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THE LIGHTS EVENT HELD AT VILLAGE HALL

THE WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD WISHES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
A JOYFUL AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

# WELCOME TO WHEELING

## From the Desk of President Abruscato



President  
Judy Abruscato

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Village Clerk, I would like to wish you and your family a healthy, happy, safe and prosperous New Year. With the new year comes an opportunity to take a look back on the previous year with pride for all that was accomplished.

In November, the Board held a very successful budget workshop in which we were able to reduce a planned deficit from \$1,565,000 to a deficit of only \$859,878. While it is never our preference to operate under a deficit, the economic times are such that it is unavoidable, and we are proud that we were able to keep this number down to an absolute minimum.

While 2010 was a year of economic struggle, the Village of Wheeling still witnessed an impressive amount of development. New construction at the Fresh Farms shopping center proceeded undeterred, new businesses such as Krystyna's Deli, Fannie May Candies, Jimmy John's Sandwiches, Advanced Auto Parts, and Family Video have either already filled once-vacant sites or will be filling them in the near future, and a developer has been chosen to begin the work of creating our Town Center at the vacant Wickes Furniture site—a project which is sure to change the face of Wheeling and create what we hope will be a unique and beneficial downtown area for our residents. While the great recession still challenges each of our families and businesses, this noticeable increase in new business openings and development inquiries is proof that Wheeling has shown resilience that we can all take pride in. It is because of these events that I am optimistic for the future of Wheeling and look forward with great anticipation to what 2011 will bring.

If you want to help the economy in your own community, one way you can do that is by shopping locally. We encourage you to make your best effort to shop and dine at local businesses so that your dollar stays in Wheeling. This encourages local job growth, supports local businesses, and strengthens Wheeling's position as a diverse, creative, and industrious community. With your help, we can continue this positive trend and help our business community continue to recover and grow.

In closing I would just like to leave you with this thought: every day do something that will inch you closer to a better tomorrow.

## Welcome new Wheeling businesses!

**Fannie May Candies**  
1530 W. Lake Cook Road  
Chocolate retail store

**Krystyna's Deli**  
835 W. Dundee Road  
Polish deli/grocery store

**New Bronze Age Tile, Inc.**  
415 Harvester Court  
Custom bronze decorations

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### These businesses have relocated:

**DTK Stone Works**  
to 296 Palatine Road

## Village Offices will be closed:

Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day.  
There will be **NO** delay in Waste Management pick-ups.



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# WELCOME TO WHEELING

## The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk  
Elaine Simpson

### REMEMBER - WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

#### **Thank You Wheeling Businesses & Residents!**

Winter is upon us and at this time of year it is very important to check on your neighbors. I want to say thank you to my neighbors because they go out of their way to make sure garbage cans are brought in and that newspapers are picked up so seniors do not have to walk down their icy driveways. It is much appreciated by the residents.

A resident told me that when they went to the remodeled Walgreens they were pleasantly surprised. Though everything was in a different location, the employees were eager to show customers where to find the merchandise they were looking for. This occurred at both the Walgreens locations in town.

Another resident told me they were at Hair Cuttery and witnessed a generous act by one of the employees. A stylist selflessly gave a ride home to a customer who just got her hair done because it was dark and cold outside and otherwise the customer would be walking.

I would like to thank all of the residents who go out of their way, either for a business or for their neighbors. If you know of a business or resident that has done something special please let me know and I will mention them in this column.

#### **Lollipop Lane a Success**

Lollipop Lane has had another successful year. Seeing the faces of children light up at the sight of Santa and the wonderland that is presented to them is a special treat every year. Thanks to the Wheeling Historical Society, Wheeling Park District, and Stasek Chevrolet for making this possible. Because of these sponsors, families had pictures taken of their children or family at no cost to them. It was a long ten days but well worth it after seeing the happy smiles of the families that attended.

**Remember: Shop at our local businesses and, now that winter is upon us, check on your neighbors!**

## Health Happenings

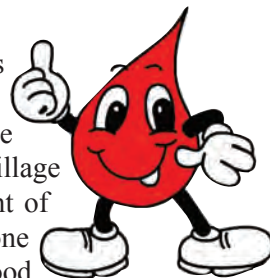


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Wheeling Board of Health

### Wheeling Board of Health Activities for 2011

#### **Blood Drives**

The 2011 Wheeling Community Blood Drives will be held March 9th, July 13th and November 9th from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. The blood drives are held on the first floor of Village Hall. Please come in and donate. Each pint of blood saves three lives! One hundred fifty-one units of blood were collected at Wheeling Blood Drives in 2010! Thank you to all the residents who donated. With your donations we helped to save 453 lives!



#### **Prescription Medication Drop-Off**

The Prescription Medication Drop-Off will continue to be held on the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. in front of the Police Station located at 1 Community Blvd. We accept prescription and over-the-counter medications in their original containers. We cannot accept any controlled substances such as Oxycontin and Percocet. We accept sharps (needles & syringes) in rigid containers with a sealed lid. We will not accept sharps that are not in a rigid container. Sharps containers are available through the Community Development Department, located at 2 Community Blvd. You can also get a new container when you drop off your full sharps container.



#### **Health Fair & Open House**

The Health Fair & Open House will be held on Saturday, October 15th—mark your calendars! This year's Health Fair was very successful and we look forward to providing more health services and information to the residents.

If you have questions regarding any of the programs and activities provided by the Board of Health, please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847.499.9045.

# POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS



## ***Fire Department Presented with “Life Safety Achievement Award”***

During National Fire Prevention Week, the Wheeling Fire Department was presented with the “Life Safety Achievement Award” for calendar year 2009. The award is presented by the Residential Fire Safety Institute, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance. In order to be considered for the award, a fire department must demonstrate that there is a documented fire safety education program for the community, a documented fire prevention and life safety inspection program, and that there have been no residential fire deaths during the calendar year, or there has been at least a 10% reduction in residential fire deaths from the year before. Receiving this award validates the Fire Department’s continuing efforts to make the Village a fire-safe community. Annually, fewer than 700 fire departments worldwide are presented with this award. The Wheeling Fire Department has received this award 11 out of the last 12 years—an accomplishment in itself.

## ***Winter Safety Tips***

Freezing temperatures, blowing snow, and slippery roads are all part of the winter season. While most people do not look forward to these seasonal problems, a few simple steps can prevent the holiday season from becoming a tragic one for you and your family.

- Give your home a holiday gift – a new battery for the smoke detector. If your smoke detector is more than ten years old, it is time to replace it with a new one. A properly functioning smoke detector increases your chances of surviving a fire in your home by 50%.
- When removing snow from your driveway and sidewalks, remember to pace yourself. Even though it is cold outside, removal of snow can be a physically demanding activity. Make sure you are well hydrated by drinking a glass of water prior to starting and again when you are done. The wetter the snow, the heavier it is, and the more physically demanding it can be, and more stressful on your heart.
- Keep children away when blowing snow. The snow blower may pick up a rock, a piece of chipped concrete, or even a piece of ice, which can become a dangerous missile.
- Keep loose clothing away from the moving parts on a snow blower. Loose clothing, particularly scarves and gloves, can be drawn into the spinning augur and can cause personal entrapment in the machine or amputation of fingers.
- Never refuel a snow blower while it is running or inside your garage. Let the engine cool for several minutes before refueling. Spilled fuel on a hot engine can ignite and cause a fire.
- If you live near a fire hydrant, please make sure to remove surrounding snow. It is important for the Fire Department to have a minimum of two feet around all sides of a hydrant. Failure to remove this snow may result in a delay in extinguishing a fire in your home or that of a neighbor due to the lack of available water supply and the need to find another non-obscured fire hydrant.
- Winter weather conditions can cause additional traffic congestion, which makes it even more difficult for fire and police personnel to respond to emergency calls. Please do your part by pulling all the way over to the right side of the road when you see or hear emergency vehicles coming.

## ***Community Assisted Relief Efforts (C.A.R.E.)***



Community Assisted Relief Efforts is a group of community volunteers trained and prepared to assist victims of disasters with shelter and comfort. Volunteers are trained in Red Cross Shelter Operations, CPR / AED / First Aid, and emergency

procedures. CARE is a partnership between the Wheeling Police, Fire, and Human Services Departments. An application process is necessary to join, and volunteers are needed. Training is provided. If you are interested in hearing more, contact Angela Burrell at 847.459.2640. Help out your community and learn some new skills!

## ***Don’t Become a Victim!***

This area has seen a rise in car break-ins, as well as in theft of metal. Please follow these steps for keeping yourself and your belongings safe:

- Lock your vehicle doors and close windows
- Do not leave items of value in plain view
- Park in an enclosed garage if at all possible
- Don’t think it can’t happen to you—it can

The metal thefts have mainly occurred in the commercial areas and residential areas where homes have aluminum equipment, etc. If you see anyone suspicious in your neighborhood, call the police. Don’t forget thieves have even removed catalytic converters from underneath cars while parked in driveways.

The Police Department is working diligently to catch these criminals. Please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 847.459.2994 with any questions.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

## Snow Season Procedures

With winter upon us, the Public Works Department is continuously preparing 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 the 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 a.m. on every morning thereafter. If the snow and ice are 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 removed from sidewalks and driveways on the parkway.
- Residents and property owners in violation of these codes may be penalized.

### Mailbox Damage

- Damage done to a mailbox by snow being discharged from a snow plow is 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 annual **Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Street Improvement Program** is an integral part of the Village's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for renovating and improving streets throughout the community. It is anticipated that the program will be accomplished in 2011 so the reconstruction of Lexington Drive can proceed.

The **Water Main Replacement Program** is scheduled to begin in the Hollywood Ridge Subdivision in early May 2011 with substantial completion in September 2011. The following streets will be affected by this improvement: Beverly Drive, Woodland Drive, Pebble Drive and Wilshire Drive.

The 2011 **MFT Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program** will begin late spring/early summer. Staff continues to compile a list of locations that qualify for this work. If residents have a public sidewalk that is in need of repair, please contact the Capital Projects & Design Division at 847.279.6900 and provide us with an address and phone number. We will evaluate the sidewalk to see if it qualifies for replacement as funding becomes available.

The 2011 **MFT Crack Sealing Program** will begin in the late spring/early summer. Sealing of cracks and joints in pavements, whether bituminous asphalt or PC concrete, has proven to be beneficial in extending the life of pavements. Quantities and specifications for the 2011 Crack Sealing Program will be finalized in January for an anticipated February/March bid opening.

## Recycle Your Holiday Items

### Holiday Tree Recycling

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 in order to be collected. Please do not place trees in plastic bags. Trees that have decorations, stands, etc. or are in plastic bags will not be collected.

### Holiday Lights Recycling

Residents can recycle all 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 recycling program. Residents may contact 847.279.6900 with any questions.

# 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 meal 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. 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 toward part or all of the cost. Funds for this program are provided by an award from AgeOptions 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 Liz.

## 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 IL Department on Aging's Circuit Breaker program provides grants to senior citizens and persons with disabilities to help reduce the impact of taxes and prescription medication expenses on their lives. When these costs 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, contact the Senior Services Division at 847.459.2670 for an appointment. Applications for 2011 may be filled out once you have prepared your 2010 income taxes or have determined you do not need to file for 2010. Applications are accepted throughout 2011.

## Journeys from PADS to HOPE

Homelessness, or the threat of losing a home, is a situation that is affecting more and more families in these difficult economic times. The Village of Wheeling Human Services Department would like to invite you to support a local agency that is working with many homeless families in our area. *Journeys from PADS to HOPE* serves individuals in northwest suburban Cook County who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Journeys is a collaborative effort of the HOPE Center clinical team and affiliated PADS shelter sites. Focusing on intervention and prevention, the clinical staff at the HOPE Center provides an array of psychosocial services, including mental health counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and housing assistance. Journeys' new supportive living program offers affordable temporary housing and consistent therapeutic support by the HOPE Center clinical team to help clients achieve independence. Journeys also administers to nineteen faith-based emergency shelter sites that provide hot meals and a safe, warm place to sleep.

The Human Services Department invites you to support *Journeys from PADS to HOPE* by bringing in NEW hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, rain ponchos, socks, sweatshirts and sweatpants, thermal underwear, umbrellas, and winter boots to be provided to the many individuals and families who face homelessness. Bring your donations to the collection sites at Village Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, or the Pavilion Senior Center from January 2 through March 31, 2011. Items collected will be brought to the *Journeys from PADS to HOPE* office and distributed to the local PADS shelters in our community. If you would like more information about this collection or need assistance, please contact the Human Services Department at 847.459.2606.



## Wheeling Business Network



The Department of Economic Development recently launched the Wheeling Business Network, a LinkedIn Group, as an added service to the Wheeling business community. The Wheeling Business Network is intended to create an online gathering place for

Wheeling business owners to network with peers, share information about their business needs, and learn about business support resources available through federal, state, and local agencies.

If you own or manage a business in Wheeling, we invite you to take advantage of this resource. Please send any inquiries by email to [wbn@wheelingil.gov](mailto:wbn@wheelingil.gov). If you wish to contact the Department of Economic Development by phone, their office number is 847.459.2605.

## Something New in Wheeling to Serve You!



On November 8, 2010, the Board of Trustees approved the formation of the new Human Relations Commission, whose task is to bring Wheeling together as a community. When a community comes together it is stronger and safer, providing a better quality of life for old and young, adult and child alike. This endeavor includes, but goes well beyond, the focus of the former Human Rights Commission, whose primary task was to address issues related to discrimination.

The Human Relations Commission will strive to link together various village organizations; to serve as a resource for the community, covering topics that are useful to residents; and to support paths that promote dignity, mutual understanding and respect in our diverse population. All aspects of life include human relations, so the new Human Relations Commission has its work cut out for it by working with churches, schools, businesses and the community at large on issues of common concern, and by creating connectedness by lending a helping hand among groups and being a conduit of information. No small tasks are any of these, to be sure. But the results for all Wheeling residents can be rewarding.

You too can be a part of this exciting, encompassing, passionate endeavor. Contact Shari Huizar at 847.459.2670. Or better yet, come to a Human Relations Commission meeting held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Nothing to lose, everything to gain!

## Protect Pipes from Freezing

With winter here, severe cold and freezing temperatures can damage unprotected water pipes, causing pipes to freeze and burst or have no water flow. It is important for residents to prepare and safeguard against the possibility of water pipelines freezing by recognizing measures of prevention.

### Prior to Freezing Temperatures

- Disconnect and drain hoses from outside faucets
- Turn off and drain lawn sprinkler systems
- Wrap outside faucets with insulating material
- Cover foundation vents inside with foam blocks, thickly folded newspapers, or cardboard
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas such as basements/crawl spaces
- Show household members how to turn off the water in case of an emergency

### During Freezing Temperatures

- Open cupboard doors under sinks, especially where plumbing is in an exterior wall, to let interior heat warm the pipes
- Temporarily keep a steady but slow drip of cold water from an inside faucet farthest from the meter to keep water moving and make it less likely to freeze
- If you are away more than a day, shutting off the water and leaving the thermostat at 55 degrees can reduce the chance of broken pipes
- For extended winter absences, consider contacting Public Works to have your water shut off
- If you know that a property has been unoccupied for several days, please notify Public Works at 847.279.6900 to determine whether water service has been shut off at the property. This can prevent costly damage to the unoccupied property

### If Your Pipes Freeze

- Never thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame; a hair dryer or the exhaust from a vacuum cleaner are safer alternatives
- If the lines are frozen, assume they may have broken or split. Purchase leak clamps at a hardware or plumbing store. Be prepared to turn water off when the pipes thaw
- If there is no water at your home, call Public Works at 847.279.6900, Mon. - Fri. from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. After 3:30 p.m., please contact the Police Department NON-Emergency telephone at 847.459.2632
- If your pipes break, shut off the water at the shut-off valve



Residents should also know where the water shut-off valve is located in their home and make sure that it functions properly. Shut-off valves can be found in the basement or crawlspace by the water meter where water lines enter the home.

CARRIER ROUTE PRE-SORT

Local Postal Patron  
Wheeling, IL 60090

The Village of Wheeling is now accepting donations for the 2011 July 4th Fireworks display. If you would like to donate, please mail in or drop off your donation at the Finance Department located at Village Hall (2 Community Blvd). Please either cut out this notification to accompany your donation or indicate "fireworks" on your check. Thank you!

## Wheeling Welcomes Two New Businesses

Local officials warmly welcomed Fannie May Candies to town with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 11th. The new store is located at 1530 E. Lake Cook Road in the Schwind Crossings shopping center. Pictured from left to right: Fannie May Candies corporate rep; Peter Vadopalas, Director of Economic Development; Dave Vogel, Village Trustee; Ken Brady, Village Trustee; Dean Argiris, Village Trustee; Judy Abruscato, Village President; Gerardo Serna, Fannie May Store Manager; Ray Lang, Village Trustee; unidentified; Cathy Powers, Executive Director for WPH Chamber of Commerce; Bill Maloney, Plan Commission Chairman; Fannie May Candies corporate rep.



On November 30th, the red ribbon graced us once more, this time for the newly opened Krystyna's Deli at 835 W. Dundee Road in Dunhurst Plaza. Krystyna's Deli specializes in Polish and European-American grocery, deli, and bakery goods. Pictured from left to right: Ken Brady, Village Trustee; Ray Lang, Village Trustee; Norm Schaeff, Plan Commissioner; Judy Abruscato, Village President; Robert and Olga Wojciak, Store Owners; Cathy Powers, Executive Director for WPH Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Madigan, Director of Sales at Candlewood Suites; Alfred Scaletta, Strategic Account Executive at TDS Telecommunications Corporation.

## WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

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### 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

### Human Services & Senior Ctr.

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  
847.465.3333

### Indian Trails Public Library

355 S. Schoenbeck Road  
847.459.4100

**847.459.CODE**  
to report code violations

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