

Village Views



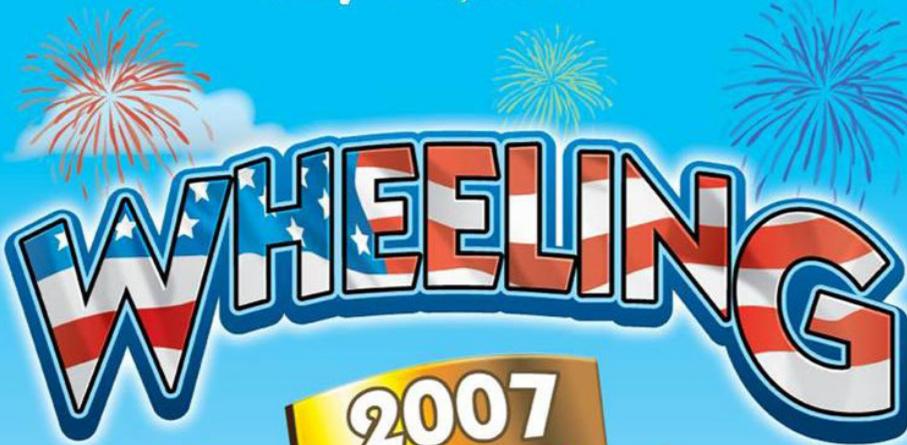
Wheeling IL

July/August 2007

Village offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4th. All regular refuse pick-ups will be delayed by one day.

SAVE THE DATE!

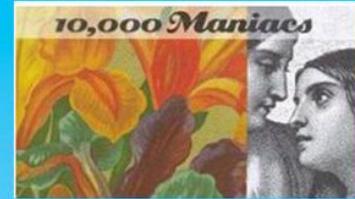
July 3 -4, 2007



Tuesday, July 3rd

GATES OPEN @ 5:00PM

Mike & Joe
5:30 — 6:30pm & 7:00 — 8:45pm



10,000 Maniacs
9:30 — 11:00pm

Wednesday, July 4th

GATES OPEN @ 3:00PM

The Mands
3:00 — 4:00pm & 4:30 — 5:30pm

PARADE @ 6:00pm!!!!!!

The Buckingham
7:30 — 9:15pm



FIREWORKS @ 9:30pm!!

Park District Field on Dundee Road
Between the Community Recreation
Center and Village Hall

FOOD VENDORS

- Bob Chinn's Crabhouse
- Boy Scout Troop #401 (fresh lemonade)
- Completely Nuts
- Creative Cooking (ribs)
- Domino's Pizza
- Golden Chef
- Gyros Pit
- Here's The Scoop Ice Cream
- Home Bakery (Polish delicacies)



...AND MORE!!!

- Joe's Pizza
- Knight's of Columbus (hot dogs)
- Lupita's Bakery
- Pico De Gallo
- Tasty Vending (funnel cakes)
- Tuscany
- Wapaghetti's Pizza
- Wheeling High School Band (cotton candy)
- Wheeling Jaycees (roasted corn)

FIREWORKS AND SPARKLERS A DANGEROUS COMBINATION

Each year in the United States, approximately 10,000 individuals are sent to hospital emergency rooms as a result of injuries from fireworks or sparklers. Forty percent of those injured are under the age of 14 and will incur permanent injuries to their hands, eyes, head, face, and/or hearing. The most common type of injury is burns. Unfortunately, approximately 10 of these individuals will die as a result of their injuries each year. While many individuals recognize the potential dangers associated with traditional fireworks such as “bottle rockets”, “fire crackers”, “Roman Candles”, and “M-80’s”, they are unaware that sparklers are actually molten metal burning at temperatures of up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. When one considers that glass melts at 900 degrees Fahrenheit and a cake bakes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit, the danger becomes more apparent. Due to this danger, only professional public firework displays are permitted in the Village of Wheeling. The sale and/or use of these items are prohibited by village ordinance. Items such as “poppers”, “caps”, and “party poppers” are permitted. To make sure your family’s July 4th remains fun-filled and safe, please leave the fireworks display to the professionals at Wheeling’s Freedom Fest or other neighboring community events.



ANIMAL LICENSE ORDINANCE

The Village Board recently made changes to Wheeling’s animal license ordinance to make it easier for residents to comply with the program and to eliminate duplication of Cook County’s efforts in this area. In the past, the ordinance required every owner of a dog or cat within the Village to purchase an animal tag annually. The new ordinance, which is effective immediately, requires residents to purchase an animal tag one time only. Once a tag has been obtained, it will be valid for the life of the animal. In addition, proof of rabies vaccination is no longer required to obtain the village animal tag.

If you have already purchased an animal tag, you do not need to purchase a new one. If you do not have a tag, you may purchase one for \$10.00 at the Village Hall building. If you prefer, you may download a copy of the application and mail it with the \$10.00 fee to the Village and a tag will be mailed to you. A copy of the animal license application is available on the Village’s web site www.vi.wheeling.il.us under reference tab, forms and permits.

Replacement tags can be purchased for \$1.25 at the Village Hall or by mail if the original tag is lost.

Please note that in the event a citation is issued for failure to obtain an animal tag, the required license fee shall be paid prior to the paying of any fines. The penalty for failing to obtain the necessary dog or cat license is a minimum of \$50.00

NEW AMBULANCE AT FIRE STATION 23

The Fire Department recently took delivery and placed in service a 2007



International/Medtec ambulance at Fire Station 23, 780 S. Wheeling Road. The new ambulance has several design modifications over previous vehicles intended to improve

both patient and attendant safety, as well as provide maximum service life of the vehicle. A new exterior graphic and lettering design was created by members of the Fire Department’s Apparatus Committee utilizing all reflective materials to enhance the overall image of the vehicle, as well as provide high visibility of the vehicle at night for improved scene safety. The ambulance is staffed 24/7 by two Firefighter/Paramedics. Visitors are welcome to stop by the fire station to view the new ambulance.

News You Can Use

Water bills can be paid by credit card by downloading the Credit Card Authorization Form from the Village website. Please use the following link to find the form, www.vi.wheeling.il.us/ReferenceDesk/FormsAndPermits.htm#Finance. You can print the Credit Card Authorization form from this page and fax a completed copy to the Village Hall at 847-459-9692. Please allow 24 hours for processing of your payment. The village also offers direct withdrawal from your checking account. Your bimonthly payment will be automatically withdrawn from your checking account and credited to your water and sewer bill. To sign up, print the form for Wheeling Direct Pay from the same web page and fax to 847-459-9692 with a copy of a voided check. Please call the Water Billing Department at 847-459-2607 with questions.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG/SHARPS DISPOSAL PROGRAM

The Village of Wheeling will be working in conjunction with SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County) to provide local residents with a Prescription Drug/Sharps Disposal Program. Medicines which are disposed of through our regular refuse pick up can result in substantial amounts of antibiotics and steroidal hormones in our rivers, lakes, and wells. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, sharps needles which are disposed of among other waste can hurt sanitation workers; sharps disposed of in public settings can harm children, adults, and even pets. This is an opportunity to dispose of unused prescription drugs, expired over the counter medications, and used sharps needles in an environmentally safe way. The Village of Wheeling will have a drive-thru drop off location in the bay of Fire Station 24 located at 255 W. Dundee Road. The collection dates for these items are:

Saturday, July 14th 10am – 12pm

Saturday, August 11th 10am – 12pm

Medications will NOT be accepted at any time outside of the designated drop off dates and times.

Please follow these safety precautions when utilizing the drop off program:

DO leave pharmaceuticals in their original container.

DO leave all prescription labels on the container. All prescription medications MUST have the type of medication clearly labeled on the container.

DO cover over your name on the prescription with a black permanent marker.

DO place all sharps needles in a sharps container or other clear, rigid container. All needles MUST be placed in a clear, sealed container and placed inside of a Ziploc bag. Sharps containers will be available for pick up at the Senior Center and Village Hall.

DO turn in all non-prescription medications without an expiration date that are more than six months old.

DO NOT submit non-prescription liquids or household chemical waste

PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE

Again this year the Wheeling Police Department will be sending approximately 70 bicycles to auction. Every year the number of bicycles is approximately the same. The bicycles are found property or recovered from being stolen and the owners do not claim them or even report them missing.

There are different steps that can be taken to protect your property:

- Lock or secure the bicycle in an enclosed area.
- Write down the brand, make and serial number for your records. Pay attention to identifying marks, damage and extra equipment.
- Register the bicycle with the Police Department and place the registration tag under one of the main bars.
- Call the Police Department and make a report if they bicycle is stolen.



Floods are no Myth; Be Prepared for the Unexpected

Discounts on homeowner flood insurance premiums are just one of many benefits residents enjoy as a result of Wheeling's proactive approach to flood hazard damage reduction. A 25-year member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Wheeling has joined a national effort to minimize property damage in cases of flooding and provide affordable flood insurance to all homeowners, whether or not they are located in or near a flood plain. As part of its NFIP commitment, the Village provides a range of public information on flooding potential, prevention, safety, and other issues. For more information about the National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance, call 1-800-427-4661. Copies of the recently revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) can be reviewed at the Engineering and Community Development Departments as well as the Indian Trails Public Library.



LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD POTENTIAL

The Village's proximity to waterways such as the Des Plaines River, Buffalo Creek and McDonald Creek tributaries adds scenic charm to historic Wheeling. Unfortunately, those same waterways raise the hazard of flooding during heavy rains. Standard homeowners insurance does not cover flooding. Through the 1960s, private insurance company rates on flood insurance were prohibitively high. "It was a real problem for homeowners," said Dan Ozanich, Director of Community Development. "The exorbitant prices made it almost impossible to carry flood insurance." The NFIP, formed in 1968, is designed to subsidize the cost of flood insurance to member communities, qualify them to receive disaster relief and establish minimum national standards to reduce flood losses.

HIGH CRS RATING

One of eight inaugural NFIP communities in Illinois, Wheeling designed programs to exceed minimum standards and optimize benefits to Village residents. In 1992, the NFIP implemented the Community Rating System (CRS) to reward efforts of communities that go above and beyond the basic requirements. Since the inception of the CRS, the Village of Wheeling was rated a Class 8. Effective May 1, 2007, the rating has been upgraded to Class 7, which now provides a 15 percent discount on flood insurance policies for properties located within the special flood hazard area. Policies issued for properties outside the special flood hazard area continue to receive a 5 percent discount. The Village of Wheeling continues to be proactive in preventative initiatives, including:

Stream maintenance – The Village regularly inspects water ways to ensure they are clear of debris and potential obstructions.

Regulating new construction – New buildings in the flood zone must meet requirements for elevation and flood-proofing. Village planners ensure that the new developments don't raise flood risk for neighbors in the community.

Keeping residents informed of flood risk and how to minimize impact.

"Flooding is obviously not an area the Village wants to highlight, but our residents need to know how to prepare for a flood," Ozanich said. "Tools such as this newsletter enable us to keep residents informed in the event of flooding."

DEVELOPMENT REGULATED

Development of any type within special flood hazard areas is strictly regulated. In order to construct a building or addition, perform any grading or fill any other type of construction in these areas, an individual must obtain a special 'flood-plain development permit.' This permit is issued in conjunction with other construction permits to assure that the new construction will not be susceptible to flood damage or cause increased flood damage potential to neighboring properties. Flood plain development regulations can be found on the Village website at www.vi.wheeling.il.us in Title 22 of the Municipal Code which can be found under Reference Desk on the Home Page or by contacting 459-2620 or 459-2985.



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.

Body For Life Fitness

“Tai Chi” presented by Hal Katz
 \$5 per session. Sessions held weekly. Learn the combination of the spiritual, therapeutic and martial arts along with aerobic movements. Tai Chi tones up muscles, improves flexibility and increases bone density. Call Pavilion for dates and time.

Movie Nite

Pre-registration of \$3 for a lite supper is required.
 Join us the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. for a lite dinner and movie.
 July 18 – “The Queen”
 August 15 – “Night at the Museum”

Medication/Sharps Disposal Program (for Wheeling residents only)

Saturday, July 14
 Saturday, August 11 10 a.m. until 12:00 noon
 Help reduce pollution and prevent poisoning by dropping off your old prescriptions and used sharps at the Wheeling Fire Department (Village Hall Complex) The name of the medication must be on the container and all medications must be in containers. Sharps must be dropped off in special sharps containers (available at Wheeling Village Hall or Pavilion Senior Center) or in sealed coffee cans/plastic milk containers.

90th+ Birthday Celebration

Thursday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m.
 We are holding a special luncheon in honor of Wheeling seniors or Pavilion members born in 1917 or before. There is no charge for the celebrant, but reservations must be made in advance by calling Lucille at 847-459-2670.

U. S. Representative Mark Kirk

“Washington Update” Saturday July 28 at 10:30 a.m.
 Congressman Mark Kirk will visit the Pavilion Senior Center to provide an update from Washington, D.C. He’ll discuss top legislative priorities in Congress as well as items of interest for 10th Congressional District residents. He’ll also be available to answer any questions regarding Social Security, Medicare, veterans benefits or any other federal issues. If you ever need assistance from the Congressman’s office, please call 847-940-0202, or visit the Web site at www.house.gov/kirk.

Annual Senior Spelling Bee

Thursday, August 2 12:00 noon (Bee will begin immediately after lunch) Come and compete in our annual local spelling bee. Prizes will be awarded and lunch will be provided to the participants. Please call Lucille to register (847-459-2670) and receive the rules and word list. The winner and first runner-up will go on to compete in the regional event.

22nd Anniversary of Pavilion Senior Center

Saturday August 18 or Sunday August 19 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 Come and help us celebrate 22 years of service to the seniors of Wheeling and neighboring communities. There will be food and entertainment. There is no charge for this special event.

SeniorNet Computer Classes

For information on registration for Session 4 of the Wheeling SeniorNet Learning Center Computer Classes, call the SeniorNet hotline at 847-459-2666 x 4131. Each class meets once a week for eight weeks. Cost - \$35.

Public Awareness Education Forum for Older Adults:

“Overview of Incontinence: The Male and Female Perspective”

The loss of bladder control—known as urinary incontinence—is an all too common, often embarrassing and frustrating problem for millions of older adults.

According to the Clinical Practice Guidelines on Urinary Incontinence in Adults, 13 million Americans are incontinent—85% are women. Another study found that 13% of U.S. men over 60 reported having incontinent episodes. Jan Christiansen, MSW, will discuss the most common types of urinary incontinence, causes, risk factors and most frequently asked questions from 1 to 2 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 31st at the Pavilion Senior Center, 199 N. First Street. Jan will also talk about the physical and psychological impact that urinary incontinence has on the male and female. For more information on this and other programs hosted by the Senior Pavilion Center, call 847-459-2670.

Health Corner

...brought to you by the Wheeling Board of Health

by Commissioner Art Ebeling

TRANS FAT & HEART DISEASE

The National Institute of Health reported that over 12.5 million Americans suffer from Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) and more than 500,000 die each year, making this the leading cause of death in the U.S.

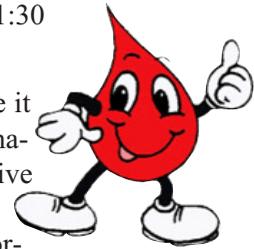
Studies show that the consumption of saturated fats and Trans fat raises the bad cholesterol known as LDL which can lead to heart disease. What is Trans fat? Trans fat is made when liquid oils are made into solid fats to increase the food's shelf life and flavor. Some of the health problems associated with the consumption of Trans fats are CHD, cancer, obesity, diabetes, allergies, asthma and immune system dysfunction.

As of January 2006, the FDA requires that all interstate food products must be labeled with Trans fat information. It is advisable to read the package labels and choose those foods low in fats for you and your family. An educated public will lead to a healthier life.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Village of Wheeling will be hosting a blood drive Wednesday, July 11th at the Fire Station on Dundee Road adjacent to the Village Hall. The drive will run from 1:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

You may not truly realize it when you make your donation, but the blood you give today will be there to help someone's life tomorrow. In turn, if you ever require blood transfusions at some time in your life (and 50% of us will), it will be there for you because someone donated to save yours.



For appointments please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847-459-2621 or email her at bslaby@vi.wheeling.il.us. Walk-ins are always welcomed! We look forward to seeing you at our blood drive.

EMERALD ASH BORER IS HERE IN ILLINOIS



The Emerald Ash Borer, or EAB, is an insect that infests Ash trees. The larva of the EAB feeds on the pulpwood under the bark of the ash tree, cutting off the supply of water and nutrients to the tree. Eventually, an infested tree will die due to this lack of nutrients. No bigger than a penny, this green menace has wreaked havoc on millions of Ash trees in the Midwest and if not controlled could potentially wipe out the Ash tree species in North America.

QUARANTINE ZONE

The North Cook County Quarantine Zone is an area where material from Ash trees is regulated by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA). The IDA regulations state that no regulated Ash material can be transported outside of the quarantine zone from April 30th to September 1st. Currently in Wheeling, only areas east of Milwaukee Avenue are in the Quarantine Zone.

Regulated Ash Material is any woody material from Ash trees that has not been processed to effectively destroy the EAB. Processing may include grinding the material to a size that is less than 1 inch in two dimensions. Once the material has been processed it becomes unregulated material and can be transported out of the quarantine zone.

Any landscape waste that contains ANY sticks or branches will be considered regulated. Transfer Station staff are unable to differentiate Ash material from other tree species so all sticks and branches will be considered regulated. Loads that include paper landscape bags from curbside collections are considered to be regulated since the bags may contain sticks or branches. Loads of strictly grass from an entity with a valid IDA EAB Compliance Agreement will be considered to be unregulated; however, a single stick in the load will make the entire load regulated and subject to the EAB surcharge.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County or SWANCC's Glenview Transfer station is the only Certified Processing Site in the North Cook County Quarantine Zone.

The Village of Wheeling's contracted waste hauler, Waste Management, is aware of the quarantine zone and is sending all regulated landscape waste collected from the quarantine zone to SWANCC for processing.

The Village's Forester has been working with the IDA to monitor Wheeling's Ash Tree population for signs of the EAB. Several test trees were selected last fall and as of this writing, all tests have been negative, meaning the EAB does not appear to be present in the test area at this time. This does not mean though that EAB infestation in this area cannot occur sometime in the future. The Village will continue to work with the IDA to closely monitor the situation.

For additional information on the Emerald Ash Borer you can visit the Illinois Department of Agriculture's web site at www.IllinoisEAB.com or contact Village Forester Jerry Edwards at (847) 229-4627.



By Village Ordinance, all watering of lawns, flowers, trees and other landscaping is prohibited everyday from noon to 6 pm, May 15th thru September 15th. Violators are subject to fine. Thank you for your cooperation.

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: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

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 -
2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Village Board Workshop-
3rd Monday of the month

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 every fourth month, 7:15 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom.
Jan. 2, May 1, Sept. 4

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

Chicago Executive Airport-
3rd Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road.

Beat Meetings -
East Meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month. West Meeting will be the 4th Wednesday of each month.

FLAG POLE PLAZA

The Village of Wheeling Board of Trustees recently authorized the construction of a flag pole plaza at the southeast corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Ave. When complete, the corner will compliment the northeast and northwest corners that consist of Friendship Park and Lehmann Fountain. The highlight of the new corner, which will include a paver brick patio and walkway, eight stone benches, stone planters and lighting will be the three flag poles bearing the flags of the United States, Illinois and Wheeling. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of the summer



VILLAGE DECIDES ON PRESIDENTS

After several weeks of deliberations and discussions, the three members of the Village Board compromised on who would replace former Village President Greg Klatecki. Trustees Judy Abruscato, Pat Horcher and Dean Argiris will all serve approximately 33 weeks each, thereby completing the current presidential term. According to the agreement, each individual retains his or her trustee status and does not have the authority to either appoint new trustees or utilize veto power.

“Whether you serve one day or 10 terms as a Village President, it is still a great honor,” said Acting President Judy Abruscato, whose term began June 4.

According to Village Attorney James Ferolo, this solution has been utilized successfully in other municipalities, including Orland Park in the early 1990’s.

“We all have a deep love for our community and obviously each of us wanted to lead; this compromise affords us that opportunity,” said Trustee Dean Argiris, who will be the last to perform as acting village president.

The next regularly scheduled village presidential election is slated for 2009.



Judy Abruscato



Pat Horcher



Dean Argiris

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Non-emergency Fire	847-459-2662
Non-emergency Police	847-459-2632
Community Development	847-459-2620
Economic Development	847-403-4467
Pavilion Senior Center	847-459-2670
Public Works	847-229-4600
Water Billing	847-459-2607
Code Enforcement Hotline	847-459-CODE
Chicago Executive Airport Noise Hotline	847-537-2580, ext. 159
Village Clerk Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
Village Manager Mark Rooney	847-459-2606
Acting Village President Judy Abruscato	847-541-8783
Trustees	
Robert Heer: 847-541-4274	Michael Horcher: 847-541-3276
Dean Argiris: 847-845-6990	Patrick Horcher: 847-331-4234
Ken Brady: 847-537-8642	

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