



Community Village of Wheeling of Choice

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March/April 2009

New Village Hall Opens Its Doors



Interior of New Village Hall
view of downstairs lobby from the staircase

On Monday, March 02, 2009, Wheeling's new Village Hall building officially opened for business. The building, located on the recently dedicated Community Boulevard, will house a number of Village departments, including; Finance and Administration, Community Development, Engineering, Economic Development, Fire Prevention Bureau, Information Technology, and Human Resources. In an effort to offer the best continuity of service, all mainline telephone numbers remain the same:

- Village Hall, main switchboard - 847.459.2600
- Finance and Administration, Human Resources - 847.459.2600
- Community Development and Engineering - 847.459.2620
- Fire Prevention Bureau - 847.459.2669
- Economic Development - 847.459.2605

The new address of the Village Hall will be 2 Community Boulevard, while the old village hall, which will be transitioning into an exclusive Police Department facility, will take the address 1 Community Boulevard after renovations are complete.

We expect that the relocation of almost all Village departments into one building will make service to our residents seamless and efficient. You can now pay a water bill, apply for a building permit and attend a Village Board meeting all in the same building.

An official grand opening celebration is scheduled for a date to-be-announced in May.



Interior of New Village Hall
front counter and lobby area

Welcome to Wheeling

State of the Village Address

Delivered by Acting Village President Argiris at the Annual Wheeling/Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce function on January 22, 2009

Around the world and right here in our communities, 2008 is a year that will not soon be forgotten—a year of exciting opportunities and profound challenges. I'm pleased to report that even in the current financial downturn, Wheeling continues to experience a wide range of encouraging economic development. From the grand opening of Cooper's Hawk and the Superdawg groundbreaking to the recent completion of the Alexander Graham Bell Montessori School and Devon Bank—respectively Wheeling's first "green" building and first LEED-certified building—we have seen growth that improves the quality of our citizens' lives, reflects their commonly-held values, and looks steadily toward a prosperous future. Furthermore, we have seen bold improvements in our public infrastructure and our municipal facilities which will greatly improve our ability to provide the basic services upon which our residents rely, today and in the days to come.

As families and businesses tighten their belts and await signs of economic improvement, I believe it is the responsibility of municipalities to be prepared—to take steps to ensure that when recovery comes, it comes our way. To this end, the Village of Wheeling intends to keep aggressively encouraging and shepherding development within our boundaries. We'll do this through direct involvement with major projects such as Brigadoon Aviation at the south end of town, Prairie Park and the Westin to the north, and the Fresh Farms center between them. We remain actively committed to fostering redevelopment at the former K-mart and Wickes sites, and have already enjoyed substantial developer interest regarding the latter. Throughout the community, we'll continue our judicious use of 6b property tax incentives to keep businesses in town and to help them expand and modernize to compete in the new economy as it takes shape. And, as always, we'll seek out opportunities to improve the health of the community in the broadest sense, such as our pending partnership with the Cook County Forest Preserve to conduct ecological restoration and establish an educational and recreational amenity on the vacant land south of the Westin.

Time and again, I hear from developers that one of the many things that makes our town attractive for investment is our clear commitment to providing bedrock municipal services for residents and businesses, now and in the future—a commitment evidenced by the construction of our new Village Hall, set to open for business on March 2, as well as our new Public Works facility, which will open later this spring. We also plan soon to begin the renovation of the current Village Hall for the use of the Police Department, and to break ground on a new Fire Station headquarters. The introduction of these new facilities will coincide with a comprehensive redesign of the Village's website.

Throughout 2008, the Public Works Department managed and supervised \$3.76 million in Capital Improvement Plan projects while maintaining nearly \$120 million in Village property, buildings and infrastructure; these CIP projects included substantial street, sidewalk, and sewer improvements, as well as the Buffalo Creek Streambank Stabilization Project, partly funded by a state grant obtained with the aid of Rep. Sidney Mathias. Village engineers also now benefit from our membership in the GIS Consortium, by which communities pool resources to gain the use of invaluable informational tools; these will help us meet a variety of challenges, not least among them our ongoing efforts at flood mitigation. An important step toward achieving this goal should soon be realized by the Park District's agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago regarding compensatory storage for Levee 37 at Heritage Park. The Village Board looks forward to seeing the details of this agreement, and working cooperatively with our partners.

And that, I suppose, is an appropriate note to end on. It's a new year, full of the promise of positive change, and I humbly suggest that we all take this opportunity to put aside our differences and renew our commitments to working together for the common good of our citizens. Growing a community is always a team effort, and far more unites us than divides us. I'll close with the words of Henry Ford—speaking in a happier time for the auto industry—"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."



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

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Welcome to Wheeling



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.

Remember, to have your voice heard, VOTE on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. If you need information on your polling place please call the Village Hall at 847-459-2600.



Reverse Mortgage Program

On Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from 10:30a.m. to 12p.m. the Senior Commission will present an informative program on reverse mortgages. The speaker is Mr. Wayne Landon of the National Aging in Place Council. Refreshments will be served.

The program will be at the Pavilion Senior Center, 199 North First Street, Wheeling. Please call the center at 847-459-2670 to make a reservation. The deadline for making reservations is April 13th.

In these economic times, please remember to support local businesses and restaurants.



The Health Corner

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

Wheeling Community Blood Drive

The Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Board of Health will be hosting a blood drive from 1:30 p.m. to 7p.m. **Wednesday, March 11, 2009** at the Fire Station on Dundee Road.

Blood donors of all types are needed every day for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those patients suffering from chronic diseases such as cancer and leukemia. If all eligible people would donate, there would never be a blood shortage. Every pint of blood donated will help save three lives!



Appointments are greatly appreciated. To schedule an appointment, please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847-459-2620 or email her at bslaby@wheelingil.gov. Walk-ins are always welcomed!

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer is equally common in both men and women. It is one of the most easily preventable cancers because it can develop from polyps that can be removed before they become cancerous.

Colon cancer is 90% curable when detected early, which means you have the power to do something about it. Starting at age 50 you should schedule a colonoscopy with your doctor. If there is a family history of colon cancer, your doctor may want you to start testing earlier. You have the power to prevent colon cancer...get screened and reduce your risk! For more information go to www.preventcancer.org.

Personal Safety Tips

It is always important to take steps to protect yourself and your personal items. Vehicle theft is becoming more prevalent and the most popular items burglars look for are:

- GPS Devices (the most popular item taken)
- Radar Detectors
- I-Pass Units
- Briefcases and Laptop Computers
- Cash
- Aftermarket Auto Stereo Systems

Take away the opportunity for burglary by adhering to the following common sense safety tips:



- Do not leave valuables in your car (especially in plain view)
- ALWAYS lock your doors and close all vehicle windows
- Make it a practice to be aware of your surroundings

•Report ALL suspicious activity to Police

Home burglars usually work during daytime hours, with the peak time being 8a.m. to 11a.m. Ways to make burglaries harder include:

- Alarm Systems (noise makers that summon police)
- Trim bushes down to 3ft and trees up 7ft from the ground to make it harder for thieves to hide.
- Upgrade deadbolt locks with at least a one inch bolt
- Latch plate for the deadbolt secured with 3 inch screws
- Lock your windows and doors AT ALL TIMES
- Leave a loud TV or radio on when not home
- If someone unexpectedly knocks on your door, do not open the door but do let them know you are home—if it is even remotely suspicious, call police immediately with a good description. Many burglars will knock first to see if anyone is home. When someone answers the door, they'll have some excuse to be there
- Close your blinds so that burglars can't see into your residence
- Dogs - most burglars do not want to tangle with a dog
- Know your neighbors - concerned neighbors look out for you
- Consider covering your garage door windows so a burglar can't see that no cars are present (meaning no one is at home)

The Police Department is conducting extra patrols all over the village, but we need your help. Protect yourself by following the common-sense advice above and together, we can make a difference. If you are a victim, call 9-1-1. Contact the Crime Prevention Unit with any other concerns at 847-459-2994.

Red Light Enforcement Begins

The Village of Wheeling began operating red light enforcement cameras at the intersections of Dundee Road & Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road & Wheeling Road in late February 2009. The intersections are identified as "Red Light Photo Enforced" through signage. The Village has three main objectives for implementing the program: (1) to reduce the number of injury crashes resulting from right angle and turning collisions; (2) reduce the total number of crashes at an intersection overall; (3) reduce the number of Red Light Violations at the selected intersections.

Enforcement

Citations will be issued to motorists who run red lights without stopping OR fail to come to a complete stop before turning right on red when safe to do so.

Motorists **WILL NOT** be cited if:

- The motorist enters an intersection on a green or yellow light which turns red before they have a chance to make a left turn.
- The vehicle was yielding to an emergency vehicle or lawfully participating in a funeral procession.

For more information on the Village's Red Light Enforcement Program, visit www.wheelingil.gov.

Announcing New Metra 'Pay to Park' Machines

Four new "pay to park" machines have been installed at the Wheeling Metra parking lot. The old parking debit cards are no longer valid but refunds for the debit cards will be accepted until June 1, 2009. Contact the Village Hall at 847-459-2600 for a Debit Card Refund Form.

How the machines work:

1. Enter parking space number and press ENTER.
2. Insert bills and/or coins (if using a credit/debit card, insert card and remove) press VALUE button.
3. Take receipt.

The daily rate is \$1.50 and no change or refunds will be given. Mastercard and Visa credit or debit cards are accepted.

Important things to know:

- You should keep all receipts.
- If you enter a wrong space number, press the RED button, then enter the correct space number.
- If you do not receive a receipt with the current date and parking space number on it, the transaction didn't process properly and you will be cited for a parking violation.

If you have any questions or concerns about the new pay to park machines please contact the Village at 847-459-2600 or parking@wheelingil.gov.



Public Works Facility Update

Construction efforts continue on the new Department of Public Works building at 77 W. Hintz Road. The cold and snowy winter were no match for progress as work carried on during the difficult winter months. The building is now completely under-roof and interior work has begun in earnest. The campus' site work will resume in early spring with project completion expected in June.



Property Maintenance Time

Wheeling's Property Maintenance Codes are a compilation of requirements that were adopted by the Village President and Board of Trustees in an effort to establish standards that help preserve properties, provide a sound environment, and maintain property values.

The code contains these requirements:

- The exterior areas of the premises
- The outside of your house/building, general sanitation and pest control standards
- Inside maintenance and safety standards for kitchen, bathroom, basement and related areas
- Smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector installation and occupancy standards

New requirement for storing garbage receptacles:

- In Residential Districts: On days other than collection days, all waste and recycling containers, along with bulk items, shall be concealed as nearly as practical from public view. No containers shall be placed so as to be unsightly, odorous, or so as to constitute a nuisance to adjacent property or the occupants thereof.

Remember:

- No garbage or refuse shall be deposited before 5p.m. on the day before the scheduled pick up. Empty receptacles shall be removed by or before 8a.m. the day after collection.

The Community Development Department is responsible for enforcing basic standards for property maintenance, sanitation and related matters. Our goal, through fair but firm code enforcement, is to try and ensure a healthy, safe environment for residents and businesses to exist and prosper. Please contact the Community Development Department at 847-459-2620 with questions or concerns regarding property maintenance issues.

Wolf Road Lane Closures

The Wolf Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement Project is part of the Village's continuous infrastructure improvement plan. The sanitary sewer along Wolf Road between Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road needs to be replaced to continue to meet the current sanitary flows and those of future developments along Wolf Road. Additionally, some water main work along Wolf Road between Highland Avenue and Manchester Drive will be done.

The water main work will eliminate unnecessary water main crossings on Wolf Road, streamline the system and improve the Village's Wolf Road water main infrastructure by abandoning old 6" & 8" cast iron water main along Wolf Road. This water main work is expected to start in early March 2009. After the completion of the water main, the sanitary sewer work between Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road will start. During the sanitary sewer work, there are areas that are designated to have open cuts 12 to 15 feet deep, which will require Wolf Road to be reduced to ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ONLY from Meyerson Way to Dundee Road. There will be no northbound traffic allowed to go onto Wolf Road from Dundee Road to Meyerson Way during the sanitary sewer work in this section. There will be detour signs directing traffic around the project.

Though we do not anticipate Wolf Road to be restricted down to one lane during the entire time of the sanitary sewer work, the days could add up to be considerable. One-way restriction will be removed as soon as safely and practically possible. For more information about this project, please visit the Village website home page at www.wheelingil.gov and click on the "Upcoming Wolf Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement Project" link under "What's New!"

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.

Tuesday Evening Activities

Do you work during the day? Are looking for something to do in the evenings?

Do you feel lucky, creative, or inquisitive? Check us out!

The Pavilion is now open on Tuesday evenings. We are open for all regular services such as RTA applications, taking appointments for services, registration for programming as well as our Crafting Group, Computer classes and open computer access and Cards and Games. Please call us for the most up-to-date information on Tuesday evenings! 847-459-2670



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.



Need a Ride?

If you are a senior, Escorted Transportation Services Northwest is driving! Do you need a ride to local medical and dental appointments? Give them a call at 847.222.9227. Volunteers who respect and admire seniors are available to drive you to your appointment, wait for you, and bring you home again in their own cars. Escorted Transportation Services Northwest, a not-for-profit organization, accepts a twelve dollar donation for each round trip. They exist to serve seniors in need of transportation and they cross township lines!

If you would like to join Escorted Transportation Services Northwest in serving our beloved seniors with this Volunteer opportunity in your community, they would love to hear from you! Please call them at 847.222.9227 for more information or to sign up to serve seniors in this significant way. Check them out at www.etsnw.org.

News You Can Use

Kitten season is here!



Spring is right around the corner and so is kitten season. Every year shelters and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) organizations are flooded with phone calls and emails about citizens discovering kittens on their property. The truth be told, shelters will be overwhelmed with kittens and will have to turn most of them away. We are asking all the residents not to wait for them to mate. If you are feeding stray and/or feral (wild), outdoor cats and kittens, it is your care-taking duty and also a Cook County Ordinance to have them spayed, neutered and vaccinated and we would like to help.

We are Feral Feline Project, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to humanely reducing the outdoor cat population by applying TNR. Millions of feral and domesticated cats are euthanized each year due to lack of shelter space and not being adoptable. TNR is a safe and humane way of limiting the litters of kittens born in the wild and reducing the population of feral cats. Please contact us for more information or visit our website at feralfelineproject.googlepages.com Your support enables us to continue with our TNR program and save the lives of countless cats and kittens. Your donation is tax-deductible and is applied 100% to our TNR program. We would like to thank everyone who donated in the past. *Feral Feline Project is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization and is not affiliated nor receives any donations or benefits from local, state or municipal governments.*

Feral Feline Project

PO Box 1, Wheeling, IL 60090
847-800-0095 (leave a message)



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Community Highlights

Village Board Highlights

Recent Village Board Actions

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

Authorized

- Declaring a Surplus in the Crossroads Tax Increment Financing District Fund and Authorizing the Distribution of such to the Overlapping Taxing Districts
- Waiving Competitive Bidding and Accepting Proposal from Total Parking Solutions for Four (4) new Cale Compact XL Metra Commuter Lot Pay Stations
- Granting a Special Use to Operate a Currency Exchange at 1041 Lake Cook Road Within Lexington Commons Plaza
- Adopting the Public Works Department Capital Improvement Plan for the Five Year Period FY 2009 through FY 2013
- Acceptance of a Proposal for Professional Services Related to the Redesign of the Village of Wheeling website
- A Contract with Glenbrook Excavating Concrete Inc for the Wolf Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement Project
- Adopting the Village of Wheeling Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2009 and Ending December 31, 2009
- The Levy and Collection of Taxes for the Corporate and Municipal Purpose of the Village Of Wheeling for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008

Approved

- The Final Plat of Millbrook Pointe Subdivision
- Granting Preliminary Planned Unit Development, Special Use, Site Plan, and Appearance Approval for Redevelopment of Fresh Farms Shopping Center
- A Cook County Real Estate Class 6b Property Tax Exemption for Property Described as 1500 S. Wolf Road
- A Cook County Real Estate Class 6b Property Tax Exemption for PasProps, Inc.

Proclaimed

- Prospect Heights/Wheeling Football Assoc.
- Horcher Farm – 160th Anniversary

Watch all Village Board meetings
as well as Plan Commission meetings
On Demand at www.wheelingil.gov

Yard Waste Collections

Yard waste collections will begin on April 1, 2009 and are collected on regularly scheduled collection days.

Residents are reminded that yard waste must be placed in biodegradable 2-ply Kraft paper bags or in a container clearly marked with a red "X" around the body of the container. Bags and containers must not be larger than 33 gallons and must not exceed 45 pounds in weight. There is no limit to the number of paper bags or containers. Yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected.



Bundled brush is also collected as part of yard waste. Brush must be bundled with biodegradable twine or string. Bundles must not weigh over 45 pounds, not exceed 4 feet in length, not exceed 2 feet in diameter, and not contain limbs greater than 3 inches in diameter. There is also no limit to the number of bundled brush.

Welcome to these new Wheeling Businesses

Ambius, Inc
860 Chaddick Dr, Unit C

ARS of Illinois
925 Seton Ct, Unit 12

Biomist, Inc.
573 N. Wolf Road

CHAMPRO Sports
1175 S. Wheeling Road

LuzCom, Inc.
54 N. Wolf Road

**Mount of Zion
Christian Bookstore**
262 McHenry Road

Korba Auto Center
1044 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Tips 2 Toes
121 N. Milwaukee Ave.

These Businesses Have Relocated

Conexandcom, Inc
to 27 N. Elmhurst

Update Your Contact Information



Waste Management notifies residents anytime there is a service related issue, such as holiday delays, extreme weather delays, overdue payments, etc. Residents are encouraged to update their account contact information (telephone numbers and/or email address) to receive communications from Waste Management. Please contact Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696 if your contact information needs to be updated.

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Make a Difference - Shop in Wheeling

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These days, everyone is paying close attention to what they are spending their money on and when they spend it. The Village hopes you also consider where you spend your money. When you shop locally owned businesses, you use your spending power to strengthen the community, the local economy, and enhance Wheeling's character and appeal.

Buying locally means investing in the future prosperity of your neighborhood and supporting:

- Job Growth - Because local businesses bank locally, hire local accountants and service providers, hire local residents, and advertise in local media, your purchase means supporting many businesses in Wheeling. Your support of local businesses directly impacts the local economy.
- Community Enhancement - Local businesses offer more choice and diversity of products and services and are more active in supporting community activities. Local consumers have the power to shape the future of Wheeling.
- Future Retail Businesses - The success of local businesses makes Wheeling an attractive place for additional businesses researching future location plans. Developers and potential new businesses often evaluate traffic and sales history, so your support directly helps ongoing economic development efforts by making your purchases in the community.



Make a decision to shop Wheeling businesses whenever possible:

- When you dine out with friends or family, make a conscious choice to spend your dollars at Wheeling businesses.
- As much as possible, make an effort to shop for your daily needs in Wheeling
- For gift ideas or shopping for upcoming holidays, feel free to contact the Chamber of Commerce at 847-541-0170 with your questions as it is likely they can direct you to a Wheeling business that can meet your needs.

Thank you for shopping in Wheeling!

We Are Here to Serve You!

Village Hall

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Wheeling Local TV

Comcast: Channel 17

AT & T: Channel 99

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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