

# Community Village of Wheeling of Choice

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January/February 2009

## New Village Hall Opens for Business, Monday, March 2, 2009



Wheeling's new Village Hall will open its doors for business at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009. The new 42,000+ square-foot building will house several Village departments in order to provide improved service to the citizens and business owners of our community. As of the opening date, the departments of Administration, Community Development, Economic Development, Finance (including water billing), Human Resources, and Information Systems will operate from this new location, as will the Fire Prevention Bureau and the Offices of the Village President and Village Clerk.



The transition to the new facility includes the induction of a new boulevard, aptly named "Community Blvd," which will connect all municipal buildings on the site into a functioning campus. Both the current building and the new Village Hall will be rechristened with new addresses: 1 Community Blvd for the current building and 2 Community Blvd for the new Village Hall.

The new year will usher in more change as the current Village Hall prepares to undergo a major facelift. The old building, which houses the Police Department and the Fire Department Headquarters, will experience significant construction as it transitions into an exclusive Police Department facility. As the administrative departments of the Village move into the new Village Hall, the Fire Department is preparing for the groundbreaking of their new headquarters on Milwaukee Avenue.

All Village facilities will remain in operation in their current locations until the close of business on Friday, February 27. A public gala is being planned for a date in the month of May. More information will be available about this event in the coming weeks.

# Welcome to Wheeling

## Letter from Acting President Argiris

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Village Clerk we wish you and your family a healthy, happy, safe and prosperous New Year. With the New Year come new beginnings. Our new municipal buildings will provide a fresh look for the Village of Wheeling and will mark the beginning of our Village Campus, which makes service to the residents of Wheeling more convenient. Community Boulevard is the name appropriately given to the road which will lead from Dundee Road to our new Village Hall and the Wheeling Park District facilities. Our hope is that our residents will feel that the Village Campus is a community destination, and we welcome you to come take a drive down Community Boulevard and see our new Village Hall when it opens. In addition, Village staff is planning a redesigned website that will be launched after the move into the new Village Hall. We are looking forward to a fresh look for the website as well as additional features to help better serve our residents and business owners. If you have any ideas that you feel would enhance our on-line services, I encourage you to send us feedback via the village website, [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov). Just go to the Reference Desk section and fill out a feedback form.

2008 was a challenging economic year for all of us and the Village scrutinized the entire 2009 budget to limit spending as much as possible. The Village Board was able to reduce expenditures by over \$3.0 million. At the December 1 Board of Trustees meeting, we approved a resolution to increase the Village's tax levy by 6.25% for the 2008 tax year (payable in 2009). Last year, the Village did not increase the Village's tax levy in order to give residents and businesses some relief during a reassessment year. While it was difficult to approve an increase this year, it was necessary because the village is currently facing a shortfall in our 2009 General Fund budget due to the economic slowdown and the resulting impact on the village's major sources of revenue. The Trustees and I are dedicated to keeping the impact of taxes on the residents and businesses to a minimum as we realize we are all going through tough economic times.

As you may have read, the Village recently agreed to not pursue a redevelopment agreement regarding the old Kmart property at Dundee and Elmhurst Roads. We had entered into an agreement with a development group that was interested in building a new shopping center there, but with the downturn in the retail market, the developer was not able to move forward at this time. This site will remain a top priority for the Village and we will continue working toward a redevelopment plan that makes sense for the community given current market conditions.

We are pleased that the Village was able to take a step forward on the redevelopment of the old Wickes site recently. The Village was able to gain control of the property and we know there is interest in the development community to plan a mixed-use design for the site that is in line with our overall Town Center master plan. This 11-acre site across the street from the Wheeling Metra station has drawn quite a bit of attention from developers in the region, and we hope to approve a plan and begin the redevelopment process this year.

In addition, we are looking forward to a number of planned infrastructure improvements this coming year, including the construction of the Wolf Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement Project, and construction for Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) pavement removal and replacement on Anthony Road, Sycamore Lane and Cherrywood Drive. Further, annual programs such as new sidewalk construction and streetlight replacement are in their planning phase and will take place at various locations in the Village next year. A major upgrade in the water meter reading equipment is being planned for 2009. The existing reading system will be replaced with a modern remote network water meter reading system. The construction of the Buffalo Creek Streambank Stabilization project is currently in progress and is scheduled for completion in May 2009; 60% of this project is funded by a grant from the IEPA and CMAP.

As always, I encourage you to send any feedback for the Village Board or Village Staff to us via our website, [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov).



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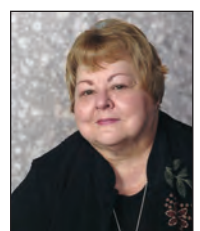
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The Village of Wheeling President, Board of Trustees and Village Clerk

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Christine Brady, Deputy Village Clerk,  
and Elaine Simpson, Village Clerk

## The Clerk's Corner

**REMEMBER WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU**

### Consolidated Election

The Consolidated Election will be held in Wheeling, Tuesday, April 7, 2009. We will be voting for Village President, Village Clerk and three Trustees.

If you have not yet registered to vote and are a U.S. Citizen, are or will be at least 18 years old by Election day, and have been a resident of your precinct for at least 30 days, you can register at Village Hall during regular business hours. Bring in two forms of identification – one with your current address on it – and we will assist you. The deadline to register to vote for the Consolidated Election is Tuesday, March 10th.

### Be a Good Neighbor

Since we are now in the middle of another Chicago winter, we just want to remind you to keep an eye out for any elderly neighbors that might need some help, especially with shoveling after large snow storms. If you are unable to offer assistance, contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847-459-2670.

### Secret Shopper

On a bright Sunday morning, a Wheeling resident decided to go over to the Walgreen's down the street from her home after looking at the Sunday advertisements and finding quite a few coupons that she was interested in using. At the store she was unable to find a few of the items that she had coupons for when a store rep came up to her and asked if he could help. She gave him the coupons and he proceeded to check the shelves for the items but was unable to locate them. Instead of letting the resident leave empty handed, he went to the store room and found the merchandise she had hoped to purchase. Thanks Walgreen's, for going the extra step for our residents!



## The Health Corner

*...Brought to you by the  
Wheeling Board of Health.*

**Congratulations** to Wheeling resident Geraldine Brockett. Geraldine gave her 100th blood donation on November 12th at the Wheeling Community Blood Drive. A certificate of appreciation was given to her by the Board of Health commending her for her efforts in sharing the gift of life.



### Wheeling Board of Health Activities for 2009

The Wheeling Board of Health will be holding various activities throughout the year to promote public health education and services for the residents of Wheeling. The first will be an 8 week smoking cessation class which will be held every Wednesday night starting January 7, 2009. The details regarding these classes are in this newsletter. "Don't make your goal to stop wanting a cigarette. Make your goal to stop having a cigarette despite wanting one!"

The Wheeling Community Blood Drives will be held **March 11th, July 8th and November 11th**. Please come in and donate. Each pint of blood saves 3 lives!

The Prescription Medication Drop off will continue to be held on the third Saturday of every month from 10a.m. until 12p.m. behind the Fire Department located at 255 W. Dundee Road. The medication must be in its original container. We also accept Sharps in a rigid container with a tight lid.

The Health Fair & Open House will be held again in October. The last Health Fair was very successful and we look forward to providing more health services and information to the residents.

If you have any questions regarding any of the programs and activities provided by the Board of Health, please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847-229-4768.



# Fire & Police Department

## Community Beat Meetings

Do you want to know what is really going on in Wheeling? Is crime up...down...the same? Now is the time to find out! Community Beat Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Which meeting should you attend?

**Beat Meeting EAST**- meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (for areas east of the railroad tracks)

**Beat Meeting WEST**- meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (for areas west of the railroad tracks)

Community Beat Meetings are an opportunity for residents and business owners to meet with Wheeling Police Officers in an effort to solve problems collectively. Area crime statistics are reported, citizen concerns are addressed and methods to resolve these issues are discussed.

Meetings end with an informational training topic presented. All members of the community are invited to participate in these open meetings. Monthly training topics are as follows:

January:	Defensive Driving
February:	Disaster Planning
March:	Tornado Safety
April:	Traveler Scams
May:	Current Media Scares
June:	Gang Awareness
July:	Phone/International Lottery Scams
August:	Personal Safety
September:	Identity Theft
October:	Guest Speaker
November:	Holiday Safety
December:	Winter Storm Safety

Please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 847-459-2994 with any questions you may have.



## Don't Get Towed!

The Wheeling Police Department would like to remind you that under Ordinance 9.10.103 it is unlawful to park any motor vehicle on any street within 8 hours following a 2" or more snowfall. Any vehicle found to be in violation of this Ordinance may be towed at the owner's expense. Make sure to follow the signs stating 'Parking Prohibited when there is two inches or more of snow on the street' otherwise you could find your car has been towed!

## Winter Safety Tips

Freezing temperatures, blowing snow, slippery roads, are all part of the winter season. While most people do not look forward to these seasonal problems, a few simple steps can prevent the winter season from becoming a tragic one for you and your family.

\* Give your home a special New Year's gift – a new battery for the smoke detector. If your smoke detector is more than ten (10) years old (or you don't know how old it is), it is time to replace it with a new one. A properly functioning smoke detector increases your chances of surviving a fire in your home by fifty (50) percent.

\* When removing snow from your driveway and sidewalks, remember to pace yourself. Even though it is cold outside, removal of snow can be a physically demanding activity. Make sure you are well hydrated by drinking a glass of water, prior to starting and again when you are done. The wetter the snow the heavier it is and the more physically demanding it can be and more stressful on your heart.

\* Keep children away when snow blowing. The snow blower may pick up a rock, a piece of chipped concrete, or even a piece of ice which can become a dangerous missile. These items can be expelled from the snow blower with such force that it can seriously injure persons nearby.

\* Keep loose clothing away from the moving parts on a snow blower, particularly scarves and gloves. Loose clothing can be drawn into the spinning augur and can cause personal entrapment in the machine or amputation of fingers.

\* Never refuel a snow blower while it is running or inside your garage. Let the engine cool for several minutes before refueling. Spilled fuel on a hot engine can ignite and cause a fire.

\* If you live near a fire hydrant, please make sure to remove the snow surrounding it. It is important for the Fire Department to have a minimum of two (2) feet around all sides of a fire hydrant. Failure to remove the snow from around a fire hydrant may result in a delay in extinguishing a fire in your home or that of a neighbor due to the lack of available water supply and the need to find another non-obscured fire hydrant.

\* Winter weather conditions can cause additional traffic congestion which makes it even more difficult for fire and police personnel to respond to emergency calls. Please do your part in pulling all the way over to the right side of the road when you see or hear emergency vehicles coming.



## Holiday Refuse and Recycling Reminder

In observance of New Year's Day, January 1, 2009, refuse and recycling collections will be delayed by one day.

**Waste Management** will be collecting Christmas trees for recycling during the first two weeks in January. All trees must be bare (No decorations, lights, tinsel, stands or plastic bags) before placing at the curbside. Trees will be collected on regularly scheduled collection days.



## 2009 Holiday Solid Waste Schedule

There will be no refuse, recycling or yard waste collections on the following observed holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

If a holiday falls on a weekday, the regularly scheduled collection for that day (and the remainder of that week) will be delayed by one day. For example, Thursday collections will be completed on Friday and Friday collections will be completed on Saturday.

## Protect Water Lines from Freezing



Water expands as it freezes, therefore placing great pressure on anything that contains it, such as metal or plastic pipes. Expanding water can cause pipes found in basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages and kitchen cabinets, to break. Also, pipes running against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are vulnerable to freezing. Some precautions residents can take are:

- Seal cracks in doors, windows and foundations. Small openings that consistently bring cold air can quickly freeze pipes.
- Open cabinets and closets that contain water lines to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing.
- Allow cold water to drip or trickle through faucets. Dripping water prevents pipes from freezing since the temperature of the water running through it is above freezing.
- Check pipe insulation periodically to make sure it is dry.
- Consider installing pipe insulation.
- If going away during the cold weather, residents should keep temperatures no lower than 55F.

## Winter Reminders:

### Sidewalk Snow Removal

Residents and businesses are reminded to clear their sidewalks whenever there is snowfall, and by 10:00 a.m. on every morning thereafter. In cases where the snow and ice is frozen and difficult to remove, please apply sand, salt, or another substance manufactured for the purpose of melting snow and ice.

### Snow Plowing

Public Works is responsible for clearing seventy-five (75) miles of Village streets as quickly as possible after the snow has fallen. Here are some quick, helpful ways residents can assist them:

- \* It is unlawful to park vehicles on any street in the Village at any time within eight hours after a snow fall of two inches or more (per Village Code 9.10.103). This allows streets to be plowed accordingly by Public Works.
- \* Please maintain a safe distance (100 feet or more) when driving behind a snow plow or salt truck.
- \* When shoveling driveways, place the snow on the right side of the driveway as you face the street. This does not allow for the plows to push the snow back into the driveway.
- \* Don't shovel or snow blow into the streets.
- \* If a contractor plows the driveway, it must be stored on the resident's property or parkway, not the neighbor's!

The Village is not responsible for State roadways. These include Lake Cook Road, Dundee Road, Milwaukee Avenue, Palatine Road, Schoenbeck Road, Hintz Road, Aptakisic Road, Elmhurst Road, McHenry Road, and Wolf Road (Manchester North to Milwaukee Ave and South of Marquardt to Camp McDonald).

## Mailbox Damage

Damage done to a mailbox by snow being discharged from a snow plow will be the responsibility of the property owner. If, however, a snow plow comes in physical contact with a mailbox, then the Village will replace the mailbox per Village standard. Public Works recommends that residents ensure that their mailboxes are sturdy and follow Village code.

# Senior Center



## Pavilion Senior Center \* 199 N. First St. \* 847-459-2670

The Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling announces the following programs to be offered to area senior citizens. Anyone 55-years or older is welcome to join the activities or volunteer services to assist or share talents with others.

### New in January – Tuesday evening activities

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

#### *We have heard you!*

Tuesday night out! Join us for great evening activities including:

\*Evening Craft Club: Scrap booking, Card Making, Quilting etc. (minimal cost for supplies)

\*Computer Classes: Check with Pavilion staff or SeniorNet volunteers for class list and prices.

\*Evening Card Club: Poker, Bridge, and Pinochle, whatever you fancy!  
Come meet your friends for crazy games! No money exchanged – just great fun!



### Volunteers are Needed!

-Do you like to drive?

-Are you artistic and need an outlet?

-Do you like to help people?

Join the Senior Center Volunteer Club and get involved in your community!  
Contact us for an application and share a little of yourself with those in need.

### Will you be a Sno Angel?

As we begin this New Year full of promise and hope, helping our neighbors just seems right. The first snowfalls of winter can mean a challenge for some Wheeling residents to keep their sidewalks clear and avoid falls. Some of Wheeling's seniors in particular need extra help in the winter to keep their driveways and sidewalks shoveled, ice-free and safe. Sno Angels is an international campaign to be good neighbors and help seniors and other neighbors in need with snow removal this winter.



All you have to do to be a Sno Angel is simply adopt a senior's driveway and sidewalk this winter and keep it clear. Watch for people in your neighborhood that could use help and ask if you can lend a hand. Care for each other this winter season!

If you or your community group would like to volunteer to help others even outside your neighborhood, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847-459-2670 and ask to be part of the Sno Angel Snow Removal Program.



# Community Highlights

## Village Board Highlights

### *Recent Village Board Actions*

View Village Board meetings on  
Comcast Channel 17, AT&T Channel 99

#### **Authorized**

- \* Supporting the Purchase of Control of the EJ&E West Company by the Canadian National Railway Company.
- \* Certain Landowner Agreements, Agreement and Grant of Easements and Grant of Temporary Easements, related to the Buffalo Creek Streambank Stabilization Project.
- \* A Professional Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering to Provide Phase III Construction Engineering Services for the Phase I Buffalo Creek Streambank Stabilization Project Improvements.
- \* A Predevelopment Agreement Between the Village of Wheeling and JELMJ, LLC for the Development of the Property at the Southwest Corner of Lake Cook Road and Milwaukee Ave, Comprising a part of the North TIF.
- \* An Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Village of Wheeling for McHenry Road Median Repair.
- \* Acceptance of a Professional Soil Scientist Proposal from H.H. Holmes Testing Laboratories for Geotechnical Soil Drilling and Analysis at the Southwest Corner of Milwaukee Ave and Lake Cook Rd.
- \* Acceptance of a proposal from Kenig, Lungren, O'Hara and Aboona Inc. for Traffic Engineering Analysis on the Property Located at the Southwest Corner of Milwaukee Ave and Lake Cook Rd.
- \* Acceptance of a Proposal from Melaniphy Associates for Real Estate Marketing Analysis on the Property Located at the Southwest Corner of Milwaukee Ave and Lake Cook Road.
- \* A Façade Improvement Grant for Bob Chinn's Crab House, 393 S. Milwaukee Ave.
- \* A Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Purchase of 351 W. Dundee Road.

#### **Proclaimed**

- \* Dan Horcher Service: 50th Anniversary
- \* Bart Burns Day: November 27, 2008
- \* Original Granny's: 25th Anniversary
- \* Congratulating the Village of Wheeling's Citizen Patrol Group.
- \* Thomas Lorenz Day: December 19, 2008
- \* William Stutzman Day: December 31, 2008

Watch all Village Board meetings  
as well as Plan Commission meetings  
On Demand at [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov)

### Welcome to these new Wheeling Businesses

**Best Aid Medical Supply**  
1040 S. Milwaukee #130

**Devon Bank**  
561 N. Milwaukee Ave.

**Dunes of Wheeling**  
370 W. Dundee Rd.

**EZ Go Travel**  
401 S. Milwaukee #190

**High Tech Car & Truck Repair**  
890 S. Milwaukee Ave.

**Northtown Bank**  
23 W. Dundee Rd.

**Romantika**  
711 N. Milwaukee Ave.

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### These Businesses Have Relocated

**Fountain Technologies**  
to 423 Denniston Court

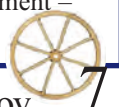
**Emconn Tool Corp**  
to 668 Wheeling Road

**Subway**  
to 1043 Lake Cook Road

**Liberty Tax Service**  
to 765C W. Dundee Rd.

### Take Our Business Survey!

The Economic Development Department, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, is conducting a business survey over the next few months. The village does this survey every few years to get a snapshot of what local businesses are planning for the coming years and to get detailed thoughts or suggestions from the business community. We find this to be an important process to gather feedback and see what we are doing right, and what we might do better, to maintain Wheeling as a business friendly community. You can complete the survey online by going to our website, [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov), and clicking on the 'Take Our Business Survey' link. The candid input of each Wheeling business is important to the community, and we thank you for your consideration in this. Furthermore, feel free to communicate suggestions to the Economic Development Department – just dial 847-229-4719.



# NEW BEGINNINGS ...

## Start the New Year Smoke-Free!

The Village of Wheeling Board of Health and the Cook County Department of Public Health are proud to offer for FREE a quit smoking program, produced by the American Lung Association that will provide YOU support and the skills needed to quit smoking.

### Upcoming Sessions:

**January 7, 2009 – February 25, 2009**

\*Sessions will be held every Wednesday beginning at 6p.m. and ending at 7:30p.m., beginning January 7th.\*



**Classes will be held at the Village of Wheeling**  
255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090

**Call today to sign up for the class.** Call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at (847) 229-4768.

**“Don’t make your goal to stop wanting a cigarette.  
Make your goal to stop having a cigarette despite wanting one!”**

## We Are Here to Serve You!

### Village Hall

**255 W. Dundee Road  
Wheeling, IL 60090**

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Web site: [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov)

### Wheeling Local TV

Comcast: Channel 17

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### Village Hall & Community Development Hours

7:00am to 5:00pm M-F

### Public Works Hours

7:00am to 3:30pm M-F

### Village Offices will be closed:

Thursday, January 1

Monday, February 16

### Anonymous Hot Line Code Enforcement

847.459.CODE

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