



President Judy
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Village President Recounts Recent Village Accomplishments

New Public Works Building Open for Business

On Monday, October 13th, the Public Works Department officially opened the doors of their new facility at 77 W. Hintz Road. The new 150,000+ square foot building houses all divisions of Public Works including Capital Projects, Fleet Services, Forestry, Streets, Utility and

Building Services. The completion of the new building in time for winter means that all Village Public Works vehicles are capable of fitting indoors and are easily accessible when needed for snow plowing. Along with the new building also comes a new salt dome with a 2,300+ ton salt capacity. The new building is not only located at a new address but also has received a new phone number. The main number for reaching Public Works regarding snow plowing, water main breaks, flooding, street light maintenance, street repairs, forestry, water quality and other related issues is 847.279.6900.



New Public Works Facility at 77 W. Hintz Rd.

Wheeling Food Drive a Success

The Village of Wheeling in conjunction with United Way recently completed a week-long food drive in which 1,135.6 pounds of food were collected. Food ranged from canned goods (soups, fruit, tuna, etc.) to instant mixes, boxed rice, boxed macaroni, etc. All food was contributed to local Wheeling food pantries. My appreciation goes out to all those who generously opened their hearts, wallets and cupboards for this cause.

2010 Census Complete Count Committee

In preparation of the 2010 census, the Village has created a Complete Count committee which will help ensure that all of our Wheeling residents get counted. This group will be reaching out to residents by using community centers such as the Pavilion Senior Center, Village Hall, Park District, and Indian Trails Public Library as outreach centers to help residents complete their census forms. We encourage all residents to participate in this important event and cooperate with local census takers, since a correct population count directly effects how federal dollars are distributed. If all of our residents are not counted, less funds will be available to fund services for Wheeling residents.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Village Clerk, we wish you and your family a healthy and happy holiday season!

NEW PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

As of October 13, 2009, the Public Works Department is located at 77 W. Hintz Road, Wheeling, Il. 60090. The new telephone number is 847.279.6900.

WELCOME TO WHEELING

Village Board Highlights

Recent Village Board Actions

View Board meetings on Comcast Channel 17, AT&T (U-Verse) Channel 99

Proclaimed

- Tool King, Inc - 25 Years in Wheeling
- V & L Enterprises - 25 years in Wheeling
- Rotary Club - 50th Anniversary
- Live United Week, September 20 - 26, 2009
- September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Watch all Village Board meetings as well as Plan Commission meetings on demand at www.wheelingil.gov

Approved/Authorized

- Proposal from Pavin-Clauss Sign Company Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of a Reader Board
- Site Plan - Building Appearance Approval of a Building Addition and Modifications to the Building Facade of the Police Department Building at 1 Community Boulevard
- Special Use to Allow Package Liquor Sales in an Existing Grocery/Convenience Store at 11 W. Dundee Road
- Final Plat of Fire Station No. 24 Subdivision (known as 499 S. Milwaukee Avenue)
- A Grant Agreement Regarding Congregate Meals at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center
- Proposal from Camburas & Theodore for Services Related to the Design and Execution of a Design Feature at the Southwest Corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road
- Agreement with Nice Systems (formerly Dictaphone) to Upgrade the Wheeling Police Department's 911 Call Logging System
- A Phase III, Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation with Strand Associates, Inc. for the Replacement of the Hawthorne School Bridge
- Recertification for the Community Rating System
- Amending Title 12, Chapter 12.20 of the Wheeling Municipal Code Regarding Prohibition and Removal of Nuisance Weeds, Grass, Bushes, Trees and Other Vegetation
- Special Use for a Carry-Out/Delivery Restaurant - 1065 Lake Cook Road, Lexington Commons Plaza
- Site Plan and Building Appearance Approval to Construct a New 6-Unit, 3-Story Apartment Building (268 7th Street)
- Amending Chapter 4.32 of the Municipal Code - "Alcoholic Liquor Dealers," Sections 4.32.080, 4.32.085 and 4.32.200 and Chapter 4.08 of the Municipal Code - "Licenses and Permits," Specifically Section 4.08.140

Welcome new Wheeling businesses!

Best Value Food Mart
820 S. Wheeling Road
Food mart & deli

Brown Packaging Inc.
466 Diens Drive
Packaging & shipping supplies

Concrete Raising of IL
400 Mercantile Court
Concrete leveling

Gar's Full Service Salon
270 McHenry Road
Beauty salon

House of Bread
1762 W. Hintz Road
Wholesale bakery

Mueble Ria Tercero
23 W. Dundee Road
Retail furniture store

The Crack Team
400 Mercantile Court
Foundation repair

Windy City Linen
787 Glenn Avenue
Party linen rental

These businesses have relocated:

Accu-Fab Inc.
to 1550-1552 Abbott Drive

Accurate Care, Inc.
to 350 E. Dundee Road

RW Welding Inc.
to 1552 Abbott Drive



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The Village of Wheeling President and Board of Trustees

WELCOME TO WHEELING

The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk,
Elaine Simpson

REMEMBER - WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU



Join the Village of Wheeling in ushering in the holiday season with a holiday kick off party to take place at the Village Hall, located at 2 Community Blvd., on Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be greeting children and their families in the lobby with hot chocolate and cookies to be served in the kitchen, the Wheeling High School Madrigals will

serenade residents with holiday songs and the holiday lights will be switched on to officially mark the beginning of the season. We hope to see you and your family there!

The annual Lollipop Lane sponsored by the Wheeling Historical Society will kick off on Saturday, December 5th and will go through Sunday, December 13th. This is a magical place for children and they can even have their picture taken with Santa for free. If you have never been to Lollipop Lane at Chamber Park please come this year.

When shopping for holiday gifts or food, please remember our local businesses in town. If you are looking for a particular type of business in town, you can always call the Village Hall at 847.459.2600 for help.

Happy holidays!

Health Happenings



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

Holiday Health Tips

The holiday season is here again! How can we avoid putting on extra weight while having a good time? The following are some holiday eating tips so that you can still look good and be healthy in January without having to deprive yourself of all the tasty treats.



- Don't go hungry to a party – we often eat faster and more when we are hungry, therefore eat a wholesome breakfast and lunch on the day to avoid overeating at the party.
- Watch your portion – treat yourself to a nice drink, dessert, chocolate or sweets without guilt but always watch your portions; go for small portions. This way you can sample many different foods. Moderation is always the key.
- Make a conscious choice to limit high fat items – high fat content can be found in fried foods, cream-based soups, cheese filled casseroles, pies, processed meats such as salami and sausages, some pastries and baked goods.
- Try different versions of egg nog – traditional egg nog is usually made with egg yolk and thick cream. Find low fat egg nog recipes on line. There are several low fat egg nogs available at your grocery, you can even find soy nog!
- Try other versions of alcohol – instead of beer and cider, try dry wine or spirits with diet mixer, which have fewer calories.
- Drink plenty of water – alcohol and coffee can dehydrate your body.
- Physical activity – take a nice brisk walk with your loved ones and enjoy their company in the holiday season.

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS



Donating to the Wheeling Police Department

We receive many inquiries from residents stating they have received calls from the Wheeling Police Department soliciting donations. We do not do this. However, the union the police department membership belongs to does, and they sometimes state they are calling on our behalf when they should say they are calling on the union's behalf. Remember, the callers are "dialing for dollars" and some will bend the truth in order to make the sale and get your donation. More importantly, if you've donated in the past, they have you on a call-back list and will be less likely to take no for an answer. The best advice is to simply say "No, thank you" and hang up. If you have any questions, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 847.459.2994.



We Need Your Assistance

With almost 1,500 fire hydrants in the Village, it is impossible for the Fire and Public Works Departments to clear all of them off after a major snow storm since these departments are providing other essential services to the community. Fire hydrants that are buried under the snow or blocked by piles of snow may result in the Fire Department not being able to find them during an emergency. This causes delay in firefighting operations and can result in additional property loss or endangerment of residents. We need your help in keeping fire hydrants ready and accessible for use by the Fire Department.



- When shoveling, snow blowing, and/or snow plowing, please do not place the snow next to or around a fire hydrant. Maintain a minimum of 5 feet of clear space around all sides of the fire hydrant.

- If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home or business, please take the time to maintain the same clear space around all sides of the fire hydrant throughout the winter, as repetitive snow storms pile on the snow.

If you notice a damaged or leaking fire hydrant, please call the Public Works Department at 847.279.6900 or the Fire Department at 847.459.2662.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building Permits Required

The following is a list of commonly needed building permits which are issued by the Community Development Department:

House Addition or Remodeling	Plumbing Work (call to see if permit is required)
Shed	Roofing
Garage (new or replacement)	Siding
Central Air Conditioner (new or replacement unit)	Satellite Dish (Low Voltage Electric permit is required)
Water Heater Installation (new or replacement unit)	Window or Door Replacement (if opening size will change)
Furnace (new or replacement unit)	Residential or Commercial Sewer or Water Repair
Wood Deck	Concrete Stoop (new or replacement)
Gazebo	Sidewalks (stone/paver brick/concrete)
Swimming Pool/Spa/Hot tub	Patios (new or replacement)
Fence/Dog Run	Driveways (concrete/ paver brick/ asphalt)
Alarm system (Low Voltage Electric Permit needed)	Soil Boring/Monitoring Wells
Fireplace (Masonry, Prefab and Ventless)	Site Alteration Permits
Screened Porch/3 Season Room/Porch Enclosure	Right-of-Way (Utility) Permits
Lawn Sprinkler System	Floodplain Permits
Electrical Work (call to see if permit is required)	

The Community Development office is located at 2 Community Boulevard. If you have any questions on these permits or other items not listed, please call the Community Development Department at 847.459.2620. Our hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Current adopted Village Codes with amendments can be found on our Web Site at www.wheelingil.gov

PUBLIC WORKS

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 months, residents should keep home temperatures no lower than 55F.



Last Day for Yard Waste Collections

Yard waste will be collected until November 30th. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable Kraft paper bags

or in a container clearly marked with a red "X". Bags and containers must not be larger than 33 gallons and must not exceed 45 pounds in weight. There is no limit to the number of paper bags or containers. Yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected.

Bundled brush is also collected as part of yard waste. Brush must be bundled with biodegradable twine or string. Bundles must not weigh over 45 pounds and must not exceed 2 feet in diameter. Individual branches/limbs must not exceed 4 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter. There is also no limit to the number of bundled brush.

Capital Projects Updates

The 2009 MFT Street Improvement Program has come to a successful conclusion with the contractor completing the reconstruction of Sycamore Lane, Cherrywood Drive, Anthony Road and Scott Street on schedule.

The 2009 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program started in October with the replacement of approximately 37,000 sq. ft. of deteriorated public sidewalk. Areas slated for this year's program are Arlington Club, Eastchester and the Ridgefield Subdivisions. Also included are sections of Schoenbeck Road, Hintz Road, Russetwood Court and Milwaukee Avenue.

The Phase I Buffalo Creek Streambank Stabilization Project was substantially completed in mid-August. In July the Village applied for funding of Phase II of this project. The Village should receive a decision on the application for Phase II funding sometime early in 2010.

The Hawthorne School Bridge Replacement Project has received approval to begin. This project consists of 700 feet of 10' wide asphalt shared-use path with a prefabricated pedestrian truss bridge over Buffalo Creek; the path runs adjacent to the North Suburban Library System's parking lot on the south and adjacent to the Hawthorne School's parking lot on the north. The path ultimately connects Dundee Road on the south to Glendale Street on the north. Work began the first week of October with substantial completion slated for the end of November.

In addition to the projects Wheeling Public Works has been overseeing, in the recent months the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has been working on replacement of two damaged concrete bridge decks over Palatine Road adjacent to the Canadian National railroad tracks. The process has included several road closures taking place during evening hours to minimize disruption to the motoring public. This project is scheduled to be substantially completed in November 2009.

Public Works would like to thank residents for their patience during the rigorous process required to bring the annual infrastructure projects to a successful completion. If you have any questions regarding any Capital Projects please contact the Capital Projects & Design Division of Public Works at 847.279.6900 (new phone number).

Holiday Refuse/Recycling Pick-Ups



In observance of Thanksgiving, November 26 and Christmas, December 25, refuse, recycling and landscape waste collections will be delayed by one day.

SENIOR SERVICES



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 better is welcome to join the activities or volunteer services to assist or share talents with others.

National Memory Screening Day

Wednesday, November 18th, 2009

Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center

199 N. First Street, Wheeling

Appointments available from: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

To make an appointment please call 847.459.2670 and ask for Jan Christiansen, MSW

WHO SHOULD BE SCREENED?

Memory screenings make sense for anyone concerned about memory loss or experiencing warning signs of dementia, whose family and friends have noticed changes in them, or who believe they are at risk due to a family history of Alzheimer's disease or a related illness. Screenings also are appropriate for anyone who does not have a concern right now but who wants to establish a base line score for comparison in the future. These questions might help you decide. If you answer "yes" to any of them, you might benefit from a memory screening.

- Am I becoming more forgetful?
- Do I have trouble concentrating?
- Do I have difficulty performing familiar tasks?
- Do I have trouble recalling words or names in conversation?
- Do I sometimes forget where I am?
- Have family or friends told me that I am repeating questions or saying the same thing over and over again?
- Am I misplacing things more often?
- Have I become lost when walking or driving in a familiar neighborhood?
- Have my family or friends noticed changes in my mood, behavior, personality, or desire to do things?

Note: A memory screening is not used to diagnose any particular illness and does not replace consultation with a qualified physician or other healthcare professional.

Will you be a Sno Angel?

As we begin the holiday season full of promise and hope, helping our neighbors just seems right. With the first snowfalls of winter come challenges for some Wheeling residents to keep their sidewalks clear and avoid falls. In particular, some of Wheeling's seniors need extra help in the winter keeping their driveways and sidewalks shoveled, ice-free and safe. Sno Angels is an international campaign to be good neighbors and help seniors and other neighbors in need with snow removal this winter. All you have to do to be a Sno Angel is simply adopt a senior's driveway and sidewalk this winter and keep it clear. Watch for people in your neighborhood that could use help and ask if you can lend a hand. Care for each other this winter season!

If you or your community group would like to volunteer to help others, even outside your neighborhood, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask to be part of the Sno Angel Snow Removal Program.

Congregate Dining at the Pavilion!

The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center hosts a congregate dining program for older adults 60 years and better. The program highlights the diversity of Wheeling by offering a variety of ethnic favorites as well as American standards. Services and information will be available in many languages including Spanish, Russian, Polish, Korean, and others as needed. A nutritionally balanced lunch will be served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to registered participants. Social activities and informational programs will be a part of this program as well. Each participant receives written information regarding the cost of the meal and has the opportunity to contribute to part or all of the cost of the meal. This program runs from October 2009 through September 2010. Funds for this program are provided through an award from AgeOptions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, through the Illinois Department on Aging and Federal Administration on Aging. For more information regarding how to register or volunteer, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask for Shari.

Jon Sfondilis takes over as Acting Village Manager



With the recent departure of former Village Manager, J. Mark Rooney, the Village Board has appointed Jon Sfondilis to the role of Acting Village Manager. Jon steps into the position with 17 years of experience working at Wheeling, with the last 3 of those years working directly under Mark Rooney as the Assistant Village Manager. For the interim, Sfondilis will take on all Village Manager responsibilities until the Board makes a determination concerning the position at a later date. Community Development Director Mark Janeck has been named Acting Assistant Village Manager for the interim as well.

Acting Village Manager Jon Sfondilis pictured to the left.

Wheeling Resident Honored



Police volunteer George Hieber was honored with the Illinois TRIAD Senior Volunteer of the Year Award. The award ceremony took place at the Illinois TRIAD annual conference on September 24th in Bradley, IL. The Illinois TRIAD, which consists of a partnership between the National Sheriff's Association, the International Association of the Chiefs of Police and the American Association of Retired Persons, aims to prevent crime and raise awareness of crime against senior citizens.

Pictured from left to right are: Director of Senior Services Shari Huizar; Estelle Hieber; Illinois TRIAD Chairman Jeff Hoffman; George Hieber; Officer Scott Laverd; Commander John Teevans; Commander Pete Panagakis.

Changes to Garage Sale Ordinance

The Village Board has recently approved amendments to Chapter 4.60 of the Wheeling Municipal Code concerning garage sales on residential property. The Village still does not require a permit or fee to conduct a garage sale but has limited the number of garage sales that can be held on a single residential property per year. When hosting a garage sale, please be aware of the following Village rules:

- No Village permit shall be required for a garage sale.
- Garage sales shall be permitted for three consecutive days between 8:00 a.m. and sunset of each day. Not more than three garage sales shall be conducted on the same premises within any calendar year or by the same person(s) within any calendar year.
- It is unlawful for any person to use the public sidewalk or public right-of-way for the purpose of a garage sale or to display personal property for such sale.
- The Village of Wheeling Municipal code prohibits placing signs on utility poles, fences, trees, streetlights, or traffic signals.
- Garage sale and yard sale signs are permitted in the public right-of-way on the day of sale only, from Thursday at 7:00 a.m. to Sunday at 6:00 p.m., provided that the sign is not more than three square feet in size and is mounted no higher than three feet above grade.
- Improperly posted signs will be removed.
- Please remove all signs promptly after the sale.

Caring for Trees in the Fall & Winter Months

Public Works would like to remind residents that when leaves have dropped in the fall it is a great time to have trees trimmed. Fall and winter seasons make it is easier for Arborists to observe the structure and architecture of trees. Problems, like weak branch attachments or insect damage, are not always as visible through dense foliage. Winter tree trimming can also avoid enhancing some serious disease and insect problems that are active and spread easily during the growing seasons of spring and summer. Proper tree trimming can reduce the potential for loss of limbs or tree failure from seasonal storms. Residents can still mulch in the fall and winter. Mulch retains soil moisture, soil temperature and improves soil nutrient levels. The general recommended mulching depth is 2 to 4 inches. Mulch, however, should not be piled around the base of trees as it can lead to insect and disease problems. A final note, the Village of Wheeling's Forestry Division will assist residents in the removal of limbs damaged by area-wide severe winds and/or wet snow storms. Residents are required to stack the limbs at the curb and notify Public Works 847.279.6900 for a collection.



PRSR-STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 053
WHEELING, IL

CARRIER ROUTE PRE-SORT

Local Postal Patron
Wheeling, IL 60090

Reminders for the Snow Season

Public Works is responsible for clearing seventy-five (75) miles of Village streets as quickly as possible after the snow has fallen. Here are some quick, helpful ways residents can assist them:



- It is unlawful to park vehicles on any street in the Village at any time within eight hours after a snow fall of two inches or more (per Village Code 9.10.103). This allows streets to be plowed accordingly by Public Works.
- Please maintain a safe distance (100 feet or more) when driving behind a snow plow or salt truck.
- When shoveling driveways, place the snow on the right side of the driveway as you face the street. This does not allow for the plows to push the snow back into the driveway.
- Do not shovel or snow blow into the streets. Please do not place refuse or recycling containers in the street.
- If a contractor plows the driveway, it must be stored on the resident's property or parkway, not the neighbor's!

The Village is not responsible for State roadways. These include Lake Cook Road, Dundee Road, Milwaukee Avenue, Palatine Road, Schoenbeck Road, Hintz Road, Aptakisic Road, Elmhurst Road, McHenry Road, and Wolf Road (Manchester North to Milwaukee Ave and South of Marquardt to Camp McDonald).

Mailbox Damage

Damage done to a mailbox by snow being discharged from a snow plow will be the responsibility of the property owner. If, however, a snow plow comes in physical contact with a mailbox, then the Village will replace the mailbox per Village standard. Public Works recommends that residents ensure that their mailboxes are sturdy and follow Village code.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Village Hall

2 Community Boulevard
Wheeling, IL 60090
Phone: 847.459.2600
Fax: 847.459.9692
Website: www.wheelingil.gov
Open 7:00am to 5:00pm M - F

Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road (new address)
Phone: 847.279-6900 (new number)
Open 7:00am to 5:30pm M - F

Community Development

2 Community Blvd
Phone 847.459.2620
Open 7:00am to 5:00pm M -F

Senior Services

199 N. First Street
847.459.2670

Police Department

255 W. Dundee Road
847.459.2632

Fire Department

255 W. Dundee Road
847.459.2662

Wheeling Local TV

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