



Special census pushes population over 40,000

5810 = \$580,000. Winning lotto numbers? Not exactly, unless you are the Village of Wheeling. Village officials recently learned that a special census conducted in December resulted in 5,810 additional residents, primarily from new residential developments constructed over the last three to five years. The state will confirm the count later this year, officially bringing Wheeling's population to 40,306.

“Our next regularly scheduled census was scheduled to take place in 2010,” said Ken Bonder, Assistant Village Manager. “Due to the amount of residential development that has occurred the last couple of years we thought it prudent to request the special census as it would result in additional revenue sharing from the state. That being said, we were pleasantly surprised with the total.”

The additional 5,800 individuals will result in approximately \$580,000 to the Village over the next five years leading up to the regular census in 2010. “The Village Board realized that a special census would allow us to tap another revenue source without using property tax,” Bonder said. “The results will bring the Village almost \$2 million dollars we would have otherwise overlooked.” The additional funds will go into the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and General Fund.

“This was a pretty drastic increase in population and it directly mirrors the efforts of the Village to enhance and improve Wheeling,” said James Lang, Public Relations Director. “Future development and redevelopment projects will undoubtedly keep our population numbers rising as more and more people are making Wheeling their ‘Community of Choice.’”

Save the Dates



The Village of Wheeling's two-day Independence Day party is scheduled for Monday-Tuesday, July 3 & 4 on W. Dundee Road between the Community Recreation Center and Village Hall. 'Freedom Fest' runs from 5 to 11:30 p.m. July 3 and 1:30 p.m. until the conclusion of the fireworks (approx. 10:30 p.m.) July 4. The event will once again feature the 'Taste of Wheeling,' numerous live bands, fun activities for kids, one of the best parades in 'Chicagoland' and a huge fireworks show. More details are included on Page 8 of this edition of 'Village Views,' but stay tuned to your local newspapers and radio stations, as well as June/July edition of Village Views, for a full schedule of activities and events.

Wheeling named 'Tree City USA' again

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources in conjunction with the National Arbor Day Foundation recently awarded the Village of Wheeling its 16th consecutive 'Tree City USA' distinction and fourth consecutive 'Growth Award' for its efforts in maintaining and promoting a viable tree management plan and program.

"We take a lot of pride in maintaining and enhancing the aesthetics and environmental health of our Village and it is nice to be recognized," said Jerry Edwards, Forester.

A community must meet certain criteria to become a 'Tree City' including having a tree board and/or forester, implement and enforce a tree care ordinance and follow a Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita. In addition, an Arbor Day Proclamation and celebration must be observed.



According to Edwards, this year's Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for 10 a.m. April 28 at Walt Whitman School and will include the Pavilion Senior Center choir as well as the annual planting of a tree. The 'Growth Award' was established by the National Arbor Day Foundation to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America.

"Each year the Village tries to come up with new ideas and programs to enhance our efforts and this year we teamed up with the Park District to supply them with our wood chips for use at their parks," Edwards said. He added that he already anticipates receiving a 'Growth Award'

next year for the recent revisions the Village recently adopted regarding its tree ordinance. The changes in the ordinance ensures landscaping efforts, tree replacement and general aesthetic enhancements continue as various developments come into Wheeling.

Engineering Department gears up for busy season

The Village of Wheeling's Engineering Department barely had time to wipe its hands from a successful 2005 before announcing its summer-2006 project schedule. For more information regarding these projects, call 847-459-2985.

Pavement Improvements in Chelsea Cove Subdivision, Kingsport Commons, Polo Run Subdivision Units 1 & 2, Northgate Parkway, Ridgely Lane, 12th Street and tentatively Wheeling Road;

Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program in Old Town, East Meadowbrook, and Town Street;

Pocket Park in the Northgate Parkway median at Lake-Cook Road;

New Public Sidewalk Construction on the north side of Hintz Road east of Wolf Road, the east side of IL RTE 83 north of Weiland Road, 777 South Wheeling Road and Willis Avenue at Gilman Avenue;

Brick Paver Maintenance on Milwaukee Avenue, Lark Family Memorial Park, Friendship Park, the northeast corner of Dundee Road at Northgate Parkway and the Dawson Memorial and fountain plaza at Village Hall;



Lark Park is one of the areas that will see attention as part of the Engineering Departments summer project list.

Water Main Replacement in Dunhurst Unit 3 and on Elmhurst Road, south of Vera Lane
Dundee Road Uniform Fence at residential properties west of Elmhurst Road;

Rehabilitation of the Cornell Avenue Dam;

Wolf Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation from Wolf Court to Crescent Drive;

Dundee Road/New Road and Intersection.

Village updates emergency response procedures

Avian Flu outbreaks across the world prompts Village to draft emergency plan



ll over the world, the risk of avian flu and its potential catastrophic impacts are being assessed by the medical community, as well as all levels of government. Here in Wheeling, emergency planning has been underway since last fall with an even larger focus on being well prepared for all types of disasters; not just avian flu. During this planning process, improvements to the Village's emergency preparedness have been made to ensure the continuity of government in the event of the loss of elected officials, and/or the loss of key staff personnel. Methods for implementing and enforcing a quarantine order have been evaluated, as well as planning for the coordination of the mass distribution of emergency pharmaceuticals should the need arise. Redundant emergency communication systems have been enhanced and tested. Staffing scenarios have been evaluated to maintain twenty-four (24) hour a day services and contingency plans developed, in the event that a large portion of the Village's emergency responders are incapacitated. The Village of Wheeling stands ready to meet the challenges should the avian flu become a reality within our community.

But no amount of emergency planning is useful without the assistance of all residents of the community in doing their part to prevent the possible spread of avian flu. Simple precautions can do a lot to avoid the potential spread of this disease:

1. **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.** When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. **Stay home when you are sick.** Avoid going to work, school, shopping, or running errands when you are sick. Do not needlessly expose others to your illness.
3. **Cover you mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.** Most illnesses, including the flu, are easily transmitted by droplets of contaminated body fluids expelled by coughing and sneezing. Use a tissue and then properly dispose of it in the trash.
4. **Wash your hands often.** Our hands come in contact with millions of germs daily. Wash your hands with warm water and soap before and after preparing food, after using the bathroom, after touching public surfaces, and after having contact with someone who is ill.

When warm water and soap is not readily available, use "waterless" hand sanitizers. Keep a bottle of hand sanitizer in the glove box of your car, briefcase, backpack, desk drawer, or purse so that it is convenient to use.

5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.** Since our hands usually have germs on them, touching the eyes, nose, and/or mouth provide a means for these germs to quickly enter our bodies where these germs can quickly multiply.
6. **Stay healthy.** Maintaining a healthy condition ensures our body's immune system is operating at peak performance and increases the likelihood of fighting off the flu should you become ill. Eight (8) hours of sleep daily, eating a nutritious and balanced diet, exercising good personal hygiene, and not smoking all help the body to defeat the flu. Several scientific studies show that smokers are more likely to get the flu and have a higher mortality rate vs. non-smokers.
7. **Get an annual flu shot.** While no vaccine is currently available for avian flu, research is underway in many countries. When a vaccine becomes available, everybody is encouraged to get one. In dealing with "routine" flu, research has shown that individuals who routinely get an annual flu shot are less likely to get the flu and if they do get the flu, the severity and the recovery time is dramatically reduced.
8. **Avoid or minimize contact with dead wild birds.** If you find a dead bird in your yard, pick it up with a shovel or gloved hand. Place the dead bird in a plastic bag, seal it, and throw it in the trash.

For more information on the avian flu, please visit these web sites:

www.fluwikie.com,
www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/
www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/
www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/index.html.

The Village of Wheeling announces its 2nd photo contest:

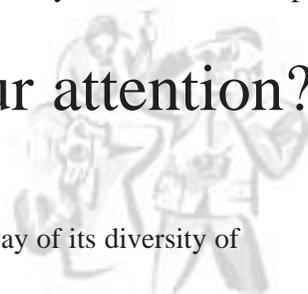
The Best of Wheeling: People, Community and Culture

Calling All “Hot Shots” -- The Village of Wheeling Human Rights Commission is interested in the ‘hot shots’ in our community. The new photo contest, The Best of Wheeling: People, Community and Culture, is open to all residents of Wheeling, young and old alike.

\$400 in cash prizes....do we have your attention?

It's easy to participate:

- Take out your camera.
- Take pictures that you believe reflect the best of what Wheeling has to offer by way of its diversity of people, activities, establishments and opportunities.
- Add a title or caption to your picture.
- Complete the application and submit it with your picture and caption to the Human Rights Commission.
- Enter as many times as you wish!



Applications are available at the Finance Department, Village Hall, 255 West Dundee Road, or on the Village web site at www.vi.wheeling.il.us.

Where do I bring my pictures? Entries should be addressed to the Village of Wheeling, Human Rights Commission, and should be brought to the Finance Department at Village Hall at 255 West Dundee road during regular business hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday. After hours, they can be deposited in the drop box located in front of Village Hall on the inner circular drive.

Rules: The picture must be a 5x7 or smaller size (color or black and white) and the caption must be typed or handwritten clearly on blank paper with black ink. All photographs/captions must be created by the entrant and not taken from any published material and will become the property of the Village of Wheeling. Entries will not be returned. The Village of Wheeling has the right to duplicate entries for purposes as they see fit. The Village of Wheeling is not responsible for any damaged or lost entries. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be eligible for the contest. The Village of Wheeling reserves the right to cancel the contest if fewer than twenty-five (25) contestants submit photographs.

Time Lines: All entries must be received by the end of the business day on Wednesday, May 31, 2006. Winners will be determined by a panel of judges, who will also determine the amount and number of prizes to be awarded. Winners will be announced no later than July 4, 2006.

The Best of Wheeling: People, Community and Culture Entrant Information

Name: (Please Print) _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Title of Photo: _____



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

The Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling announces the following program that will 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.

Celebrations Around the World - Mexican Fiesta

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo Mexican style. This fun-filled Mexican Fiesta features a traditional south-of-the-border meal with your choice of chicken fajitas or baked whitefish. The fiesta entertainment begins with members of the Highland Park High School Latin Rhythm Club performing modern Latin dances, followed by the professional dance troupe Ballet Folklorico Revolucion. Spectacular traditional dances and breath-taking costumes highlight this performance. Cost for the fiesta is \$20 and runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 5.

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Senior Celebration Day

The 18th Annual Senior Celebration Day will be held at Randhurst Shopping Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10th. This celebration is planned to thank seniors for their many contributions to our communities. Exhibitor booths, live entertainment, free health screenings, demonstrations of activities, State ID card and free goodies provide opportunities to learn what's available for older adults. Volunteers are needed to work in the Pavilion Senior Center's booth. Please phone the center @ 847-459-2670.

Driver Safety Program (formerly '55-Alive')

Om Johari of AARP will present a two-day, four hour per session program on defensive driving Wednesdays, May 3 & 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion will make you eligible for rate reduction on your car insurance depending upon your insurance carrier. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$10 per person in advance with checks made payable to AARP and sent to the Pavilion Senior Center to guarantee your place in the class. Please call 847-459-2670.

WANTED!!!

50 th plus (Golden Anniversary) & 90th Plus Birthday Celebrants. If you have been united in marriage since 1956 or earlier, or if you are 90-years-old or older this year, you are eligible for an invitation to our fifth annual party in June. Family, friends and neighbors may submit names of couples or birthday boys/girls to Lucille Kozanecki, 847-459-2670 as soon as possible to receive an invitation.

Super Senior Celebration

Each year the Pavilion Senior Center members vote for the most active, cooperative volunteer who is selected as the "Super Senior" of the year. In honor of this volunteer a special event is planned with a luncheon and entertainment from noon to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18. Noted entertainer, Neil Whitham, will provide music from the 20's thru the 50's. Songs by Sinatra, Autry, Clooney and Frankie Hankovich are featured with a splash of humor. Market Square will cater this delicious luncheon. All seniors are invited to attend this festive affair. Cost is \$9 for members; \$14 for non-members. Reservations at the senior center are requested.

SeniorNet Computer Classes

Registration for SeniorNet Computer - Session III classes is scheduled for from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 13. Classes run from May 22-July 22. The cost for each class will be \$35 including all materials.

Courses offered are: Basics, Introduction to Computers, Internet & Email, and windows.

Basic is a 4-session class meeting once a week. You learn basic skills needed to advance to computer usage.

Introduction to computers is an 8 session course meeting once a week. You learn basic features of Microsoft Word.

Internet & Email is an 8 session course meeting once a week. In this course you learn to set up and use email and how to "surf the web."

Windows is an 8-session course meeting once a week that explains the windows operating system. Register at the center between 8:30 and 4:00 Monday thru Friday. Registration is based on a first come basis. Class size is 4 students per class. For more information call the SeniorNet Hotline at 847-459-2666 ext. 4131.

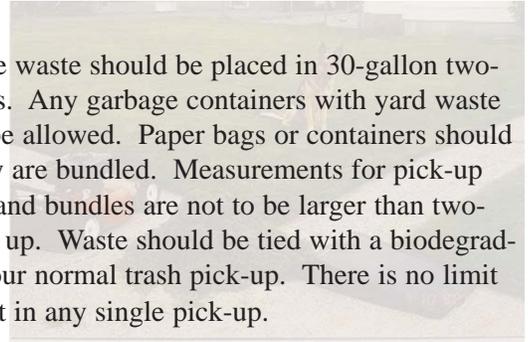
Lincoln Presidential Museum

The Pavilion Senior Center has teamed up with Fancy Free Holidays Tours to offer a special two-day (June 29-30) overnight trip to Springfield's Lincoln Presidential Museum. You will enjoy the new museum as well as some other historic destinations. All meals are included; fully escorted tours and door-to-door home pick-up is provided at no extra fee. Rates start at \$324. For further details, contact Cindy Schaar at 847-465-3333.

News You Can Use

Waste Management landscape tips

Landscape waste pick up resumed the first week in April. All landscape waste should be placed in 30-gallon two-ply Kraft paper bags or in a garbage container no bigger than 32 gallons. Any garbage containers with yard waste should be marked with a large red "X". No plastic bags or boxes will be allowed. Paper bags or containers should not exceed 70-pounds. Brush and limbs will be collected providing they are bundled. Measurements for pick-up should not exceed 70-pounds. Limbs should not exceed four feet long and bundles are not to be larger than two-feet in diameter. No limbs over three-inches in diameter will be picked up. Waste should be tied with a biodegradable material. Landscape waste will be collected on the same day as your normal trash pick-up. There is no limit to the number of paper bags or bundles of yard waste that can be set out in any single pick-up.



Life with Parkinson's Group

Life with Parkinson's Group is an on-going support and education group for patients and caregivers. This disease affects one million Americans and strikes men and women usually over the age of 50 years, with an average age of onset of 60. Boxing legend Muhammad Ali, TV and movie star Michael J. Fox, the Pope and Janet Reno are all living with Parkinson's disease. The group's next meetings are:

May 17 - 1 to 2:30 p.m. @ the Pavilion Center - Representatives from the Wheeling Fire Department will discuss general safety, CPR, Heimlich and the use of automatic defibrillators.

June 21 - 1 to 2:30 p.m. @ the Pavilion Center - Guest presenter, Dr. Michael Rezak, M.D., PhD, Director of the Movement Disorder Center at Glenbrook and Evanston Hospitals and Director of Movement Disorder Functional Neurosurgery Programs, will present 'Early Detection of Parkinson's Disease and Updates.' Dr. Rezak is also currently serving as the Medical Director of the American Parkinson Disease Association - Midwest Chapter, the Information and Referral Center and the National Young Parkinson's Information and Referral Center.

SWANCC electronics recycling event

Wheeling residents can take advantage of SWANCC's out-of-date computer and electronics recycling event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) in Glenview (2300 Patriot Boulevard). Only residentially-generated equipment will be accepted and proof of residency will be required. **This is not a business, school and/or government agency recycle event.** Cell phones will be collected for Motorola's 'Race to Recycle' program - tax receipts will not be issued. For a complete list of acceptable items, log-on to www.swancc.org, or call 847-724-920.

Wheeling Police Department Bike Rodeo

The Wheeling Police Department is holding a Bicycle Rodeo for children in kindergarten through eighth grade during National Bicycle Safety Week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 13 in the west parking lot of the Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center.

Children will check in, register their bikes and go to a helmet-fit station(helmets are MANDATORY). Their bicycle will go through a safety inspection as well (minor adjustments can be made and/or if the bicycle is in poor or unsafe condition a loner bicycle can be used). Each child will get a brief safety speech and then ride their bicycle through a course with stop signs/railroad crossings/and intersections.

The child will be evaluated riding through the course and will receive a prize. Entertainment, hot dogs, chips and soda will be provided.

For more information contact Officer John Abbio, Community Response Team, at 847-459-2679



Watering Ban

By Village Ordinance, all watering of lawns, flowers, trees and other landscaping is prohibited from noon to 6 p.m., May 15 to September 15 of each year. 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: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

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.

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

Senior Citizens Commission -
3rd Monday of the month,
10 a.m., south half of Village
Hall lunchroom

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

Fire and Police Commission -
3rd Wednesday of the Month,
2 p.m., Fire Department
Training Room

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

Palwaukee Board of Directors -
3rd Wednesday each month, 6:30
p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S.
Plant Road.

Human Rights Commission -
1st Tuesday of the month,
7:15 p.m., south half of
Village Hall lunchroom.

We Need You!

The Village is seeking residents who want to help shape the future of their community by serving on Village-President-appointed commissions. A list of all commissions available and applications are available at Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Applications are currently being accepted for *'Board of Health,'* however, vacancies on other commissions do happen so feel free to designate whatever commission you would like to be considered for.

Freedom Fest 2006

Davy Jones

It's official....the original 'Daydream Believer' is making his inaugural appearance in Wheeling to headline 'Freedom Fest' 2006. Davy Jones (right) is scheduled to perform at 8/8:30 p.m. (*exact time tbd*) on the main stage, singing us right up to the start of the fireworks. Other artists scheduled to appear include:



www.davyjones.net



Trippin' Billies
www.trippinbillies.com



Maggie Speaks
www.maggiespeaks.com



Justin Roberts
www.justinroberts.org



Bellevue Suite
www.bellevuesuite.com



ARRA
www.arraweb.com

This schedule is tentative and subject to change. A final schedule will be made public closer to the dates of actual event.

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	847-229-4600
Water Billing	847-459-2607
Code Enforcement Hotline	847-459-CODE
Palwaukee Municipal Airport Noise Hotline	847-537-2580, ext. 159
Village President: Greg Klatecki	847-459-2988
Village Clerk: Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
Village Manager: F. Wallace Douthwaite	847-459-2617

Trustees

Judy Abruscato: 847-541-8783	Robert Heer: 847-541-4274
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Ken Brady: 847-537-8642	Patrick Horcher: 847-331-4234

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