

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Department is responsible for the following within the Village:

- Building
- Business Licensing
- Code Enforcement
- Planning
- Public Health Functions
- Zoning



RENTAL LICENSING

The Village of Wheeling requires all residential rental properties to be licensed. There are applications available for:

- Single-family buildings
- Individual condominiums
- Townhouse
- Apartment buildings
- Duplexes
- Multi-unit ownership

ABOUT WHEELING

The Village of Wheeling was incorporated in 1894 and has grown into a culturally and ethnically diverse community. Wheeling offers a wide range of housing, prestigious restaurants, the Des Plaines River, Chicago Executive Airport, and first class office, retail and industry.



ABOUT THE WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Wheeling Police Department is recognized as an internationally accredited agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). As a medium size police agency, the Wheeling Police Department is committed to solving problems and creating solutions through active participation within the community.

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WHEELING SAFE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM



What is the Wheeling Safe Communities Program?

The Wheeling Safe Communities Program is designed to help rental property owners and managers maintain the safest, highest quality of life for their tenants possible.

In addition to reducing crime as well as the fear of crime, the program's goal is to empower landlords by maximizing training, communication and cooperation between the village and property owners/managers.

This program is honest and direct. It is solution oriented. It is an effective tool enabling landlords to lower crime, increase property values and well-being of their tenants.

Mandatory Landlord Training

The owner or agent of a rental unit applying for (or renewing) a rental license must successfully complete the Wheeling Safe Communities Seminar. These free, 4-hour seminars are held at the Wheeling Police Department on various weekdays, evenings and Saturday mornings throughout the year. Information on seminar dates, times, and registration are available on the Village's website.

Why do we need a Wheeling Safe Communities Program?

When criminals operate out of rental property, neighborhoods suffer and property owners pay a high price. That price may include:

- Decline in property values
- Property damage arising from abuse, retaliation, or neglect
- Increased problems arising from drug manufacturing and distribution
- Civil and criminal abatement of nuisance properties, civil penalties, sanctions including temporary closure of the property or even property seizure
- Loss of rent during the eviction and repair periods
- Fear and frustration when dealing with dangerous and threatening residents
- Increased resentment and anger between neighbors and property managers, which may lead to civil remedies/abatement
- The loss of other valued residents

Who benefits from the Wheeling Safe Communities Program?

- A stable satisfied resident base
- Increased demand for rental units with a reputation for active management
- Lower maintenance and repair costs
- Increased property values
- Improved personal safety for residents, property owners, and managers
- Peace of mind that comes from spending more time on routine management and less on crisis control
- Increased communication and better relationships between the landlord, resident and police
- Reduced police calls for service
- More appreciative neighbors

Since the inception of the program in 1992 there has been up to 75% reduction in crime and/or police calls to participating properties throughout the United States.

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