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WELCOME TO WHEELING



*President
Patrick Horcher*

From the Desk of President Horcher

From the Board of Trustees and everyone at the Village, I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a happy 2020! We were glad to see many of you at Lights Around Wheeling, our annual holiday lighting ceremony in Friendship Park, along with other notable attendees including State Senator Julie Morrison and State Representative Daniel Didech. We were also honored to be joined by the family of late Plan Commissioner Pam Dorband, the 2019 recipient of the Village's George Hieber Citizenship Award, who flipped the ceremonial switch in her memory. I'd like to express the Village's gratitude to them, and also to the Village staff, whose expert planning and hard work prior to and during the event helped ensure a safe and enjoyable evening. The staff displays an admirable commitment to Wheeling year-round, routinely going above and beyond the call of duty in ways that most residents never see. I'd like to begin 2020 with a note of sincere appreciation for their skills and efforts.

The Wheeling Police Department received some big news late last year: it has been awarded reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Accreditation involves a multi-year self-assessment, followed by a meticulous site-based examination of the department's community engagement, policies, procedures, equipment, and facilities by CALEA's experienced assessors. The Village undertakes this voluntary process as a means of making sure that the Police Department observes the highest professional standards and best practices in serving the Wheeling community. CALEA also awarded the department Accreditation with Excellence—which recognizes agencies for “for the effective use of accreditation as a model for the delivery of enhanced public safety services and management professionalism”—as well as special commendation for being accredited for at least 15 consecutive years. The Wheeling Police Department first received CALEA accreditation in 1990.

In coordination with Community Development staff, the Police Department also recently implemented another notable initiative. The Village Board's recent approval of the Wheeling Safe Communities Ordinance established a program that coordinates the efforts of police officers, inspectors, and property owners to protect the residents of rental housing by preventing criminal activity. You can read more about Wheeling Safe Communities on page 5 of this newsletter.

In economic-development-related news, the Village Board recently approved a non-binding term sheet between the Village and Hutton Development for the redevelopment of the property at 1048 South Milwaukee Avenue, comprising part of the Southeast-II TIF District redevelopment project area. The term sheet lays the groundwork for an agreement that will govern the redevelopment of the site. This project will improve a blighted area with a new gas station, convenience store, and coffee shop / restaurant for residents and visitors to the community, while also enhancing the southern gateway to Wheeling.

I should also mention another major project underway at the national level: the 2020 census. Once a decade, a wide assortment of stakeholders unites to promote awareness of the census and of the importance of achieving a complete count of our population. The census provides the basis for reapportioning Congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing billions of dollars in federal funds to state, county, and local governments and agencies, so it's a process with real consequences for the Wheeling community. We're depending on you to participate and let your voices be heard. See page 10 for more details.

I'll have many more updates on the exciting news we're expecting throughout the coming year. In the meantime, please accept the Village's best wishes for a safe and prosperous 2020!

*Happy New Year
from the Wheeling Village
Board and Manager!*



WELCOME TO WHEELING

The Clerk's Corner

It's hard to believe the holiday season is already behind us and we're entering in to a new year. I hope everybody enjoyed the festivities throughout the Village. I'm also hoping January and February will go by without any big snowstorms or very cold weather! During these long winter months, take the time to check in on your neighbors and friends. These two months are probably the most difficult of the year, and too much cold or a lot of snow can cause people to not to leave their homes for extended periods of time. Visiting your friends and neighbors would put a smile on their face and make their day a little brighter.



Village Clerk
Elaine E. Simpson

Wheeling Clubs and Organizations

The Wheeling Garden Club and the Wheeling Historical Society will resume their meetings in March. A reminder that the Wheeling Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the church in Chamber Park. The Wheeling Historical Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church in Chamber Park. Also, the Society is looking for volunteers to help assemble new displays before the April opening of the museum. If interested, please call 847.537.3119 to speak with Curator Pattie Steilen, who is at the museum on Thursday mornings between 9 a.m. and noon.

Are you a business owner in Wheeling? Consider joining the Wheeling Rotary Club! This organization does a lot of work to help people. One of their main goals was to eliminate polio in the world, which they have almost accomplished. If you're interested in joining or want more information, please call Hoyne Savings Bank at 847.459.1150 and ask for Bruce.

Presidential Primary Election, March 17, 2020

The Illinois Presidential Primary will take place on Tuesday, March 17. To register to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, be at least 18 years old by the General Election (November 3, 2020), and have been a resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day. Formerly incarcerated citizens who have served their time are eligible to register and vote in Illinois.

In-person voter registration is available until Tuesday, February 18. Register to vote at the Wheeling Village Hall Monday–Friday from 8am–4:30 p.m. Please bring two forms of identification, one with your current address. You may also register online at ova.elections.il.gov. The deadline to register online is March 1. Please visit www.cookcountyclerk.com to confirm your voter registration and view a sample ballot.

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may apply for a mail-in ballot; it is not necessary to provide a reason. To obtain a mail ballot, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com and download an application. The last day to request a mail ballot is March 12. Early voting will take place March 2–16 at participating locations, more details to follow in our next newsletter. Please make your voice heard and vote!

Village offices will be closed
Wednesday, January 1 in honor of
New Years Day and Monday, February 17
in honor of Presidents Day.

Waste Management pick-ups will be de-
layed by one day for New Years Day only.

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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Lunch at the Center (formerly Lunch at Pavilion)

Tentatively scheduled for late January 2020 (please call 847.459.2606 for specific transition date) Lunch at Pavilion will officially change its name to Lunch at the Center and will be offered in the brand new space at the Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center (CRC).

Village of Wheeling Senior Services hosts meal service for anyone 60 years and better. A nutritionally-balanced lunch is served MONDAY–FRIDAY from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Reservations are 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. Daily deli and salad offerings have been added to the new menu. The suggested donation is \$5. For our frequent diners, we have available a five-meal punch card for a donation of \$20. These cards have no expiration date. Cards are available at the CRC in the Lunch at the Center room from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.



FREE LUNCH

The eligibility guidelines are as follows:

- A person must be 60 years old of age or older.
- Call us to make your reservation (847) 459-2670.
- Coupon redeemable for new participants only, and one coupon per person.
- Dine in only. Present this coupon at the time you visit us for your free lunch.

Village of Wheeling Lunch at Pavilion

St. Joseph Social Hall, 181 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling, IL 60090
847-459-2670

Regular suggested donation for meal is \$4.00

Lunch at the Center is committed to providing meals to all older/active adults 60 and better, regardless of ability to pay. Funds for this program are provided through an award from AgeOptions through the Federal Administration on Aging.

Volunteers Needed

Rewarding part-time experience with flexible hours! Lunch at the Center Senior Congregate Dining Program needs volunteers to serve lunch Mondays–Fridays from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new friends, be part of a great team, and have a good time. No experience required. Please call Senior Services at 847.459.2670 for more information.

Drivers Wanted!

Escorted Transportation Service (ETS) is a nonprofit organization founded in 2006 with the sole purpose of providing reliable, volunteer-based, accompanied transportation for the older adults in our community to get to their (non-urgent) medical and dental appointments. In 13 years ETS has provided more than 32,000 rides, and the demand continues to grow for this service. As such, they are always looking for volunteers. Volunteering for ETS is FLEXIBLE! YOU choose your schedule and how often you would like to drive. With web-enabled software, you can go online and choose the rides that fit your lifestyle and schedule! This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for retirees, stay-at-home-parents, those with flexible schedules (real estate agents, nurses, police officers, firefighters, etc.) snowbirds, and anyone who would like to help their neighbors. For more information, visit <https://etsnw.org/how-to-help/volunteer-2/> or call at 847.222.9227.

Social Services Division

The Social Services Division offers many services to residents of the Village of Wheeling who need assistance, including:

**assessment • case management • community linkage/information and referral • crisis intervention • court advocacy
short-term counseling • tangible and basic needs • victim services • support groups**

The Social Services Division has professional social workers who work closely with the Police and Fire Departments as well as the schools and community agencies to serve residents of the Village of Wheeling. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the Human Services Department Social Services Division at 847.459.2606. Offices are located at 1 Community Boulevard, in the Wheeling Police Department.

The Social Services Division would like to invite you to take advantage of the many services and great information available.

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Wheeling Safe Communities Program

The ability to make Wheeling a safer community has been strengthened by the Village Board's recent approval of the Wheeling Safe Communities ordinance.

The Wheeling Safe Communities program is a state-of-the-art crime prevention program designed to reduce crime, drugs, and gang activity in rental properties. This program is based on the Crime Free Multi-Housing program, which was successfully developed at the Mesa, Arizona Police Department in 1992 and has since been adopted by nearly 2,000 cities in 44 U.S. states and Puerto Rico, five Canadian provinces, Mexico, England, Finland, Japan, Russia, Malaysia, Nigeria, and Afghanistan.

Starting January 1, 2020 the ordinance will require that all landlords and/or property managers complete a four-hour mandatory seminar, offered on various days of the month (dates to be determined) and taught by Wheeling police officers. In addition, they will be required to use a crime-free lease addendum when renewing a lease or renting to a new resident.

Topics covered in the seminar include:

- Crime prevention theory
- Theory of physical security — Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Benefits of resident screening, including criminal background checks
- Lease agreements and eviction issues
- Key control and master key use
- Ongoing security management monitoring and responding to criminal activity
- Gangs, drug activity, and crime prevention
- Legal warnings

There is no stronger tool to reduce crime in rental communities, and we are proud the program is now the law of the land in Wheeling. Please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 847.459.2994 with any questions.

New Smoke Detector Law in Illinois

A fire in the home is something nobody ever thinks will happen to them. But unfortunately, it does happen. In 2018, there were 1,318,500 fires nationwide resulting in property loss of \$25.6 billion, 3,655 civilian fatalities, and 15,200 civilian injuries. Closer to home, there were 51 structure fires here in Wheeling, and fortunately no fire fatalities. Despite being available for almost 50 years and being relatively inexpensive, smoke detectors are either absent or non-working in almost 50% of these fires. With today's synthetic fabrics, high use of composite wood, and the extensive amount of plastics in our homes, when a fire does occur, occupants may have less than a minute to react and safely escape. Early detection and warning of a fire may really be the difference between life and death.



Beginning January 1, 2023, all residential buildings will require operational smoke detectors.

The absence of smoke detectors or having non-working smoke detectors in residences is not limited to the Village of Wheeling; it is a state and national issue as well. To address this problem, the State of Illinois has enacted legislation making it a statewide requirement that by January 1, 2023, every residential occupancy must have operational smoke detectors installed, and if they are battery-operated units, they must have a pre-installed 10-year life battery (i.e. a newer style of smoke detector). Failure to comply can result in fines and/or being charged with a Class A or Class B misdemeanor. In the event of fire fatality, additional criminal charges are possible. Failure to have a working smoke detector may also affect your ability to recover funds from your homeowner's or renter's insurance company if you suffer a loss.

Beyond obeying the law, having working smoke detectors in your home is just good common sense. Your life and the lives of your family members are well worth the investment. If you have smoke detectors and they are over 10 years old or are the type that requires you to annually change the batteries in them, now is a great time to replace them with new units with sealed, pre-installed 10-year life batteries. You will be better protected, you will be in compliance with the new law, and you will likely save money over the 10-year life of the new smoke detector by not having to install new batteries each year. Smoke detectors are a noise you can really live with.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

Snow Season Procedures

Public Works personnel are preparing for snow control with salt deliveries, vehicle preparation, and year-round training. Snow and ice responsibilities include de-icing and clearing arterial, collector, and residential roadways, certain sections of public sidewalks, bus stops, the train station, and Village-owned buildings and properties.

Public Works is not responsible for the maintenance of or snow control on county- or state-owned roadways or rights-of-way. These roadways include:

*Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) 847-705-4222

- Dundee Road (Route 68)
- Elmhurst Road (Route 83)
- McHenry Road (Route 83)
- Palatine Road
- Milwaukee Avenue (Route 21)
- Wolf Road (Manchester north to Milwaukee Avenue; south of Marquardt to Camp McDonald Road)

*Cook County Highway Department 847-827-1164

- Lake-Cook Road
- Schoenbeck Road
- Hintz Road
- Camp McDonald Road
- Buffalo Grove Road
- Old Buffalo Grove Road
- Aptakisic Road

*Driveway Snow Shoveling Recommendations

When shoveling snow at the end of a driveway, place the snow to the right of the driveway (as you face the street) to avoid the snow being pushed back onto the driveway by a snowplow truck. Also, clear a few feet at the edge of the street and curb to the left of the driveway (as you face the street). This will help reduce the amount of snow at the end of the driveway.

*Residents are advised of the following safety tips during the snow season:

- Stay 100 feet or more behind a snowplow or salt truck.
- Shovel snow away from fire hydrants near your property for emergency access.
- Do not place refuse, refuse containers, or any other items in the street.

*Vehicle Parking Restrictions

- Do not park on any Village street within eight hours after a snowfall of two inches or more to allow safe and efficient snow and ice control by Public Works.
- Vehicles in violation of this restriction may be towed by the Police Department.
- For additional information, contact the Wheeling Police Department at 847.459.2632.

*Sidewalk Requirements

- Residents and property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks adjoining or adjacent to their property by 10 a.m. the day after a snowfall. Property owners are permitted to spread sand, salt, or other substances made for the purpose of melting snow and ice on sidewalks.
- Residents and property owners shall not deposit snow or ice onto any roadway within the Village; instead, deposit snow and ice onto the parkway.

For additional information, contact Community Development at 847.459.2620.

Waste Management 2020 Holiday Schedule

Holidays will affect regular collection schedules. If your collection is on or after a Waste Management observed holiday, service will be delayed by one day. Below are Waste Management observed holidays:

New Year's Day
Labor Day

Memorial Day
Thanksgiving Day

Independence Day
Christmas Day



Waste Management At Your Door Special Waste Collections

The Village recently approved a five-year agreement with Waste Management (WM) for the collection of refuse, recycling, and yard waste for residents, and of refuse and recycling for commercial establishments. Effective June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020, non-senior single-family home rates will be \$22.23 per month and senior single-family home rates will be \$17.79 per month. To be eligible for the senior rate, please visit the Village's website at www.wheelingil.gov/431/Senior-Discount for requirements or contact 847.279.6900 for information.

The contract also includes a new program for curbside residents called At Your Door (AYD) Special Collection that is included in the monthly rates. The AYD program provides residents with an easy and convenient option to properly recycle household electronics and dispose of hazardous chemicals. The cost for the program is included in your monthly rate, and residents can utilize the program as many times during the year as necessary.

What materials are collected through the AYD Special Collection program?

Acceptable materials include, but may not be limited to, automotive products (antifreeze, batteries, brake fluid, motor oil & filters); garden chemicals (fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, weed killers); paint products (paint, caulk, glue, stain, thinner, wood preservative); household cleaners (ammonia, cleaning products, rust remover, tile/shower and upholstery cleaners); items containing mercury (batteries, fluorescent lamp tubes, thermometers and thermostats); sharps (only if placed in sealed, rigid, puncture-resistant containers); and electronics (computers, monitors, keyboards, televisions, DVD/CD/VCR players, cell phones, printers, microwaves).

Ammunition, explosives, asbestos, tires, or any unlabeled or leaking materials will not be collected.

How do I schedule an AYD collection?

Call 1.800.449.7587, M-F from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; or visit www.wmatyourdoor.com and submit a request form.

Please have the list of unwanted materials ready for their information.

What happens when I schedule a collection?

A collection kit will be sent via mail. The kit consists of a plastic bag, a bag tie, a survey card, labels, and an instruction sheet. Follow the directions for appropriate packaging and collection. If the materials for collection are not labeled, are leaking, or for some reason are not acceptable, a door hanger will be left with further instructions. When the package is ready for collection, place the package outdoors near the side door or by the garage on the specific designated collection date provided by WM. You do not need to be present during collections. Do not place the package near the curb or street.

For additional information on the AYD program, please contact WM at 1.800.449.7587.

Holiday Recycling Programs

Tree Collections

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



Lights Recycling

Residents may recycle holiday lights including mini, C7, C9, rope, and LED lights and extension cords—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 recycling program. The program concludes February 1, 2020. Please contact 847.279.6900 with any questions.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

The 2020 Census and Confidentiality

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.

Respond to the 2020 Census to shape the future.

Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impacts our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including healthcare, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.

Your census responses are safe and secure.

The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information we collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you.

By law, your census responses cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), not by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), not by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and not by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The law requires the Census Bureau to keep information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.



How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.
Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.



Almost 5% of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disaster).

Less than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person.

What to Expect in the Mail
 When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Letter Invitation
 Most areas are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire.

We plan on working with the Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days.

Letter Invitation & Paper Questionnaire
 Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 census
March 16-24	A reminder letter
If you haven't responded yet	
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.
 Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.

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•Community Assisted Relief Efforts

Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road
847.279.6900, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M - F
•Fire hydrant flushing
•Street/pothole repairs
•Streetlight maintenance
•Snow plowing
•Forestry & landscape
•Sanitary sewer service televising
•Water quality concerns
•Flooding
•Capital Improvements Division
•Cable TV
•Waste management

Senior Programs

Wheeling Park District
100 Community Boulevard
847.459.2670

847.459.CODE

to report code violations

Village Hall Offices

2 Community Boulevard
www.wheelingil.gov
Phone: 847.459.2600
Fax: 847.459.9692
Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. M - F

Administration

847.499.9082
•Village Manager's office
•Liquor licenses
•Voter registration
•Employment opportunities
•Freedom of Information requests,
foia@wheelingil.gov

Finance Department

847.459.2627
•Water bills
•Real estate transfer stamps
•Metra parking passes
•Pet licenses

Community Development

847.459.2620
•Building, engineering, sign permits
•Business & rental property licenses
•Building codes & zoning information
•Property maintenance
•Flood maps & zone determination
•Health Division
•Planning Division

Economic Development

847.459.2605
•Available buildings
•Demographics
•Development inquiries
•TIF district information
•6b tax exemption applications

Fire Prevention Bureau

847.459.2669
•Fire alarm & sprinkler permits
•Inspections

Village Board

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Outside Agencies

Wheeling Park District

100 Community Boulevard
847.465.3333

Indian Trails Public Library

355 Schoenbeck Road
847.459.4100

Chicago Executive Airport

847.537.2580
Noise Hotline: 847.537.2580 x 117

Chamber of Commerce

2 Community Blvd., Suite 203
847.541.0170

Wheeling Township

1616 N. Arlington Hts. Rd.
847.259.7730

www.wheelingtowship.com

•Tax Assessor's office
•Senior & disability services
•Public aid



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