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WELCOME TO WHEELING



*President
Dean S. Argiris*

From the Desk of President Argiris

Believe it or not, the holiday season is upon us once again! Help me and the Village Board usher in this magical season by lighting up the holiday lights at our annual "Lights Around Wheeling" event on Sunday, November 23 at Friendship Park. In addition to the ceremonial turning on of the holiday lights, enjoy refreshments, festive live music, train rides for the kids, and of course visits and photo opportunities with Santa. Be sure to get there early to see Santa and Mrs. Claus make their way down Milwaukee Avenue on their horse and sleigh. We hope you can join us beginning at 4:30 p.m. for this fun-filled family event!

I am excited to announce that the groundbreaking ceremony for the highly-anticipated Northgate Crossings development was held on October 8. (See top picture below.) Reva Development is working to construct a 288-unit luxury apartment complex on the site. This ceremonial groundbreaking marks the official start of this project, and I am so pleased that the Village Board and I were present to help place the first shovels in the ground. Northgate Crossings is the first of much more Town Center area development you will see near the Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway intersection in the coming months and years. The project is expected to be completed in 2015.

In August, the Village signed a redevelopment agreement with the Wheeling Town Center developer to build a transit-oriented mixed-use development on the large vacant site at the southeast corner of Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway. The development team is currently working to complete the applications for zoning approval associated with the project. The Board and I are proud to watch this development come to fruition.

This year's Taste of the Town promotional event and Chamber fundraiser was held on October 9 at the Westin Chicago North Shore. (See picture to the right.) Nearly 900 people attended the event, and approximately \$40,000 in total revenue was raised for the Wheeling / Prospect Heights Area Chamber of Commerce. A portion of the proceeds will also benefit three local charities: Alexander Graham Bell Montessori School, the Cancer Wellness Center, and the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago. The event nearly doubled the total revenue raised in 2013 and increased attendance by 50%. We are greatly appreciative to all who attended and the restaurants and businesses that participated. This event is a not only a great way for our restaurants to show off their delicious offerings, but also raises money and awareness of our Chamber of Commerce.

On a personal note, I'd like to assure all of our residents and business owners that the Board and I are continually working closely together and with staff for the betterment of the Village of Wheeling. Since becoming President, I have represented Wheeling at the Northwest Municipal Conference, where I now serve as chairman of the Transportation Committee and as a member of the Legislative Committee. I was also recently voted in as 6th District Commissioner of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission by the majority of the district's mayors. It is my hope and aim to work through these regional organizations in order to proudly represent our Village and be a strong advocate for Wheeling.



From left: Blake Lunt (Reva); Warren James (Reva); Trustees Brady, Vogel, Lang, Hein, and Krueger; President Argiris; and Matt Nix (Reva).



From left: PostNet owner Mike Looby, Police Chief Benson, Dru Garcia (Wheeling), Congressman Brad Schneider, Trustee Brady, Chamber President Al Scaletta, Event Chair Frank D'Angelo, Trustee Hein, Trustee Lang, State Rep. Elaine Nekritz, President Argiris, Prospect Hts. Mayor Helmer.

Happy Holidays from the Village Board & Staff!

WELCOME TO WHEELING



Village Clerk
Elaine E. Simpson

November 4 Gubernatorial Election

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 4th. Your vote does count. Your candidate may not get elected, but you will have the satisfaction of voting for your choice. If you are unsure of your polling location, please contact Deputy Clerk Lisa Leonteos at 847.499.9085 or visit www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Petitions for April 7 Consolidated Election

If you are running for office in the April 7 consolidated election, petition filing will take place at the Village Hall beginning December 15 at 7 a.m. and ending on December 22 at 5 p.m. Visit www.elections.il.gov to obtain a 2015 Candidate Guide.

The holiday season is approaching! Here is an update of just some of the events happening in the village.

Lollipop Lane

Lollipop Lane annual festivities begin at the Chamber Park church on Saturday, December 6 and continue until Sunday, December 14. Lollipop Lane will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2–5 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 6:30–8:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Wheeling Historical Society, the Wheeling Park District, Stasek Chevrolet, and numerous businesses in the Wheeling area. Have your FREE picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus courtesy of Stasek Chevrolet. Wheeling residents have been visiting Lollipop Lane since they were little, and are now bringing their children and grandchildren. Even as an adult you should stop by for this magical event.

Lights Around Wheeling

The Village's annual lighting ceremony, Lights Around Wheeling, will take place on Sunday, November 23, with Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving at Friendship Park at 4:30 p.m. Stop by for some hot cocoa, a snack, and a visit with Santa, and witness the beautiful lights turning on to mark the beginning of the holiday season!

Lights Around Wheeling and Lollipop Lane are both free.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!



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Wheeling Community Blood Drive

The Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Board of Health will be hosting a blood drive from 2–7 p.m. Wednesday, November 12 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 appreciated. To schedule an appointment, please call LifeSource at 877.543.3768 or visit www.lifesource.org and use sponsor code WH98. Walk-ins are also always welcomed!

There will be door prizes of gift certificates from Wheeling Restaurants. Please donate and share the gift of life.

Safe Babies, Safe Place, Safe Haven

Please remember that in Illinois, a parent who cannot care for their newborn baby (up to 30 days old) can legally give the unharmed infant to a staff member at a staffed fire station, police station, hospital, or emergency care facility and walk away—no questions asked. No one will ask your name. Your baby will get medical care and be placed for adoption into a loving family. You can even provide anonymous medical information so your baby will grow up with a medical history. A packet of information is given to the parent, and the baby is transported to a hospital for a check-up and placed with a pre-approved adoption agency. If you or anyone you know is pregnant and does not feel like they have any options, please call either a crisis counselor at the Save Abandoned Babies Foundation at 888.510.BABY or a Wheeling Social Worker at 847.459.2606. Assistance is available, and choices and resources will be provided. (*Para hablar con alguien en español sobre este programa, llame a Miriam Mayorga al 847.459.2957.*)



POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Are You and Your Car Ready for Winter?

Tips for Preparing Your Car to Drive in Winter:

- Keep the gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- Use your seatbelt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.

Battery: Wet and cold weather places heavy demands on your car's battery and charging system. Recharge or replace weak batteries and check fluid levels, battery posts, and the charging system.

Lights: Check the headlights, side-marker lights, emergency flashers, parking lights, front and rear directional signals, taillights, and brake lights. Make sure they are working and clean—a quick wipe can make a big difference.

Brake System: Check brakes for proper operation. Pulling of the car to one side, a taut pedal, or unusual squealing or grinding could indicate the need for brake repair. Don't delay!

Windshield Wipers and Washer Fluid: Blades that streak should be replaced. Fill the washer reservoir bottle with washer solvent that has a freeze protection level of at least -20 degrees.

Tires: Traction is the key to good movement, turning, and stopping on wet surfaces. Good tire tread allows water to escape from under the tires, preventing loss of traction. Consider changing to tires designed for increased traction on wet surfaces. Make sure tires are properly inflated to the pressure shown in the owner's manual or on the door frame.

Emergency Kit: Keep these items in your vehicle in case of emergency:

- Flashlight
- Mats that can be placed under tires to increase traction
- Small bag of sand, salt, or kitty litter to spread around tires to increase traction
- Shovel
- Cloth or roll of paper towels
- Blanket
- Booster cables
- Window-washing solvent
- Warning devices – flares or triangles
- Cellular phone

Winter Driving Tips:



Drive slowly, accelerate and decelerate slowly:

Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds.



Skidding or sliding: Continue to look where you

want to go. Avoid slamming on the brakes. Although hitting the brakes is a typical response, slamming the brakes will only further upset the vehicle's balance and make it harder to regain control. Wait for the front wheels to grip the road again. As soon as traction returns, the vehicle will start to steer again. When the front wheels have regained their grip, steer the wheels gently in the desired direction of travel.



Putting on the brakes: Stopping on a slippery

surface requires more distance, so increase your following distance. Focus your attention as far ahead as possible, at least 20 to 30 seconds. Anti-lock braking systems (ABS) are designed to prevent wheels from locking and to retain steering control during panic braking. Sensors located at wheels detect lock-up. The anti-lock system relieves pressure as needed, allowing all four wheels to continue to turn while maintaining steering control. You should use the "plant and steer" method with antilock brake systems. Do not remove your foot from the brake or pump the pedal. If you apply pressure and the wheels lock momentarily, you might feel the brake pulse.



Avoid using cruise control: Many cars feature cruise

control. This feature works great in dry scenarios, but when used in wet/snow/ice conditions, the chance of losing control of your vehicle can increase. To prevent loss of traction, you may need to reduce your speed by lifting off the accelerator, which cannot be accomplished when cruise control is engaged.



Make yourself more visible: ALWAYS turn your headlamps on! Do not rely on daytime running lamps.

Best Winter Strategy: If you don't need to go out...DON'T. Stay home and relax!

Sign Up for Emergency Notifications

The Village maintains an emergency telephone notification system to alert residents and businesses of community emergency situations that could impact them. This system is known as "CodeRed" or "Reverse 911." The system is only used in very serious emergency situations involving issues or problems that will affect a large number of residents, such as imminent floods, hazardous material releases, or other serious or life-threatening situations. You can enroll yourself and family members by logging into a secure website set up to manually add your important contact information. The website for registration is: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/30CB8BCB2A7F>. Alternately, there is a link on the Village's home web page under "Quick Links" that will automatically take you to the Code Red registration web page.

Your contact information is safe, secure, and never shared with outside parties or vendors. If you change your contact information or wish to be removed from the system, you will need to log into your private account to change or delete your information. For security purposes, the Village cannot set up or amend a private account. Sign up today so the Village can help you when you need it the most.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

Snow Season Procedures

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During the snow season please be advised of the following:

- *For safety, please maintain a distance of 100 feet or more when driving behind a snow plow or salt truck.
- *Please shovel snow away from fire hydrants so they can be accessible in case of emergencies.
- *Please do not place refuse or recycling containers in the street.

Parking Restrictions

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

Sidewalk Requirements

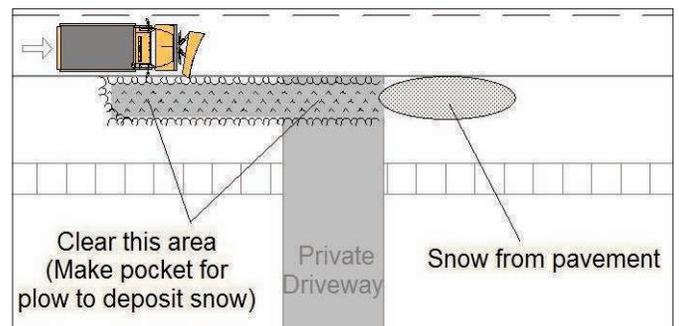
*Residents and property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks adjoining or adjacent to their property whenever there is a snowfall, and by 10 a.m. on every morning thereafter. If the snow and ice is frozen, owners are responsible for spreading the areas with sand, sawdust, salt, or other substances made for the purpose of melting snow and ice (Village Code 11.16.010).

*Snow or ice shall not be deposited into any street, road, or highway, or along the shoulder or edge of any street, road, or highway within the Village (Village Code 11.16.040). Please deposit snow and ice from sidewalks and driveways onto the parkway.

*Residents and property owners who are in violation may be penalized.

Driveway Snow Shoveling Recommendations

When shoveling the end of the driveway near the street, place the snow to the right of the driveway (as you face the street). If it is piled on the other side, it is more likely to be pushed into the driveway apron when the streets are being plowed. Also, clear a few feet of the edge of the street and curb to the left of the driveway (as you face the street). This creates a pocket for the snow to spill into and will help reduce the amount of snow at the end of the driveway. Refer to the illustration to the right.



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

Protect Water Lines from Freezing

Follow these measures to protect water lines from freezing and prevent water pipes from rupturing during extreme cold:

- Keep home temperatures no lower than 55°F.
- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.
- Allow cold water to drip or trickle through faucets.
- Open cabinets and closets that contain water lines to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing.
- Consider installing pipe insulation.
- Check pipe insulation periodically to make sure it is dry.
- Seal cracks in doors, windows, and foundations. Small openings that consistently bring cold air can quickly freeze pipes.
- Know where your master valve is located in case you need to shut the water off.

If you know that a property has been unoccupied for several days, contact the Utility Division at 847.279.6900 to determine whether water services are shut off at the property. This can prevent costly damage to the unoccupied property.

Please keep in mind that per the Village Code 13.04.180, all owners and occupants shall, at their own expense, keep all water meters in good repair and properly protected from frost and other dangers, and shall be responsible for the cost of replacing or repairing water meters that are damaged due to the failure of the owner and occupant to keep said meter in good repair or to protect said meter.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pavilion Senior Center & Social Services Division

Memory Education and Screenings

**Wednesday, November 19, 1–5 p.m.
Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center**

The Human Services Department of the Village of Wheeling will be hosting an entire day of information and resources to commemorate the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's National Memory Screening Day. Screenings will be conducted in English, Spanish, and Russian with half-hour appointments starting at 1 p.m. Please call 847.459.2606 for an appointment. *En español, llame por la tarde.* For a Russian language screening, please call 773.428.3058. Russian Screenings provided by the Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE).

Who Should be Screened?

Memory screenings make sense for anyone who is concerned about memory loss or is experiencing warning signs of dementia. Screenings also are appropriate for anyone who does not have a concern right now, but who wants to establish a baseline 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 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?

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.

Alzheimer's Family Education Program

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 9:30–11 a.m.
Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center**

FREE but registration is required by November 12

Are you caring for an aging parent or relative with Alzheimer's disease? Do you want to find out more about what causes dementia and what signs to watch for? Are you familiar with the behaviors—such as wandering and aggression—that can be caused by Alzheimer's and other dementias? This workshop will help you learn about the causes, symptoms, behaviors, and diagnostic process of Alzheimer's.

Register by calling the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670.

Lunch at Pavilion

Join us for a great meal and great friends at Lunch at Pavilion. NEW menu selections, restaurant atmosphere, table service—you can't beat it! The Wheeling 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 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Social activities and informational presentations are included as part of this program. Each diner will receive information regarding the cost of the meal and will have the opportunity to contribute to part or all of the cost. The suggested donation is \$4. For our frequent diners, we have a five-meal punch card for a donation of \$15. These cards have no expiration date and are available at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center front desk. The Lunch at Pavilion program is committed to providing meals to all older adults 60 and better, regardless of ability to pay. Funds for this program are provided by an award from AgeOptions through the Illinois Department on Aging and the Federal Administration on Aging. Meals are prepared by the Catholic Charities. Lunch is often followed by a presentation, speaker, or musical entertainment. For more information regarding how to register or volunteer, please contact the Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask for Jesus Delgado.

Family Caregiver Knowledge Group

The role and importance of family caregivers are growing. As many as 90 million people in the U.S. today are caring for loved ones with chronic conditions, disabilities, special needs, or the frailties of old age. As a caregiver, you assume additional responsibilities, absorb stress, and minimize its impact. This group provides resources and tips to take care of your loved ones and yourself. Remember to give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

This group meets the fourth Thursday of each month (NO meeting in December) at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center from 6–7:30 p.m. Please call 847.459.2671 for more information. This program is co-sponsored by Catholic Charities Northwest Senior Services.

Senior Services Telephone Reassurance Program

The Telephone Reassurance Program serves individuals, age 60 and older, living alone and in need of a daily reassurance call. Calls are made by trained volunteers every morning between 8:45 and 9 a.m. In addition to checking on the physical well-being of older residents, the program also helps by reducing loneliness and providing an opportunity to be in contact with another person. For information please call 847.459.2606.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Volunteer Snow Removal Program for Seniors

Every year, the Senior Center receives requests from residents looking for resources to help them with shoveling in the winter. The Volunteer Snow Removal Program is designed to help elderly and disabled residents with limited means and few if any family members in the area. Volunteers from the community will be available to assist senior and disabled residents of Wheeling who are in need of help clearing their driveways and sidewalks after a snowfall of three inches or more. Senior residents must meet income criteria and have no other option for snow removal. Interested residents must fill out an application every year. Applicants will be contacted by members of the Village Human Services Department to arrange for a home visit by a social worker to confirm qualification for the program. Please contact the Senior Center at 847.459.2670 with further questions.

Volunteers Needed to Help!

We are in need of caring volunteers in the Wheeling community to shovel the driveways and sidewalks of our neediest senior and disabled residents as part of this program. If you are interested in helping your community this winter and spreading a bit of warm cheer, please contact the Senior Center at 847.459.2670.



Wheeling Residents Save with Electric Aggregation

Following the passage of a voter referendum in March 2012, the Village of Wheeling established an electric aggregation savings program to procure lower-cost electric supply for residents and small businesses via an opt-out program. The program has succeeded: average participating households have saved \$229 to date, for a cumulative Village-wide savings of \$2.6 million.

The Village renewed the program in May 2014 via a competitive bid process. Constellation, an Exelon Company, offered the lowest pricing at a fixed rate of 6.621¢ per kWh for three years ending May 2017. Additionally, 100% of electric supply consumed by program participants supports renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydro. To date, the renewable program has reduced CO₂ output by 90,500 tons.

A new ComEd Price to Compare (PTC) was just released that helps quantify savings achieved through aggregation. The October rate is 7.487¢, and 7.43¢ for the period November 2014 through May 2015. In addition to the PTC, one must add a Purchased Electricity Adjustment (PEA) that floats monthly to discover the actual, effective ComEd rate. For October, the PEA is a half-cent credit to ratepayers, bringing the effective rate down to 6.987¢. The PEA can be a credit or a charge of one half cent and changes every month. This means the PTC will be priced in a range of 6.93¢ to 7.93¢ for the period November 2014 through May 2015.

The fixed Wheeling rate of 6.621¢ never has a PEA charge, and therefore presents savings between 5–17%. There is no early termination fee to leave the program, nor any fee to enroll. Any resident or eligible small business may call Constellation at 800.718.1493 to enroll at the Village's contracted rate and terms, fixed at 6.621¢ per kWh through May 2017.

Electric aggregation programs have been established by hundreds of communities across Illinois, with 80% of the state participating. ComEd ratepayers were paying 9¢ per kWh for electric supply in the summer of 2010, but are enjoying much lower prices today.

Prior to the legislation allowing the switch to competitive markets in 1999, Illinois ratepayers were charged one cent per kWh above the national average. Illinois electric prices are now two cents below the national average kWh cost. Competitive markets and municipal aggregation have resulted in substantial savings for Illinois residents.

Village offices will be closed November 27–November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving, December 25 in observance of Christmas, and January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

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Waste Management pick-ups will be delayed by one day on November 27, December 25, and January 1.

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Holiday Lights Recycling

Through the Holiday Lights Recycling Program sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling, residents can recycle holiday mini-lights, C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords of all colors and lengths at the Department of Public Works, 77 W. Hintz Road, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Garland, live greens, wreaths, and other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. Call 847.279.6900 with any questions. This program concludes February 27, 2015.

Holiday Tree Collections

Non-artificial holiday trees are collected at residential curbsides during the first two weeks in January at no additional charge. All decorations, stands, etc. must be removed from trees. Please do not place trees in plastic bags. Trees that have decorations, stands, etc. or are in plastic bags will not be collected.

Guidelines for Leaf Disposal

Village Code 11.08.100 prohibits the deposit of leaves into streets, roads, or highways and along the shoulder, curb, or edge of any street, road, or highway.

The Village's contract with Waste Management provides a convenient alternate method to dispose of leaves and other forms of yard waste for single-family residents. In addition to two-ply Kraft biodegradable paper yard waste bags, residents may use rigid 32-gallon containers clearly marked with a red "X" around the container. Containers and biodegradable bags, when filled, may not exceed 45 pounds in weight. There is no limit to the number of yard waste bags or containers allowed. Yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected.

Brush must be bundled and tied with biodegradable twine or string. Bundles must not weigh over 45 lbs., exceed four feet in length or two feet in diameter, or contain limbs greater than three inches in diameter. There is no limit to the number of brush bundles allowed. Loose or larger brush or logs will not be collected by Waste Management.

Yard waste collections conclude on November 30, 2014.

Holiday Safety Tips

Shopping Tips

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Use credit cards—they offer protection if lost or stolen.
- Secure your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Track all credit cards and compare receipts to statements.
- Keep your purse closed and under your coat or close to your body.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages, and have your car keys ready in hand.
- NEVER leave your purse in the top of the shopping cart or otherwise unattended.
- Don't take out your credit card until requested. Thieves love to "shoulder surf" to get your account information.
- Lock valuables including cell phones, GPS, and computers in the trunk of your vehicle or out of view.

Online Shopping

- Only make purchases through a secure site.
- Look for the locked padlock icon or "https" in the address.
- Only shop on reputable shopping sites.
- Never respond to requests to "verify" your password, credit card, or information unless you initiated the contact.
- Make sure you have security software on your computer.
- Keep your personal information and passwords secure.

Home Safety

- ALWAYS keep your windows and doors locked.
- Don't advertise that you are traveling over the holidays.
- Stop your mail and newspaper deliveries while traveling.
- Use timers for lights and radio/televisions.
- Contact the police department for an EXTRA WATCH on your residence while traveling.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to park in your driveway, shovel the snow, and keep watch of your home while you are away.
- Don't advertise expensive purchases. Break the boxes down and turn them inside out before placing at the curb on garbage day.
- Keep an up-to-date home inventory that includes make, model, serial numbers, and other details of valuables. Also, take photographs and keep the information somewhere safe.

Welcome new businesses!

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100 Shepard Avenue
Cabinet manufacturing

MPM Food Equipment Group, Inc.
236 Egidi
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539 Northgate Parkway
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