

# Village Views

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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Bash: Bigger and Better Than Ever



The 2002 Independence Day celebration and Taste of Wheeling promises to be the biggest and most diverse in the Village's history. It will offer something for everyone, regardless of age, interest or taste. The Taste will run from 12 noon until 11 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The annual parade will begin at 6 p.m., with fireworks scheduled for dusk over Heritage Park. For details, see the enclosed flyer.



## Comprehensive Plan: The Residents Speak

Everything is under review – from the infrastructure and flood plain issues to the type of housing in the Village and the possible establishment of a town center. That's the message that the planning firm Camiros Inc. presented to a comprehensive plan community forum held at Village Hall in early June.

The forum was the latest in a series of fact-finding efforts spearheaded by the Plan Commission and Camiros to establish a comprehensive plan that will guide development for the next 10-20 years. Village residents spoke up about a variety of issues that included community image; appearance along the commercial corridors; identification of new and emerging assets; and commercial, industrial and residential growth.

The planning process, begun in January, is the first complete review of the comprehensive plan since 1987. In the meantime many unanticipated changes have altered the face of Wheeling, its population and land use. (See chart on page 8.)

One such potential change could be the establishment of an identifiable town center. While

residents at the meeting expressed interest in such a center, consensus was mixed about where it might be located. The "gateway intersection" of Milwaukee and Dundee Rd. received extensive discussion, but other areas centered on the METRA train station and a series of "mini-centers" in key sections of the Village.

Camiros suggested that a town center would provide residents with a range of shopping, services, and social and civic experiences. Such a center would become a focal point for the Village, enhance its identity, improve the quality of life, and attract new types of stores for better shopping,

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## Dan Ozanich Promoted to Director of Community Development

The Village of Wheeling has filled a top department vacancy by appointing Daniel J. Ozanich as director of community development. He had been acting director since November 2001.



Ozanich, who has been with the Village since 1988, will be responsible for department functions that include building inspection, planning, permits, property maintenance, plan review, zoning, code compliance, and appearance issues. He will oversee a staff of 16. Previously,

he was building director, a position he assumed in 1998.

"The Community Development Director supervises the work of staff members who help assure the long-range planning process, effective project development and building safety throughout the Village," said Acting Village Manager Jim Grabowski. "Dan Ozanich brings a broad range of experience to the position. His familiarity with the Village ensures an orderly transition and a commitment to Wheeling's future."

Ozanich, a 1977 graduate of the University of Illinois, Chicago, is a licensed architect. Prior to joining the Village of Wheeling, he had extensive experience in private-sector enterprises that included manufacturing, construction, engineering and architectural design.

## Public Works Lauded for Diversion Channel Work

The Chicago chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) has conferred its Award of Excellence on the Wheeling Public Works Department for work on the recently completed William Rogers Memorial Diversion Channel.



The association based the award on three criteria: goals met, the success of construction activities, and the "excellent safety record attained by the contractor, Earth Werks."

The award pointed to the project's "innovative design" for such features as its unique structural elements to address the complex hydrologic features of the channel and use of low-pressure earth-moving equipment to protect the wetland soil substrate.

The organization also said that construction of the channel was achieved "under very constrained

right-of-way limits." The construction scheduling allowed the Swaminarayan Hindu temple access to their facility so their activities weren't disrupted.

The 7,300-foot channel was designed to divert 800 cu. ft./sec. of flood waters from Buffalo Creek to the Des Plaines river, maintain the low-flow hydrological characteristics of Buffalo Creek, and create additional wetlands. The channel will siphon water from the Buffalo Grove-Wheeling drainage ditch during excessive rainfall events that usually occur only once in 10 years.

Public Works Director Guy Kolberg, Village Engineer Rick Glenz, Engineering Assistant Tony Stavros and retired Public Works Director Bob Gray accepted the award on behalf of the Village of Wheeling.

The consulting engineering firm Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, which oversaw design and provided construction supervision, plans to submit the project for recognition in the APWA's national awards competition.

## Finance Association Recognizes Village

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village of Wheeling.

The association pointed to the Village's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as meeting the "high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive 'spirit of full financial disclosure' to clearly communicate its financial story." GFOA said Wheeling's approach helps "motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR."

The GFOA Certificate of Achievement is the highest recognition in government accounting and financial reporting. This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year Wheeling has received the award. GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving about 14,000 government finance professionals.

## Public Works Department to Reorganize

The Wheeling Public Works Department is moving to streamline its operation with the addition of three engineers, a replacement Capital Projects Manager, and expanded computer capabilities.

The reorganization, according to Public Works Director Guy Kolberg, will greatly speed the planning and execution of such projects as water main replacement, streetlight installation and the inspection of both public and private improvements. In the process, Kolberg anticipates the Village will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees now paid annually to outside consulting firms.

"We need to have instant snapshots of the Village infrastructure," Kolberg said. "We will gain that capability once maps of streets, storm and sanitary sewers and water mains have been computerized."

Hiring three engineers familiar with computer-aided-design concepts and software will facilitate the effort to convert paper records to electronic form. Kolberg pointed to the bottlenecks created when such agencies as Illinois Department of Transportation supply the department with plans on computer disks and files. Those files currently can be processed only after they are printed on paper.

"We can't edit the plans without extensive hand work that slows our efforts and costs money," Kolberg said. "Skilled, qualified people, who are currently underemployed, unhappily employed or unemployed,

will help us modernize that approach and deliver essential 21<sup>st</sup> century services."

Kolberg hopes to have the new personnel on board in the next few weeks, in time to support the planning process for the 2003 construction season.

Qualified engineers interested in applying for the new and open positions may obtain an application form by calling the Public Works Department at 847-459-2624.

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## Guy Kolberg Appointed Public Works Director

The Village of Wheeling has named Guy W. Kolberg as its new Director of Public Works. He had been Acting Public Works Director since November 2001.

Kolberg, 45, previously was Capital Projects Manager. In that position he managed such projects as the Buffalo Creek/Wheeling ditch diversion channel, the Village's water main replacement program, the street light improvement program, and the annual pavement improvement program.

"The work of the Public Works Department touches more residents on a day-to-day basis than any other department — everything from maintaining the water system and other infrastructure to plowing roads and beautifying the Village," said Acting Village Manager Jim Grabowski. "Guy Kolberg will continue the tradition of being attentive to community needs that has come to typify public works' services."

The Wheeling Public Works Department is comprised of six divisions operated by 57 employees: Administration, Engineering, Building and Fleet Maintenance, Streets, Sewer and Water Divisions.

Before joining the Wheeling Public Works Department two years ago, Kolberg was assistant city engineer for the City of Sun Prairie, WI.

A registered professional engineer, Kolberg holds a master's degree in project management from Keller Graduate School of Management and a master's degree in public administration awarded by Governor's State University. He also has an undergraduate degree in engineering technology.

Married and the father of two children, Kolberg replaced Robert Gray, who retired last fall.

# Hospitals, Firefighters, Police, Join in METRA Drill

Personnel from 30 fire departments, 20 police departments, nine hospitals, and representatives of the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board converged on a Wheeling railroad spur for a major simulated train disaster.

The six-car METRA train, according to the scenario, had collided with a vehicle. The train was filled with 165 volunteers playing both unhurt passengers and "victims" with various injuries.

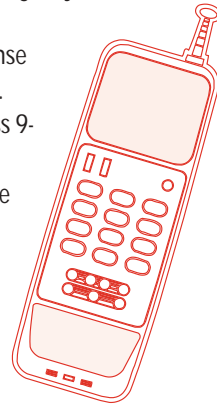
Paramedics and police extracted the victims, segregated the worst hurt according to their injuries, and transported them to nearby hospitals.

It was a test of readiness for those communities served by railroad lines.



# Wireless 9-1-1 Calls Mushroom

Calls are coming in faster, emergency crews are being dispatched sooner, and Wheeling's emergency response system has moved up a notch. That's the effect since Wireless 9-1-1 went into operation in Wheeling last December at the Fire Department's new dispatch center, which is a joint venture with the Glenview Fire Department.



"More than two out of three people own wireless telephones," said Fire Chief Keith Maclsaac. "Before, people had to search for a pay telephone and find the change to operate it. Obviously, that took time. Now we learn about emergencies sooner than we once might have. It saves vital seconds on a call."

In the last four months, emergency dispatchers have fielded 6,357 9-1-1 calls, of which 4,698 were from wireless sources. From its inception, Wireless 9-1-1 surged to around 74 percent of total 9-1-1 emergency calls. That figure jumped to 78 percent in April. Due to the proliferation of wireless telephones, dispatchers have received an average of more than two calls for each incident.

These life-saving advances are only a glimpse of what lies ahead in emergency response. By the end of 2002, dispatchers will be able to pinpoint an emergency location as close as 1,000 feet. Within 3-5 years, Maclsaac estimated, response teams will locate emergencies within 30 feet or less from a caller's position, thanks to global positioning satellites.

"These future improvements will be a big step forward. They will eliminate the guesswork based on incomplete information from callers who may be under emotional stress. When people tell us they're near a power tower, for example, we'll know exactly where to find and help them," Maclsaac concluded.

## Welcome New Businesses

**ADR Technologies Inc.**— Keith P. Lee Vice President, 559 N. Wolf Rd., 847-850-5875, sales office for manufacturing & distribution

**Best Discount Cigarette** — Mohammad Begawala, 3 N. Elmhurst Rd., 847-279-8070, discount cigarettes, etc.

**Interline Brands Inc/DBA Barnett** — Mike Grege, CEO, 225 Larkin Dr. #8, 847-537-9740, wholesale plumbing & electrical trade

**Jim s Auto Service Inc.** — James Lechowicz, 1210 Elmhurst Rd., 847-459-5880, auto mechanical work

**Mex Car Sales, Inc.** — Alexander Treyunker, 649 S. Milwaukee Ave., 847-808-8008, car sales

**Palwaukee Printing Co.** — Joe Ropski, President, 1684 S. Wolf Rd., 847-459-0240, printing

**Service Master DAK** — Dean A. Knox, President, 574 S. Wheeling Rd., 847-459-3900, residential/commercial cleaning

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## Friendship Park Emerges at Wheeling’s ‘Gateway Intersection’

A new Village park is rising from the site once occupied by a gasoline station at the northeast corner of Milwaukee Ave. and Dundee Rd.

Friendship Park will feature a multi-level waterfall, a gazebo, pedestrian walkways and benches for rest and relaxation. The gazebo is seen as a Village centerpiece for public activities that also may be used as a photogenic setting for private functions.

The waterfall will be illuminated by underwater lights three seasons of the year. Additionally, the park will be equipped with electrical outlets to power decorative lights during the holiday season.



The park's flagstone theme will be echoed in a smaller installation across the street on the northwest corner. Benches in that facility will be built into the stone backdrop.

It is expected that construction on the two projects will be completed by mid-summer.



Michael Buettner finishes a t-shirt bearing an image of the Senior Center. Buettner's company, Wyndstone, of Wheeling, donated all profits to Center activities.

## Fun Faire, Auction Benefit Pavilion Senior Center

Going Twice! Ray Lipovitch calls for bids as Nancy Janssen, Director of Senior Citizens Services, displays the merchandise during a live auction at the Pavilion Senior Center's annual Fun Faire.





## May 18 a Busy Day Around Town

Members of the Wheeling Garden Club (above, from left) Linda Possekel and Linda Reading, sold flowers in front of Village Hall while Officer John Teevans (at right) was in the back conducting the annual auction of surplus and un-claimed property.

On the east side of town, Kathy and Cheryl Brady (from left) join Barb Weder to plant seasonal flowers at one of the Village's welcoming signs.



# Briefs and Announcements

## Golden Seniors Sought for August Celebration

The Pavilion Senior Center is looking for local residents who have achieved either, or both, of two milestones: those who have reached their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays and ...those who have been married for 50 years or longer.

Seniors who have achieved these milestones will be

honored at a Golden Anniversary/Golden Birthday luncheon on August 15 from noon to 2 p.m.

There is no charge for celebrants attending, although there will be a small cost for food and entertainment to any attending families. Only those who live in Wheeling or are members of the Senior Center are eligible.

For more information about the Golden Anniversary/Golden Birthday luncheon or

to nominate celebrants age 90 or older and couples married 50 years or more, call the Senior Center at 847-459-2670.

## Secretary of State to Train Seniors

Senior Wheeling residents will be able to prepare for their driver's license examination on August 21, when representatives from the

Illinois Secretary of State conduct a two-hour workshop. The training session will cover rules of the road for those seniors getting ready to take a written driver's test.

For more information about the Golden Anniversary/Golden Birthday luncheon or to nominate celebrants age 90 or older and couples married 50 years or more, call the Senior Center at **847-459-2670**.

The workshop also will include vision testing. Individuals who no longer drive will be able to apply for a state identification card as part of the Mobile Photo ID program.

The program will be held from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Pavilion Senior Center, 199 N. First St. For information call 847-459-2670.

## Wheeling a Tree City Again

Wheeling has been named a Tree City USA for the 13<sup>th</sup> year. The National Arbor Day Foundation continued its recognition for the Village's tree-care ordinance, its tree program within the Public Works Department, its forestry program, and the annual observance of Arbor Day.

## Blood Drive Set

The Village's quarterly blood drive has been scheduled for July 10 from 2:30 to 7 p.m. at the Main Fire Station, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

Appointments are recommended, to

ensure that the American Red Cross can properly staff the event. However, walkers are welcome.

For appointments and information call Village Health Officer Mike Boyle at 847-459-2621.

**Water Restrictions Remain in Effect**

Outdoor watering is prohibited in the Village between May 15 and September 30 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The ban applies to such unnecessary uses as car washing and lawn watering.

**Village Board Televised**

All meetings of the Board of Trustees are carried live on Cable Channel 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. the first four Mondays of each month.

The meetings are rebroadcast on Tuesday and Thursday, also at 7:30 p.m.

**Schedule of 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.

# 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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**Community Calendar:**

**July**

**4 - Taste of Wheeling**, playing field next to Village Hall, Noon-11 p.m.

**4 - Independence Day parade**, Dundee Rd. from Wheeling Rd. to Wolf Rd., then south to Heritage Park 6 p.m.; **Fireworks**, Heritage Park, dusk; **- Garbage collection delayed** one day until July 5.

**10 - Blood Drive**, Main Fire Station, 255 W. Dundee Rd. Sponsored by the Board of Health

**August**

**15 - Golden Anniversary/ Golden Birthday luncheon**, Pavilion Senior Center, 199 N. First St., noon-2 p.m.

**21 - Driver's license preparation and Mobile Photo ID event**, Pavilion Senior Center, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**24 - Palwaukee Airport Open House**, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For information, call the airport at 847-537-2580.

**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.

**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 below.*

**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.



## Ready on the Flight Line

Palwaukee Municipal Airport will line up the planes, open flight operations, and give local residents a peek at how things work during its 8th Annual Open House on August 24. The event will feature police and fire exhibits from Wheeling and Prospect Heights, free trolley rides to key points around the airport, and free food and refreshments. Due to extensive runway renovations, free airplane rides will not be available this year. The open house will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For information, call the airport at 847-537-2580.

## Comprehensive Plan: The Residents Speak

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and provide new options for residential living, the Camiros representatives said.

The planning process to date has involved a complete review of current facilities and land uses, more than 40 interviews with Village officials, members of the boards and commissions, and interested residents. The endeavor has resulted in a draft vision statement intended to unite the ideas behind the emerging plan.

The Plan Commission and Camiros will use the information disclosed in the research process to develop a series of recommendations in a final report to the Board of Trustees. Action on the finished document is expected early next year.

Use	Acreage	Percent 1987 projections	Percent current
Single family	847	16	22
Multi-family	725	13	9
Commercial	294	5	11
Industrial	992	18	24
Transportation, utilities	428	8	N/A
Open space, rivers, ponds	839	15	13
Public/institutional	263	5	5
Vacant	299	5	0
Public right-of-way	753	14	18

**Total incorporated area: 5,349 acres**

## Village of Wheeling

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WEB SITE: WWW.VI.WHEELING.IL.US

### Fire/Police/Paramedics

**911**

Non-emergency Fire 847-459-2662  
Non-emergency Police 847-459-2632  
Community Development 847-459-2620  
Economic Development 847-459-2978  
Pavilion Senior Center 847-459-2670  
Public Works 847-459-2624  
Water Billing 847-459-2607  
Code Enforcement Hotline 847-459-CODE  
**Village President:** Greg Klatecki 847-459-2988  
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**Acting Village Manager:** Guy Kolberg 847-459-2617

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