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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD AND STAFF!



From the desk of President Abruscato

Greetings and happy holidays! As this time of year approaches, it is appropriate to look back on the good times the year has brought and all the things we are grateful for. As a Village we have much to be thankful for. While there have certainly been difficult moments, we have been able to pull together to continue providing quality services for our residents and instilling hope for economic turnaround.

On October 2nd, we held the Open House event for our new Fire Station Headquarters at 499 S. Milwaukee Avenue. This project is just another step in the right direction for maintaining the essential services our residents deserve and expect.

*President
Judy Abruscato*

I am pleased that the Village is experiencing a spike in development and leasing activity this year. Krystyna's Deli, Fannie May Candies, Advanced Auto Parts, and a number of new businesses opened, or will soon open, in Wheeling. Walgreens selected their store at Dundee and Milwaukee to be the first in the area to be fully renovated as part of their nationwide re-branding program. Earlier this year, Jazz Café expanded its space at Creekside Plaza, and the Village has met with a number of restaurants who are taking a hard look at opportunities in town. In July the Village approved plans for the Wheeling Galleria retail center on Dundee Road, and the Fresh Farms redevelopment is progressing with pre-leasing their new store spaces. Additionally, several industrial businesses have met with the Village to discuss expansion plans next year. We recognize that the recession will continue to present challenges to local businesses and our community, but I feel optimistic about our future and thankful for these signs of continued business activity.

As you can see we have much to celebrate and be thankful for. In the spirit of celebration I hope you will join us for our annual holiday lighting event to be held at Village Hall on Sunday, November 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be there to take your holiday wishes and the Wheeling High School Band will be spreading cheer through music. Come by with the kids and visit with your Wheeling Village Board over hot chocolate and cookies; it's sure to be a great community event!

YOU ARE INVITED

***The lights will shine throughout
the Village as we kick off the
Holiday Season!***

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST AT 6:30 P.M.

WELCOME TO WHEELING

Village Board Highlights

Recent Village Board Actions

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

Proclaimed

- His Holiness Nrigendraprasad Ajendraprasad Pande - Honorary Citizen of the Village of Wheeling
- Women's Equality Day - August 26, 2010
- National Senior Center Month - September 2010
- Live United Week - September 19-25, 2010
- World Car-Free Day - September 22, 2010
- October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Approved/Authorized

- A Referendum Question to Increase the Monthly 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Surcharge
- Recertification for the Community Rating System
- Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.32, "Alcoholic Liquor Dealers," and Chapter 4.08, "Licenses and Permits," of the Wheeling Municipal Code in Regard to Liquor License Classes and Fees, Penalties, and Required Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET)
- Preliminary Plat of Fresh Farms - Wheeling Subdivision (267-315 E. Dundee Road and 4-52 S. Milwaukee Ave.)
- Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 5.18, of the Municipal Code of the Village of Wheeling (with Regard to Food Sanitation)
- Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 5,18, of the Municipal Code of the Village of Wheeling (to Add a New Section Addressing Grease Trap/Interceptor Requirements)
- A Grant Agreement with AgeOptions for the Provision of Congregate Meals at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center
- A Special Use to Permit a New Retail Auto Parts Store at 526-530 W. Dundee Road
- A Special Use to Allow Package Liquor Sales Accessory to a new Retail Grocery Store at 835 West Dundee Road

Welcome new Wheeling Businesses!

Creation Technologies Illinois

284 W. Palatine Road
Electronics manufacturing

Lygase Consulting

1110 Larkin Drive, Unit B
Developing business intelligence software

ManPower

119 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Temporary help services

SoundGarden Child Care

149 S. Milwaukee Avenue
Day care center

Village Offices will be closed:

Thursday & Friday, November 25th & 26th in observance of Thanksgiving

Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas

Friday, December 31st in observance of New Year's.

Regular Waste Management pick-ups will be delayed by one day for THANKSGIVING ONLY.



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The Village of Wheeling President and Board of Trustees

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The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk,
Elaine Simpson

REMEMBER - WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Important Referendum!

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 2nd! The Village of Wheeling will have an important referendum coming before residents. This referendum will help to maintain and improve the Village's 911 emergency system. If the referendum passes, the fee to your land line will go from \$.75 cents a month to \$1.45 a month. The Village has not increased the 911 surcharge since 1989. In the event this referendum fails, it will put a burden on the General Fund which could result in higher property taxes. Please vote on this important referendum – your vote counts!



If you have questions or concerns about this important referendum please call me and I will answer your questions or obtain the answer for you. My phone number is 847.541.8692 or you can email me at esimpson@wheelingil.gov. Additional information is also listed on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Holiday Season Events

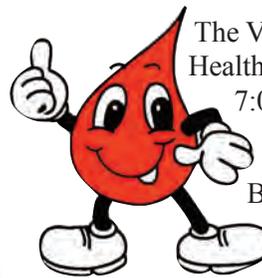
The holiday season is approaching and some fun activities are happening for residents. The Village will have their annual holiday lighting ceremony which will be held at Village Hall on November 21 at 6:30 p.m. with an appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus. This is sponsored by MB Financial, Market Square and the Knights of Columbus. Lollipop Lane begins at Chamber Park on Saturday, December 4th and closes on Sunday, December 12th. The times are Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is sponsored by The Wheeling Historical Society, Wheeling Park District, Stasek Chevrolet and many more businesses in the Wheeling area. A picture is taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus courtesy of Stasek Chevrolet. Both of these events are free.

Health Happenings



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

Wheeling Community Blood Drive



The Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Board of Health will be hosting a blood drive from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Village Hall.

Blood donors of all types are needed every day for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those patients suffering from chronic diseases such as cancer and leukemia. If all eligible people would donate, there would never be a blood shortage. Every pint of blood donated will help save three lives!

Appointments are greatly appreciated. To schedule an appointment, please call Beverly Slaby at 847.499.9045 or e-mail her at bslaby@wheelingil.gov.

There will be door prizes of gift certificates from Wheeling restaurants. Please donate. Walk-ins are always welcomed!

Cancellation of Monthly Health Education Seminars

The monthly health education seminars have been cancelled for the remainder of 2010. The Board of Health is dedicated to providing health education for all Village residents. Watch your newsletter for announcements of future presentations.

Great American Smokeout

Join the Great American Smokeout on November 18, 2010, and give up smoking and chewing tobacco or support others in their efforts to quit tobacco. For more information on quitting the use of tobacco, call the American Cancer Society at 800-ACS-2345 or go to the **You Can Quit** website at www.ucasquit2.org.

Wishing you and yours Happy Holidays!

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS



911 Emergency Response System Referendum

The Village of Wheeling has placed a referendum on the NOVEMBER 2, 2010 ballot requesting voter approval to increase the monthly 911 surcharge on hardwired telephone lines from seventy-five cents (\$0.75) to one-dollar and forty-five cents (\$1.45) per line. The following “Frequently Asked Questions” are provided in order to help answer many of the common questions you may have about this proposed increase:

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What does the current seventy-five cent (\$.75) monthly surcharge pay for?

Answer: The current 911 surcharge is used to pay the cost of police, fire, and emergency medical dispatching services in the Village of Wheeling. Over the past 18+ years, the cost of providing this service has risen with increases in inflation and the seventy-five cent (\$.75) surcharge is no longer sufficient to cover the cost of providing this service in the Village of Wheeling.

2. Why is the Village asking to increase the 911 Surcharge paid on hard-wired phones from the current rate of seventy-five cents (\$.75) per telephone line to one-dollar and forty-five cents (\$1.45)?

Answer: The Village has not increased the 911 surcharge since 1989 and the cost of providing police, fire, and emergency medical dispatching service has increased substantially since then. The increase is necessary to ensure that the 911 Fund will not face significant deficits in the future and to avoid the need for large property tax increases to pay for this service.

3. Will this increase in the 911 Surcharge impact users of cellular (i.e. wireless) phones?

Answer: No, the 911 surcharge applies only to traditional hard-wired or “land-line” phones and will not be charged to cell phone users.

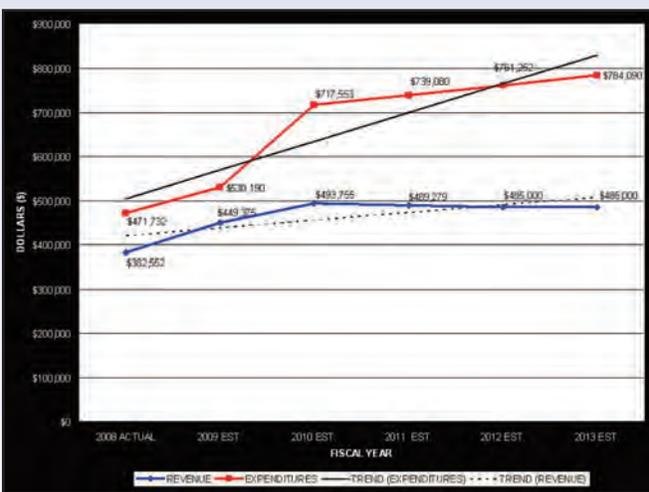
4. How did the Village of Wheeling determine that the surcharge should increase from \$.75 to \$1.45?

Answer: The \$1.45 rate represents the amount the Village would be collecting if the original surcharge of seventy-five cents (\$.75) per line had been increased by the rate of inflation each year since 1989. The increase will pay for the cost of dispatcher’s salaries and benefits as well as the cost of purchasing and maintaining dispatching equipment. All monies collected from the 911 surcharge are directly used to provide emergency dispatching services to the citizens of the Village of Wheeling.

5. If approved by the voters, when would the surcharge increase go into effect? Answer: Spring 2011.

6. What will happen if the referendum is not approved?

Answer: The Village of Wheeling will continue to provide emergency 911 dispatching service without disruption. However, the Village’s 911 Fund will no longer be able to support all the costs associated with providing this service to the community. As a result, the cost of providing this service will shift to the Village’s General Fund and a property tax increase will be necessary to pay for this service. The chart below shows the funding status of the Emergency 911 Fund if the referendum is approved (i.e. the blue line) compared to the status of the fund (i.e. the red line) if the referendum is not successful.



7. What question will appear on the ballot on November 2, 2010?

Answer: Voters will be asked to vote “YES” or “NO” to the following question:

Shall the Village of Wheeling impose an increase of seventy cents (\$.70) per month to raise the monthly surcharge to one-dollar and forty-five cents (\$1.45) per month per telephone and network connection, which surcharge will be added to the monthly bill you receive for telephone or telecommunications charges, for the purpose of improving and maintaining the 911 Emergency Telephone System?

8. What is the annual cost per household if this passes?

Answer: \$17.40 per year (\$9.00 current amount + \$8.40 increase from referendum = \$17.40).

The Village of Wheeling appreciates your time and consideration of this important referendum. Please remember to vote on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010. If you have any questions about the referendum, please feel free to contact any of the following individuals:

- Michael Mondschain, Director of Finance, at 847.459.2604.
- Keith MacIsaac, Fire Chief, at 847.459.2662.

Snow Season Procedures

As winter approaches, the Public Works Department prepares for snow. The Department is responsible for clearing seventy-five (75) miles of Village streets as quickly as possible.

The Department of Public Works is not responsible for County or State roadways. These include: Lake Cook Road, Buffalo Grove Road, Dundee Road, Milwaukee Avenue, Palatine Road, Schoenbeck Road, Hintz Road, Aptakisic Road, Elmhurst Road, McHenry Road, and Wolf Road (Manchester North to Milwaukee Avenue and South of Marquardt to Camp McDonald Road).

Residents are advised of the following during a snow season:

- For driving safety, please maintain a safe distance (100 feet or more) when driving behind a snow plow or salt truck.
- Please shovel snow away from any fire hydrant on or near your property so that it can be accessible in case of emergency.
- Please do not place refuse or recycling containers, or other items, in the street.

Parking Restrictions

- Do not park vehicles on any street in the Village within eight hours of a snowfall of **2 inches or more** (per Village Code 9.10.103). This allows streets to be plowed accordingly by Public Works. Vehicles in violation of this code will be towed.

Sidewalk Requirements

- Residents and property owners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks—adjoining or adjacent to the property—of snow and ice whenever there is a snowfall and by 10:00 a.m. on every morning thereafter. If the snow and ice is frozen owners are responsible for spreading the areas with a snow melting substance such as salt, sand or sawdust (Village Code 11.16.010).
- Residents and property owners shall not deposit snow or ice into any street, road or highway—including the shoulder or edge—within the Village (Village Code 11.16.040). Please deposit snow and ice from sidewalks and driveways onto the parkway.
- Residents and property owners in violation of these codes may be penalized.

Mailbox Damages

- 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 in compliance with Village Code 11.08.090.

Residents may contact the Public Works Department at 847.279.6900 with any questions or concerns.

Capital Improvement Projects

The **2010 MFT Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program** is underway. If you see a sidewalk that is in need of repair, please contact the Village at 847.279.6900. An Inspector will evaluate the sidewalk to see if it qualifies for replacement as funding becomes available.

The **2010 MFT Crack Sealing Program** will begin in November, weather permitting. This year's program provides for crack sealing at the following locations: Arlington Club, Polo Run, Avalon/Sienna subdivisions and various other locations in Wheeling.

Resurfacing of the Airport office's access road, Industrial Lane, will be completed this fall. This project will significantly improve the deteriorated pavement that exists at this location.

Maintenance of Village streetscape paver bricks was performed this fall in two steps. The first step consisted of resetting the settled pavers and step two consisted of sealing the paver surfaces. The entire project was completed in October.

IDOT's **McHenry Road Resurfacing Project** from Dundee Road to Denoyer Trail was started in late summer. Some deficiencies were discovered in the initial binder course paving operation which caused delay in the completion of this project.

Prepare Vehicles for the Cold

Below is a quick checklist for residents to prepare their vehicles for the upcoming cold and possibly freezing temperatures this winter.

- Change the oil. Dirty oil is thick so the engine works harder.
- Check the level and freeze protection on your antifreeze.
- Have your battery and charging system tested.
- Check tires for sufficient tread depth and inflation.
- Check all inside and outside lights.
- Replace wiper blades with winter blades.
- Fill the windshield washer reservoir with a winter blend fluid.
- Check the operation of the heater and defroster. Test all the different levels and positions to ensure that warm air is flowing to all interior locations.
- Check all fluid levels, including brake, power steering, transmission and engine oil.
- Check engine drive belts for signs of cracking or glazing.
- Check radiator hoses for minor leaks, cracks, and weak spots.
- Keep rock salt, sand or cat litter—along with a shovel—in the trunk so that it can be applied under tires to improve traction should your car get stuck in the ice and snow.

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 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. to participants. Reservations 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 to part or all of the cost. This program runs 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 or Liz.

National Memory Screening Day

Tuesday, November 16th, 2010

Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center

199 N. First Street, Wheeling

Appointments available beginning at 9:30 a.m.

To make an appointment please call 847.459.2670

& 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 are also appropriate for anyone who does not have a concern right now, but who wants to establish a baseline score for comparison in the future. The following 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?
- Have family or friends told me that I am repeating questions or saying the same thing over and over again?
- 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.

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.

Circuit Breaker Program

The Illinois Department on Aging's Circuit Breaker program provides grants to senior citizens and persons with disabilities to help them reduce the impact of taxes and prescription medications on their lives. When the costs of property taxes and prescription medicines begin to "overload" our seniors and persons with disabilities, this program steps in to help. For those who qualify, Circuit Breaker provides:

- Tax Grants
- License Plate Discount
- People with Disabilities Ride Free (public transit systems)
- Prescription Drug Assistance through Illinois Cares Rx
- Illinois Cares AIDS Drug Assistance

If you would like assistance filling out your Circuit Breaker application, please contact the Senior Services Division for an appointment. Applications for this year will need to be completed by 12/31/10.

Beware as Scams Continue in the NW Suburbs

The following event recently occurred in our area: An elderly male victim came to his front screen door to speak with a male subject. The male suspect asked if he could go into the backyard to cut down a tree for a neighbor. The victim advised the suspect to meet him at the back door. While at the back door, the victim became distracted by noise coming from his bedroom and then noticed the male suspect entering from the rear screen door. The victim told the suspect to leave the house, when he noticed a second suspect exiting his bedroom hallway towards the front door. The second suspect is described as a male, heavy build, medium complexion, 45-49 years of age with a mustache. Both suspects exited the residence and fled in a black Chevy Equinox, according to the victim's description. The front screen was cut to allow the suspect to gain entry into the residence, and jewelry was taken from the bedrooms.

Please remember that the police department suggests you do NOT open your door for anyone you are not expecting. Answer them through the closed door so they know you are home. Scam artists will come up with all kinds of reasons to meet with you outside, or inside, your residence. While you are distracted, a second offender makes his way to your bedroom where all your valuables are.

If you get this type of visit, call police (911) to have them checked out unless you are sure they are legitimate. Look out the window to see what kind of vehicle they get into, license plate info, etc. In addition, do not leave cash and other valuables in your bedroom. Put them somewhere else in the residence that is "inconvenient" (laundry room, basement, crawlspace, attic, etc.) That way if anyone ever does make it into your bedroom, they will have a difficult time locating your valuables.

If you have any questions, please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 847.459.2994. If you are a victim, call 911.

Protect Water Lines from Freezing

Water expands as it freezes, placing great pressure on anything that contains it, such as metal or plastic pipes. Expanding water can cause pipes to rupture. Pipes running against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are especially vulnerable to freezing.



Take these measures to protect water lines from freezing and prevent pipes from rupturing in homes:

- If going away during the cold months, keep home temperatures no lower than 55°F.
- Allow cold water to drip or trickle through faucets. Dripping water prevents pipes from freezing since the temperature of the water running through is above freezing.
- Open cabinets and closets that contain water lines to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing.
- Check pipe insulation periodically to make sure it is dry.
- Consider installing pipe insulations.
- Seal cracks in doors, windows and foundations. Small openings that consistently bring in cold air can quickly freeze pipes.

If residents know that a property has been unoccupied for several days, Public Works requests you contact the Utility Division at 847.279.6900 to verify if water services are shut off at the property. This can prevent costly damage to the unoccupied property.

Police Officers & Wheeling High School Students Team Up to Promote Seat Belt Use

On September 29—30, 2010 the Wheeling Police Department partnered with Wheeling High School to recognize proper seat belt use in the Village. Students and officers handed out candy and "clickers" to motorists who exhibited proper seat belt use.

Efforts in the area of seat belt enforcement have paid off, as police department surveys regularly show seat belt compliance in excess of 91%. Questions about seat belt use in Illinois should be directed to the Traffic Unit at 847.459.2649.

Free Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors

If you are a Wheeling resident who owns your home (no rentals), you are eligible for a free Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detector. Contact the Fire Department at 847.459.2662 for details!

Facade Improvement Grant Available

For businesses located within Village TIF districts, the Village offers grants to reimburse for exterior building improvements. The purpose of the Façade Improvement Grant Program is to provide financial assistance for the design and construction of façade improvements which are in keeping with the Village Comprehensive Plan. Applicants may be the owner of an eligible building(s) or the owner of a new or existing retail business within the District. Eligible projects include façade or signage renovation, restoration or improvements of the façade. If you are interested in receiving more information regarding the Façade Improvement Grant Program please contact the Department of Economic Development at 847.459.2605.

CARRIER ROUTE PRE-SORT

Local Postal Patron
Wheeling, IL 60090

Emerald Ash Borer Arrives in Wheeling

On September 13, 2010, The Illinois Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of a very small number of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetles in the Village of Wheeling. This is the first time the invasive insect species has been detected in Wheeling. Two EAB beetles were discovered on Abbott Drive and Capitol Drive during an EAB trap survey performed by Village staff and Illinois Department of Agriculture personnel. These traps were placed in parkway ash trees at various locations throughout Wheeling early this spring as part of the Village's EAB management efforts at early detection.



While adult beetles were found, no evidence of infestation has been detected in ash trees anywhere in Wheeling. Like most Northern Illinois communities, the Village of Wheeling has been anticipating and preparing for the EAB's arrival. Early detection is the key to an effective response. While EAB is a serious concern, the Village has proven countermeasures in place that should greatly mitigate its impact on Wheeling. As part of its efforts to address the issue, Village staff plans to conduct an informational campaign to educate Wheeling residents and businesses about how to detect and respond to EAB.



Example of tree damage which can be caused by the Emerald Ash Borer.

The EAB is a small, metallic-green insect whose larvae feed underneath bark of the branches and trunks of ash trees, thereby cutting off the tree's ability to transport nutrients. Ash trees can be infested with EAB for a few years before demonstrating any signs of EAB infestation.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

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Wheeling, IL 60090

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Website: www.wheelingil.gov

Open 7:00am to 5:00pm M - F

Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road

Phone: 847.279.6900

Open 7:00am to 3:30pm 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

1 Community Blvd

847.459.2632

Fire Department

499 S. Milwaukee Avenue

847.459.2662

Wheeling Local TV

Comcast: Channel 17

A T & T: Channel 99

Wheeling Park District

333 W. Dundee Road

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Indian Trails Public Library

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847.459.CODE

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