

Village Views



Wheeling, IL

May/June 2007

Village Offices are closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.
No refuse on Monday, May 28th, all pick ups will be delayed by one day.

2007 Wheeling Freedom Fest

Plans for the 2007 Wheeling Freedom Fest are being finalized and the entertainment schedule has been set. Building on the momentum of last year's format to include a national touring artist, the Village is pleased to announce multi-platinum recording artists 10,000 Maniacs as our main musical attraction. The Maniacs performance on July 3rd follows a 25+ year career in which they have sold over 8 million albums in the U.S. and had eight top 25 singles including, "These Are Days," "Trouble Me," "Candy Everybody Wants," and "Because the Night."



Chicago natives The Buckinghams have been secured for the coveted time slot preceding the annual fireworks extravaganza on July 4th. With the hit single "Kind of a Drag" propelling them to the #1 spot on the national music charts in 1967, The Buckinghams continue to reach new fans some 40 years after making their first record.

Local favorites Mike & Joe will perform two sets prior to the 10,000 Maniacs, and Wheeling resident Jimmy Rogers will do the same with his band The Maudes on July 4th.

Gather your friends and family and come to what is quickly becoming the premier community summer event in the northwest suburbs. As in years past, the event will feature a wide range of local delicacies and an assortment of children's activities. Additional details will be provided in the next newsletter.



Tuesday, July 3

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| 5:00 pm | Gates Open |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Mike & Joe |
| 7:00 – 8:45 pm | Mike & Joe |
| 9:30 – 11:00 pm | 10,000 Maniacs |

Wednesday, July 4

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| 3:00 pm | Gates Open |
| 3:00 - 4:00 pm | The Maudes |
| 4:30 - 5:30 pm | The Maudes |
| 6:00 pm | Parade |
| 7:30 - 9:15 pm | The Buckinghams |
| 9:30 pm | Fireworks |

Photo courtesy of Max, Dave Miller

The Cicadas Are Coming

Illinoisans can expect visitors this spring, the 17-year cicadas. Also known as Periodical or Dog-Day Cicadas, these cyclical creatures (which are only found in North America) will be emerging from the ground in May and June. The adults are usually about 1.5 inches long and have black bodies and in most cases, striking red eyes.

James Schuster, U of I Extension horticulture editor, states that “Cicadas are sometimes mistakenly called locusts. In actuality, they are not related to locusts. Locusts are grasshoppers. The male cicadas ‘sing’ during the day to attract females”.

In early summer, the female periodical cicada lays several hundred eggs in small slits in the bark of a branch. Each slit receives 10 to 12 eggs that hatch in about six weeks, these slits may cause wilting and eventual breaking of the twigs. This is natural pruning and does not cause long-term harm to established trees.

During the nymph stage, the cicadas fall to the ground. They soon burrow down into the soil using their forelegs as shovels. The cicada nymphs then spend most of their life underground feeding on the tree root sap. They continue to grow, periodically shedding their exoskeleton, until they reach maturity. This part of the life cycle takes 13 to 17 years depending on the species.

The adult stage begins in late May or June and the nymph digs its way to the surface at night. Adult periodical cicadas typically live two to six weeks.

The northern Illinois brood, which will emerge in late May 2007, has a reputation for the largest emergence of cicadas known anywhere. There can be as many as 1 million cicadas per acre!

As cicadas can inflict some minor damage to trees in the egg-laying process, homeowners are sometimes concerned about controlling the insects. “The damage done to an established tree by the cicadas is not significant enough to justify trying to control the insect,” said Schuster. “Let nature take its course.” However, if homeowners are concerned about planting new trees this spring because of possible damage due to the cicadas, they can delay planting until the fall.

And “yes, periodical cicadas are edible,” said Schuster. Native Americans utilized them in their diet, and in 1990 several college students were filmed eating them. They reported they tasted like almonds.”



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

Winter’s freeze is almost over, and many people are thinking of green grass and the smell of the warm air. Along with spring, comes yard work. This year, take some steps to protect our rivers, streams and lakes.

- Dispose of grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste. These can cause problems when they wash into the lakes by decomposing and robbing oxygen from fish and other aquatic life.
- Seed bare soil and cover it to prevent erosion. Erosion fills the lakes with unnecessary sediment.
- Use Fertilizers and Pesticides sparingly. Applying too much, or at the wrong time, threatens water quality and wastes your money. It only takes a moderate amount of rain to wash improperly applied fertilizer into the storm water drain. Apply fertilizer in late May.

Some other things to remember this spring are.

- Keep storm drains clear of debris for the spring rains.
- Sweep up left over salt from your driveway and walks.

Remember, dumping oil and other materials into the storm and sanitary drains is illegal.

To learn more or report illegal discharges to our storm drain system. Contact: Public Works or the Police Non-Emergency.

Public Works
847-229-4600
7:00A.M-3:30P.M

Police Non-Emergency
847-459-2632
After Hours and Weekends

Village of Wheeling

BICYCLE RODEO

Hosted by the Wheeling Police Department

Saturday, May 19th
10 am - 2 pm
FREE!!!

Wheeling Park District

Aquatic Center Parking Lot - 327 W. Dundee Rd.

Ages: Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Learn or enhance bicycle

Fun, Safety, & Awareness!

Children's bicycles will be registered, safety inspected, and their helmet (REQUIRED) will be checked for proper fit. Children will receive instruction in bicycle safety prior to testing their skills on the course. Riders will receive awards for a good job and then enjoy a hotdog/chips/soda lunch. Child Fingerprinting will also be available.

Rain Date: May 26th

For more information contact

Officer John Abbio #143

Crime Prevention Unit at 847-459-2679

or jabbio@vi.wheeling.il.us

“National Missing Children’s Day”

May 25, 2007 is National Missing Children’s Day. In 1983 President Ronald Reagan declared May 25 to be “National Missing Children’s Day” and each Administration since has honored this annual reminder to make child protection a national priority.

This year, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and in partnership with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children are introducing a new children’s preventive safety campaign. The Take 25 campaign encourages law enforcement, parents and educators to take 25 minutes to talk to children about ways to be safer and to promote ongoing dialogue with children safety concerns.

You’ve been a victim of an accident and are unable to respond to emergency workers questions about whom they should contact on your behalf. How will they know who to call?

A popular method of increasing the likelihood that emergency responders will contact the appropriate person is to make an entry into your cell phone phonebook, entitled ICE. ICE stands for In Case of Emergency. Simply put, you decide who your emergency contact is, input that number into your phonebook and name it ICE. Second or third contacts should be named ICE2, ICE3, etc. That way, trained personnel can check the phonebook and call your designated contact person.

While Wheeling Police Officers and Firefighters are being trained to be aware of this practice, Village of Wheeling Crime Prevention Officer Scott Laverd adds: “ICE entries into cell phones should be used in conjunction with more standard forms of Identification. Although we are aware that citizens may make ICE entries in their phones, there may be some pitfalls. As cell phones become more complicated, the phone directories may not be easily accessible. In addition, cell phone keypads can be locked, the batteries can be dead, or the phone may be lost or damaged in the tragedy. Therefore, we urge all Wheeling residents to keep emergency contact information in their wallets and purses as well, next to their Driver’s License so it is easy to find.”



Please encourage family and friends to make an ICE entry into their phonebooks, but not at the expense of traditional methods of written emergency contact information. Residents are encouraged to contact Officer Laverd at 847-459-2994 with any questions.

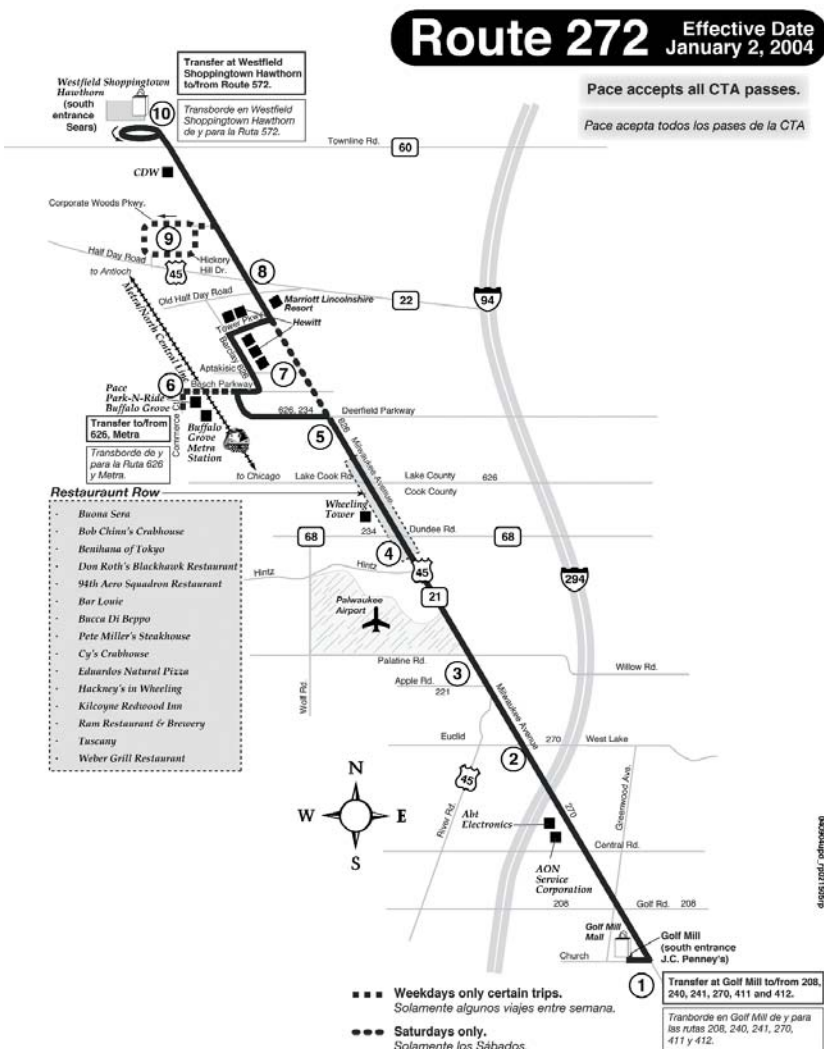
Tapping Team Takes 4th Place at State

On March 14, our newly formed Public Works Utility Division tapping team took 4th place in the State Championship Water Main Tapping Competition held in Springfield, Illinois. With a debut time of 2:10, they were the talk of the competition. Congratulations Guys!!



Team members from left to right are: Steve Kraus, Isaac Santos, Joe Marsillo, and Jeff Wolfram.

Wheeling Adds New Bus Line to Serve Milwaukee Avenue



The Village is served by a number of PACE routes. This includes Routes 221, 234, and 272. The newest Route 272 provides service between regional shopping centers in Vernon Hills and Niles. It provides access to many commercial establishments in Wheeling along or close to Milwaukee Avenue and allows transfers to other routes at various locations. Take the time to get copies of the schedule at the Village Hall or log onto www.pacebus.com.

In addition, The Village is currently studying expanded bus service in the community in conjunction with PACE. New Service is contemplated to serve both the residential areas and commercial areas at various times throughout the day. PACE would provide two small buses to the Village who would operate them along various routes that would connect with existing PACE routes and the METRA train schedule. The routes have not been solidified at this time. It is anticipated that the new service would be inaugurated in the autumn of 2007. The Wheeling Board of Trustees has endorsed this project along with a new initiative to install bus shelters at various locations along existing and new routes.

Any comments or suggestions should be directed to the Assistant Village Manager, Jon Sfondilis, jsfondilis@vi.wheeling.il.us.



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.

LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT

Our hosts, the Summit Square Retirement Residence, invite us to enjoy a delicious three-course luncheon and view their facilities. We'll be treated to music by historian Jack Diamond, who will trace the career, and play the music of Frank Sinatra, crooner, pop and jazz singer. Trip departs from the Pavilion Senior Center. This takes place on Friday, May 11th from 11am-3pm. Code: 3818 and Fee \$5.

SENIOR CELEBRATION DAY

The 18th Annual Senior Celebration Day will be held at Randhurst Shopping Center, Wednesday, May 16th, 9:00am-3:30pm. This celebration is planned to thank seniors for their many contributions to our communities. Exhibitor booths, live entertainment, free health screenings, and 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.

RULES OF THE ROAD

Wednesday, May 16th, 9:30am-11:30am, the Pavilion Center in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Senior and Community Services is offering the "Rules of the Road" Review course. It is a driver refresher course to help seniors keep their driver's licenses valid. There is no fee, but pre-registration is necessary.

PAVILION 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 on Thursday, May 17th from 12 noon-2:30pm. The "Mello Tones", sponsored by Greg Simitz, will provide music from the 20's thru the 50's. Market Square will cater the delicious luncheon. All seniors are invited to attend this festive affair. Cost: \$9.00/member and \$14.00/non-member. Reservations are requested. Plan to attend with friends as you reserve your table.

DELAVAN, WISCONSIN

Step into Animal Gardens and you'll think you've arrived in the Land of Oz. Surrounded by lovely gardens, colorful fantasy houses are filled with amazing animals, both familiar and exotic. Performances by some of Mother Nature's most interesting creatures, such as the amazing Macaws, will delight all. Sit comfortable in the wagon and take a picturesque, narrated tour of the Arabian Horse Farm through woods and meadows. Enter the new Dancing Horse Theater Arena and be visually transported to an extraordinary place. Enjoy a country pig roast buffet and all the tasty side dishes. Dessert is your choice of Lana's famous pineapple cake or Apple Pied Delight. The grand finale of the trip includes a Vegas style show where people, horses, lights and fountains of water dance in a kaleidoscope. The day is Thursday, May 17th from 9:30am-3:30pm. Fee: \$75. Code:3824 Bus departs from and returns to CRC.

LIFELINE SCREENING

Saturday, June 16th – 8:30am-5:00pm, the Pavilion Senior Center is hosting a preventative health screening for the community. Life Line Screening will be offering ultrasound screenings for the prevention of stroke, vascular disease, and osteoporosis. This includes an ultrasound of the carotid arteries in the neck to determine if you are at risk for stroke. Screening of the leg arteries checks for peripheral arterial disease, which is linked to heart disease. A third test is performed for aneurysms in the aorta of the abdomen. Life Line also offers a bone density screening to test for early detection of osteoporosis. All results are reviewed by a board certified vascular surgeon and sent back to you with all the information you need to take to your own personal physician. Each screening takes approximately 10 minutes. The non-invasive, package (3 tests) is just \$109, and the complete Wellness Package (all 4 tests) is only \$129. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Appointment times fill quickly, so please call Life Line Screening at 1-800-324-1851 for your appointment.

50+ YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

50th plus (Golden Anniversary) Celebrants. If you have been united in marriage during 1957 or earlier, you are eligible for an invitation to our fifth annual party to be held for couples June 28th, 11:30am-3:00pm. A special day is planned with photos, catered luncheon and entertainment extraordinaire. Edizon Dayao, our one-man band, and popular entertainer will be featured for dance and songs. Family, friends and neighbors may submit names of couples to Lucille Kozanecki, 847-459-2670 as soon as possible to receive an invitation.



At Home Electronics Recycling Program

It is the goal of the Village of Wheeling and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to provide solid waste management services, programs and resource materials to minimize the volume and toxicity of waste going into landfills. Due to the potentially harmful and recoverable materials in computers and electronics, SWANCC is offering a more convenient way to recycle old computers and electronics. The new initiative is called the At Home Computer/Electronics Program. This option is for residents that would prefer to have their equipment picked up from their front steps rather than drive to a drop-off location.



Do you have old computer and electronic equipment piling up in your home office or basement?

Recycle it!

Only \$25.00 for convenient at your door pick-up!

Here is how this program works. Any resident that lives in a SWANCC-member community, which includes Wheeling, can contact SWANCC at athome@swancc.org or (847) 724-9205 to arrange for a pick-up. Bi-weekly pick-ups will be scheduled from April 30 through August 31, 2007. Residents will pay \$25 via credit or debit card to offset program costs, and can recycle up to 6 items per pick up. On the scheduled pick-up day, items must be placed on the front porch or steps by 7:30 a.m. It's that easy!

There is a 6 item limit per pick up – no individual item can exceed 50 pounds. Items accepted but do not count as “an item” include cell phones and calculators only.

The following items are accepted:

Personal Computer Systems: Desktop or Notebook
(to include mouse, keyboard and power cords)

Monitor Printer Scanner Fax machine Electric typewriter Answering Machine
Shredders Postage machines Television – maximum size 20” – no wood units
VHS/DVD Players Boom Box Stereo Equipment Microwaves

Construction season is here again; don't forget about your permit

Warmer weather means the construction season is right around the corner. The Engineering Department would like to take this opportunity to remind residents and business owners that permits need to be taken out prior to beginning construction on any of the following improvements:

- Driveway construction or repair; be it asphalt, concrete, paver brick and/or flagstone
- Sidewalk or service walk construction; be it concrete, paver brick and/or flagstone
- Patio Construction; be it asphalt, concrete, paver brick and/or flagstone
- Parking lot construction or repairs of any type

The permit application is available on-line at:

www.vi.wheeling.il.us/ReferenceDesk/FormsAndPermits/AppForConstrPermit.pdf.

The Engineering Department requires a Plat of Survey and a copy of the contractor's estimate that clearly states the scope of work to be done along with the description of materials to be used.



Proceeding with construction without a permit has resulted in Village residents being victimized by poor and/or improper construction practices. By requiring permits and associated inspections, the Village will be able to protect its residents from these experiences and provide suggestions for correction of unacceptable work.

The Village strongly suggests that any resident planning and applying for a permit on these types of improvements to have their contractor provide the required bond rather than the homeowner putting up the bond. The Engineering Department will advise and provide your contractor with our Standard Specifications for construction. The Village's Standard Specifications for the above types of improvements can be obtained from the Engineering Department prior to applying for a permit.

For further information regarding the permit process, required submittals or to get directions to the Engineering Department, please call 847.459.2985.

Wheeling Community Blood Drive



The Wheeling Community Blood Drive was held on March 14, 2007. It was a great success. 57 people attended and 48 units of blood were collected. Those 48 units can help save 144 lives. Claim Jumper's, Don Roth's, Hackney's, Original Granny's, Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, Wa Pa Ghetti's Pizza and Pita Inn contributed to the blood drive. Please visit these fine Wheeling food establishments to thank them for their generous donations. The next Wheeling blood drive is scheduled for July 11, 2007. We hope to see you there.

Speak
Out

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

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

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

ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Residents are invited to attend public meetings of Village Boards and Commissions. Most meet in the Village Hall Councilroom unless otherwise noted here.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

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

Village Board Workshop-
3rd Monday of the month

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

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

Human Rights Commission -
1st Tuesday of every fourth month, 7:15 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom.
Jan. 2, May 1, Sept. 4

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

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

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

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT RESIGNS

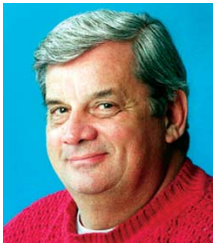


Photo courtesy of Daily Herald

Citing personal reasons, Wheeling Village President Greg Klatecki submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees and Village Manager April 2. Klatecki, who had served as Village President for

10 years had two years left on his current term. His successor will be selected by the Board of Trustees from interested candidates sitting on the Board sometime in the next 90 days.

“I am honored to have served Wheeling and extremely proud of the men and women I have worked with to make Wheeling a better place to live,” Klatecki said. “This was a difficult decision to make, but after meeting with my family we decided that at this time I needed to step down.”

Prior to his being elected as Village President, he was a member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals from 1986 to 1988, a member of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee from 1985 to 1988 and served on the park district board from 1989 to 1997, including a stint as park district board president from 1995 to 1997.

During Klatecki’s years on the park board, he worked with his fellow commissioners to bring the community recreation center and award winning aquatic center to fruition.

“Twenty-plus years ago, Greg and I literally bumped into one another pacing on the sideline of our kids’ soccer game and the rest has been history,” commented Wheeling Park District President Tom Webber. “As a park district commissioner he helped improve the quality of life for young and old alike. In recent years, one only needs to look around town at all the new development that is taking place. No one can be naïve to think Greg did this on his own, however he is a common thread in the positive progression of our community.”

Notable accomplishments during his tenure as village president include residential developments One Milwaukee Place, Astor Place, Park Point and Prairie Park that helped bring Wheeling’s population from 26,275 in 1986 to almost 40,000 in 2007. Klatecki and the Board of Trustees were also instrumental in making the Chicago Westin North Shore a reality; the \$130M project created more than 1,000 jobs and has been lauded by numerous real estate and development magazines as one of the top developments in the Midwest for 2006.

“Greg and the entire board really raised the bar regarding quality residential and commercial development in our community,” said Mark Smith, President of Smith Family Construction in Wheeling. “His leadership and personality will be missed but he certainly leaves behind a proud and successful legacy and some big shoes to fill.”

Besides more than 20 years of political and government service, Klatecki taught and coached at Holmes Middle School for 25 years. “Over the course of his distinguished professional career, Greg Klatecki demonstrated the highest level of professional commitment and competency in his work with students and colleagues,” said Holmes Middle School Principal Martin Hopkins. “Greg developed an outstanding reputation for his ability to turn students on to science, especially those historically who had struggled with scientific concepts. But in reality, Greg’s influence extended far beyond the four walls of his classroom. Perhaps his greatest influence outside of the classroom was serving as a wrestling coach. The legend of Coach Klatecki still inspires our young athletes to “do what they’re supposed to do, when they’re supposed to do it and the way they’re supposed to do it,” Hopkins concluded.

Village Trustee Bob Heer echoed the sentiments of his fellow trustees and the community as a whole. “Quite simply, Greg dedicated more than two decades of his life to better his community; we should all strive to be as unselfish and caring,” he stated. “He was a great leader, but more importantly he is a great husband, father and friend.”

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| Fire/Police/Paramedics | 911 |
| Non-emergency Fire | 847-459-2662 |
| Non-emergency Police | 847-459-2632 |
| Community Development | 847-459-2620 |
| Economic Development | 847-403-4467 |
| Pavilion Senior Center | 847-459-2670 |
| Public Works | 847-229-4600 |
| Water Billing | 847-459-2607 |
| Code Enforcement Hotline | 847-459-CODE |
| Chicago Executive Airport Noise Hotline | 847-537-2580, ext. 159 |
| Village Clerk Elaine Simpson | 847-541-8692 |
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