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TO COMMUNITY** ...Page 2

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WELCOME TO WHEELING

From the Desk of President Abruscato



President
Judy Abruscato

The Spring season is one that brings much growth and change to our surroundings. In much the same way that the flowers and leaves are flourishing, so too is our community! New stores are opening, properties are being beautified and once-vacant storefronts are being filled.

The location where you'll see the biggest change is at the former Wickes site at the southeast corner of Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway. Crews have been working to demolish the vacant building and replace it with a green grass area in preparation for future redevelopment. The Board recently approved an agreement with developer Urban R2 to build a mixed-use retail and multi-family residential area.

Vacant stores have been filled by a variety of businesses. Jimmy John's was welcomed to town on Friday, March 18th at 250 E. Dundee Road near Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling. Cinco de Mayo Mexican restaurant is now open at 34 N. Elmhurst Road with a grand opening scheduled for Thursday, May 5th. Hibachi Sushi Seafood Buffet opened for business in Lynn Plaza, at 548 W. Dundee Road in mid-March. Agora Café also opened in mid-March in the Garden Fresh shopping center at 1780 West Hintz Road. In the industrial sector, Protect-A-Bed is in the process of relocating their headquarters to Wheeling, and they anticipate operations to begin in May. The Northbrook College of Healthcare is preparing for the grand opening of its new Wheeling location at 1400 S. Wolf Road, Suite 104, on Monday, May 16th. At our own Chicago Executive Airport, Priester Aviation has remodeled its Flight Operations Center and celebrated the opening on April 29th.

Lastly, please save the date for the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago's Open House celebration on Saturday, June 11th, at their new headquarters on 9940 Capitol Commerce Drive, at Wolf and Palatine Roads. This event is open to the public.

I'm sure you share my excitement in watching our town transform in such positive ways!

Village Offices will be closed:

Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Waste Management pick-ups will be delayed by one day.

Welcome new Wheeling businesses!

4 Kids Pediatrics

1111 W. Dundee Road
Pediatrician's office

Cinco de Mayo

34 N. Elmhurst Road
Mexican restaurant

Farmers Insurance Group

251 E. Dundee Road
Insurance broker

Hibachi Sushi Seafood Buffet

548 W. Dundee Road, Ste. B
Japanese buffet

Ifreight, Inc.

551 Glenn Avenue
Warehouse/freight expeditor

Jewelry Design Enterprises

251 E. Dundee Road
Jewelry & watch repairs

La Red Services

105 N. Wolf Road
Wire transfers, income tax

Seed Education, Inc.

540 Allendale Drive, #207
Education consulting & tutors

Three Z Services, LLC

307 S. Milwaukee Avenue, Ste. 115
Account type services



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Ken
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Dave
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The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk
Elaine Simpson

REMEMBER - WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Get Involved in Your Community!

Wheeling Garden Club is a great place to learn about gardening, hear guest speakers, be part of the annual plant sale and help beautify your community. The garden club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. For further information please contact Christine Brady at 847.537.8642

Wheeling Historical Society is part of preserving the Village's present for future generations. The Society has monthly meetings with speakers, opens the museum up during warmer weather, and presents Lollipop Lane during the holidays. The Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chamber Park in the Community Church. Celebrate the link between the past and the present!

Thank you to Trustee Patrick Horcher for all of the years you served on the Village Board. It was a pleasure working with you and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

2011 Election Results:

Trustee, 4-year term

*Ray Lang	1,052	27.64%
*David Vogel	1,001	26.30%
Mary Papantos	796	20.91%
*Robert Heer	957	25.14%

(*Designates incumbent)

Trustee, 2-year unexpired term

William Hein Uncontested write-in

Health Happenings



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

March 9th Blood Drive Exceeded Goal!

At the March 9th Wheeling Community Blood Drive, 47 units were collected from the 51 people who attended. This exceeded our goal of 40 units. The 47 units collected will help save 141 lives.

Wheeling community restaurants were especially generous in donating gift certificates, coupons or food for the event. Recognition goes to the following restaurants that participated: Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, El Famous Burrito, Original Granny's, Cooper's Hawk, Market Square, Wa Pa Ghatti's, Edwardo's Pizza, Jets Pizza and Pita Inn. We would greatly appreciate your support of these restaurants.

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for July 13th. Please share this information with friends, neighbors and family. Without you, we would not be able to give the "Gift of Life" each and every day.

Free Sharps Containers Available

Free sharps containers are available to Wheeling residents for the safe disposal of needles and syringes. The containers are available through the Village Health Officer in the Community Development Department at Village Hall. The medications and sharps drop-off is held every third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Drive up to the entrance of the Wheeling Police Station and someone will come out to your car and take the sealed sharps containers and medications.



We accept prescription and over-the-counter medications in original containers but cannot accept any controlled substances such as Oxycontin and Percocet. Sharps must be in rigid containers with a sealed lid; sharps that are not in a rigid container will not be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the sharps containers or the monthly pharmaceutical and sharps collections, please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847.499.9045.

SAVE THE DATE!!

*Wheeling Community Health Fair & Open House
Saturday, October 15, 2011
9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.*

Storm Water Runoff Pollution

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

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

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

For additional information on storm water runoff pollution and prevention measures, contact the Utility Division at 847.279.6900.



Rain barrels are containers that collect and store rainwater from rooftops via downspouts that would otherwise be lost to storm drains, creeks

and rivers. Because it does not contain minerals, chlorine, fluoride or other chemicals, the stored rainwater in barrels provides a supply of water that is ideal for gardens, potted plants/flowers, lawns, and even bicycle and car washing. Rain barrels reduce storm water pollution and conserve water.

As part of their ongoing water conservation program, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has rain barrels for sale for \$51.00 each. There is a limit of two (2) barrels per household. MWRD only accepts orders that are placed on their website and purchased with a credit card. No cash or check sales at pick-up locations will be permitted. There are also no returns or exchanges. Rain barrels have a capacity of 55 gallons, with diameter at approximately 21 inches and height approximately 34 inches. Colors include blue, black, terra cotta and gray.

Residents are required to print their receipt when purchasing their rain barrel online and bring their receipt and a vehicle to pick-up locations. Rain barrels can be picked up at one of four MWRD plant locations during designated days and hours. To receive more information on MWRD's rain barrel program and to order a rain barrel, please visit www.mwrdd.org and follow the link for rain barrels. Residents are reminded to please keep barrels hidden or camouflaged (behind bushes, etc.) if possible and to keep them along the side or rear of lots.

Emerald Ash Borer Season

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a destructive, non-native insect that can be found only in Ash trees. As an adult, it is a small metallic-green beetle about a 1/2 inch long and 1/8 inch wide and can fly at least 1/2 mile from the tree where it emerges. Its larvae burrow into the bark of Ash trees, causing the tree to starve and eventually die. Signs that an Ash tree could possibly be infested by an EAB include thinning of the tree's top canopy, sprouts from the trunk after the upper portion of the tree is deceased, or "D" shaped holes in the bark (roughly 1/8 inch in diameter).

The Village is closely monitoring parkway Ash trees for the presence of the EAB. If you suspect that a parkway tree is infested, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.279.6900. For more information on the EAB, visit www.IllinoisEAB.com.

Village Capital Improvement Projects

The **Water Main Replacement Program** is scheduled to begin in early May with substantial completion slated for September. Streets affected are: Beverly Drive, Woodland Drive, Pebble Drive and Wilshire Drive.

Cook County Projects

The Cook County Department of Highways announced their plan to resurface Wheeling Road from Camp McDonald Road to Palatine Road and Willow Road from Schoenbeck Road to Wheeling Road. This project is anticipated to begin this spring.

IDOT Projects

The Illinois Department of Transportation **Dundee Road Bridge Replacement** (over Buffalo Creek) Project is anticipated to begin this spring, currently with an established completion date of October 31, 2011. During much of this project, Dundee Road will be reduced from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction.

Floods are no Myth; Be Prepared for the Unexpected

Discounts on homeowner flood insurance premiums are just one of the many benefits residents enjoy as a result of Wheeling's proactive approach to flood hazard damage reduction. A 33-year member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Wheeling has joined a national effort to minimize property damage in cases of flooding and provide affordable flood insurance to all homeowners, whether or not they are located in or near a flood plain. As part of its NFIP commitment, the Village provides a range of information on flooding potential, prevention, safety, and other issues. For more information about the National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance, call 1.800.427.4661. Copies of the recently revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) can be reviewed at the Community Development Department and Indian Trails Public Library.

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD POTENTIAL

The Village's proximity to waterways such as the Des Plaines River, Buffalo Creek and McDonald Creek tributaries adds scenic charm to historic Wheeling. Unfortunately, those same waterways raise the hazard of flooding during heavy rains. Standard homeowners insurance does not cover flooding. Through the 1960s, private insurance company rates on flood insurance were prohibitively high. These excessively high prices made it almost impossible to carry flood insurance. The NFIP, formed in 1968, is designed to subsidize the cost of flood insurance to member communities, qualify them to receive disaster relief and establish minimum national standards to reduce flood losses.

HIGH CRS RATING

One of eight inaugural NFIP communities in Illinois, Wheeling designed programs to exceed minimum standards and optimize benefits to Village residents. In 1992, the NFIP implemented the Community Rating System (CRS) to reward efforts of communities who go beyond the basic requirements. Effective May 1, 2007, our rating was upgraded to Class 7 which provides a 15% discount on flood insurance policies for properties located within the special flood hazard area. Policies issued for properties outside this area continue to receive a 5% discount. The Village of Wheeling continues to be proactive in preventative initiatives, including:

Stream maintenance – The Village regularly inspects waterways to ensure they are clear of debris and potential obstructions. The Village recently completed a streambank stabilization and erosion control project along a portion of Buffalo Creek west of Route 83.

Regulating new construction – New buildings in the flood zone must meet requirements for elevation and flood-proofing. Village planners ensure that the new developments don't raise flood risk for neighbors in the community.

Keeping residents informed of flood risk and how to minimize impact – Flooding is not a topic the Village wants to highlight, but our residents must be aware of the potential for flooding. Tools such as this newsletter enable us to keep residents informed in the event of flooding.

DEVELOPMENT REGULATED

Development of any type within special flood hazard areas is strictly regulated. In order to construct a building or addition, perform any grading or fill any other type of construction in these areas, a 'floodplain development permit' must be obtained. This permit is issued in conjunction with other construction permits to assure that the new construction will not be susceptible to flood damage or cause increased flood damage potential to neighboring properties. Floodplain development regulations can be found on the Village website at www.wheelingil.gov in Title 22 of the Municipal Code which can be found under Reference Desk on the Home Page or by contacting the Community Development Department at 847.459.2620.

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

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

To flood-proof a structure, start by elevating or relocating electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers to areas least likely to be flooded. Install basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves. Consider erecting interior flood walls around utilities. Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home if flooding is likely. Keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. More Flood Protection Information is available from FEMA through a link from the Home Page of the Village of Wheeling website at www.wheelingil.gov. Information is also available for review at the Indian Trails Public Library.

PERSONAL SAFETY

During periods of high water, stay out of the basement where breaker boxes and electrical wiring present the risk of shock. If you know high water is imminent, shut off electricity, gas and water. Keep your family together and make sure everyone has identification. Move everyone, including pets, to high ground. Rescue crews cannot reach you once the water becomes 2 ft deep. Don't drive across flooded roads where your vehicle could stall. Flowing water above your knees can generate dangerous currents. Avoid walking through it.

VILLAGE MONITORS RISING WATER LEVELS

When heavy rains strike, the Village monitors rising water levels with gauges strategically located throughout the Village. Comparing data with historic records, the Village can predict areas of potential flooding. In the event of a flooding situation, Village staff is mobilized to notify people in affected areas. In some situations, notification may be made by phone. Road closure information is available from radio stations.

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

HUMAN SERVICES



Pavilion Senior Center * 199 N. First St. * 847.459.2670

The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center, part of the Senior Services Division of the Department of Human Services, announces a few of the many programs offered to area older adults. Anyone 55 years and better is welcome to join the activities, or volunteer services to share their talents with others.

Lunch at Pavilion

Join us for a great meal and great friends at the LUNCH AT PAVILION. New menu selections, restaurant atmosphere, table service—you can't beat it!! The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center hosts meal service for anyone 60 years and better. A nutritionally balanced lunch is served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Reservations are needed. Social activities and informational programs are included as part of this program. Each diner will receive written information regarding the cost of the meal and will have the opportunity to contribute toward part or all of the cost. **NEW MENU BEGINNING IN MAY! FRIDAY SOUP AND SALAD!** Funds for this program are provided by an award from AgeOptions through the Illinois Department on Aging and Federal Administration on Aging. Meals provided by the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center. For more information regarding how to register or volunteer, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask for Liz.

Wheeling Computer Learning Center for Seniors

Do you have a digital camera but don't know how to get the pictures off of it?

Do you want to keep in touch with your grandchildren through Facebook or email, but don't know where to start?

Do you want to learn how to really get the most out of your smartphone or iPhone?

Have you never touched a computer, but would like to try?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then the Wheeling Computer Learning Center for Seniors is for you. **NEW SESSIONS BEGIN MONTHLY!** Call the Pavilion Senior Center for the latest information regarding class offerings and schedules.

Celebrate Your Big Day With Us!

The Village of Wheeling Senior Citizen Commission and the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center will once again be hosting the 50+ Wedding Anniversary and the 90+ Birthday Party. If you are celebrating 50 years or more of marriage or you are 90 years or older this year, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center to let us know. We would love to celebrate these very important milestones with you! Our party will include a wonderful lunch and great entertainment. The joint celebration will be in May so call to register soon at 847.459.2670. You must be a Wheeling resident or member of Pavilion to attend.

Senior Celebration Day!

Senior Celebration Day will be held this year at Arlington Park Racecourse on May 11th from 11:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Admission is free but you will need a ticket. You can pick up your free ticket at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center. All seniors are invited to this fun and educational event! For more information all 847.459.2670.

Social Services Division

The Social Services Division offers many services to needy residents of the Village of Wheeling. The Division offers assessment, case management, community linkage/information and referral, crisis intervention, court advocacy, short-term counseling, tangible and basic needs, and victim services. Support Groups are also available. The Social Services Division has three professional social workers who work closely with the Police and Fire Departments as well as the schools and community agencies to serve the residents of the Village of Wheeling. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the Human Services Department Social Services Division at 847.459.2606. The Social Services Division would like to invite you to take advantage of the many services and great information available.

Show You C.A.R.E.

C.A.R.E., Community Assisted Relief Efforts, is a group of community volunteers trained and prepared to assist victims of disasters with shelter and comfort. Volunteers are trained in Red Cross Shelter Operations, CPR/AED/First Aid, and emergency procedures. C.A.R.E. is a group partnership between the Wheeling Police, Fire, and Human Services Departments. An application process is necessary to join and volunteers are needed. Training is provided. If you are interested in hearing more about C.A.R.E., please contact Angela Burrell at 847.459.2640. Help out your community and learn some new skills!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Dine Global Give Local Campaign a Success!

Congratulations to all who participated in the Wheeling/Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce's Dine Global Give Local 2011! Your efforts raised over 1,400 lbs. of needed non-perishable food and cash donations for the St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry which will be used to feed your neighboring families in need.

For the second year in a row, Edwardo's Pizza received the most food donations by collecting 275 lbs., followed closely by Market Square Restaurant with 215 lbs. and Rise n' Dine Pancake Café with 190 lbs. of non-perishable food donations.

According to pantry representative Dave Vogel, "The restaurants had a wonderful response and we are thankful for their participation and contributions to our community. Their patrons should be congratulated for their unselfish assistance to those in need and we want them to know that the recipients of their generosity are grateful."

Many thanks to everyone who took part in this community effort, including:



Allgauer's on the Riverfront	Lynfred Winery	RT Lounge
Bob Chinn's Crab House	Market Square Restaurant	Superdawg Drive-In
Buca di Beppo	Nibbles Play Café	Tramonto's Steak & Seafood
Edwardo's Natural Pizza	The Ram Restaurant & Brewery	Tuscany
Golden Chef	Rise n' Dine Pancake Café	Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza

School Zone Safety Reminder

With warmer weather, more children walk to and from school. The Wheeling Police want you to be aware of the following:

•**School Zones:** The speed limit in all Wheeling school zones is 20 miles per hour. "School Days" are defined as 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. on days when school is in session and children are present on the sidewalks or in the area. Fines for first offenders are a minimum of \$150.

•**Stopping for loading and unloading school buses:** Illinois law requires that drivers stop and not pass school buses that have their red lights flashing with the stop sign arm extended. Vehicles that are in oncoming traffic in relation to a stopped school bus on a four lane roadway are not required to stop. First offenders are subject to a mandatory minimum fine of \$150, are not eligible for court supervision, and will have their driver's license suspended for a period of 3 months.

•**Disobeying a crossing guard:** Illinois law makes disobeying a Crossing Guard a moving violation. A court appearance by the violator is required. The minimum fine is \$150.

•**Cellular phones:** Cellular phone use in school zones is prohibited by state law, except in emergencies (for example when calling the police, fire or ambulance). Cellular phones may be used in "hands free" mode in school zones. Cellular phones also are illegal to use in a construction work zone.

•**Texting while driving:** Texting while driving is prohibited at all times throughout the state of Illinois. The law defines texting as "electronic mail, a text message, an instant message or a command or request to access an internet site."

Homebuyers Assistance Program

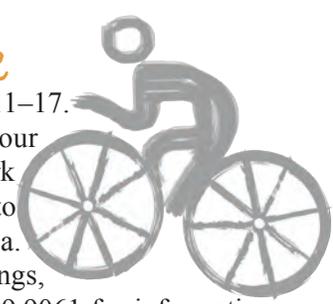
The Village of Wheeling, in association with a number of Illinois communities, now offers a way for you to get a home of your own through their sponsorship of the Assist Program, a first-time home buyer's down payment assistance program. For more program information, please visit: <http://www.wheelingil.gov/ReferenceDesk/AssistFirstTimeHomeownersProgram.pdf> or call 847.459.2605.

Annual Hydrant Flushing

This year's annual hydrant flushing program will begin May 1st and run through May 16th. Residents are reminded during this period that you should check your water prior to doing laundry for any discoloration that may be taking place during the time flushing is being done in your area. Should you have questions or concerns on the day your area is scheduled for flushing please call the Department of Public Works at 847.279.6900

Bike to Work Week

Bike to Work Week takes place June 11-17. Visit www.activetrans.org to sign your workplace up for the annual Bike to Work Challenge. You can also volunteer to work at Bike Pit Stops in the area. Contact Village Planner Andrew Jennings, at ajennings@wheelingil.gov or 847.499.9061 for information about local efforts through the Wheeling Bike & Pedestrian Task Force.



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