the meals?

Wheeling Township's program is a self-pay program: The hot meal is \$7.50 per day. A supplementary cold meal (which is delivered at the same time) is available for an additional \$5.45 per day.

### Who is eligible?

- Must be a senior over 60 or permanently disabled over 18
- Must reside within Wheeling Township
- Must be homebound and no longer driving
- Must not have a caregiver
- There must be availability on a route

If you're interested, call Anne Camarano, Home Delivered Meal Program Coordinator, at 847-259-7730, ext. 19, or email to: [HomeDeliveredMeals@WheelingTownship.com](mailto:HomeDeliveredMeals@WheelingTownship.com).

## **DRIVER SAFETY** **AARP Smart Driver Program**

**AARP** Real Possibilities

The AARP Smart Driver program is back! Upon completion of the two-session class, you will receive a certificate which may be submitted to your auto insurance company for a possible discount. Class size will be limited to 20.

Cost: \$20 for AARP members; \$25 for non-AARP members. If you have an AARP United Healthcare Supplement, there will not be a charge for the class (insurance card must be brought with, and must be for the person taking the class). Call the Township to register: 847-259-7730.

### 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the following Mondays & Wednesdays:

- **Sept 26 & Sept 28**
- **Oct 24 & Oct 26**

## Medicare can be complicated... **SHIP Can Help!**

If you are enrolled in Medicare, are close to enrolling in Medicare, or have health insurance questions, Wheeling Township's SHIP Counselors may be able to help you. Our dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers are extensively trained by the **Illinois Department On Aging** to assist Medicare participants with understanding their benefit coverage, helping with filing medical bills and claims, explaining Medicare Supplemental and Part D Insurance, and providing resolution support for problems.

SHIP counselors can also assist those seniors who qualify for both **Medicare and full benefit Medicaid with their enrollment in the Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative, also known as MMAI**. With this program you may choose to enroll in a health plan and receive all of your benefits through one MMAI health plan. If you feel you might qualify for MMAI, make an appointment with our SHIP Coordinator at 847-259-7730.

The annual Open Enrollment period (October 15 – December 7) is just around the corner. **We'll begin taking calls for Open Enrollment appointments on August 1st**. Call the Township: 847-259-7730.



## Have trouble hearing on the phone?

### Test amplified phones on August 23rd

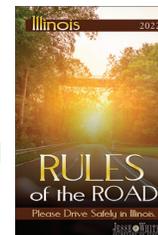
Communication is vital to maintaining your independence. Have trouble hearing on the phone? Test the free ITAC amplified phones at Wheeling Township on **Tuesday, August 23rd from 9am – 3pm**. Free amplified telephones are available to qualified Illinois residents with a hearing loss. **Participants MUST make appointments by calling Schaumburg Township at 1-847-884-0030 in advance; NO WALK INS.**

## Improve Your Driving Skills...

### “Rules of the Road” Review Course

This free, two-hour 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 the knowledge and confidence needed to renew a driver's license. The review course combines an explanation of the driving examination with a practice written examination. The Secretary of State's office will be presenting the class in person. Call today to register: 847-259-7730.

**10am – Noon on November 10th**



## WHY GARDEN? WHY GIVE?

The Wheeling Township Food Pantry has benefited from fresh produce donations from local gardens for many years. In 1999 the Daily Herald newspaper began what was originally named *Plant A Row for the Hungry*, later re-named the Giving Garden program. It encourages local homeowners to grow fresh produce in order to donate to local food pantries. For 23 years, home grown vegetables have been a welcomed addition to the non-perishables on pantry shelves. Red, ripe tomatoes, crispy cucumbers, zesty zucchini and much more have been donated by countless local gardeners to benefit the low-income residents who use the food pantry.

In that same spirit of kindness, many community gardens have been started for the sole purpose of donating to pantries. Plots have been created at schools as a hands-on method of teaching children, at churches as a way for the congregation to connect spiritually and locally on the campus of the Clerics of St. Viator. Wheeling Township resident, Dawes, shares why he does it.

### ***How long have you been involved with the Wheeling Township Food Pantry?***

I have been a volunteer at the pantry for 7 years. I work on Mondays helping to unload the truck from the Greater Chicago Food Depository and to stock the shelves.

### ***Did you need special experience?***

I worked in the animal feed manufacturing business for 50 years, so I was looking for a volunteer placement to share my knowledge, but no, there is no special experience needed. Township staff explains the routine to new volunteers.

### ***Do you have a garden of your own?***

Yes, at home I grow tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash.

### ***Have you participated in community gardens before?***

Yes, for about 10 years I helped with the community garden on the south side of Arlington Heights. The land has since been re-developed into a reservoir.

### ***Why did you decide to take responsibility to plant and tend a plot at St. Viator?***

The Township sent an email saying that St. Viator's Community Garden was looking for helpers. I thought it would be a great idea to participate again, especially since I am already connected to the pantry. I have planted cucumbers, squash, and cantaloupe there, which are already growing.

### ***Do you find the experience worthwhile?***

Absolutely! The people coordinating on behalf of the St. Viator Community Garden are very friendly. They held a meeting to explain what was expected of us, such as keeping up with the weed removal. The location of the donated plots is great because there is easy access to water. It is all fenced in to prevent the animals from eating the produce.



### ***Would you recommend this to others?***

Definitely! Gardening is great exercise. You get to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine, which helps keep you young. If you want an idea of how to lay out your own garden, you can drive into the St. Viator campus to take a look. Best of all, you know your donation of time and hard work will benefit someone locally who is using the Wheeling Township Food Pantry.

Donations of fresh produce are received in the Supervisor's Office Monday through Thursday, from 9:00am until 4:30 pm. Items need not be washed; however, please remove all loose dirt and lingering insects prior to dropping off.

For questions, email [GA@wheelingtowship.com](mailto:GA@wheelingtowship.com).

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED...

***Looking for a way to help?*** Please consider purchasing some of these needed items on your next trip to the grocery store:

- Canned Fruit
- Mayonnaise
- Rice – brown, white or flavored boxes
- Pasta Sauce
- Juice – Quart size please
- Paper Towel, Kleenex and Napkins

If you are unable to shop and would prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to "Wheeling Township Emergency Fund, Inc.," which is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.



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**Patricia Kozicki**  
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**Community  
Paint-a-thon**  
**35th Annual  
Community  
Paint-A-Thon  
Sept. 10th**



Older (60+) or disabled homeowners of single-family residences who are financially disadvantaged and are physically unable to paint their homes are eligible to get the exterior of their home painted. Homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficient condition so that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. Applications are due by July 1st.

Paint-A-Thon is always a major volunteer event. Teams of volunteers are recruited from businesses, churches, schools, social service and civic groups. Volunteers must be at least 14. If you're interested in an application or for more information, contact **Lynndah Lahey, Wheeling Township's Director of Senior & Disability Services at 847-259-7730, ext. 21.**

**WHEELING TOWNSHIP TRANSPORTATION...**

*So much more  
than just a ride!*

*Looking for safe and 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. **Call as soon as possible to reserve your ride, as buses fill up quickly (you may call up to 30 days in advance for medical appointments).**

**How much?** \$2 each way.

**How do I sign up?** Call the transportation department with questions – or for an application. Applications can also be found online at [wheelingtowship.com](http://wheelingtowship.com).

Call today for more information: 847-259-7743.