

# Village Views

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## Friendship Park Opens

In late October, ceremonies at Dundee Rd. and Milwaukee Ave. marked the opening of Friendship Park.



Almost a year in planning and construction, the park rose on the site of a former gas station. The plans were developed by Trustee Trevor Lehmann, who also oversaw much of the construction.

## Wheeling Comprehensive Plan Nears Completion

The year-long Village comprehensive planning process has entered its final phase. Under way since December 2001, the process has given planners and consultants the opportunity to evaluate every section of town to determine how well each meshes with the vision

Village train station. The municipal consulting firm Camiros, Inc., which is guiding development of the comprehensive plan, anticipates making recommendations about how such a town center may be developed within available land.

The train-station area is affected by one of the key issues the planners face – how to deal with Wheeling's lowlands that tend to flood during periods of high water. About a third of the Village lies within flood plains and floodways, which restrict how the land may be used. No permanent structures may be built within a floodway, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency rules.

That restriction has prompted Village planners to look at how best to rectify problems associated with heavy storms while encouraging new growth and development. One such possibility includes broadening floodways to allow for greater

for the Village's future.

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movement of water, thus freeing up other land for development within current flood plains.

Planners also have recommended the redevelopment of South Milwaukee Ave. to include a pedestrian bridge across the Des Plaines River, establishment of open space and clearing obsolete structures to allow for contemporary building.

In its final form, the plan will project a broad vision for the development of N. Milwaukee Ave., potential uses of other properties and ways to ensure greater diversity of the Village's housing stock.

The Board of Trustees is expected to take up the plan for modification and approval before spring.

## Four Companies to Move to Wheeling, bringing 350 Jobs

Four companies will soon move into Wheeling to occupy two existing buildings and a third currently under construction. The moves will add almost 350 jobs to the Village's employment rolls.

FedEx Ground, a division of FedEx and the second-largest small-package ground carrier in North America, has begun construction of a 112,000-

square-foot package-delivery facility on vacant property on S. Wolf Rd. The company will move from its current 38,000-square-foot building in Northbrook and transfer 94 part- and full-time employees and 55 independent contractors to the new operation.

“By almost tripling the size of our current facility in

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**New Streetlights**

New streetlights on Milwaukee Ave. from Hintz to Manchester will illuminate the remainder of the highway not included in IDOT's major reconstruction of Milwaukee Ave. six years ago. The Public Works Department will situate 33 poles and lamp standards at a cost of \$182,000.

## Wheeling Rd. Reconstruction Tops 2003 Capital Improvements

The Public Works Department may budget more than \$5 million in 2003 on a proposed capital improvement program that encompasses road work, sidewalk replacement, street lighting, new water mains and bike path construction. The capital improvements program will be presented to the

Board of Trustees for its consideration and approval early in 2003.

Topping the list is the scheduled reconstruction of Wheeling Rd. from Dundee Rd. to Hintz Rd. The \$2.5 million project will include widening the roadbed from Town St. (at the Metra parking lot) to Hintz Rd. One low-lying section, subject to flooding, will be raised.

Plans also call for resurfacing from Town St. to Dundee Rd., and the widening and reconfiguration of the Wheeling-Dundee intersection, depending on land acquisition and final approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The Department will install

20-inch water mains, medians and landscaping on Wheeling Rd. south of Hintz at a cost of \$1 million. Work is targeted for completion by late summer.

Crews will rework 3.2 miles of streets in the Dunhurst I and II subdivisions. The work will include replacing some deteriorating curbs and resurfacing the streets. The project will top off the installation of new water mains that took place over the past two years.

Hollywood Ridge, Poplar Grove and parts of the Dunhurst subdivisions will get new streetlights as part of the Village's long-term program to replace aging wood ComEd poles. Public Works will spend \$195,000 to install modern aluminum poles and light standards.

The Department has targeted aging sidewalks for replacement throughout the Village. The project will cost \$100,000.

A long-planned undertaking to build a 1.84 mile bicycle path will take place in 2003. The trail will run from Dundee Rd. to Lake Cook Rd., where it will connect with an

existing path north to the Buffalo Grove train station. The U.S. Department of Transportation will defray 80 percent of the \$784,000 cost. Wheeling, as the "lead agency," has paid the costs of design and is responsible for fronting costs associated with construction inspections in advance and will be reimbursed by IDOT with federal funds.

IDOT also will complete the major overhaul of McHenry Rd. begun in 2002. The roadbed will be widened to four lanes, plus a center left-turn lane. The Rte. 83-McHenry Rd. intersection will be reconfigured and is scheduled for completion by late summer.

Canadian National Railway plans to close the Hintz Rd. crossing for about 10 days in early spring. Workers will install an industrial track to accommodate switching operations and clear traffic from the main line. The railroad also will install a second track from Dundee Rd. north to Deerfield Pkwy. as part of its long-term effort to add a second track to Antioch. The entire North Central section of the railroad will be double-tracked by 2005, allowing for twice as many commuter trains as currently possible.

## Welcome New Businesses

**AG The Total Package Inc.** — DBA Postal Connections of America — Joe Gritmacker, Chief Executive Officer, 9 Huntington Ln., 847-366-6148, packaging, shipping, copy and printing

**Albar Precious Metal Refining Inc.** — Jeff Aronson, President, 583 N. Wolf Rd., 847-317-1757, reshaping precious metal

**Ashland Millwork** — Gregg Kuetemeyer, Owner, 5 Messner Dr., 847-465-8739, warehousing

**Baby's Boutique** — Ramon & Luz M. Garcia, 737 W. Dundee Rd., 847-541-0676, retail

**Café Riga** — Vera Kagan, 1057 Lake Cook Rd., 847-229-1010, family restaurant

**Corporate Micro Systems, Inc.** — Timothy Kupczyk, President, 512 Northgate Pkwy., 847-298-1100, computer systems integration

**Dynamic Air** — Thomas Johnson, 325 N. Milwaukee Ave. #G2, 847-215-9701, heating and air conditioning

**I.G. Construction Inc.** — Adam Grabowski, 553 N. Wolf Rd., 847-520-1525, construction

**Millennium Consultants** — Michael Pechony, 325 N. Milwaukee Ave. H, 847-808-0801, low-voltage product sales

**North Shore Battery Corp.** — Brad Winter, President, 145 S. Milwaukee Ave., 847-537-2288, retail & wholesale sales of batteries and related items

**Suburban Shade & Shutter Shoppe Inc., North Shore Blind Cleaning Co.** — Robert Piton, President, 505 Harvester Court #A, 847-541-5361, custom sales of window treatments & cleaning service

### New owners

**US Bank** — Richard Kellmann, Branch Manager, 800 S. Wheeling Rd., 847-520-0900,

**Wheeling Citgo** — Hue Tran, President, 775 W. Dundee Rd., 847-229-1159, gas station

Wheeling is on the Web at [www.vi.wheeling.il.us](http://www.vi.wheeling.il.us)

## Four Companies to Move to Wheeling... *continued from page 1*

Northbrook, FedEx Ground will be better able to serve its customers in the Chicago area," said John Cameron, managing director for FedEx Ground. "The Wheeling location will provide FedEx Ground with improved access to its service area, major highways and a large labor pool."

private-branded products for other buyers.

Durable Packaging's Chief Executive Officer Darren Anders antici-

facture plastic bags. Argus specializes in decorative merchandising bags for such retailers as Sears and Marshall Field's. Bio Industries produces plastic garbage can liners.

It is anticipated the twin moves, already under way, will be complete by spring 2003. The firms are owned by Jerome Starr and Eugene Wisniewski, who are also principals in 40 Foot High Realty LLC, a holding company formed to buy the Allendale property. About 150 employees from both companies, which are about 20 years old, will be transferred to Wheeling.

The transaction qualified for Cook County real estate classification 6 (formerly 6-B "abandoned" designation) available to businesses which take possession of industrial properties that have been vacant for at least two years. The designation provides for an assessed valuation of 16 percent instead of the customary 36 percent.

Whit Heitman, vice president for Paine/Wetzel ONCOR Intl., brokered the deal.

*Pictured at the FedEx groundbreaking are (from left): Trustee Michael Horcher; John Cameron, Midwest Region Director, FedEx Ground; Trustee Judy Abruscato; Trustee Dean Argiris; Don Schoenheider, Managing Member, Jones Development Company; Kevin Jones, Managing Member, Jones Development Company; and Wendy Nichols, Project Engineer, FedEx Ground.*



pates completing the move by spring 2003. Initially, Durable Packaging will use the facility for warehousing and distribution,

although some manufacturing and administrative activities may be moved there later.

Previously, the company had moved its warehousing to different locations as expansion required. "Now we'll finally have a permanent home," Anders said. "Plus we love the area."

A second building, at 540 Allendale in Wheeling, will be occupied for the first time in two years by two related plastics manufacturing companies. Argus Plastics, of Des Plaines, and Bio Industries, of Addison, will take over the building's 127,000 square feet to manu-

The company expects to move into the building by fall 2003. The new distribution center will provide pickup and delivery services for Lake and northern Cook counties.

FedEx Ground will lease the new facility from the project developer, Jones Development Company. Kiferbaum Construction is building the structure. Commercial real estate broker Fischer & Company managed the transaction.

Durable Packaging Intl., of Schaumburg, will shift its warehouse operations from Elk Grove Village to 750 Northgate Pkwy. in Wheeling. Moen Faucets had occupied the 250,000-square-foot building until late October. Durable Packaging manufactures consumer aluminum foil rolls and pans and sells primarily under its own name, although it also makes some

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**— Ailee Taylor, Target Store Manager**

### Economic Development:

## Wheeling Target Store Honored

Anixter Center has named the Wheeling Target store as Employer of the Year. Anixter, a Chicago nonprofit advocacy agency for people with disabilities, lauded Target for hiring nearly a dozen deaf people since the store opened almost a year ago. The deaf employees have been placed in merchandise-stocking positions.

"When we were first staffing the store," said Manager Ailee Taylor, "some deaf people applied for the jobs through Anixter, which sends representatives to interpret the interview, orientation and training process. We have since asked Anixter to help us fill positions that have opened up as a result of natural attrition."

Taylor said one deaf person traveled from as far as Calumet City to work at the store. Target/Wheeling later helped the individual find a job at a Target store closer to home.

"We have hired deaf people because they're the ones who applied," Taylor commented. "But we're open to placing others with disabilities in appropriate positions."

## Public Works to Install Emergency Monitoring System

A new \$29,000 water-monitoring system is about to appear — or, rather, disappear — in the Village of Wheeling. The cell phone- and Internet-based system will keep an eye on the internal condition of storm water-pumping stations and sanitary “lift stations” (transfer points) to warn operators of emergencies or impending trouble.

The remote transmitting units (RTUs) will track power outages, high-water flows, and various conditions that could cause pumps to fail. Information from the system will be transmitted to the Internet by cell-phone technology. The RTUs also can be programmed to alert the Public Works Department by pager, email, and telephone.

“We could have installed dedicated telephone lines to provide the information, but that’s costly and unreliable since digging can sever phone lines,” said Public Works Sewer Division Supervisor Steve

Morris. “This way, we can go to an Internet site and check ongoing conditions throughout the Village. And it will let us identify problems before they become

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The RTUs will replace an existing system of sensors that activate a red warning light at the trouble site. Police patrols and alert citizens who see the warning lights notify Public Works personnel, who are dispatched to investigate.

“With the RTUs we won’t have to rely on

sometimes fallible human intervention,” said Morris. “Besides, we don’t have the resources to station someone at each of these locations 24 hours a day.”

Morris said the relatively small initial cost of the system will pay for itself many times over by preventing expensive pump breakdowns and possible backups onto private property. Additionally, rising water during heavy storms will be monitored at the Jeffrey Ave. bridge over the Wheeling Drainage Ditch and the checker storm-water basin in Buffalo Grove to mitigate flooding.

The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of 10 RTUs from Gasvoda & Associates, of Calumet City. The concept is in place in various communities around the country. However, except for a small pilot installation in the far-south suburb of Peotone, the Wheeling system will be the first of its kind in the Chicago area.

## Three Engineers Fill Public Works Posts, as Department Modernizes

The Public Works Department has appointed three engineers to open positions as part of a recently announced restructuring and modernization process.

Licensed Professional Engineer **Timothy M. Merrihew** has become the Wheeling capital projects manager, occupying a position that had been vacant since Guy Kolberg assumed the position of Public Works director last year.

Merrihew, a Wheeling resident, had worked for the Public Works Department until 1999, when he joined SPACECO, Inc., in Rosemont. While there he worked on a variety of site-improvement plans for residential, commercial and industrial developments. More recently, he was a member of the Glenview Development Department, Engineering Division.

Merrihew holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska. He has 14 years experience in engineering design and construction experience, including more than two years in municipal engineering.

As capital projects manager, Merrihew is responsible for overseeing such activities as street repaving, water and sewer maintenance and upgrading, and streetlight installation.

**Jayant Shah** has joined Public Works to fill the newly created slot of staff engineer. He had been a member of the Water and Sewer Division with the City of Evanston starting in 1987 before

coming to Wheeling. Previously he was a draftsman with B. H. Suhr & Co., of Evanston. His knowledge of computer-assisted drafting (CAD) techniques is significant in that the Public Works Department is planning to upgrade its mapping capabilities from an outdated paper-based system to state-of-the-art computerized techniques.

Shah holds a master’s degree in engineering and professional certificates for proficiency in drafting and various computer-related specialties.

**Bill Herrmann** joined the Wheeling Public Works Department as a civil engineer after stints with various private engineering and construction firms. He has supervised the design, development and construction of projects for Motorola, Waste Management, Harper College and Northbrook Park District. He also acted as village engineer for the Village of Fox Lake (IL), where he designed sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer and road rehabilitation projects. He has additional municipal experience with the Villages of Arlington Heights, Deer Park, Antioch and Chicago Ridge.

Like Shah, Herrmann brings to Wheeling a knowledge of CAD techniques. He was educated at Southern Illinois University and holds specialty certificates from the University of Wisconsin and the American Public Works Association, among others. He is a

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## Phase II of Wireless 9-1-1 System Launched

Residents of Wheeling are getting a new layer of emergency protection with the Phase II launch of the Fire Department's Wireless 9-1-1 service.

Thanks to new computer software and other technological advances, emergency dispatchers will be able to pinpoint to within approximately 1,500 feet the location of anyone calling 9-1-1 in the Village. Previously, dispatchers could only identify which receiver on a cellular tower was carrying the call but still had to rely on the caller's description of nearby landmarks to locate the individual's whereabouts. Each cell tower has three receivers, or "faces," to receive calls in a 360-degree radius.

The latest implementation of the Wireless 9-1-1 system relies on longitude and latitude data imported into a geographic file that is displayed on a mapping program to define where people are. Triangulation of the caller's signal strength allows for identification within an approximate quarter-mile area.

"While it isn't a precise science yet," said Fire Chief Keith MacIsaac, "it's more focused and provides a new level of protection and safety to our residents. Our dispatchers will see the caller's approximate location on a computer-generated map. This, combined with the signal being directly tied to longitude and latitude, is a significant enhancement."

Chief MacIsaac said the program should be fully implemented for all cellular providers operating in the Village during the first quarter of 2003. Wireless 9-1-1 calls that originate in Wheeling are received at the fire and emergency medical dispatch center jointly shared with the Glenview Fire Department. The Wheeling Police Dispatch Center handles all hard-

## Festival of Lights

Hundreds of residents turned out for the annual Festival of Lights celebration at Village Hall, marking the official start of the holiday season. Santa listened to Christmas wishes as musicians from Wheeling High School played traditional songs.

More than 188,000 lights — double that of previous years — were turned on at various points around the Village, including at Friendship Park, where Frosty the Snowman waved to passing motorists.



wired, or "land-based," 9-1-1 calls placed within the Village.

The first phase of Wireless 9-1-1 service was introduced about a year ago. The final phase, which will pinpoint a caller's location to within 300 feet based on global positioning satellite information, will go into operation in 2004 or 2005.

Funds for Wireless 9-1-1 service come from a state surcharge on every cellular telephone with an Illinois billing address and are distributed according to municipal boundaries.

## Three Engineers...

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member of the American Water Works Association, the American Public Works Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is a resident of Antioch.

"The addition of these highly qualified engineers is a distinct step forward in meeting the needs of Wheeling residents," said Public Works Director Guy Kolberg. "Before, we had to contract out for these services. Now, we can upgrade our capabilities, respond more quickly and save significantly in the process."

# Give the Gift of Life

"We need the participation of Village residents to help keep Chicago-area blood banks properly supplied."

## Briefs and Announcements

### Blood Drives Set for '03

Village Health Officer Mike Boyle has announced plans to conduct three blood drives during 2003. The campaigns will be held on March 12, July 9, and November 12. Collection times are tentatively set for 1-6 p.m.

"We need the participation of Village residents to help keep Chicago-area blood banks properly supplied," Boyle said. "We'd like to have residents make appointments in advance of each blood drive so we can arrange for proper staffing." Call 847-459-2621 or email mboyle@vi.wheeling.il.us.

### Senior Net Launches 2003 Computer-Training Classes

Seniors facing the puzzle of computer operation can unravel the mystery at a series of training classes conducted by Senior Net, beginning January 27 and lasting through March 22. The new schedule includes five programs: Computer Basics; Introduction to Computers;

Word Processing; Genealogy; and Going Online (the Internet). Each course lasts four weeks. Fees vary by class.

Prospective students can register on January 18 from 8 until 11 a.m. For information, call Senior Services Director Nancy Janssen at 847-459-2670, or email her at njanssen@vi.wheeling.il.us. The program still needs volunteer instructors. Interested persons should contact Ms. Janssen.

### Election Day 2003

Three terms on the Board of Trustees expire this year. They will be filled at the local election on April 1, 2003. Candidates are currently circulating petitions for those positions. The completed petitions must be filed at Village Hall no later than January 17.

Residents planning to vote in the election must register no later than Feb. 28. Registration forms are available at Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd., or on the Village Website.

## Wheeling Mines the Salt for Winter

The Village of Wheeling is preparing to assault Old Man Winter with upwards of 1,800 tons of sodium chloride this snow season. That's how much salt may be needed to keep 65 miles of streets clear of ice and snow during a "typical" winter. Over the past two decades, the Village has used an average of 1,500-2,000 tons annually.

Thanks to a new storage bin, the Village can store nearly 1,000 tons of salt. Previously, the Public Works Department could store only 500 tons at a time.

"That meant we often ran low," said Street Supervisor Jeff Kopper. "More than once we were not able to get fresh supplies until right before a new storm hit. That's too close."

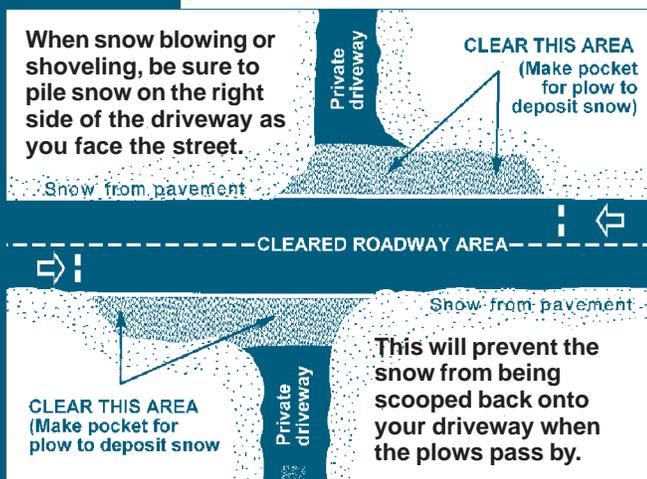
the rest of Wolf Rd. between Manchester and Milwaukee Ave. (That stretch will fall under the Village's jurisdiction after IDOT widens and resurfaces it in 2004.) IDOT also clears Wolf Rd. south of Marquardt.

Other local streets are under the jurisdiction of either IDOT or the Cook County Highway Department. In addition to parts of Wolf Rd., IDOT plows Dundee Rd., Elmhurst Rd., Milwaukee Ave., McHenry Rd., Palatine Rd., and Aptakisic Rd. For information or to report road-clearing problems, call 847-705-4222.

The Cook County Highway Department (847-827-1164) is responsible for Lake-Cook Rd., Schoenbeck Rd., Hintz Rd., Camp McDonald Rd., Buffalo Grove Rd., Old Buffalo Grove Rd., and Wheeling Rd. south of Palatine Rd.

Wheeling deploys 37 pieces of equipment, including six salt trucks, to clear all the streets within its jurisdiction. The Village averages 28 salt runs and eight plow runs a year.

The number of streets cleared has remained relatively static, although the Village assumed responsibility for Wolf Rd. between Marquardt Dr. and Manchester Dr. in the past two years. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) handles



# Fire Department Adds Second Crash Truck

Wheeling is doubling its firefighting capability for Palwaukee Municipal Airport. The Fire Department has purchased a second crash truck, formerly owned by the South Bend (IN) Regional Airport, for less than one-tenth of its estimated value. Its delivery to Wheeling culminates more than six months of negotiations between the two agencies.

The 1500 Oshkosh crash truck carries a water capacity of 1,500 gallons – 50% more than the 1,000-gallon volume of the current P-19 Oshkosh crash truck owned by the Village. The vehicle can apply 1,000 gallons of foam solution per minute from remote-

operated nozzles mounted on the front and top of the vehicle.

The latest unit is a 1979 model costing \$5,000. The fire department plans to invest an additional \$5,000 on minor repairs and modifications that include the installation of light bars, a siren, and lettering. Fire Chief Keith MacIsaac estimates the vehicle is worth between \$80,000 and \$100,000. A similar truck purchased new would cost more than \$600,000.

“This new vehicle will increase our ability to adequately handle the newer jet aircraft,” MacIsaac said. “Adding a second truck is part of an ongoing

process to continually improve the level of service provided to the community and Palwaukee.

Beyond the airport, these two trucks can be used to fight fires involving chemical tank trucks, chemical loading racks, large fuel spills, and rail car incidents.”

The P-19 crash truck became available four years ago after Glenview Naval Air Station closed. Wheeling obtained it for \$3.00 through an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Glenview.

## Attend Public Meetings

Residents are invited to attend public meetings of Village boards and commissions. Most meet in the Village Hall Councilroom, unless otherwise noted at left.

### Regular Meetings

**Village Board** — Every Monday, 7:30 p.m.

**Plan Commission** — 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m.

**Board of Health** - 4th Tuesday, every other month, 7 p.m.

**Human Rights Commission** — 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:15 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom.

**Senior Citizens Commission** — 3rd Monday of the month, 10 a.m., Village Hall, south half of lunchroom.

**Fire and Police Commission** — 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Fire Department training room.

**Palwaukee Airport Commission** — 3rd Wednesday each month, Committee of the Whole, 7 p.m., regular meeting, 8 p.m., Airport offices, 1020 South Plant Rd.

**Economic Development Commission** — 1st Tuesday each month, 8 a.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom.

**Board of Ethics** — 3rd Thursday of January, April, July and October, 7 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom.

**Special Events Committee** — 2nd Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom.

### Community Calendar:

#### January

1 - Village Hall closed. Trash pickup delayed one day.

#### February

10 - Citizens Police Academy 10-week course begins. Call 847-459-2990.

17 - Presidents' Day. Village offices closed.

# SPEAK OUT

Communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and **will receive response**. Please complete this form, detach and return to: Village Manager, Village of Wheeling, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# Cops to Teach How It's Done at Citizens Police Academy

Police procedures and techniques will be the subject of the ninth annual Wheeling Citizens Police Academy, February 5-April 16. The 10-week program will provide first-hand information on topics ranging from how department units function to law enforcement and community policing.

Academy instructors are drawn from department officers and personnel, who teach their areas of expertise. The initial session will include an introduction, an orientation and the history and organization of the police department. In the weeks that follow, instructors will explain such units as Patrol, Traffic, Crime Prevention/Community Relations, DARE, and Investigations. Law-enforcement will cover domestic violence, child abuse, use of force, major crimes and community policing.

Participation in the Academy requires a commitment of one night a week for the 10-week period. Classes are held one night a

week from 7-9:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

At the end of the Academy participants will ride in a patrol car for one shift to experience first-hand what officers see and hear, and how they apply their training.

Any Village resident over the age of 21 may apply for the Academy. A criminal background check will be conducted on all applicants. To apply, call or email for an application. A printable application is available on the Forms and Permits page in the Reference Desk section of the Village Web site: (<http://www.vi.wheeling.il.us/ReferenceDesk/FormsAndPermits.htm#PoliceDepartmentForms>).

Applicants will be notified if they are selected for the next session. There is no charge for the Academy.

# Special Events Commission Reorganized

The Village has established a new standing committee, the Special Events Commission, to plan and oversee Village-sponsored community activities. The nine-member board succeeds the ad-hoc Special Events Committee, which had handled similar activities for five years.

Trustee Judy Abruscato will head the commission and also act as the official liaison from the Board of Trustees. The commission will operate on an annual budget of \$150,000.

Events under the commission's jurisdiction include the annual Taste of Wheeling and 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and fireworks, the "Festival of Lights" celebration held in November to kick off the holiday season, and a spring spaghetti dinner. The commission may also develop other events, such as the special commemoration of the September 11 attacks conducted in 2002.

Trustee Patrick Horcher, who sponsored the measure establishing the commission, said, "The new ordinance provides a recognized structure for this body, effective oversight by the Board of Trustees and accountability for its plans and activities. It also opens to all residents of the Village the process of filling commission openings."

Commissioners initially will serve terms of one or two years to ensure that all positions do not become open at once. Eventually, all terms will be two years.

In another action, Village President Greg Klatecki appointed Georgia C. Delaney to serve a two-year term on the Wheeling Senior Commission.

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION**  
**JUDY ABRUSCATO**  
**CHAIR**  
 1-year Terms:  
**Patricia Dzierzynski**  
**George G. Hieber**  
**Candice M. Simmons**  
**Stuart S. Sosin**  
 2-year Terms:  
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**Clarice Jones -Turman**  
**Randy S. Klocke**  
**Elaine Simpson**  
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Economic Development	847-459-2978
Pavilion Senior Center	847-459-2670
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Water Billing	847-459-2607
Code Enforcement Hotline	847-459-CODE
<b>Village President:</b> Greg Klatecki	847-459-2988
<b>Village Clerk:</b> Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
<b>Village Manager:</b> Wallace Douthwaite	847-459-2617

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