



# THE WHEELING CIRCULAR

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## 2015 State of the Village Address

*Delivered by President Argiris on February 25, 2015*

This is a very exciting time in the Village of Wheeling. Since I took office two years ago, I've worked with the Village Board and staff to come together as a team with creative ideas about how to move forward, and our efforts are really starting to pay off. The business climate in Wheeling has shown strong improvement, with rising sales, low vacancies, and several major projects on the horizon. A great number of new retail and restaurant businesses have opened—at Lexington Commons, the Westin, and elsewhere in town—and we're proud to welcome them all. In a major development for the industrial sector, Federal Express is moving into the 150,000-square-foot former Rexnord facility following a \$3 million renovation by the property owner, who is also making improvements to a nearby site for the FedEx fleet—investments totaling \$14 million that will create jobs and increase property values. In general, industrial growth resulted in 644,000 square feet of business openings and expansions last year, and brought over 250 new jobs.



*President Argiris at the annual State of the Village luncheon held at Saranello's Banquets in Wheeling on February 25.*

Wheeling's existing businesses also had a great year. Some of our longest-standing businesses are still going strong: last year we celebrated the 75th anniversary of Engis Corporation and the 100th anniversary of Taylor Plumbing. Several landmark facilities have seen notable upgrades, from \$6–7 million in improvements made by the new owners of the Westin hotel, to a \$375,000 renovation at Route 21 Auto Wash & Detail (formerly America's Car Wash), to a new drive-through at Superdawg that increases the flexibility of this much-loved restaurant. Precision Zone has completed an over \$1 million rehabilitation of its new 72,000-square-foot facility, and continues to distinguish itself as a leader in the industrial community, committed to investing in both equipment and people. The biggest improvement project of the past few years has been the \$38 million reconstruction of Heritage Park, which is scheduled to open all of its upgraded facilities on June 7. These include amenities like the Sports Complex and the brand-new Performance Pavilion which will transform the park into a major regional attraction bringing in thousands of visitors per year. The renovation is also a major flood control project, and includes stormwater detention that will enable future development. With the \$50 million, 288-unit Northgate Crossings project breaking ground last October, that development is already underway, and will soon be followed by Wheeling Town Center, a \$100 million mixed-use development by the Metra station that will include 300 apartments and 100,000 square feet of retail anchored by Flix Brewhouse, a first-run movie theater.

A few facts and figures help tell the story of Wheeling's successful year: our retail vacancy rate is below the regional average, and our retail sales have increased by more than 12%. Hotel occupancy is over 72%, while our industrial vacancy is under 6%—particularly impressive when you consider that Wheeling has 275 industrial buildings totaling 14 million square feet. Overall, the Village issued permits for \$40.4 million of construction projects in 2014, a \$4.25 million increase over 2013. This growth is a testimony to the hard work of Wheeling's business community, and they deserve praise for an outstanding year.

The Village has also had an important role to play in the community's prosperity. Last year we made over \$8.9 million in capital improvements to benefit our residents and businesses, including nearly \$1 million in TIF-related improvements. We also negotiated with the other taxing districts to create two new TIFs: the Town Center-II TIF, which will help transform the Dundee Road corridor and surrounding area, and the Southeast-II TIF, which will encourage development around the airport. Speaking of which, another important initiative currently underway is the Chicago Executive Airport Master Plan, a long-overdue study to maximize the value of this key resource, which will consider noise abatement and layout improvements among other issues; the study will be transparent and include opportunities for community input. The Village went through its own strategic planning process last year, a very rewarding exercise with many short- and long-term benefits; the Strategic Plan—the first the Village has formally adopted—declares our values, priorities, and specific goals, and serves as a guide to everything we do. The plan is available on our website, and it emphasizes being accessible to our residents. With this in mind, we've recently expanded our social media presence; we encourage residents to "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter.

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# WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

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•Fire Codes  
•CPR Classes

## Police Department

1 Community Blvd.  
847.459.2632 (non-emergency)  
•Citizens Police Academy  
•DARE Program  
•Graffiti Removal  
•Neighborhood Watch

## Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road  
847.279.6900, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M - F  
•Fire Hydrant Flushing  
•Street/Pothole Repairs  
•Streetlight Maintenance  
•Snow Plowing  
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•Sanitary Sewer Service Televising  
•Water Quality Concerns  
•Flooding  
•Cable TV  
•Waste Management  
•Electric Aggregation

## Human Services/Senior Center

199 N. First Street  
847.459.2670  
•Social Services  
•Wheeling Food Pantry  
•Senior Center Events

## Village Hall Offices

### Administration

847.499.9085  
•Village Board Matters  
•Freedom of Information Requests  
•Liquor Licenses  
•Employment Opportunities

### Finance Department

847.459.2600  
•Water Bills  
•Real Estate Transfer Certificates  
•Metra Parking Passes  
•Voter Registration  
•Pet Licenses

### Community Development

847.459.2620  
•Building, Engineering, Sign Permits  
•Business & Rental Property Licenses  
•Inspections  
•Building Codes & Zoning Information  
•Property Maintenance  
•Flood Maps  
•Health Department

### Economic Development

847.459.2605  
•Available Buildings  
•Demographics  
•Development Inquiries

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•Fire Alarm & Sprinkler Permits  
•Inspections



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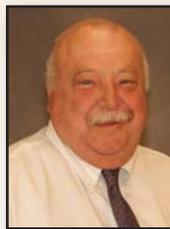
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*In memory of  
Trustee Bob Heer  
1956-2014*

# WELCOME TO WHEELING



On January 14, I had the distinct honor and pleasure of meeting Wheeling resident Frima Yastrebinetskaya who was celebrating her 100th birthday. I wish her all the best as she embarks upon her 101<sup>st</sup> year of life!

## State of the Village continued...

Another emphasis is reaching out to state and local partners to get things done for our residents, and the Village is taking a significant leadership role with regional agencies. I am chair of the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) Transportation Committee, joined by Trustee Bill Hein; I also serve on the NWMC Legislative Committee to give Wheeling a voice in Springfield at a critical time when the state is considering the potentially devastating impact of Governor Bruce Rauner's proposed budget. Additionally, I was elected as the Sixth District Commissioner of the Lake County

Stormwater Management Commission by the majority of the district's mayors.

The Village has also sought out opportunities to improve efficiency by working with other government agencies. We now provide police dispatch services for the City of Des Plaines, an initiative that will save both communities money while maintaining reliable service. Last year we renovated the second floor of our Public Works facility into offices for the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, and we're proud to welcome this organization to Wheeling. In a great collaborative effort, the Village worked with State Representatives Elaine Nekritz and Carol Sente to help Solex College achieve certification for its manufacturing apprentice program, which includes partnerships with Precision Zone and the ICARTEAM multi-industry network, both based in Wheeling; this initiative is part of the Village's ongoing workforce development initiative, which helps make connections between government, industry, and educators. The Village has embarked on a cooperative effort with the Park District to establish a new and expanded Senior Center in Heritage Park; a space study is currently underway to determine a path forward in what is a major priority for both organizations. The Village is committed to a productive dialogue with local school districts, and plans regular discussions regarding the challenges the schools face. We recently joined the Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitors' Bureau, which will bring more conventions, trade shows, and corporate meetings to Wheeling, improving hotel occupancy and restaurant and retail sales. We'll also continue our collaboration with the Wheeling / Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce & Industry, which will include events like the annual golf outing, the Industrial Manufacturing Seminars, and the Taste of the Town, all of which help promote Wheeling businesses.

Of course the Village's most important partnerships are between its elected officials and staff. Since becoming President I have assembled a great team, and we're more creative and productive than we've been in years. I have encouraged the trustees to be active and involved in order to maximize the value of their experience and intelligence. They have also taken a broader role in representing the Village regionally: Clerk Elaine Simpson participates in the Municipal Clerks' Association in addition to her longstanding involvement in the Wheeling Historical Society, Trustee Ray Lang serves on the Chicago Executive Airport board, Trustee Mary Krueger serves on the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center board, Trustee Bill Hein serves with me on the NWMC Transportation Subcommittee in addition to his leadership at the Historical Society, Trustee Ken Brady has served in working groups discussing both the Senior Center move and the stormwater utility study in addition to his longtime involvement with the Wheeling Garden Club, Trustee Dave Vogel continues to apply his professional expertise and passion for efficiency and accountability in advising the Finance Department, and new Trustee Joe Vito has already begun service as Fire Department liaison. Together, we're working to make Wheeling a fun and exciting place to live, work, and visit. We brought back the July community event "A Night under the Stars," a celebration featuring fireworks and live music that was attended by 15,000 people last year; this year's event, which will be hosted by Chicago Executive Airport, will be even bigger and better. We've also reinvigorated "Lights Around Wheeling," the Village's holiday lighting event, to make it more spectacular than ever.

On a somber note, we lost two great public servants in 2014: former Village President Ted Scanlon, who passed away on December 11, and Village Trustee Bob Heer, who passed away on Christmas Eve. Both served the Village with passion, conviction and integrity, and will serve as an enduring example. I'm grateful to Joe Vito for his willingness to serve his community by filling Trustee Heer's seat; he has big shoes to fill, but has already impressed me and his fellow trustees with his dedication and good judgment. We have an exciting and productive year ahead of us, with several major projects that will have a tremendous impact on the future of this community; in addition to those already mentioned, these include new construction at Prairie Park and the pursuit of a Sister City relationship with Gangnam in South Korea. In closing, please remember to vote in the Village election coming up on April 7. The residents of Wheeling deserve to be represented by a motivated, creative, and positive team of leaders, and you should be sure to make your voice heard. We become a greater community when we  
all work together—because when we're having fun, we're getting things done!

# WELCOME TO WHEELING

## The Clerk's Corner



*Village Clerk  
Elaine E. Simpson*

### Consolidated Election - April 7, 2015

On Tuesday, April 7, Wheeling residents will be voting for three Village Trustees. Visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) to see a sample ballot, verify your voter registration, determine your polling place, request a mail ballot, and find early voting locations. Early voting takes place March 23–April 4, 2015. Mail ballot applications are available now. If you have questions regarding this election, please contact me at [esimpson@wheelingil.gov](mailto:esimpson@wheelingil.gov) or Deputy Clerk Lisa Leonteos at [lleonteos@wheelingil.gov](mailto:lleonteos@wheelingil.gov). Come out and vote!

### Start Thinking Spring

The first big snowfall of this winter arrived in February, and it was great to see so many residents taking the extra step to help their neighbors during the fifth heaviest snowstorm in Illinois history. But now that March is here, we can start “thinking spring” by looking forward to outside work and the warmer weather. This is the perfect time to consider joining the **Wheeling Garden Club**. The Garden Club is a great place to learn about gardening and hear from guest speakers who can help with your gardening needs. Starting in March, the Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The spring plant sale will be held in May; further information will follow in our next newsletter. If you're interested in joining the Garden Club, please call Christine Brady at 847.343.6125 for more information.



The **Wheeling Historical Society** is part of preserving the Village's present for future generations. The Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. They will be hosting a Founder's Day Picnic on Monday, May 25 and a Beer and Brats day in the fall. There will also be a Vintage Bridal Show in June. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters. Meetings of the Historical Society are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Community Center at Chamber Park. The museum will be open the first Sunday in April and every Sunday through the end of October from 2–4 p.m. If you have a group that is interested in having a special tour, please contact Patti Steilen at 847.537.7287. For further information on the society, please contact Joan Wiener at 847.650.0144.

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*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 2–7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at the Village Hall located at 2 Community Boulevard.

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. 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 847.499.9045 or email her at [bslaby@wheelingil.gov](mailto:bslaby@wheelingil.gov). You may also contact LifeSource Blood Services at 1.800.LIFESOURCE. Walk-ins are always welcomed! Please join us!

### March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month



Colorectal cancer is one of only a few cancers that can be prevented through screening. Among cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age, with more than 90 percent of cases occurring in people aged 50 or older.

Colon cancer and rectal cancer can be prevented. Through screening, a normal (benign) polyp, called an adenoma, can be detected and removed before it becomes cancerous. Screening can also detect colorectal cancer early, when it is most curable.

All adults (men AND women) over the age of 50 are at risk for colorectal cancer and should be screened for adenomatous polyps and cancer. Some people with higher risk factors such as a family history of colon cancer should work with a doctor to develop an individualized screening plan.

# POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

## *Be Prepared: Assembling a Disaster Supply Kit*

Being personally prepared to deal with the first 72 hours of a major disaster is critical for you and your family's safety and survival. A critical step to minimizing the impact of a disaster on you and your family is having a disaster supply kit in your home and business. Your kit should include the following items:

- A supply of potable water (one gallon/person/day). Water should be stored in sealed unbreakable containers and replaced every six months to ensure freshness.
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food (along with a non-electric can opener). Choose foods that can be eaten directly from the container without cooking, such as beans, tuna, granola bars, etc.
- A change of clothing, a disposable rain poncho, multiple pairs of socks, and sturdy shoes for extended walking, standing, and climbing over debris fields.
- A rolled blanket or sleeping bag for each member of the family.
- A first aid kit with basic trauma supplies such as trauma pads, adhesive bandages, antibiotic ointment, gauze, scissors, chemical ice packs, etc. Store the first aid kit in a water-resistant container.
- A two-week supply of any prescription medications taken by family members, as well as an old pair of prescription glasses.
- A battery-powered radio and flashlight or lantern with extra batteries. Replace the batteries annually.
- An extra set of car keys. Always maintain at least a half a tank of gasoline in your car at all times. Fuel pumps at service stations do not work when the power is out.
- Credit cards and emergency cash supply. ATMs do not work when the power is out, and most banks will be closed for several days after a disaster strikes.
- A whistle and pocket mirror for signaling for help.
- A roll of plastic sheeting.
- A roll of exterior-grade duct tape.
- A roll of bathroom tissue for each member of the family.
- A pocket knife or multipurpose tool (ex. Leatherman's Tool) and an adjustable locking wrench (can be used to shut off leaking gas meters and crimp off small broken water pipes).
- A list of addresses and telephone numbers of important family contacts such as relatives and physicians.
- A list of insurance policy numbers for your home and car, as well as the national contact telephone numbers for your insurance companies.
- A paper map of the Chicago metro area (you may need to drive or walk to an emergency shelter that is not within the Village of Wheeling, or to a location that is not familiar to you). GPS units may not work in a disaster zone, and if they do, will eventually run out of battery power.



These items should be stored together in a backpack or duffel bag which can be taken with you should you need to evacuate. Plan ahead to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours after a disaster. For more information, please visit:

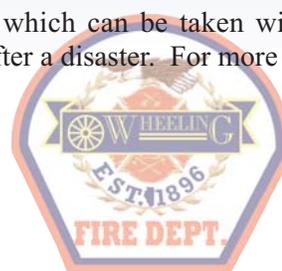
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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

## *Floods Are No Myth: Be Prepared for the Unexpected*

Discounts on flood insurance are just one of many benefits residents enjoy as a result of Wheeling's proactive approach to flood hazard damage reduction. A 37-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 floodplain. As part of its NFIP commitment, the Village provides a range of information on flooding potential, prevention, safety, and other issues. For more information about the NFIP and flood insurance, call 1.800.427.4661. Copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) can be reviewed at the Village Hall and 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 raises the hazard of flooding during heavy rains. Standard homeowner's insurance does not cover flooding. Through the 1960s, private rates on flood insurance were prohibitively high, which 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 communities that go above and beyond the basic requirements. Effective May 1, 2014, our rating was upgraded to Class 6, which provides a 20% 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% discount. Wheeling continues to be proactive in preventative initiatives, including:

**Stream maintenance:** Regular inspections of waterways 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 new developments don't increase flood risk for neighbors in the community.

**Keeping residents informed of flood risk and how to minimize impact:** Our residents must be aware of the potential for flooding. Tools such as this newsletter enable us to keep residents informed regarding the risk of flooding.

### **Development Regulated**

Development of any type within special flood hazard areas is strictly regulated. In order to construct a building or an addition, perform any grading, or fill any other type of

construction in these areas, an individual must obtain a special "floodplain 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. Floodplain development regulations can be found on the Village's website at [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov) in Title 22 of the Municipal Code (which can be found under "Reference Desk" on the home page) or by contacting the Community Development Department at 847.459.2620.

***With flooding a possibility, especially during the spring/summer season, preparation is the best defense. Safeguarding people, protecting buildings, and purchasing flood insurance are keys to defending against floods.***

**Protect Your Property:** To flood-proof a structure, start by elevating or relocating electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and washer/dryers to areas least likely to be flooded. Install basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves. Consider erecting interior flood walls around utilities. Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home. Keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. More flood protection information is available from FEMA through the "Floodplain/Flooding Information" link on the home page of our website at [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov). Information is also available for review at the Indian Trails Public Library.

**Personal Safety:** During periods of high water, stay out of the basement where breaker boxes and electrical wiring present the risk of shock. If you know high water is imminent, shut off the electricity, gas, and water. Keep your family together and make sure everyone has identification. Move everyone—including pets—to high ground. Rescue crews cannot reach you once the water becomes two feet deep. Don't drive across flooded roads where your vehicle could stall. Flowing water above your knees can generate dangerous currents; avoid walking through it.

**Village Monitors Rising Water Levels:** The Village monitors rising water levels with strategically placed gauges. Comparing data with historic records, the Village can predict areas of potential flooding. In the event of a flooding situation, Village staff is mobilized to notify people in affected areas. In some situations, notification may be made by phone. Road closure information is available from radio stations.

*Call Community Development at 847.459.2620 with any questions about flood risk areas within the village of Wheeling.*

## Stormwater Runoff Pollution



Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. As runoff flows over land or impervious surfaces such as paved streets, driveways, concrete, rooftops, etc., it collects debris, chemicals, sediments, and other pollutants into the storm sewer system. Because the Village's storm sewers are separate from sanitary sewers, stormwater runoff and its pollutants will enter water sources such as creeks, streams, rivers, and lakes.

Sources of stormwater pollution that are collected in runoff include motor oil, antifreeze/transmission fluid, paint, solvent/degreasers, cooking grease, detergents, pet waste, yard waste, excessive dirt and gravel, trash, construction debris, pesticides and fertilizers, home improvement waste (concrete and mortar), etc. Residents and businesses can take measures to prevent stormwater runoff pollution from entering our water sources. These measures include:

- Checking vehicles for leaks. Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids at designated drop-off facilities.
- Using pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Use organic mulch or safer pest controls whenever possible.
- Composting or mulching yard waste, or following local yard waste programs. Do not sweep yard waste into storm drains.
- Sweeping litter/debris from properties—including sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots—and properly disposing of it.
- Sweeping and properly disposing of construction debris (e.g. concrete and mortar).
- Cleaning up after pets. Village Municipal Code 7.10 requires cleaning up after pets on public or others' property.

## What is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day is an annual celebration of the function trees have in our daily lives, and also promotes tree planting and care. It is celebrated in Illinois on the last Friday in April. This year, Arbor Day will occur on Friday, April 24. The Village of Wheeling has received the Tree City USA recognition—which acknowledges the Village's forestry program—for 25 consecutive years, and the Tree City USA Growth Award for 13 consecutive years. By celebrating Arbor Day, the Village continues to demonstrate the importance of trees in our community.



## Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Program

Feral Feline Project (FFP) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to humanely reducing the outdoor cat population by applying TNR (Trap Neuter Return). Millions of feral and friendly cats are euthanized each year due to lack of shelter space or 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. The TNR program is approved by Cook County Animal Care and Control.



FFP can rent you safe and humane traps while easily instructing you on how to use them. Once the cats are in the traps, they are brought to a participating local veterinarian to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated, then safely returned to their colony. Spay/neuter and TNR packages are available for indoor/friendly pet cats and outdoor/wild cats. The price varies from \$25–\$65 per cat relative to funding and transportation. This includes the exam, spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, flea and tick treatment (left eartip only for feral cats) and a microchip.

Want to become a registered caretaker so you can legally feed outside cats? Visit [feralfelineproject.org](http://feralfelineproject.org) or contact FFP for more information at [feralfelineproject@gmail.com](mailto:feralfelineproject@gmail.com), or 847.800.0095 (leave a message).

## Yard Waste Collections



Yard waste collections begin on April 1 and continue through November 30. Collections occur on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day.

- Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or in a container clearly marked with a red X. Bags and containers must not be larger than 33 gallons or exceed 45 pounds. There is no limit to the number of bags or containers.
- Yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected.
- Townhomes and condominiums are not provided with this service.
- All yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on the day of collection but not before 5 p.m. the evening before.
- Brush must be bundled and tied with twine or string. Bundles must not weigh over 45 lbs, exceed four feet in length or two feet in diameter, or contain limbs greater than three inches in diameter. There is no limit to the number of brush bundles.

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## *Pavilion Senior Center & Social Services Division*

### Programs at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center

*Register for these programs at the Senior Center, 199 N. First Street, or by calling 847.459.2670.*

#### **Arthritis Exercise Program**

This class is for people with arthritis and others who are looking to become more active while living with joint issues.

Date: Mondays, March 2 – April 6, from 1–2 p.m.

Cost: Free, but registration is required.

#### **RTA Presentation**

Stay informed about public transportation options in order to get to appointments, maintain social connections, and enjoy independent travel!

Date: Wednesday, March 18 after Lunch at Pavilion

Cost: Free, but please register by March 10 if participating in lunch.

#### **Rules of the Road**

The Senior Center will be offering a Rules of the Road class in preparation for the test. Come and refresh your memory!

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Cost: Free, but registration is required

#### **Senior Scam Awareness**

Join the Wheeling Senior Commission and the Police Department Crime Prevention Unit for an informative evening about ways that older adults can protect themselves and their resources from the latest scams. Don't be a victim!

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Where: Wheeling Police Department Training Room

#### **Car Fit Program**

Ever wondered if you and your car are fitting together to ensure the best use of your car's safety features? Register for this FREE 12-point CarFit checkup—a quick but comprehensive check on how well you and your vehicle work together.

Date: Thursday, April 23, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Cost: Free, but an appointment is required.

#### **Telephone Reassurance Program**

The Telephone Reassurance Program serves those age 60 and older, living alone and in need of a daily reassurance call. Calls are made by trained volunteers and done every morning between 8:45 and 9 a.m. In addition to checking on the physical well-being of the older residents, the program also helps the resident by reducing loneliness and providing them an opportunity to be in contact with another person. For more

**10** information, please call 847.459.2606.

### **Lunch at Pavilion**

Join us for a great meal and great friends at Lunch at Pavilion. NEW menu selections, restaurant atmosphere, table service—you can't beat it! The Wheeling Senior Center hosts a nutritionally-balanced lunch for anyone 60 years and better Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Each diner will receive written information regarding the cost of the meal and will have the opportunity to contribute to part or all of the cost. The suggested donation is \$4. For our frequent diners, we have available a five-meal punch card for a donation of \$15. These cards have no expiration date and are available at the Senior Center front desk. The Lunch at Pavilion program is committed to providing meals to all older adults 60 and better, regardless of ability to pay. Funds for this program are provided by an award from AgeOptions through the Illinois Department on Aging and the Federal Administration on Aging. Lunch to go is now available. Lunch at Pavilion participants may order additional meals to take home for an ailing spouse or for use over the weekend. The meals have a cost of \$6 per meal and are not eligible for use with the punch card. Orders for Lunch to Go are due the Wednesday before. For more information regarding how to register or volunteer, please contact the Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask for Jesus Delgado.

### **Special Needs Resident List**

The Village of Wheeling Special Needs Resident Notification (Illinois Premise Alert Program Public Act 96-0788) is available to all Wheeling residents. The Illinois Premise Alert allows people with special needs to provide information to police, fire, and EMS personnel to be kept in a database. This information will be provided to responders dealing with situations involving the special needs individuals.

To let emergency personnel know about your or your family members' special needs, pick up a form at the Police Department or Pavilion Senior Center. Forms may be completed onsite, or you may send them to the Wheeling Police Department Communications Supervisor at 1 Community Boulevard, Wheeling, IL 60090. Your information will not be shared with anyone outside of the emergency personnel of the Village of Wheeling and any other agency needed to provide emergency response. The information provided on the list will not result in preferential treatment, or change the response of trained emergency personnel. Inclusion on the list will result in emergency responders being better prepared to assist individual residents with special needs.

Please contact either the Human Services Department at 847.459.2606 or the Wheeling Police Department Communications Supervisor at 847.459.2632 for further information.

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Spring Fling

Benefitting  
The Wheeling Food Pantry

Featuring a Steak Dinner  
and Live Orchestra

Join us on **Saturday, April 25** for the Wheeling Food Pantry Spring Fling! Spring Fling proceeds are used to purchase food as supplies diminish. The food will be distributed to needy Wheeling residents and families of children who attend Community Consolidated School District 21 or Wheeling High School. The food pantry is open every weekday so those in need can stop by for help. The pantry is an agency for the Greater Chicago Food Depository and part of the Rotary Club of Wheeling. Its mission is to help those with financial, physical, and/or emotional difficulties to lead self-sufficient, independent lives. For more information or to register for the Spring Fling, visit [www.wheelingfoodpantry.org](http://www.wheelingfoodpantry.org).

### New Sharps Disposal Option

For a number of years, residents have been able to safely dispose of used medical sharps (i.e. needles) at no cost by bringing them in a sealed container to the Wheeling Police Department, 1 Community Boulevard, on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. To make this process even more convenient for residents, a new secure drop-off collection container has been placed in the main lobby of Wheeling Fire Station 24, 499 S. Milwaukee Avenue.



This collection container is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The collection container requires all sharps to be contained in a one-quart sharps box; no loose sharps are permitted. Boxes are also available, free of charge, immediately adjacent to the sharps collection container. This program is a joint project of the Village of Wheeling and Waste Management Corporation. If you have questions regarding the Fire Station sharps drop-off program, please call 847.459.2662.

### Welcome new businesses!

#### Cornerstone Real Estate Services

224 S Milwaukee Ave., Suite A  
Residential property management

#### Fur Play Pet Sitting

24 Laurel Trail  
Pet sitting and dog walking

#### Royal Skin Care

325 N Milwaukee Ave., Unit C1  
Skincare/professional facials

#### Route 21 Auto Wash & Detail

400 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Car wash

#### US Freight Express, Inc.

375 N. Wolf Road  
Packaging & freight dispatching

#### Wingstop

280 E. Dundee Road  
Chicken wing restaurant

### Relay for Life of Mt. Prospect & Wheeling

Please come and join us on the football field at Wheeling High School on Saturday, May 9 from 4–11 p.m. for the Relay For Life of Mt. Prospect & Wheeling!



Relay For Life is a fundraising event that helps us celebrate the cancer survivors in our lives, remember the loved ones we've lost, and fight back against this terrible disease. This is not a timed run or walk, simply an event where teams of friends or family rally together in support of fighting cancer.

This event is open to the public, free of charge, and all are invited to join for any amount of time. Ceremonies throughout the afternoon and evening will bring together anyone who has ever been affected by cancer.

Are you a survivor? The American Cancer Society recognizes anyone who has been told, "You have cancer," as a survivor, and wants YOU to join them at this event! You are the light of hope that we all have to beat this battle against cancer. Survivors are given unique event t-shirts, gifts, and also enjoy a special meal at this event.

For more information or to register, please visit [www.RelayForLife.org/mpwil](http://www.RelayForLife.org/mpwil). You can also call 847.317.0209 or email the community manager for this event at [Kerry.Butz@cancer.org](mailto:Kerry.Butz@cancer.org).

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