



Wheeling Illustrated

New Village Hall receives green light,
first shovel hits the dirt

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From The Editor



Greetings and Salutations,
Welcome to the first edition of the new and improved Village of Wheeling newsletter, *Wheeling Illustrated*. Over the years the Village has attempted to create and distribute a communications vehicle that would actually be useful, if not educational to our residents. Obviously, it is sometimes a bit of a chore to describe with any excitement and/or literary flair the Village's tree ordinance or come up with a fresh way to ask residents to shovel the snow on their sidewalks. Therefore, and after much creative consideration, the editorial staff has attempted to create a more visually appealing info-magazine while still providing valuable information. Throughout 2008 we will be utilizing more artwork, profiling more people, not just the projects they work on, and, in general, try to produce a higher quality piece of literature. We hope you like the changes.

-----*James Lang*



The Clerk's Corner

(Editorial admission: This picturesque and festive street corner does not actually belong to the Village Clerk)

REMEMBER WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

The Pig Roast fund raiser held September 8, 2007 for the Burn Camp was a great success with the biggest turn out yet. This fundraiser should allow at least twelve children the opportunity to take advantage of this wonderful camp where they will not feel self-conscious of any burns they may have. Again thank you to everyone who participated.

REMINDER

Jeff Kopper is our Street Division Supervisor. Let's make Jeff and his crew's lives a little easier, as well as those of your fellow residents, by NOT RAKING LEAVES INTO THE STREET. This clogs up the sewers and if we have a heavy rain the streets will flood. Just a gentle reminder.

Bothered by solicitors? We have "NO SOLICITOR" signs available at the Village Hall.

LIGHTING OF LIGHTS:

At 6:00 pm Sunday November 25th Mr. & Mrs. Claus will appear at Friendship Park at the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue for the lighting of the lights. There will also be plenty of Cookies and Hot Chocolate for everyone to enjoy.

LOLLIPOP LANE

Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be arriving by sleigh to open Lollipop Lane on Saturday, December 1st. The parade will start at Route 83 and Dundee Road at 1:30 pm. Proceed down Dundee Road to Wolf Road and then to Chamber Park. Lollipop Lane will be open from 1p.m. until 5p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Monday through Friday it will be open from 6:30 to 8:30. Lollipop Lane closes on Sunday December 9th at 5p.m. For further information please call Elaine Simpson at 847-541-8692.



Judy
Abruscato



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Argiris



Ken
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Bob
Heer



Mike
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Pat
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Elaine
Simpson



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

After a landmark deal between the Village of Wheeling and Wheeling Park District, it's official;

'Let's Move Some Dirt.'

The construction clock officially started at 6 p.m., October 15, 2007 when the Village President, Clerk and Board of Trustees angled their shovels into the dirt and turned the first sod. According to Village officials the doors should open in early 2009.

The Village Board unanimously voted to guarantee a maximum price to the project's construction manager, W.B. Olson Inc. at a special meeting October 1. Olson is not only the construction manager, but will also be performing the actual construction.

"This is a great day for the Village of Wheeling," said President Judy Abruscato. "This facility will not only be a source of great pride for the men and women who will work within its walls, but also for each and every resident in the Village."

According to Village Manager Mark Rooney, bids for construction came in below estimates and that



the cost of the 53,872-square-foot building will be approximately \$255 per square foot.

"The maximum price for construction is \$16.7 million minus road and traffic signal improvements, furniture and equipment," Rooney said. "Olson is responsible for any amount that exceeds what the Board of Trustees approved so obviously they will be paying close attention throughout the construction cycle to ensure they stay within budget."



Northeast view of the new municipal building, respectively.



Northwest views of the new municipal building, respectively.



"Ground Breaking
From left to right, Ken Brady, Pat Horcher, Mike Horcher, Judy Abruscato, Elaine Simpson, Bob Heer and Dean Argiris turn the first shovels of dirt on the municipal campus"



Community Takes A Stand Against Crime

Saturday, September 22nd saw the first ever Neighborhood Watch picnic in the Colonial Town homes subdivision, located at Rt. 83 and McHenry Rd.

Acting Village President Judy Abruscato was present, and the police department was represented by Chief John Stone, Deputy Chief William Benson and many other officers that showed up to stand strong with residents hungering for change. "It was an overwhelming success," said Deputy Chief William Benson. "I was really impressed with the Colonial community participation." One of the attendees told Crime Prevention Officer Scott Laverd, "This is the first time I'm meeting my neighbors. This is really cool!" This attitude of caring and sacrifice as well as the fact that so many residents showed up was what helped to make the event so positive and unique.

Wheeling Police Chief John Stone told the group that the picnic was the first step to turning Colonial around. Laverd told attendees that the police can't do it alone. "We need your help. You have a responsibility to make Colonial a better place to live, and we will be there to help you every step of the way."

If you have any questions or want to start a Neighborhood Watch in your area, please contact Officer Laverd at 847-459-2994.



Left to Right: Sgt. Vic Chirio, Officer James Borchardt, Officer Jim Elwart, Officer Dennis Bulanda, Cpl. Paul Smith, Sgt. Mike Porzycki

Wheeling Police Officers receive recognition from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for their dedication and contribution in the area of DUI Enforcement. The Village of Wheeling would like to take a moment and compliment Officer's Borchardt, Bulanda and Elwart on receiving A.A.I.M's Top Cop Award for their dedication and enforcement in the area of DUI arrest. On Saturday night prior to our Roadside Safety Check these officers were awarded their certificates of appreciation in front of their fellow peers. The Village would also like to thank their supervisors who support their efforts in the area of DUI Enforcement.

Parent-Teen Seminar on New Driver Laws

For many young drivers and their parents the current teen driver laws may seem overwhelming. Starting January 1, 2008 they may feel even more confused as extensive new restrictions recently enacted by the State legislature go into effect. In order to help residents better understand these new laws, the Wheeling Police Department will be hosting a unique, first of its kind seminar for both teen drivers and their parents beginning at 7:30 p.m. November 14, 2007 in Village Hall Council Chambers, 255 W. Dundee Road. Parents and teens with current licenses or those expecting to get a license soon are invited to attend.

For additional information or to reserve a space to attend, contact Sergeant Panagakis of the Wheeling Police Department Traffic Enforcement Unit at 847-459-2649. Space for this seminar is limited to the first 75 callers so please contact Sergeant Panagakis as soon as possible if you wish to attend this important program.

Turkey Fryers Avoiding Serious Injury or Death

On August 26, 2007, a small child was playing on the driveway of his home here in Wheeling, while at the same time family members were preparing to cook with a deep fat fryer (commonly referred to as a "turkey fryer") on their driveway too. The child accidentally came in contact with the deep fat fryer and the hot contents of the fryer spilled over the child's body and the child received almost 75% second and third degree burns. Despite the efforts of the Wheeling Fire Department paramedics, the Flight for Life medical helicopter crew, and the staff at the Loyola Medical Center Burn Unit, the child passed away several days later from complications caused by his burns. This very unfortunate incident highlights just one of the major dangers associated with portable deep fat fryers. With the up coming holiday season, many individuals will be using these devices to prepare their turkeys and other holiday foods. It is important to use extreme caution when using these types of appliances:

- Only an adult should use a deep fat fryer.
- Have a multi-purpose, dry chemical fire extinguisher nearby.
- When cooking, use insulated oven mitts or potholders, as well as safety glasses or a face shield.
- Do not overfill the deep fat fryer with oil – follow the manufacturer's operating instructions completely.
- Keep everyone (including pets) a minimum of ten (10) feet away from the deep fat fryer once it is started and until the unit has fully cooled down (usually eight (8) or more hours) after use.
- Deep fat fryers should be placed on level ground (not a wood porch or deck) a minimum of ten (10) feet from your home, porch, and garage.
- If the deep fat fryer is fueled by propane gas, keep the propane tank as far away as possible from the cooking unit, usually the length of the gas supply line to the cooking unit.
- Make sure any food (particularly turkey) is fully thawed before cooking.

REMINDER

As Winter approaches, many homeowners move their home improvement plans indoors. Don't forget to get your permit first! Work completed with a permit in the Village of Wheeling includes code-mandated inspections that can provide additional assurance to a homeowner that mechanical connections and ventilation have been made properly – critical during the Winter heating months.

Our hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with extended hours on Wednesday evening until 7:00 p.m.

Inspections are available Monday through Friday starting as early as 7:15 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. with extended hours until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. To schedule inspections call (847) 459-2620.

The Village of Wheeling has an exclusive contract with Waste Management for all waste hauling within the Village, including construction debris. Waste Management is the only waste hauler that you are permitted to use in the Village. To schedule a dumpster for your project, call 1-800-796-9696.

As summer draws to a close, Engineering would like to remind residents and local business owners not to forget permits that may be required for their Fall projects!

Types of work that require permits from the Engineering Department are: driveways, patios, sidewalks, parking lots, commercial and industrial sewer and water repairs, soil borings and monitoring wells. If you have any questions as to whether a permit is necessary for your improvement, please contact the Engineering Department Monday thru Friday at 847-459-2985 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Protect Water Lines from Freezing

Water expands as it freezes therefore placing great pressure on anything that contains it, such as metal or plastic pipes. Expanding water can cause pipes found in basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages and kitchen cabinets, to break. Also, pipes running against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are vulnerable to freezing. Some precautions residents can take are:



- *Sealing cracks in doors, windows and foundations. Small openings that consistently bring cold air can quickly freeze pipes.
- *Opening cabinets and closets that contain water lines to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing.
- *Allowing cold water to drip or trickle through faucets. Dripping water prevents pipes from freezing since the temperature of the water running through it is above freezing.
- *Checking pipe insulation periodically to make sure it is dry.
- *Considering installing pipe insulation.
- *If going away during the cold weather, residents should keep temperatures no lower than 55F.

Your Tax Dollars At Work

Pictured below are the before and after photographs of the newly reconstructed Cornell Avenue Dam Rehabilitation Project. This project slip-lined the three existing deteriorated corrugated metal arch pipe culverts which were becoming structurally unsound to carry future traffic loading. This project was started in late summer of 2006 and was completed in June of 2007.



Some additional projects coming to a successful completion this year:

The 2007 Water Main Replacement Program

project entailed the replacement of nearly one (1) mile of 8" watermain with 10" diameter main in the Hollywood Ridge Subdivision.

The 2007 MFT Street Improvement Program

project included resurfacing nearly 3.5 miles of streets in the Lexington Commons, Kingsport Village North, Longtree, and Malibu Subdivisions.



The 2007 Removal and Replacement Sidewalk Program is the Villages ongoing effort to ensure sidewalks throughout the Village are maintained and are safe for pedestrian use.

The Wheeling Road MFT Pavement Patching Project involved Portland cement concrete pavement patching of approximately 5,907 Square yards, shortening of two center islands medians, concrete curb replacement, pavement marking painting, and sod restoration.

The 2007 New Public Sidewalk Program will be targeting four locations: Highland Avenue, both sides of 9th Street south of Strong Avenue, north side Hintz Road starting from River Walk Drive east to the existing River Mills Crossing Development sidewalk, in front of the existing Village Hall site east across Saint Joseph the Worker Church's frontage all the way to Buffalo Creek.

These are only a few of the major capital improvement projects the Village's Public Works, Engineering Division undertakes on a yearly basis; from project design through the permit and bidding process, to construction inspection/management to the projects final completion these tasks are almost entirely completed by the Village's in house engineering staff. For a complete listing of infrastructure improvement projects that the Village undertakes yearly, visit the Village of Wheeling Web site at: <http://www.wheelingil.gov>



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.

Men & Women are invited to the November Men's Breakfast

Friday November 9 9AM

Fee \$3 for members, \$5 for non members

FREE FOR VETERAN MEN AND WOMEN

A buffet of eggs, sausage, blueberry pancakes, coffee cake, fresh fruit, broccoli, coffee and juice will be followed by a presentation by Caryl Derenfeld on the World War II Memorial in Washington DC. Advanced registration is required call 847-459-2670.

The Needs of the Elderly Hearing Public Forum by AgeOptions

Tuesday, November 13 9:30 am – 11:30

AgeOptions, an area agency on aging, is holding a hearing at Pavilion to better understand how they can best serve the older adults in our community.

Come and tell them:

- What issues are most important to you
- What you need to plan for your future
- What's on your mind

Who should attend: Older adults and others, including family caregivers, senior service agencies and advocates, who want to help ensure that programs and options are available to meet the needs of the aging.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Thursday, November 15 12-2

Fee \$9 members \$14 nonmembers

Join us for a traditional thanksgiving luncheon catered by Market Square. After the meal you will be treated to some very special entertainment of Chuck Drager. Advanced registration is required – call 847-459-2670.

New Year's Party

December 31 1 PM

Fee \$5

Join us and celebrate the beginning of the New Year. We're having an assortment of delicious hors d'oeuvres, sparkling punch, and lively entertainment. Seating is limited so reserve your place today. Advanced registration is required – call 847-459-2670.

Benefits Check Up

Call 847-459-2670 ext 4505 for an appointment

You may be eligible for benefits ranging from health coverage to supplemental income to help paying utility bills. The Benefits Check Up is a program by the National Council on the Aging designed to help seniors, their families and caregivers find the right benefit programs to meet their needs. Our social worker, Jan Christiansen, MSW, is available by appointment to work with Wheeling senior citizens on this program.

SeniorNet - Seniors Teaching Seniors Computer Skills

SeniorNet has grown from a small research project in 1986 to an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit organization serving tens of thousands of members, from computer novices to experienced users. Learning centers offer a friendly, inexpensive and low pressure environment in which to learn to use computers, share experiences and expertise. Wheeling is fortunate to have a learning center conveniently located in the Pavilion Senior Center, 199 N. First Street. Registration is on going. The next session will begin at the end of October. Call 847-459-2666 x4131 for more information.



Harley Halleck, SeniorNet Coordinator and volunteer teacher, said, "Helping people overcome their fear of computers is very rewarding." He hopes more people take advantage of this great program.

"SeniorNet is the first nationwide program to help older persons join the telecommunications revolution...an electronic senior center online." - AARP Bulletin

Community Awareness Education Forum:

Free Hugs at Pavilion for ADULTS

Need a hug? Everyone does. Jan Christiansen, MSW, will discuss what a hug is and the feelings that a hug gives, from 1 to 2 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, December 4th at the Pavilion Senior Center, 199 N. First Street. Jan will also discuss the steps, tips and warnings of how to hug. A great time will be had by ALL. For more information on this and other programs hosted by the Senior Pavilion Center, call 847-459-2670.



Parties & Trips through the Wheeling Park District

Horseshoe Casino Trip – Code 5064

Thursday, November 8 9:45 am - 5pm Fee \$30

A Fireside Christmas – Code 5062

Thursday, November 29 9 am - 5:30 pm Fee \$80

Holiday Party – Code 5065

Thursday December 13 11:30 AM Fee \$24

Sign up at Pavilion Senior Center or the Wheeling Park District.

Relocation of the Village Departments

During construction of the new Village Hall, several Village departments will have temporary homes. Engineering, Community Development - including the Building, Health and Planning Divisions - and Economic Development have joined the Public Works Department at 233 W. Hintz Road; one block west of the railroad tracks on the south side of the street. With the move, the Engineering Department becomes part of the Public Works and Community Development Departments. This reorganization will enhance the overall efficiency of the Village as it brings each of the 'community-project' departments together under one roof. The move will be short-lived, as the Community Development Department, including Economic Development & Engineering, will relocate to its permanent home within the new municipal complex once construction has been completed.

In addition, the internal reorganization has resulted in several position changes over the last several months. Congratulations to the following individuals on their recent promotions:

Jon Sfondilis – Assistant Village Manager
Tony Stavros – Director of Public Works
Jim Kelly – Community Development Director
Dan Ozanich – Director of Special Projects

Holiday Refuse and Recycling Reminder!

In observance of Thanksgiving, November 22, 2007, and Christmas Day, December 25, 2007, refuse and recycling collections will be delayed by one day.

Last Day for Yard Waste Collections!

Yard waste will be collected until November 30th. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable Kraft paper bags (maximum 33 gallons and 45 pounds) for appropriate collections. Plastic bags will not be collected. Brush must be bundled and tied with biodegradable twine or string. Branches must not be longer than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter, and weigh over 45 pounds.



Save the Date

Lighting of the



Sunday, November 25, 2007

6:00pm - Songs of the Season

6:30pm - Lighting of the Lights

6:35pm - Santa & Mrs. Claus

**BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY!**

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.

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.



Mark Your Calendar for the 6th Annual

"Putting on the Ritz with Restaurant Row"

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

5:30 pm-8:30 pm

Westin Chicago North Shore

601 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling

Cost: Only \$25 per person for those paying in advance;

\$30 per person at the door

- Sample signature dishes & beverages from the members of the Restaurant Row Hospitality Group
- Take part in the \$1000 Champagne/Diamond Raffle
- Bid on items in the silent and live auctions
- Purchase restaurant/hotel gift certificates for the gift-giving season
- Enjoy live music by a local 3-piece jazz band

For more information and to join our mailing list, contact the Wheeling/Prospect Heights Area Chamber Commerce, 395 E. Dundee Road, Suite 300, Wheeling, IL 60090: www.wphchamber.com
Phone: 847-541-0170 Fax: 847-541-0296 Email: info@wphchamber.com

Wheeling Community Blood Drive

The Village of Wheeling will be hosting a blood drive November 14, 2007 at the Fire Station on Dundee Road adjacent to the Village Hall. The drive will run from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

You may not truly realize it when you make your donation, but the blood you give today will be there to help someone's life tomorrow. In turn, if you ever require blood transfusions at some time in your life (and 50% of us will), it will be there for you because someone donated to save yours.

Appointments are greatly appreciated for our blood drive. Appointments start at 2:00 p.m. For appointments please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847-459-2621 or email her at bslaby@wheelingil.gov Walk-ins are always welcomed! We look forward to seeing you at our blood drive.

Village of Wheeling

255 W. Dundee Road ~ Wheeling, IL 60090

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

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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
Village President Judy Abruscato	847-541-8783
Village Clerk Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
Village Manager Mark Rooney	847-459-2606

911

Trustees

Robert Heer: 847-541-4274	Michael Horcher: 847-541-3276
Dean Argiris: 847-845-6990	Patrick Horcher: 847-331-4234
Ken Brady: 847-537-8642	

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

**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

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