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Village President & Trustees Mark First 100 Days

Since the days of Franklin Roosevelt, it has been customary for elected officials to use the occasion of their hundredth day in office to look back on what's been accomplished so far and to anticipate the important work to come. Since May 4th, when I began my term as Village President—along with Village Clerk Elaine Simpson and Village Trustees Dean Argiris, Ken Brady, Ray Lang, and Dave Vogel, who joined sitting Trustees Bob Heer and Pat Horcher—much has happened in Wheeling that's worthy of note.

The Village's first priority is always to provide the bedrock municipal services that residents and businesses rely on, and we're upgrading our existing facilities to serve our growing community today and in the future. We recently broke ground on a new Fire Station on South Milwaukee Avenue; the process of renovating our old Village Hall into an improved Police Department facility is also underway, and the new Public Works facility on Hintz Road has now been substantially completed.

A major infrastructure project for the replacement of sanitary sewer and water main along Wolf Road came to a successful end, and significant initiatives for stormwater control and flood mitigation also moved forward: Phase I of the Buffalo Creek Streambank Stabilization Project was substantially completed, as was the Village's component of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Levee 37 project. The Village recently negotiated with Waste Management to reduce the age of eligibility for senior citizen discounts. Also, with the aid of proud Wheeling residents, businesses, and organizations, the Village was able to overcome constraints imposed by the weak economy to put on an Independence Day parade and fireworks display.



Rendering of new Fire Station which will be located at 499 S. Milwaukee Avenue.

Despite the tough times, we continue to see exciting development. During our first 100 days, Superdawg broke ground on its S. Milwaukee site, and we saw ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Be Smart, Familia Dental and—just before our term began—Adam's Café & Deli. The Board also gave direction to institute a farmers' market in Wheeling, details about that should be available soon.

The Village has granted final approval to the Fresh Farms Planned Unit Development, and looks forward to a renovation of that center that will include a design feature to complement the "pocket parks" that already adorn the intersection of Milwaukee and Dundee. Furthermore, the recent demolition of the old K-mart building marks an important step toward future development.

The secret to the health and success of any community is the willingness of its citizens to get involved and to make a positive difference. The Board of Trustees recently voted to expand the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners from three to five members in order to broaden community involvement and include diverse perspectives. I'm also very proud that during these past hundred days we've sworn in several brand-new commissioners—Donald Johnson (Plan Commission), Alfred Hembd and Bill Simpson (Board of Fire and Police Commissioners), Robert Culver (Police Pension Board), and Michael Burns and Georgia Panousis (Human Rights Commission)—in addition to renewing the appointments of a number of commissioners who have already served with distinction.

As you can see, our first hundred days have been eventful and successful, and with any luck we'll look back on them as only a warm-up for what we accomplish in the years to come!

Trick or Treat Hours

will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, October 31.

Leave your porch light on if you're handing out treats!



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WELCOME TO WHEELING

Village Board Highlights

Recent Village Board Actions

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

Proclaimed

- National Garden Week
- Skipper's Gyros - 25 years in Wheeling
- James R. Callanan Day - June 5, 2009
- Knights of Columbus - 50 years in Wheeling
- Tanya Josek - Winner of 2009 Fairchild Challenge
- Honoring retired Indian Trails Public Library Director Tamiye Meehan

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

Approved/Authorized

- Agreement Between the Village of Wheeling and Morgan/Harbour Construction for the Construction and Remodeling of the Existing Police Department Headquarters
- Proposal from Insituform Technologies USA Inc. for the 2009 Sanitary Sewer Relining Program
- Final Planned Unit Development, Special Use, Site Plan, and Appearance Approval for Redevelopment of Fresh Farms Shopping Center, 267-315 E. Dundee Rd. and 4-20 S. Milwaukee Ave.
- Special Use for an Early Childhood Specialty School - 710 S. Milwaukee Avenue
- Special Use and Associated Site Plan Approval for a Tavern with Live Music - 322 N. Milwaukee Ave.
- Amendment to Title 2, Chapter 2.03, Section 2.03.010(b) of the Wheeling Municipal Code Regarding the Meeting Times of the Wheeling Village Board
- Proposal from Alpha Paintworks, Inc. for Contractual Services for Sandblasting and Recoating of Fire Hydrants
- Special Use and Associated Site Plan Approval for St. Joseph the Worker Parish Consisting of the Existing Church/School, Existing Convent, Existing Parish Office/Rectory, and New Social Hall Building
- Third Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for the Prairie Park Development
- Amendment to Title 2 of the Wheeling Municipal Code Regarding the Number of Members of the Board of Fire and Police Commission

Welcome new Wheeling Businesses!

Advanced Communications Services

28 W. Dundee Road
Cell phone sales

Be Smart

300 McHenry Road
Resale shop

Creation Technologies Illinois, Inc.

1475 Wheeling Road
Manufacturer of electronics

Kissel's Spiced Jam, Inc.

1120-B Larkin Drive
Manufacturer of jam

MMAWarehouse.com

747 Glenn Avenue
Martial Arts online retail shop

Samjung America Corp.

535 N. Wolf Road
Office

Sentry Security

339 Egidi Drive
Alarm installation & monitoring

These Business have Relocated

Genix Therapeutics, LLC

to 333 N. Wolf Rd.

Chicago Professional Center

to 500 Harvester Court, #6



Judy
Abruscato



Dean
Argiris



Ken
Brady



Bob
Heer



Patrick
Horcher



Ray
Lang



Dave
Vogel



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

Just a reminder that the children are back in school so when driving through residential areas, please be aware that a child could dart out between cars chasing a ball or other toy. Children do not always look where they are going.

On September 16th the water ban is removed and sprinkling of lawns and gardens between the hours of noon and 6pm is once again allowed.

Camp I Am Me



On September 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Market Square there will be a pig roast to help raise money to send children to Camp "I Am Me" sponsored by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance. Camp "I Am Me" provides the setting for burn survivors up to 16 years old to share their common experiences while being able to play and not feel self-conscious. The fundraiser will include games, raffles, and delicious food. The fire and police department are also present to meet and greet the residents. I have gone the past couple of years and it's a lot of fun, the food is good, and you get to meet the village's finest police and fire representatives and socialize with your neighbors.

Wheeling Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association (W.C.P.A.A.A.) is a not-for-profit organization that raises funds to purchase necessary equipment for the Wheeling Police Department that is not available through the Village budget. The growth of the W.C.P.A.A.A. in the past 10 years encourages us to continue to provide the valuable resources we do for the life-saving equipment our Wheeling Police Officers need. We ask for you to help by joining the Dominick's eScrip program. By registering your Dominick's Fresh Values Card, 4% of your purchase will go to support the Alumni's efforts at no additional cost to you. You can contact them with your Dominick's card number by phone at 847.604.1958 or by e-mail at betty.giam@sbcglobal.net.

Health Happenings



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

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Early Detection: Do you know the facts?

The National Breast Cancer Foundation estimates that each year over 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and over 40,000 will not survive the battle. One woman in eight either has, or will develop, breast cancer in her lifetime. Approximately 1,700 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 450 will die of it each year.

If detected early, the five year survival rate exceeds 96%. Mammograms are among the best early detection methods, yet 13 million U.S. women 40 years of age or older have never had a mammogram. An early detection plan should include:

- Beginning at age 20: Performing self-exams and looking for any signs of change.
- Age 20 to 39: Scheduling clinical exams every three years.
- By the age of 40: Having a baseline mammogram and annual clinical exam.
- Ages 40-49: Having a mammogram every one to two years depending on previous findings.
- Ages 50 and older: Having a mammogram every year.
- All Ages: Recording personal exams, mammograms and doctor appointments on a calendar or in a detailed file.

The National Cancer Institute and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommend that women in their forties and older have mammograms every one to two years. A complete early detection plan also includes regular clinical examinations by a trained medical professional. You should also do monthly self-exams.

For more information go to www.nationalbreastcancer.org.

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS



Police Department Wins National Award

Congratulations to the Wheeling Police Department on winning 1st place in the 2008-2009 International Association of Chiefs of Police National Law Enforcement Challenge! This award is all the more gratifying for the Village of Wheeling based on the fact that approximately 800 Law Enforcement agencies of the same size in the country were eligible for the award as well as many other agencies internationally.

What is the Law Enforcement Challenge Program?

The Law Enforcement Challenge is a competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies. It recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in the United States. The areas of concentration include efforts to enforce laws and educate the public about occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. Departments submit an application which documents their agency's efforts and effectiveness in these areas. The winning safety programs are those that combine officer training, public information, and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries within its jurisdiction.



Fall Safety Tips

The children are back in school, the days are getting shorter, and the leaves are changing colors – fall is on its way! With these changes also come the risks associated with seasonal hazards. By taking some simple precautions, you and your family can safely enjoy the season.



Now that children are back in school, exercise increased caution when driving in school zones and in all residential neighborhoods. Children walking to and from school or at bus stops may not always be on the lookout for vehicles – be prepared to stop. Parents, please emphasize the importance of walking to school and bus stops by use of the sidewalks and not walking in the streets. Remind children to look both ways when crossing the streets, to cross at the corners, and to always obey traffic signal devices and signs.

As the leaves begin to fall, please help in preventing subdivision flooding due to fall rains by raking the leaves off the storm sewer manhole covers. To minimize this problem, do not rake your leaves into the street! Excess leaves can build up on storm sewer manholes and eventually plug or block these manholes during normal fall rains. This can cause storm water to back up onto your property and may cause localized flooding.

When children are out Trick-or-Treating, please make sure their costumes do not block their vision and their costumes are made from fire-resistant materials. Restricted vision due to masks can lead to children tripping and falling down while walking or stepping up to doorways. A slight breeze or a child backing up near a doorway may cause part of their costume to come in contact with decorative candles or illuminated jack-o-lanterns. Finally, remind your children to not eat any treats, until you have had a chance to personally inspect each one. If in doubt, throw it out!

Burning leaves and landscape waste is strictly prohibited in Wheeling. Burning leaves creates environmental pollution, makes it hard for residents with respiratory diseases to breathe, and can spread fire to your home or garage. Please recycle your leaves and landscape waste appropriately. Landscape waste pick up by Waste Management continues until November 30.

When putting away the lawnmower, hedge trimmers, and weed wacker for the season or preparing your snow blower for the pending arrival of winter, *do not* pour old gasoline down the storm sewers! It is very dangerous and potentially lethal to you, your family, your neighbors, as well as the members of the Public Works Department who maintain the sewers. Gasoline vapors can backtrack into homes, basements, and sump pump pits. In the right concentration and with the flick of an electrical switch, an explosion can occur. Instead, pour the gasoline into a nearly full tank of gasoline in your personal vehicle. If you mix small engine oil with your gasoline by adding it to a nearly full tank of gasoline in your personal vehicle, the actual amount of oil is negligible and will not harm your vehicle's engine.

Have your furnace or boiler professionally serviced. It will save you money by running more efficiently, will most likely not break down when it's much colder during the winter, and is less likely to cause your home to catch fire or for Carbon Monoxide (CO) to leak into your home. Be sure to keep all combustibles a minimum of 30 inches away from your furnace, boiler, and water heater.

Keep these safety tips in mind as we enter the Fall Season!

One-Day Document Destruction Event



The Village of Wheeling is hosting a one-day document destruction event (DDE), sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) on Saturday, October 3, 2009. The event will take place at the

Wheeling Metra Station East Commuter Lot - located at Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway - from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., rain or shine. The collection is for SWANCC-member residents at no charge. Wheeling is a member of SWANCC.

Residents may bring residentially generated paper, such as medical forms, bank statements, personal files, retired tax records and receipts for shredding. Place paper documents into a bag or box for easy removal. It is not necessary to remove paper clips and staples. Binders will need to be removed. *No materials from businesses, schools or other institutions will be accepted.* Documents will be placed in a toter and loaded to a shredder on site. The documents will be cross-shredded, baled and recycled. Please contact 847.229.4626 with any questions.

Leaves, Leaves, Leaves....

With the arrival of the autumn season, the Department of Public Works reminds residents that Village Code 11.08.100 prohibits the deposit of leaves into streets and gutters. Leaves intentionally raked into streets and gutters have a clear and immediate effect on the Village's storm sewer system; it can result in clogged storm sewer inlets and subsequent flooding.

The Village's contract with Waste Management provides an alternate, convenient method to dispose leaves and other forms of landscape waste. In addition to (2-ply Kraft) biodegradable paper landscape waste bags, residents may use 32-33 gallon containers clearly marked with a red "X" around body of the container that are emptied and returned to the resident. Containers, when filled, may not exceed 45 pounds in weight. There is no limit to the number of landscape waste paper bags or containers. Yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected.

Bundled brush is also collected as part of landscape waste. Brush must be bundled with biodegradable twine or string. Bundles must not weigh over 45 pounds, not exceed 4 feet in length, not exceed 2 feet in diameter, and not contain limbs greater than 3 inches in diameter. There is also no limit to the amount of bundled brush.

Landscape collections will continue until November 30, 2009.

Holiday Refuse/Recycling Reminder

In observance of Labor Day, September 7, refuse, recycling and landscape waste collections will be delayed by one day.

Waste Management does not observe Columbus Day, October 12, 2009, and will maintain regularly scheduled collections.

Rain Barrels

Rain barrels are containers that collect and store rainwater from rooftops via downspout that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, creeks and rivers. Because it does not contain minerals, chlorine, fluoride or other chemicals, the stored rainwater in barrels provides a supply of water that is ideal for gardens, potted plants/flowers, lawns, and even bicycle and car washing. Rain barrels reduce storm water pollution and conserve water.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) is providing citizens residing within Cook County the opportunity to purchase 55-gallon rain barrels, in different colors (first come, first serve basis), at a cost of \$40.00. The barrels must be purchased by charge only and picked up at one of three locations in Cook County. Please contact MWRDGC directly at 312.751.6633 or visit www.mwrdd.org for additional information.

Residents are reminded to please keep barrels hidden or camouflaged (behind bushes, etc.) if possible and to keep them along the side or rear of lots.

Wheeling Infrastructure Improvement Updates

● **Wolf Road Sanitary Sewer & Water Main Replacement Project** - The contractor has reached the final stages of this project which included upgrading of undersized sanitary sewers and streamlining of the water infrastructure along Wolf Road by abandoning old 6" cast iron water mains. The project was substantially completed in July and only restoration remains to be completed.

● **2009 Street Light Replacement Program** - Work on this year's street light program was successfully completed in late July and replacements were made on Gilman Avenue, Willis Avenue, Seton Court and Sunrise Drive. The program consisted of removing 16 existing concrete street lights and replacing them with aluminum poles with new LED fixtures.

● **2009 MFT Street Improvement Program** - Construction began in May on Sycamore Lane, Cherrywood Drive, Anthony Road and Scott Street. The contractor has been on schedule throughout this project, and completion is estimated for mid-September.

● **2009 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program** is tentatively scheduled to begin in September with the replacement of deteriorated public sidewalks. Areas programmed for construction are Arlington Club, East Chester and the Ridgefield Subdivisions.

● **Phase I Buffalo Creek Streambank Stabilization Project** - The Contractor has finished the installation of the gabion wall systems over the entire project. Currently, the project is approximately 75% complete. Items such as earth excavation, seeding, installation of emergent plugs and final restoration remain to be completed.

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.

Congregate Dining Comes to the Pavilion!

Starting in October, The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center will begin a new congregate dining program for older adults 60 years and better. The program will highlight 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 will receive written information regarding the cost of the meal and have the opportunity to contribute to part or all of the cost. This program will run 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.

Tuesday Evenings at the Senior Center

For those who work during the day, or are looking for something to do in the evenings - check us out! The Pavilion is now open on Tuesday evenings. We are open for all regular services such as RTA applications, taking appointments for services, registration for programming as well as our *Crafting Group, computer classes, open computer access, card games and Wii bowling*. Please call us at 847.459.2670 for the most up to date information on Tuesday evenings!

Senior Citizen Garbage Discount

 Senior citizens in households with one (1) or two (2) senior adults, where at least one is age 62 years or older and the primary home occupant, are eligible for a reduced garbage collection rate. The reduced rate shall be twenty-five percent (25%) less than regular rates. The discount is applied per household, not per senior. To qualify for a reduced rate, senior citizens must complete an application and attach a copy of their driver's license, state identification card, or birth certificate with the application. A copy of the most recent Waste Management bill with name, address and account number is also required. Applications can be received and accepted at Village Hall, 2 Community Blvd., or by website at www.wheelingil.gov. Once the application is approved by the Village, Waste Management will adjust the account to reflect the discount in the next billing phase. After a senior citizen is approved, there is no need to re-apply each year. For questions, please contact 847.229.4626.

Are you becoming more forgetful?

Do you have trouble concentrating?

Do you have trouble recalling words and names in conversation?

Do you displace things more often?

Have you become lost when in a familiar neighborhood?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to consider a Memory Screening – offered free at the Pavilion Senior Center and provided by Senior Services. Memory Screenings make sense for anyone concerned about memory loss or who experiences 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 baseline score for comparison in the future.

To schedule your Memory Screening please call Jan Christiansen, Senior Services Social Worker at 847.459.2670.

Do you have somebody in your life who would like someone to check on them each morning? Would you feel better if someone called you each morning, just to say hello?

If you answered yes then you may be looking for the **Telephone Reassurance Program** of the Village of Wheeling Senior Services Department. Volunteers call participants daily Monday through Friday before 9 a.m. If the volunteer does not reach the participant, emergency contacts are engaged. This program is free of charge and open to all Wheeling residents 55 and better. For more information, please contact Jan Christiansen, Senior Services Social Worker at 847.459.2670.



Assistance Programs for Wheeling Residents

CEDA Northwest

The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA Northwest) offers a number of programs and emergency assistance for residents, two of which include:

Home Weatherization Program

This free program is designed to assist income-qualified homeowners in reducing energy costs by cutting heat loss in the home. Assistance can include new weather stripping, insulation, door or furnace repairs to improve energy conservation in the home.

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

Income-eligible families may obtain one-time assistance with gas or electricity accounts, and additional emergency assistance may be available in the event a household's utility is disconnected.

To apply for either program or for more information please contact CEDA at (847) 392.2332, TTY (847) 392.8728, or visit their website at www.cedanorthwest.org

ComEd's Residential Special Hardship Program

If you're a ComEd Residential Customer who can identify a hardship such as job loss, illness, military deployment or disability, you may be eligible for assistance through ComEd's Residential Special Hardship program. This program provides assistance on your electricity bill through a one-time grant of up to \$1,000 for customers with household incomes up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level (\$84,800 for a family of four) that identify a hardship issue.

The program runs from January 1, 2009, until funds are depleted. To apply, contact your local LIHEAP administering agency. For more information on ComEd CARE Assistance programs visit www.ComEd.com or call 1.888.806.CARE (2273).

To purchase tickets, call
847.541.0170 or email
info@wphchamber.com



8th Annual

Puffing On The Ritz

with
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HOSPITALITY GROUP
WHEELING/PROSPECT HEIGHTS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Thursday, October 29, 2009
5:30 – 8:30 pm
Westin Chicago North Shore
601 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling

Featuring: Limitless tasting stations with
Restaurant Row Hospitality Group signature dishes,
\$1,000 Diamond/Champagne Raffle, Dine & Stay Raffle,
live and silent auctions, Restaurant Row gift card sales,
live jazz, cash bar, and more!

New Business Cuts Ribbon



On Wednesday July 22, 2009, the Wheeling/Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce and Village of Wheeling staff welcomed Familia Dental with a Ribbon Cutting presided by Village President Judy Abruscato (center).

Dr. Kushan Azad, DMD, gave a tour of the newly built-in clinic and passed out dental hygiene gift bags to attendees. Familia Dental is open for business.

The clinic is located in Lynn Plaza at 542B W. Dundee Road.

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The Wheeling Board of Health Presents:

Wheeling Community Health Fair & Open House

Saturday, October 17, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wheeling Park District Recreation Center
333 W. Dundee Road

** For more information call Health Officer, Beverly Slaby at 847.499.9045 **

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

233 W. Hintz Road
Phone: 847.229.4600
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

Comcast: Channel 17
A T & T: Channel 99

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