

Wheeling Illustrated

Village teams with
RedSpeed Illinois to improve
intersection safety

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President Pat Horcher met with former speaker of the house, Dennis Hastert in Arlington Heights April 10 to discuss regional economic interests and the governor's 'Illinois Works' state infrastructure program.

The Health Corner

...brought to you by the Wheeling Board of Health

Wheeling Community Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Registration a Success!

The Wheeling Community Blood Drive was held on Wednesday, March 12th. Thirty five (35) units of blood were collected from the forty (40) donors that attended. These 35 units will help to save 105 lives.



A Bone Marrow Registration Drive was also held at the drive. Through the generosity of the Wheeling Knights of Columbus and the Wheeling Masonic

Temple Association, donations were made which covered the cost of the bone marrow registration. Sixteen (16) people registered for the National Bone Marrow Donor Program at no charge to them.

Wheeling restaurants were very generous in donating gift certificates for the door prizes. The following restaurants provided donations to the drive: Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, Claim Jumper Restaurant, Don Roth's, Edwardo's Natural Pizza, Market Square, Osteria di Tramonto, Pita Inn, Rise N Dine, R.T. Lounge, Tramonto's Steak & Seafood and Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza.

The next Wheeling Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Hope to see you there!



Christine Brady, Deputy Village Clerk, and Elaine Simpson, Village Clerk

The Clerk's Corner

To all the mothers in the village - Happy Mothers Day!

Saturday, May 17th is the Wheeling Garden Club Plant Sale which will take place in front of the Village Hall at 255 West Dundee Road from 9a.m to 1p.m. Also on May 17th, the Plan Commission will conduct a litter patrol throughout the Village, volunteers are needed. Everybody is welcome, wear comfortable clothing including walking shoes and show up at the Village Hall at 8am on Saturday May 17th. A continental breakfast will be provided.

The **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** will be held May 26th at 10am. The parade will start in the Sam's Club parking lot and end at Amvets Post 66 on Route 83. A short ceremony follows the parade.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is looking for teams. The Relay for Life will be held at Wheeling High School from 6p.m on June 7th until 6a.m. on June 8th. Form a team and walk as a cancer survivor or for somebody you know who has survived cancer. Each team consists of 8-15 people and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. Questions contact American Cancer Society Staff Partner Doug Adolph at 847-368-1166.

SOLICITATORS in the Village of Wheeling are required to have a permit from the Village. No one is allowed to knock on doors that have a "NO SOLICITATION" sign. If you have a sign or the solicitor has no permit, please call the NON EMERGENCY number to the Police at 847-459-2632 as they need to be informed. This is the only way we can make sure the organization is legitimate.

If anyone is interested in serving the Village by being on a Commission, please call Christine Brady at 847-459-2608 for an application.

***REMINDER:** You can register to vote at Village Hall if you are not already registered.



Pat Horcher



Judy Abruscato



Dean Argiris



Ken Brady



Bob Heer



Mike Horcher



Elaine Simpson



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

Drivers Take Notice: Red Light Cameras are Coming Wheeling

In an effort to enhance safety at some of Wheeling's most dangerous intersections, the Village Board has approved the installation of an automated traffic enforcement system, also known as Red Light Cameras, for various intersections within the Village. The cameras are expected to begin operating in late summer 2008.

According to recent studies conducted by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Red Light Camera Programs can decrease red light violations up to 60%. Traffic accidents caused by red light runners are among the most serious, often resulting in severe injuries and fatalities. Studies have shown that approximately 1,000 people die and 176,000 people are injured annually in the United States because of drivers running red lights. There are two types of red light violations: (1) Right turn on red without coming to a complete stop and (2) Entering an intersection after the traffic signal has turned red. According to Deputy Chief Bell Benson who is managing the program, "The benefit of these cameras is two-fold; the statistics prove that cameras do positively change driver's behavior making intersections safer, and a camera monitoring an intersection frees up our officers to focus on other areas within the community."

A common misconception is that the cameras will be photographing everyone as they drive thru the community. In fact, sensors placed in the pavement activate the camera only when a vehicle enters the intersection during the red light cycle. A total of 3 photographs will be taken plus 8-10 seconds of digital video. The images include: the car entering the red light intersection, the car passing thru the intersection and finally, a close-up of the license plate.

All 3 images, plus a link to view the video footage on-line, will be provided to the vehicle's registered owner who is mailed the violation. According to Illinois Law, it is illegal to photograph the faces of either drivers or passengers.

Frequently Asked Questions:

•Is the citation valid if it was not issued by a uniformed police officer?

Yes. These violations are reviewed and authorized by sworn officers of the Wheeling Police Department. Each reviewing Officer has been specifically trained in the operation and review process of the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program. These tickets are treated as a civil violation (just like a parking ticket) and will not impact the registered owner's driving record or insurance rates.

•What do I do if I receive a Citation?

If you receive a citation in the mail you should follow the instructions on the back. Detailed information is provided on how to pay or contest the violation. Should the individual decide to contest the violation, he/she may do so through the Village's adjudication program.

•What if I wasn't driving the car?

Under Illinois State Law, HB 4835, the registered owner of the vehicle is liable for any automated traffic law violations that occur to the vehicle, regardless of who is operating it.

Within the next few weeks additional information regarding the Red Light Camera Program will be posted to the Village of Wheeling's website www.wheelingil.gov. For immediate questions, please contact the Wheeling Police Department at 847-459-2632.



Freedom Fest 2008 - July 3rd, 4th and 5th!

The 2008 Freedom Fest celebration is getting a facelift! This year is going to be special as the Village hosts a three-day event at a new location. With the traditional festival site now being occupied by the construction of the new Village Hall building, the event is moving south onto the Park District property behind St. Joseph the Worker Church. In addition, because Independence Day falls on a Friday we have extended the hours of entertainment to 12:00am each night.

This year's event promises to deliver more multi-platinum recording artists, great food from Wheeling restaurants, an indoor Bingo breakfast, a terrific parade, a spectacular fireworks display and of course a multitude of children's activities. It's all the fun and family-friendly entertainment you have come to expect, with a new location and an extra day. Check your mailboxes, the Village website and Channel 17 for further details as they unfold!

For questions or comments, please call the Freedom Fest hotline at 847-403-4474 and leave a message.

Thursday, July 3rd
5pm – Midnight

Friday, July 4th
3pm – Midnight
6pm – Parade
9pm - Fireworks

Saturday, July 5th
3pm – Midnight





Corrected: Make Yourself Invisible to Identity Thieves

An article ran in our March/April edition regarding removing personal information from ZabaSearch, an internet search engine. It has been brought to our attention that the mailing address we provided to remove your name from ZabaSearch was incorrect. Please follow these instructions to remove your name.

1. Go to www.zabasearch.com and type in your name.
2. If you have a common name which produces too many results, try narrowing your search to a State and/or city.
3. Once the results are displayed, print them.
4. Check the print out and CLEARLY CIRCLE those results that are yours.

5. On a separate sheet of paper, please provide ZabaSearch with your full name, address, email address, phone number and date of birth. This allows ZabaSearch to match your name with the names you wish to have opted-out. Please note that ZabaSearch DOES NOT use this information for any other purpose than to create the opt-out filter, and your letter will be destroyed.

6. Once you have gathered the print out and letter, please send them together to:

ZabaSearch Record Blocking
2828 Cochran Street, #397, Simi Valley, CA 93065

7. Allow six to eight weeks for the records to be removed.

Severe Weather Safety



The arrival of warm weather brings the potential for strong or violent storms to occur in our area. Knowing what to do in these situations can minimize the potential for serious injuries to you and your family, as well as potential damage to your home or business. The first step in preparing is to know what the various terms used by the National Weather Service mean.

- **SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH:** Atmospheric conditions are right for the possible development of thunderstorms that may be severe, could produce large amounts of localized rain, as well as hail and high winds. When a "Watch" is issued for our area, monitor the radio, television, and/or internet for further weather updates. Walk around the outside of your home and secure any loose items such as lawn furniture, umbrellas, children's toys, downspout extensions, etc. to prevent these items from becoming "missiles" if the wind becomes very strong. Avoid leaving your home or business, unless absolutely necessary.

- **SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING:** An actual thunderstorm has developed in our area and is producing large amounts of localized rain, hail, and/or high winds. Immediately go inside a building and close all window blinds on the side of the building from which the storm is approaching (this will minimize flying glass, should a window break.) Do not stand in front of or near windows to avoid injury in the event of breakage. Do not talk on a hardwired telephone or use plumbing fixtures until the storm passes since lightning can follow these devices if your home or business is struck by lightning.

- **TORNADO WATCH:** Atmospheric conditions are right for the possible development of tornados in our area. It is not uncommon for a "Tornado Watch" to also be associated with a "Severe Thunderstorm Watch". You should take the same precautions listed above for "Severe Thunderstorm Watch" to prepare for this pending weather condition.

- **TORNADO WARNING:** An actual tornado has been reported by a trained weather spotter and/or has been observed by radar in our area. This is the only event in which the Village of Wheeling's warning sirens will be activated. Immediately take protective cover in your basement or an interior room (usually a bathroom or closet on the lowest level of your home).

If at work, immediately take shelter in an interior room or space on the lowest level of the building (usually a bathroom, closet, interior stairwell, or interior hallway with no windows). Sit with your back against the wall with your head between your knees and your fingers interlaced behind your head. If available and only if time permits, cover yourself, your family members, or fellow employees with a blanket or similar item to provide some additional padded protection. If you are caught outside, find the lowest depression in the ground and lay flat on your stomach with your fingers interlaced behind your head and your eyes closed. If you are in your car, do not try to out run a tornado. Instead, attempt to get inside a nearby structure. If this is not possible, pull your car over to the side of the road, turn on your emergency flashers, and get down on the floor of the vehicle. Most fatalities associated with tornados are caused as a result of individuals being hit by flying debris; particularly broken glass.

After the storm has passed, please do not call the Fire Department or the Police Department if your power is out or if there is flooding on your street. If your power is out, please call Commonwealth Edison directly at 800-334-7661. The Village of Wheeling has neither control over when your power will be restored nor any estimates regarding its restoration; calling the Fire Department or Police Department for power outages only results in delays in answering legitimate calls for emergency assistance. Flooded streets are commonly caused by storm debris sitting on top of the storm sewer grates. Using a long handled garden tool such as a rake to pull the debris up onto the parkway will clear the grate and allow the water to drain naturally.

It is imperative to not allow children or family pets to play outside immediately following the storm, until you have walked around your home to determine that there are no hazards such as downed power lines, broken glass, or flooded areas. Any downed power lines should be assumed to be energized and should be immediately reported by calling 9-1-1. Finally, do not allow children to play in flooded storm water detention basins, since the water can unexpectedly rise resulting in entrapment or fall resulting in small children being pulled under the water.

For more weather safety information, go to: www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/ttl.pdf.

Wheeling Tapping Team Wins 2nd Place!!

On March 12th the Public Works Utility Division won **2nd Place** in the Annual Illinois Section American Water Works Association Water Tapping Competition in Springfield. In this state competition, teams compete to install a 3/4 inch tap for the quickest time possible. Last year, which was the first year Wheeling participated in the state competition, the Village won 4th place. First place winners compete in the nationals during the summer. Way to go guys!



Household Hazardous Waste Collections

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) sponsors one-day collections during the spring season at no charge to residents. One-day collections are open from 8am to 3pm on the following Saturdays.

- *5/3 Exposition Gardens, 1601 W. Northmoor Rd, Peoria.
- *5/3 Elmhurst Public Works, 985 S. Riverside Drive, Elmhurst
- *5/17 Kane County Fairgrounds, Oak St. West of Randall Rd, St. Charles
- *5/31 Chicago Heights Parking Lot, 1020 Dixie Hwy., Chicago Heights
- *6/7 Monroe County Parking Lot, Lake Road & Rte 156, Valmeyer
- *6/21 Palatine High School, 1111 Rohlwing Rd., Palatine
- *NOTE: Please contact IEPA at 888-372-1996 to verify if materials will be accepted.

For other recycling information, please visit www.swancc.org or contact 847-229-4626.

Upcoming Public Works Projects —

Public Works would like to inform residents of upcoming projects and request their patience during the rigorous process that brings each project to a successful completion. If there are any questions, residents will need to contact the Department Engineer in charge of the specific project for their area.

The **2008 Water Main Replacement Program** is scheduled to begin mid-May and involves replacement of existing water mains with 8" or 10" diameter ductile iron water mains in the Hollywood Ridge Subdivision. New individual 1 1/2 inch copper water service lines will be installed to replace existing water service for each single-family residence within the limits of the project. Residents residing on St. Armand Lane from Cedar Drive to Valley Stream Drive, Kenilworth Drive and Sarasota Drive are affected in this program.

The **2008 MFT Street Improvement Program** is scheduled to begin in early June. The streets scheduled for the program include Mayer Avenue, from Wolf Road to its terminus at the west end; portions of 6th Street immediately adjacent to Mayer Avenue north/south jog; 7th and 8th Street from Strong Avenue to Mayer Avenue; and 9th Street from Mayer Avenue to its terminus at the north end.



The Village annually allocates approximately \$100,000 to the budget for the **Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program**. This annual program replaces existing, defective trip-hazard prone sidewalk squares. Subdivisions scheduled in 2008 include Polo Run, Orchard Lake and portions of Ridgefield Subdivision. As in each year, we encourage residents to report defective public sidewalks, in front of their property, that may qualify as a trip hazard. Residents may contact the Capital Projects and Design Division at 847-229-4701 to be placed on a list for repair or replacement. If the public sidewalk reported qualifies for repair/replacement, it may be added to the list for this year or be placed on the list until funding becomes available.

CFLs

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs, or CFLs, are light bulbs that produce the same amount of light as standard light bulbs but use about 75% less energy, produce 70% less heat and last 10x longer. They can also save individuals about \$30 or more in electrical costs over a bulb's lifetime.

CFLs are available in nearly all hardware and larger stores today. Because of its many advantages, it is recommended to purchase CFLs. One disadvantage to CFLs is that it contains a very small amount of mercury in its glass tubing. Though there is no mercury released when the bulbs are in use, they should nevertheless be disposed appropriately when spent. The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Village of Wheeling provide a drop-off location at the Wheeling Public Works Department, 233 W. Hintz Road, Monday-Friday, 7am to 3:30pm, for CFL disposal. Residents should place bulbs in a sealed plastic bag for protection in case of breakage.

If a CFL breaks, either by removing the bulb from packaging or dropping it, residents should (1) Ventilate the room by opening a window and leaving the room for about 15 minutes or more, (2) Pick up glass fragments by using stiff paper or cardboard and place in a sealed plastic bag. Do not sweep or vacuum the area. Use sticky tape (i.e. duct tape) to collect smaller glass or powder. (3) Wipe the area with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes and place into sealed bag. (4) Take to designated local drop-off location. If residents have any additional questions, they may visit www.energystar.gov/cfls, www.swancc.org or contact 847-229-4626.





199 N. First St. * 847-459-2670

Pavilion Senior Center is Wheeling's activity center for active adults age 55+. Access a complete listing of all our programs/activities on the village's website in Our Community/Senior Services.

May is Older Americans' Month

The Senior Commission and the Pavilion Senior Center would like to invite Older Americans (age 55 or better) to enjoy entertainment and cake as we celebrate May being "Older Americans Month". This celebration is free, but space is limited so please make your reservations today by calling the Pavilion Senior Center at (847) 459-2670.

50+ Anniversary Party

If you or a couple you know have been married for 50 or more years this year please contact the Pavilion Senior Center, we will be celebrating 50 years or more of marriage on Thursday, May 29th. Enjoy a delicious lunch and great entertainment! Call the Pavilion Senior Center at 847-459-2670 so we can get an invitation out to the happy couple!

90+ Birthday Party

If you or someone you know is 90 years or better this year, we want to send out an invitation to this special individual for this very enjoyable party! We will be celebrating this marvelous milestone on Thursday, June 26th. Please call the Pavilion Senior Center at 847-459-2670 so we can send out an invitation.

PSA Testing

42 men participated in the PSA testing at AMVETS post 66 on Saturday, March 29th held by the Wheeling Senior Commission and Wheeling Board of Health. Those who participated enjoyed a free breakfast prepared by the Wheeling Fire Department. There was no charge for the testing thanks to the AMVETS post 66 who sponsored the event. A special thanks to SuperValu Pharmacies who administered the tests.



Wished, Felt, & Dreamed

This support group is ongoing for older adults that suffer from chronic clutter and compulsive hoarding. It takes place on the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Pavilion Senior Center from 2-3:30p.m. Please contact Jan Christiansen at 847-459-2670 for more information.

Are you interested in finding out more about what is offered at the Pavilion Senior Center? Call us and we'll send you a complementary newsletter! 847-459-2670

There's More than Seuss and Potter

Help your children or grandchildren become lifelong learners.

Linda Rosholt, a retired library media teacher, provides answers and direction for those who want to learn about literary trends that shape youngsters

Tuesday May 6th 9-11am

Discover books for children birth - grade 3

Fee \$10

Tuesday, May 13th 9-11am

Discover books for children grade 4-8

Fee \$10

Pavilion Senior Center in cooperation with Harper College and the Wheeling Park District are pleased to present these programs. Please register at the Park District or the Pavilion.



WHEELING PARK DISTRICT PROGRAMS FOR ALL SENIORS

Register at the Pavilion or the Park District

Lilacia Park Spring Fling and Luncheon

Stroll through Lilacia Park in Lombard as the fresh lilacs fill the air. Next, visit the Morton Arboretum for a narrated tram tour, and finally enjoy a savory buffet at the Ginkgo Restaurant.

Code 6031, Thursday 5/15, 9am-3:30 pm, Fee \$50.



Village offices will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. All regular Waste Management pick ups will be delayed by one day.



Water ban effective May 15th thru September 15th. Non essential water use is prohibited from 12pm to 6pm everyday. Violators are subject to fine.

Street Light Monitoring

Help us police our neighborhoods. We ask anyone who sees a burned out streetlight to call 847-229-4718 or 847-459-2633 and let us know.

Village of Wheeling Recycling Drop-off Center

As of March 21st the Village of Wheeling recycling drop-off center located behind village hall is discontinued. Due to on-going, inappropriate material being disposed and the property no longer being owned by the Village, the containers have been permanently removed.



Single-family residents can request a second 65-gal recycling cart, at no charge, for their extra recycling with Waste Management by calling 800-796-9696. Residents in multi-family dwellings (over 5 units) interested in recycling need to address their association or property manager to implement a recycling program. Commercial businesses interested in a recycling program/container should contact their Waste Management representative, or 800-796-9696.

If there are any questions regarding the discontinuation of the center or other drop-off center alternatives, please contact 847-229-4626. The Village enforces no dumping.

Speak Out

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

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

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 -
 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Village Board Workshop-
 2nd & 4th 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.

Chicago Executive Airport PACE Committee
 Last Thursday of each month 7pm, Airport Offices 1020 S. Plant Rd

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



Wheeling Receives Tree City USA and Growth Award

In honor of its commitment to community forestry, Wheeling has been named a 'Tree City USA' community by the Arbor Day Foundation. This is the eighteenth consecutive year Wheeling has received this national recognition. Wheeling has met the four standards to become a 'Tree City USA' community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance. Wheeling is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program; this is the sixth year Wheeling has received this award. Thank you to our Forestry Division for taking care of our trees.



Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship

Applications are now available for the Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship given by the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer. The Treasurer's Office is continuing its tradition of supporting agriculture education and will be doubling the number of scholarships awarded this year to 10 outstanding students pursuing agriculture related studies this fall. The Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship Program provides an excellent opportunity for high school seniors who are pursuing careers in agriculture at two-year or four-year colleges. Winners are chosen by a committee of agriculture agency representatives based on a short essay question. Applications are due by May 15, 2008. Winners will receive a notification letter by May 30, 2008. If you have questions about the program, please contact the Cultivate Illinois agriculture division of the State Treasurer's Office at (217) 557-6436. You may download the 2008 application at www.treasurer.il.gov if you follow the Programs link.

Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds

Each calendar year, the Village of Wheeling receives private activity bonding authority from the State of Illinois. The purpose of this bonding authority is to encourage economic development within Wheeling by enabling manufacturing companies to finance, through the issuance of tax-exempt Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs), the acquisition of fixed assets such as land, buildings and equipment. In some cases, bond proceeds may also be used for new construction or renovation. Qualified IRB projects include facilities that are primarily used to manufacture or process tangible products.

Because of significant up-front costs of issuance, IRB issues of less than \$1.5 million are generally not cost effective. For most companies, bank participation is necessary before bonds can be sold to investors. The Internal Revenue Code defines all IRB eligibility requirements. Final determination of project eligibility is subject to a legal opinion from a recognized municipal bond attorney. If you have a project you believe may qualify for private activity bond financing and would like more information about this program, please contact the Village's Director of Finance, Michael Mondschain, at 847-459-2604.

Village of Wheeling

255 W. Dundee Road ~ Wheeling, IL 60090

847-459-2600 ~ TDD 847-459-2987

www.wheelingil.gov

Fire/Police/Paramedics

Non-emergency Fire	847-459-2662
Non-emergency Police	847-459-2632
Community Development	847-459-2620
Economic Development	847-229-4719
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
Acting Village President Patrick Horcher	847-331-4234
Village Clerk Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
Village Manager Mark Rooney	847-459-2606

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