Village offices will be closed Monday, May 31 in honor of Memorial Day.

# Westin North Shore looks to call Wheeling home



Artist sketches show how the face of Wheeling could change with the addition of the Westin - North Shore.

The proposition of a 400-room, four-star hotel and convention center has placed Wheeling firmly in the spotlight, and for good reason. Developers from Mid-America Investment and Development Company of Oak Brook outlined their proposal to build the estimated \$100-million, 400-room Westin North Shore Hotel to the Village Board, staff members and guests at a late February meeting and received a resounding seal of approval.

"This is what we need; an icon-type building," said Trustee Trevor Lehmann. "When you enter Wheeling from the north, it will be the first thing you see."

The hotel and convention center will occupy the area where the Wedgewood Riding Stables sit, as well as the vacant lot to the south, the Wonder Bread outlet and AAA Auto Sales on Milwaukee Ave. Mid-America Development has contracts to buy all of the land. The hotel itself will include a convention center, retail shops, a bank and restaurants. The proposal includes a 15,400 square-foot ballroom that can fit about 1,100 people and 40,000 square-feet of meeting space. In addition, separate retail buildings will be built in front of the 17-story hotel with a total of 32,000 square feet of space. Mid-America said it anticipates the project will create 1,000 new jobs, with 800 people employed by the hotel alone.

Village officials are confident the hotel will not only enhance the Village's image, but have a dramatic impact on the economic landscape. "This will bring in money without putting the burden on the schools or the library," said President Greg Klatecki. The development will bring in revenue from a variety of sources, including property, sales and hotel/motel taxes.

According to Wally Douthwaite, Village Manager, the next step involves Mid-America working with the Plan Commission and staff on finalizing the site plan and any zoning changes that may take place. "This is the most exciting project I've worked on in my 28-year municipal career, but there is still a lot of hard work to do to bring this project to fruition."

Jerry Edwards, Village Forester, recently received the Village's 14th consecutive 'Tree City USA' distinction plaque from Reinee Hildebrandt, State Forester for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. In order to maintain our 'Tree City' status, the Village had to meet the following criteria: maintain a tree board or department, have a tree-care ordinance, have a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita and sponsor an Arbor Day observance and Village proclamation. This year's Arbor Day celebration is 10 a.m. April 25 at Tarkington School.



## Village plans annual Independence Day gala

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

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

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

If live entertainment is your desire than look no further as this year's gala features the Jesse White Tumblers and a display of Wheeling's diversity with performances by Spanish and Polish Dance troupes. On the music scene, 'One World' returns for another year of Calypso fun, the Royal Dixieland Band will make you tap a toe and Virgil Kane will inspire your best 'Urban Cowboy' dance moves.

Joe Mastrototaro, long-time supporter of Wheeling and owner of Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza, sits atop the Grand Marshall parade car as he leads more than 70 entrants highlighted by our own Wheeling High School marching band, and return trips by the Colts Drum Corps from Dubuque, Iowa and Chicagoland's own New Generation's Fancy Drill Team. New to this year's parade will be the Northwestern University Chicago Pipe Band and Northwest Shriner's 1957 Model T go carts.

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

For parade/event information call Chairperson Judy Abruscato at 847-459-2666 Ex. 4107. There is still time to get your entry into the parade.

## Wheeling Fire Chief receives distinguished award

The Northern Illinois Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association and the Illinois Fire Prevention Association recently named Wheeling Fire Chief Keith MacIsaac the fifth recipient of the NFSA's Wayne Leucht Memorial Award.

The award is named for fallen firefighter Wayne Leucht, Fire Inspector from the Northbrook Fire Department and was created to recognize members of the local fire service who personify the spirit and dedication of the fire service. The recipients are also recognized for their efforts to increase the use and knowledge of the life and

property-saving benefits of fire sprinklers in their communities.

"We are very happy to recognize and applaud Keith's professionalism and dedication to the fire service," said Don Smith, Chairman of the Northern Illinois Chapter of the NFSA. "Because of Keith's dedication and hard work, Wheeling is first on the Illinois list of fire-safe municipalities."

"I'm honored to receive this award," MacIsaac said. "I knew Wayne for many years and he was a great guy who had a passion and special way of getting his point across."

MacIsaac is only the fifth fire professional chosen by the NFSA for the memorial award.

He will receive the award along with a \$2,500 donation to the charity of his choice at the Ninth Annual Illinois Burn Prevention Invitational at the Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan, June 7.

Keith MacIsaac, Wheeling Fire Chief, will receive the NFSA Wayne Leucht Memorial Award June 7 in Waukegan.



# Spring showers bring lightning not just May flowers

Now that spring has arrived, so has the return of thunderstorms and the potential for severe weather in our area. Like any emergency situation, a few minutes of planning and preparation can help to keep you and your family safe.

Make sure all downspouts and gutters are free of debris and blockage. Install splash blocks and downspout extensions to move the rainwater away from the foundation of your home. This will make your sump pump work less and minimize the risk of a flooded basement or crawlspace.

Make sure your sump pump is in good condition. Fill the sump pit with water and verify that the pump properly cycles and pumps out the water. All sump pumps must be piped to the exterior of your home. Install extension hoses or piping to move the rainwater away from the foundation of your home. Connecting your sump pump to the sanitary sewer system within your home is unsafe, causes surcharging and flooding during major rainstorms, and is illegal.

Install quality surge protectors on your sensitive electronic appliances such as computers, home theater systems, televisions, stereo equipment, etc. Surge protectors do wear out over time so replace them if you experience a major electrical surge to your home or at least every 2 to 3 years.

Change the batteries in your flashlights and portable radios. Keep several flashlights in various locations within your home so that you can readily find one, if the power goes out. Consider purchasing a battery operated camping lantern in lieu of using candles for emergency lighting. Candles are not recommended since they can tip over and cause your home to catch on fire.

Make sure your family's emergency plan and supplies are up to date. Plan for 3 days without electricity, natural gas, and water. Keep food supplies on hand that do not require cooking, as well as a manual can opener. Replace bottled water at least every 6 months in order to insure freshness and quality. Confirm that your homeowner's insurance is up to date and meets your needs. For a few dollars more, consider adding

replacement coverage to your insurance. Keep a copy of your policy in a secure but readily available location.

When severe weather is forecast, walk around the exterior of your home. Secure all loose items or place them in your garage. Loose items can become airborne during severe weather and can cause damage to your home and/or injury to your family. Close all window blinds to prevent flying glass, should the windows break during the storm.

As the storm approaches, go inside your home. Do not use the telephone or take a shower or bath. Stay away from all windows and monitor your television or radio for up to date weather information and emergency information. If you are stuck outside during a storm, do not stand under a tree, lean against aluminum siding, or seek cover under a metal deck umbrella. All of these items are potential targets for lightning.

If a tornado warning is issued for our area, immediately seek the protection of a basement area or windowless interior room (example: bathroom or closet). As the tornado approaches, pull yourself into a seated fetal position and cover your body and head with a blanket or other thick protective covering. After the tornado passes, be aware of potential natural gas leaks, damaged electrical systems, broken glass, and exposed nails. If you home is damaged, get out and stay out until it is confirmed to be structurally safe by the Building Department.

If a storm sewer is located in front of your home, please keep all landscaping debris off of the top grate. Failure to do so can cause heavy rains to not properly drain away subjecting your home to flooding.

If your electrical power goes out - DO NOT CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE DEPARTMENT! During severe storms, both public safety departments are very busy. Calling them only ties up the emergency telephone system, overloads the emergency dispatch centers, and will not get your power turned back on any faster. Instead call Commonwealth Edison at 800-334-7661 to report your power outage.



The Village of Wheeling has long been a leader in fostering the benefits of fire sprinkler systems in both commercial/industrial occupancies, as well as residential occupancies. Wheeling was the 4th community in Illinois and 20th in the nation to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all new residential occupancies (single family, pre-manufactured homes, townhomes, condominiums, and apartments). Today, almost one-third of Wheeling's residents reside in occupancies partially or fully equipped with a fire sprinkler system.



The number of communities in the State of Illinois that require fire sprinkler systems in new homes has now grown to fourteen with more than a hundred communities nationally. Fire sprinklers, when combined with smoke detectors, increases an individual's chances for survival in a residential fire to 98%. Many people have been led to believe due to television and/or movies that when a fire sprinkler system activates, all of the fire sprinkler heads open and start spraying water. This is not true. Only the fire sprinkler heads that are in the immediate area where the fire occurs will open when they reach their designed operating temperature (usually 135 -165 degrees).



The water sprayed by a single fire sprinkler head is approximately 18 to 20 gallons per minute. The water sprayed by a single fire hose is approximately 175 to 300 gallons per minutes (10 to 15 times more water per minute). As a result, the water damage caused by a fire sprinkler system is substantially less than the water damage traditionally caused by the Fire Department. The fire sprinkler system will activate prior to the arrival of the Fire Department and the overall amount of property loss due to a fire is also substantially less in a sprinklered occupancy.



If your home is equipped with a fire sprinkler system, there are a few steps necessary to ensure its proper activation, should a fire occur:

Never block, cover, or paint over a fire sprinkler head. If you get paint on the center portion of the fire sprinkler head, replace it - do not attempt to clean it with various paint removers since it can cause the fire sprinkler head to activate.



Do not strike or hang anything from a fire sprinkler head. Both of these situations may cause the fire sprinkler head to activate.

If you need to replace a fire sprinkler head, have it replaced by a professional fire sprinkler contractor and make sure it is replaced with an identical fire sprinkler head.



When disturbing the insulation around fire sprinkler pipes (usually orange in color) in attics and crawl-spaces, make sure to properly re-install the insulation to prevent freezing of the pipes.

Annually open the alarm test line to verify that the flow alarm and visual indicator are working. This also flushes out any sediment that may have collected in the water lines over the past year.

Any time your fire sprinkler system activates, immediately notify the Fire Department by calling 911 (hard-wired telephone or cellular telephone).

Do not turn off your fire sprinkler system unless it has accidentally activated. If it is activated due to a fire, do not turn it off, until the Fire Department arrives. Intentionally disabling your fire sprinkler system may result in denial or reduction of any insurance claims you may have and increases your liability for secondary claims from adjoining properties. It also leaves you and your family unprotected.



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

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

#### Osteoporosis Evaluation Program Offered

The Pavilion Senior Center of Wheeling, in conjunction with Litholink, is pleased to announce a state-of-the-art osteoporosis evaluation program that provides physicians the tools needed to diagnose and treat this disease.

Osteoporosis is a common condition that is characterized by a thinning and weakening of bone mass that leads to an increased risk of fractures. It is a silent disease that affects over 18 million people in the United States and leads to 1.5 million fractures per year. Fortunately, there are very effective therapies available that can strengthen bones and reduce the risk of fracture. New technologies such as bone densitometry, a variety of new and highly effective medications are available to stop bone loss and even restore bone strength.

Litholink's program consists of a bone density scan and a full assessment of your overall fracture risk along with treatment and follow-up recommendations report to the patient's physician.

The cost of evaluation is covered by private insurers as well as Medicare and Medicaid. Litholink will bill your insurer for the cost of the exam.

Litholink representatives will explain the program at informational lectures at noon, May 6th at our Pot Luck Lunch; 9 a.m., May 14th at the Men's Club Breakfast; and, again at 10:30 a.m., May 20th at our Women's brunch. All seniors, men as well as women, are strongly encouraged to learn about the program and its effectiveness.

#### Senior Celebration Day

The 16th Annual Senior Celebration Day will be held at Randhurst Shopping Center, Wednesday, May 12th from 9:30am to 3:30pm. 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.

#### 'Super Senior' of the Year

Each year the Pavilion Senior Center members vote for the most active, cooperative volunteer who is selected at the "Super Senior" of the year. In honor of this volunteer a special event is planned with a luncheon and entertainment at noon, May 15th. The "Time Steppers," a professional dance group will provide the entertainment. All seniors are invited to attend this festive affair. Cost is \$9. Make reservations at the senior center.

#### Pot Luck Lunch/Men's Breakfast

Mr. Steve Ferris of Addolorata Villa will be the guest speaker at the Pot Luck Lunch, noon, Thursday, June 10th and again at the Men's Breakfast, 9 a.m., Friday, June 11th. Mr. Ferris' presentations will cover "Neck and Back Pain" with suggestions for preventative measures as well as exercises and activities to relieve painful situations. Call the Senior Center for reservations.

#### Celebrations Galore

Couples celebrating 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 years of marriage or more in 2004 are invited to the Pavilion Senior Center's Annual Golden Anniversary Celebration. Reservations are now being taken for the celebration to be held on Thursday, June 17th from 11:00am-2:30pm at the Pavilion Senior Center. Couples married in 1954, 1949, 1944, 1939, 1934 or earlier are invited to be our guests at this annual event.

A very special birthday celebration is planned for seniors age 90 and over along with the Golden Anniversary Celebration. Invitations will be forwarded in April for both groups. If you know of someone who is 90+ years (born 1914 or earlier) or golden ringers, please contact Lucille at the Pavilion Senior Center, 847-459-2670. Volunteers are needed to assist at this very special event. Kindly respond to Lucille at the same number.

## Palwaukee Airport named 'Reliever of the Year'

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently announced it had chosen Palwaukee Municipal Airport as the agency's 2004 Reliever Airport of the Year. Palwaukee was selected by IDOT staff members for outstanding work in the area of community support, airport maintenance and the overall promotion of general aviation within the industry. The award will be presented at a special ceremony at the Illinois Aviation Conference in Peoria in mid-April.

Airport Manager Dennis Rouleau said, "We're incredibly pleased to have been recognized by the State of Illinois as the reliever airport for 2004. I believe this award dramatizes the role our airport can and will play in the future of the region's and the nation's air transportation needs as more and more business aviation traffic searches for an alternative to Chicago O'Hare. We've seen some dramatic infrastructure updates at Palwaukee like the complete reconstruction of runway 16/34, as well as a host of new taxiways and associated lighting. All of this work enhances the operational safety of the airport, which is our primary concern ... always."

"But I also believe we've begun to see a dramatic shift in

attitude of not simply the users of the airport, but also how the communities view our importance," Rouleau concluded. "Palwaukee Municipal is not simply an airport, it's a neighborhood. Our PACE Council, the community relations outreach program we started just two years ago, has been responsible in no small part for some of this success, as have some of the new relationships we've formed with the business community, such as the Wheeling Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce, where we were named Business of the Year last spring. It all seems to support our new slogan, *Palwaukee Means Business*.

Wheeling resident Bob Strauss is chairman of the Palwaukee Municipal Airport Commission. "A reliever airport is designated to reduce the general aviation traffic at major airports, like O'Hare and this award confirms that we are a vital link in the nation's air transportation system. This is a great honor and achievement for the Airport Commission, the airport staff, the businesses on the airport and the two communities that own Palwaukee, Wheeling and Prospect Heights. This award confirms that we are on the right track. But as O'Hare traffic and the delays there continue to increase, it is also clear that our development work at Palwaukee is far from over."

### **Briefs**

#### Possible Road Closure

Dundee Road is *scheduled* to be closed at the Canadian National Railroad tracks (east of Wheeling Road and west of Northgate Parkway) for fourteen days beginning Tuesday April 27, 2004 and continuing until Monday May 10, 2004. The project is still subject to final Illinois Department of Transportation approval. No detour routing as of yet.

#### Village Surplus Property Auction

The Village's annual surplus property auction is scheduled for Saturday, June 5 behind Village Hall in the police department parking lot. Property viewing begins at 9 a.m. with the actual auction commencing at 10 a.m. Past auctions have featured items such as bicycles, computer and office equipment and unclaimed property that has been recovered by the police department. Only cash and checks will be accepted for purchase.

#### Curfew change

In light of a recent ruling in an Indiana court case regarding curfew laws, the Village of Wheeling has amended its ordinances allowing youths 17-years-old and younger to be out after curfew to attend religious, political, educational and similar meetings. Should an individual be stopped by a Wheeling officer, no ticket will be issued providing proof can be provided the individual was attending such an event.



The Wheeling Park District's Mud Volleyball Tournament recently won the Illinois Park and Recreation Association's Outstanding Program Award in the Special Event Category. The award honors IPRA agencies who have not only created a unique event, but successfully implemented it into the community. The park district hosts the 10-year-old event July 17-18. For more information about the event, or to register your team, call 847-465-3333.



Just a friendly reminder....we love pets as much as anyone, but please remember that dogs and cats must be licensed and kept on a leash when walking them. Thank you for your cooperation!

The Village prohibits non-essential water use from noon to 6 p.m. starting May 15 and ending September 15. Non-essential water use is defined as any utilization of water from the Village's water system that is not necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents. Examples of non-essential water use include sprinkling/watering lawns, grass, trees, shrubs, brushes or types of vegetation, filling of swimming pools and the non-commercial washing of cars. Violators can be fined.

## NewsYou Can Use

The burning of landscape waste, construction waste, and garbage is not only bad for the environment, unhealthy to our residents and visitors, and can result in accidental fires; it is also illegal in our Village. The Village's Fire Prevention Code (Section 307.2.2) and the Village's Municipal Code (Section 5.32.030) both prohibit this type of activity. Outside fires that are contained in a barbeque grill or other container specifically designed as an outdoor fireplace are permitted. However, any burning of landscape waste, construction waste, and/or garbage in these types of appliances is strictly prohibited. Violators are subject to fines and court associated with enforcement. If you should have any questions, please contact the Wheeling Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 459-2669.

# Speak T

This is your opportunity to communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response if desired. Please complete this form, detach and return to:

Village Manager Village of Wheeling 255 W. Dundee Road Wheeling, IL 60090

NAME:	PHONE:
ADDRESS:	E-MAIL:

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

## ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Residents are invited to attend public meetings of Village Boards and Commissions.

Most meet in the Village Hall

Councilroom unless otherwise noted here.

## Regularly Scheduled Meetings

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

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

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

Human Rights Commission -1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom. Senior Citizens Commission -3rd Monday of the month, 10 a.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom

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

Palwaukee Airport Commission - 3rd Wednesday each month, Committee of the Whole, 7 p.m.; Regular meeting, 8 p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road. Economic Development Commission -

1st Tuesday of the month, 7:30 a.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom

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

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

## Health Watch Improving Your Quality of Life

(Information courtesy of the Village of Wheeling Health Department)

The Wheeling Board of Health would like to thank everyone who participated in the Wheeling Community Blood Drive on March 10, 2004. More than 50 individuals took the time to donate and 45 units of blood were collected.

A big thank you goes out to Hackney's, Don Roth's, Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza and Bob Chinn's Crabhouse for their donations of food and treats that ensured a successful drive. The Board of Health's next blood drive is scheduled for July. Watch for information in the July/August Village Views, at www.vi.wheeling.il.us, cable channel 17 and your local newspapers.

#### Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled for May 22, 2004

The Illinois Environmental Protections Agency will collect household hazardous waste from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at the Mt. Prospect Public Works Facility, 1700 W. Central Road.

Acceptable wastes include:

Oil-based paints Household batteries
Paint thinners Used motor oil

Herbicides drain cleaners Insecticides/lawn chemicals/pesticides

solvents Old gasoline & antifreeze

Pool chemicals Hobby chemicals

Cleaning products Aerosol paints and pesticides

Mercury Fluorescent lamp bulbs

Unacceptable waste includes:

Agricultural wastes Propane tanks\*
Business/commercial sector wastes Smoke detectors
Explosives Farm machinery oil
Fireworks Fire extinguishers\*
Lead acid batteries Institutional wastes

Medical wastes

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<sup>\*</sup> Although the Illinois EPA's contractors do not accept automotive batteries, propane tanks, or fire extinguishers, cosponsors may elect to contact a vendor willing to set up and accept these materials on the day of the collection event. Call the Illinois EPA at (888) 372-1996 to verify materials being accepted.