

Village Views

Wheeling, Illinois

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Village offices will be closed Monday, July 5 in honor of Independence Day.

Village gears up for annual July 4th festivities

The Village of Wheeling celebrates our nation's independence with the annual 'Taste of Wheeling' and 4th of July Parade and fireworks display in Heritage Park [in between Village Hall and Wheeling Park District Recreation Center on Dundee Road] on Sunday, July 4.

This year's celebration kicks off at 1 p.m. as various restaurants and service organizations from throughout Wheeling open their outdoor kitchens. In no particular order, Wa-Pa-Ghettis, Joe's Pizza, Tuscany, Golden Chef, Wheeling Alumni Police Association, Wheeling Historical Society, Knights of Columbus, Market Square Restaurant, Taqueria Alamo, Wheeling Jaycees, Sauer's Bake Shop and AMVETS Post #66 will be serving up everything from the traditional hot dogs and hamburgers to the always popular funnel cakes.



Youngsters in attendance will love the giant slide and four inflatable rides that have been added to an already full slate of kids activities. Many favorite family activities return such as face painting, sand art and the radio-controlled stock cars, but young and old alike will enjoy trying to soak an unlucky guest in the dunk tank or win a prize on the duck pond.

If live entertainment is your desire than look no further as this year's gala features the Jesse White Tumblers and a display of Wheeling's diversity with performances by Spanish and Polish Dance troupes. On

the music scene, Greg Koeppen returns with his Medleys in Motion crew, the Royal Dixieland Band will make you tap a toe and Virgil Kane will inspire your best 'Urban Cowboy' dance moves.

Joe Mastrototaro, long-time supporter of Wheeling and owner of Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza, sits atop the Grand Marshall parade car as he leads more than 70 entrants highlighted by our own Wheeling High School marching band, the Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps from Wyoming and return trips by the Colts Drum Corps from Dubuque, Iowa and Chicagoland's own New Generation's Fancy Drill Team. New to this year's parade will be the Chicago Pipe and District Band and Northwest Shriner's 1957 go carts.

No July 4th would be complete without culminating the event with fireworks. When the sun sets, one of the grandest fireworks displays in the northern suburbs begins as Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc., whose clients include the Chicago White Sox and Navy Pier, illuminates the skies above with hundreds of light bursts and explosions.



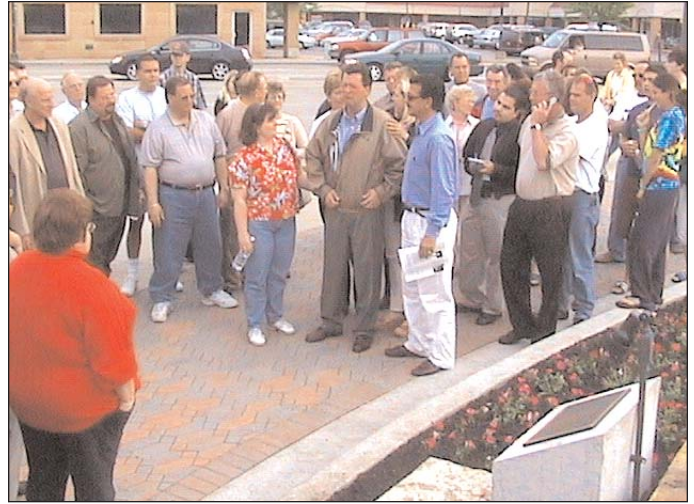
The Village of Wheeling Board of Trustees recently decided to commemorate the fountain at the Northwest corner of Dundee Rd. and Milwaukee Ave. as Lehmann Fountain, in honor of Trustee Trevor Lehmann. Lehmann, who has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), was instrumental in the creation of Wheeling's newest landmark, Friendship Park. For more on Lehmann, see Page 2.

Village dedicates fountain to Trustee

Colleagues, friends and family members of Trustee Trevor Lehmann gathered at Friendship Park May 19 for a surprise dedication of the fountain on the north-west corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Lehmann, who was instrumental in the design and creation of Friendship Park, was visibly moved when Chuck Spratt, Public Works Director, unveiled the plaque.

The dedication came one day after Lehmann and Trustee Dean Argiris returned from Washington D.C. where they lobbied federal lawmakers to fund research in finding a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. Lehmann's battle with the disease has been featured in numerous newspapers and ABC-Channel 7.

Less than a week after the dedication ceremony, more than 700 individuals packed the North American Jet hangar to honor Lehmann and help raise funds to find a cure for the disease.



According to Argiris, one of the organizers of the dedication and fundraiser, more than \$78,000 was raised. "The outpouring of support for Trevor and his family has been overwhelming," Argiris said. "It makes me extremely proud to live in Wheeling and see how the residents, some who have never met Trevor, have come together to fight this."

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Village banner program to receive a 'facelift'



Visitors to Wheeling will soon begin noticing a new look along certain corridors in the Village as double-sided, full-color banners are scheduled to be installed along Milwaukee Ave., Dundee Rd and Route 83 towards the end of the summer. The banners are part of a marketing project that will include the creation of a video 'snapshot' of the Village that will be available via the internet and on cable channel 17. Production of the video is scheduled to begin in July with a finished product expected by the fall.

Village Engineering Division outlines major summer projects

The Engineering Department has five major projects that will be under construction this summer: the 2004 Street Resurfacing Program, the South Transmission Main Phase II-B, the annual Street Light Improvement Program, Route 83 Street Lights and the Dundee Road Pedestrian Overpass.

The annual Village-wide MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Street Improvement Program provides for the resurfacing of existing pavements or, when necessary, the reconstruction of the entire street i.e. pavement, curb and gutter and sidewalk within the Village owned Right-of-Way. Streets are selected for improvement based on existing conditions and professional judgment; in addition, the 5-year Pavement Management Program Report is referenced in determining the most cost-effective rehabilitation strategies to use. This year's program consists of the resurfacing of Cornell Avenue and Abourndale Court and miscellaneous patching of Wheeling Road from Hintz Road to Mercantile Court.

The 2004 water system improvements consist of construction of the final phase of the South Transmission Main (20-inch diameter) on Wheeling Road (between the Phase II-A terminus at Willowbrook Drive and the Central Receiving Station located just north of Hintz Road). The construction of this transmission main was initially recommended in the 1992 Water System Study to reinforce the distribution system, meet system demands and allow for the complete utilization of the South Receiving Station by improving water distribution capabilities and fire protection.

The annual Street Light Improvement Program installs new streetlights in previously unlit areas at various locations throughout the Village in accordance with an established priority program. FY 2004 marks year five (5) of the originally planned 10-year program. This year's program will include Meadowbrook East and West, and Old Town South subdivisions. Street lights are also planned for Route 83 from Dundee Road to north of Aptakisic Road (Village limits). These lights will be similar in appearance to those on Milwaukee Avenue and will greatly enhance the appearance and safety of this roadway.

The rehabilitation of the Dundee Road Pedestrian Overpass is scheduled for this summer. Effective June 7, sidewalks will be closed on the north side of Dundee Road at St. Armand (eastbound pedestrian traffic), Cedar Drive (westbound pedestrian traffic), RTE 83 (westbound pedestrian traffic) and on the south side of Dundee Road at each of the driveways accessing London School. The overpass superstructure over the roadway is tentatively scheduled for demolition on /Saturday and Sunday June 12/13 with replacement scheduled for the weekend of July 25/26 and with completion on or prior to August 20. During the scheduled times of demolition and replacement Dundee Road will be closed to all traffic from Schoenbeck Road to Route 83.



New signs and landscaping welcome visitors traveling South on Milwaukee Ave. New signage and beautification projects are some of the improvements going on throughout Wheeling.



This 'Pocket Park' at the corner of Dundee and Wheeling is the model for the new park that will be built and named after Scott Lark, the former Water Supervisor, who passed away earlier this year.



The Dundee Road Pedestrian Overpass will be completely rebuilt by the end of the summer.

? Did You Know?

JULIE, also known as the Illinois One-Call System, is a not-for-profit corporation that provides homeowners and contractors with a toll-free number from the free locating and marking of underground facilities. JULIE serves as a message handling, notification service for underground facility owners, taking information about planned excavations and distributing this information to its membership. It is then the responsibility of each facility owner to mark the location of their underground facilities at the excavation site. JULIE neither owns nor marks any underground facilities.

The impact of unsafe or careless digging practices is real and often costly in terms of personal injury and damage to underground lines, property and the environment. *According to state law, anyone planning an outdoor project that requires any type of excavation, whether the project is large or small, should call JULIE first at 1-800-892-0123.*

According to state law, the person actually doing the digging is required to make the call to JULIE with the locate request information at least 48 hours (two working days, excluding weekends and holidays) in advance of the start of excavation. If a contractor is doing the work for you suggest that they make the call to JULIE for their protection. In order to help the utility locator properly identify your project area, JULIE recommends that you mark the area where you will be digging with white paint and/or white flags.

Ride4Kids brings tour through Wheeling

The Ride for Kids® (Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation) will be coming through Wheeling on July 18, 2004 at approximately 9:30 a.m. More than 2500 motorcyclists will leave Allstate in Northbrook and head north on Milwaukee Avenue up to Route 22. The cyclists will be riding for pledges for the foundation. Residents are invited to line the route and cheer on these two-wheeled heroes as they raise funds for the most deadly of all childhood cancers, brain tumors.

The Ride For Kids® is a motorcyclist's program that is helping to find the cause and cure of pediatric brain tumors. The Ride For Kids® also serves as a nationally recognized educational and patient support program for patients and their families, and the medical community.

The 2003 Chicagoland ride raised more than \$350,000 towards research and development. For more information, log onto www.ride4kids.org.



Public Works employees Ed Wegner and Chris Brown (left to right) protect an electrical vault with sandbags in the Shadow Bend Subdivision in anticipation of flood waters that for the most part never materialized.

Rain, rain, go away....

While the flood may not have compared to the recent theatrical release, 'The Day After Tomorrow,' the ascension of the Des Plaines River still caused quite a headache in Wheeling. Residents in the Fox Point and Shadow Bend subdivisions were affected the most, but officials acknowledged that had initial forecasts come to fruition, the results would have been a lot worse.

"We appreciate the cooperation and patience of the residents as we worked to ensure the safety of everyone," said James Lang, Public Relations Coordinator. "When compared to Gurnee, we were definitely very fortunate to only have a small amount of our population affected. I'm proud of the proactive efforts our Public Works crews put forth....I'm just glad our efforts weren't severely tested by what meteorologists were predicting to be the 'flood of all floods.'"



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

The Wheeling Pavilion Center announces the following programs for area senior citizens in Wheeling and the nearby suburbs. Anyone 55-years-old or older is welcome to join the activities, volunteer to assist with them or share his or her talents with others.

Benefits for Seniors

Millions of seniors in America who are eligible for benefits are not receiving them. From health coverage to supplemental income to assistance with paying utility bills, there are many seniors who could benefit from a wide array of public programs if they knew about them and how to apply. The website, BenefitsCheckUp.com, recently launched by the National Council on the Aging, is designed to help seniors, their families and caregivers find the right benefit programs that meet their needs. To learn more about this service, call Jan Christenson at the Pavilion Senior Center to schedule an appointment. Your investment is only 45 minutes of time to complete a confidential on-line questionnaire with information such as your age, income, zip code, etc. Then, BenefitsCheckUp explains what benefit programs may be eligible for you and how to apply for them.....there is no cost for this program.

Garbage News

By now, you have probably received your new garbage and recycling cans from Waste Management. Village officials wanted to alleviate any possible confusion regarding these issues:

- You can switch can sizes by calling 800-796-9696;
- Your yard waste can still go into a separate trash can that you mark clearly with an 'X';
- You may keep the old recycling bin, or place it at the curb for pick-up.



Wheeling/Palwaukee Team prepares for 17th annual Community Paint-a-Thon

The Village of Wheeling/Palwaukee Municipal Airport team is grabbing its rollers and paint brushes and preparing for the 17th Annual Community Paint-A-Thon scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2004. The annual event is a unique community partnership designed to paint homes owned and occupied by seniors with limited financial resources.

“This is one of the most rewarding events we participate in,” said Nancy Janssen, Director of Senior Citizen Services for Wheeling. “It’s one day of hard work, camaraderie and an unbelievable outpouring of love.”

Although the actual painting day is not until September, Janssen pointed out that interested individuals should begin the application process now. “Qualified home owners must be at least 60-years-old or have a permanent disability and cannot do the work themselves,” Janssen said. “In addition, their annual income must not exceed \$25,000. The selection committee does take into account excessive expenses like prescriptions and medical bills when determining eligibility.”

At the heart of the event is the massive volunteer workforce that assembles for the one-day project. Once the homes are identified, teams of volunteers are assigned to scrape, prime and paint each house. Each team consists of one leader and approximately 20 workers. “Obviously, this event could not happen without the kindness of many caring people and we are extremely fortunate to have Dennis Rouleau, Palwaukee Airport Manager, leading our team once again. It promises to be a challenging, but extremely fun and rewarding day.”

Eligible homeowners should contact the Catholic Chairities at 847-253-5500 to request an application. Applications must be received by July 15, 2004 to be considered for this year’s event. Anyone interested in volunteering on this year’s Wheeling/Palwaukee Municipal Airport painting team can contact Kathy Pradd at 847-537-2580 or Nancy Janssen at the Pavilion Senior Center at 847-459-2670.

Chamber of Commerce plans ‘Summer Sizzle’

The Wheeling/Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Village of Wheeling, City of Prospect Heights and Palwaukee Municipal Airport, is shaking things up for the 2nd Annual Summer Sizzle.



Log onto www.chicagonorthsuburbs.com for more information or call 847-541-0170

This year's 'Sizzle,' scheduled for Saturday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will take place at Palwaukee Municipal Airport and combine the annual airport open house with a classic car show, sponsored by Bill Stasek Chevrolet.

In addition, local restaurants and retailers from the community will converge on Palwaukee to create a one-stop festival of 'Planes, Meals and Automobiles.'

"This year's 'Sizzle' promises to be bigger and better simply because we're bringing all of the restaurants and classic cars to the airport and combining a few events into one fun-filled day," said James Lang, Summer Sizzle Committee Member.

"Individuals can still expect to see the aviation displays and entertainment that Palwaukee has exhibited during its annual open houses, but in addition, we'll have food and drink galore along with a classic car show with more than 185 participants."

Throughout the day, guests will enjoy a variety of live entertainment, cooking displays, raffles, tents sales and more. Buses will be running up and down Milwaukee Ave. to various restaurants which will be hosting tours and other entertainment.

In addition, as parking will be limited at Palwaukee, several lots will be clearly marked along Milwaukee Ave. and individuals will be shuttled to the event.



Lending a Hand

Third graders at Tarkington School recently assisted Jerry Edwards, Village Forester, and other Village officials in planting a White Oak to commemorate Earth Day. President Greg Klatecki and State Representative Kathy Ryg were also on hand to stress the importance of taking care of the environment.

Rooney promoted to Assistant Village Manager

The Board of Trustees recently approved the promotion of J. Mark Rooney from Assistant to the Village Manager to Assistant Village Manager. The promotion was effective June 1.

Rooney, who has been with the Village since March of 2003, monitors cable television and waste management franchises and recently was instrumental in the negotiation of the Village's Waste Management contract.

In addition to contract negotiations, Rooney also serves on the labor negotiating committees and coordinates the Village's TIF (tax increment finance) districts with department heads to ensure current development and re-development trends are maintained.

News You Can Use

The village is currently in the process of changing the frequency with which it bills for water and sewer services from quarterly billing (i.e. once every three months) to bi-monthly billing (i.e. once every two months). During the next few months, customers can expect to receive their first bi-monthly bill and will continue to receive bills every two months thereafter.

The village is initiating this change to better serve its residents and businesses. Billing more frequently makes it easier to detect problems that lead to high bills (e.g. a leaking toilet, running spigot, etc.) and should help customers budget for this expense more easily by reducing the amount of each bill. If you have any questions about this change, please call us at (847) 459-2600. Thank you for your understanding.

Speak out

This is your opportunity to communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response if desired. Please complete this form, detach and return to:
Village Manager
Village of Wheeling
255 W. Dundee Road
Wheeling, IL 60090

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(Inquiries and responses may be used for publication in future issues of 'Village Views.')

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 here.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Village Board -
Every Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission -
2nd & 4th Thursdays
of the month, 7 p.m.

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

Human Rights Commission -
1st 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., south half of Village
Hall lunchroom

Fire and Police Commission -
3rd Wednesday of the Month,
2 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 S. Plant Road.

**Economic Development
Commission -**
1st Tuesday of the month, 7:30 a.m.,
south half of Village Hall
lunchroom

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

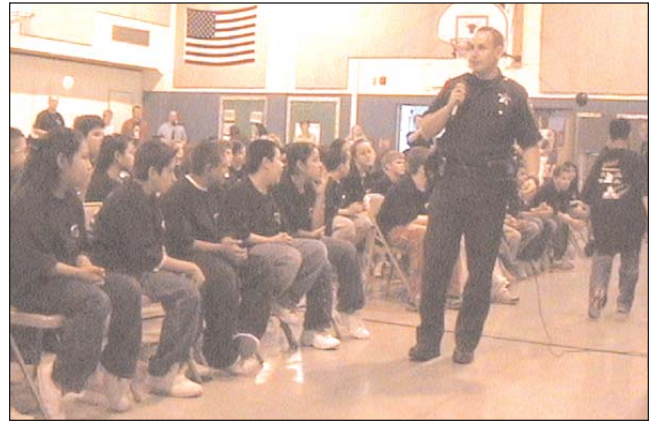
**Palwaukee Airport Community
Engagement Council (PACE) -**
1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.,
Airport Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road.

Wheeling Police honor DARE graduates

The Wheeling Police Department honored more than 120 Whitman Elementary School fifth graders who completed the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program with a graduation ceremony recently.

Guests were treated to essays and a brief rundown of what the graduates learned during the 17-week course. The program is designed to help a student deal with peer pressure and helps build self-esteem. The Wheeling department is one of a handful of departments across the state who have not cut the DARE program, despite lack of state funding.

“This is an extremely important outreach program that still nets proven results,” said Officer John Abbio, DARE Coordinator. “I’ve run into kids who graduated from the program years ago and they still remember everything they learned.”



Officer John Abbio, DARE Coordinator at Whitman Elementary School, addresses the fifth-grade graduates during a recent DARE graduation ceremony. More than 120 students completed the 17-week course.



The Aquatic Center is a great place to keep cool as the summer heats up. For information about any Park District program, call 847-465-3333.

Summer sun translates into summer fun and nobody does fun like the Wheeling Park District. Here are a few events for you and your family to check out:

2004 Summer Concert Schedule at the Community Center Shelter
~ Concerts begin at 7 p.m. ~

- July 7 - BBI
- July 14 -Retro Rockets
- July 21 - Mr. Myers
- July 28 - Bill O'Connell's Big Band
- August 4 - Big Guitars from Memphis
- August 11 - Lynne Jordan & The Shivers

Mud Volleyball Tournament ~ July 17 & 18 at Heritage Park ~ This event won the 2003 Outstanding Program Award from IPRA.

Village of Wheeling

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847-459-2600 ~ TDD 847-459-2987
www.vi.wheeling.il.us

Fire/Police/Paramedics

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
Palwaukee Municipal Airport Noise Hotline	847-537-2580, ext. 159
<i>Village President:</i> Greg Klatecki	847-459-2988
<i>Village Clerk:</i> Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
<i>Village Manager:</i> Wallace Douthwaite	847-459-2617

Trustees

Judy Abruscato: 847-541-8783	Michael Horcher: 847-541-3276
Dean Argiris: 847-808-8418	Patrick Horcher: 847-331-4234
Robert Heer: 847-541-4274	Trevor Lehmann: 847-484-2424

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