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March/April 2016



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Noise Hotline: 847.537.2580 x 117

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Village Hall Offices:

Administration

847.499.9082

- Village Board matters
- Village Manager's office
- Liquor licenses
- Village newsletter
- Employment opportunities
- Freedom of Information requests, foia@wheelingil.gov

Finance Department

847.459.2627

- Water bills
- Real estate transfer stamps
- Metra parking passes
- Voter registration
- Pet licenses

Community Development

847.459.2620

- Building, engineering, sign permits
- Business & rental property licenses
- Inspections
- Building codes & zoning information
- Property maintenance
- Flood maps & determination
- Health Division
- Planning Division
- Capital Improvements Division

Economic Development

847.459.2605

- Available buildings
- Demographics
- Development inquiries
- TIF district information

Fire Prevention Bureau

847.459.2669

- Fire alarm & sprinkler permits
- Inspections

Fire Department

499 S. Milwaukee Ave.

847.459.2662 (non-emergency)

- Fire codes
- CPR classes

Police Department

1 Community Blvd.

847.459.2632 (non-emergency)

- Citizens Police Academy
- DARE program
- Graffiti removal
- Neighborhood watch

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
- Cable TV
- Waste management
- Electric aggregation

Human Services/Senior Center

199 N. First Street

847.459.2670

- Program information
- Social services
- Wheeling Food Pantry
- Senior Center events
- Community Assisted Relief Efforts

Wheeling Township

1616 N. Arlington Hts. Rd.

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www.wheelingtownship.com

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



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WELCOME TO WHEELING



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2016 State of the Village Address

I'm pleased to report that 2015 was another great year for Wheeling. I'm continually impressed with the energy, creativity, and commitment shown by the members of our community—including our residents, businesses, and partner agencies—and it's a pleasure to work together to help Wheeling succeed. I'm particularly grateful for the wisdom and leadership shown by the Board of Trustees, which welcomed two new members this year, Joe Vito and Mary Papantos. The Village's talented management team has a new member—Police Chief Jamie Dunne, who joins us from the City of Prospect Heights—and two familiar faces have moved into new roles: Mark Janeck is now Director of Public Works, and Village Planner Andrew Jennings' role has expanded to include directorship of Community Development. These shifts accompany other changes that will improve our staff's already impressive efficiency and effectiveness.

In recent years we've worked hard to lay the groundwork for future economic vitality, and in 2015 those efforts paid off in a big way. Thanks to major new developments including Northgate Crossing (www.northgatewheeling.com), the Whitley, and Creekside Medical Center, among others, the Village issued permits for nearly \$70 million worth of construction projects last year, a whopping \$29 million increase over 2014. The vacancy rate in Wheeling's industrial sector is still among the lowest in the region at around six percent—and this number will shrink even further with Richelieu Foods' occupancy of a 115,000-square-foot facility on Palatine Road. Thanks to recruitment efforts at the Village, state, and federal levels, Wheeling won out over several competitors in Richelieu's national search for a food-processing plant employing at least 125 people. We expect more good news in the manufacturing sector soon.

Wheeling's retail sector also shows steady growth. To help spread the word about Wheeling as a world-class dining and hospitality destination, the Village has joined Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau, which promotes our region's amenities and attractions. Wheeling's annual July 3 celebration has long been known as one of the best in Northern Illinois, and it got even better in 2015, establishing a home at Chicago Executive Airport as Rock 'n' Run the Runway, an event featuring a morning 5K followed by live music and fireworks. To further increase Wheeling's international profile, last October we had the honor of traveling to the Republic of Korea with Tenth District Congressman Bob Dold and a delegation of local business and education leaders on a trip sponsored by Wheeling's own Korean Cultural Center of Chicago. With the help of our public, private, and nonprofit partners, we'll keep working to expand Wheeling's global reach.

The Village also undertook several major initiatives in 2015 to maintain our residents' safety. The Fire Department negotiated a \$1.5 million contract to replace aging equipment with a new fire engine and new ladder truck, scheduled for delivery later this year; these vehicles will help keep Wheeling safe for many years to come. The Police Department was reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies for the eighth time; the department also won the Commission's prestigious Accreditation with Excellence Award. In 2015 Wheeling also began providing police dispatch services for the City of Des Plaines, an arrangement that maintains responsiveness in both communities at a substantial savings to taxpayers, and that serves as an example of a well-considered and effective consolidation of government services.

Stormwater control continues to be a priority for the Village, and we've made significant accomplishments in this area. We were able to secure a grant to fund the relocation of the residents of the Fox Point mobile home community who were impacted by the April 2013 floods. We successfully negotiated with Cook County to establish a connection to their storm sewer at Hintz Road and Jackson Drive that will help improve the transmission of stormwater from that flood-prone area. Most significantly, we established a Stormwater Utility to fund future infrastructure improvements that will reduce flooding throughout Wheeling.

Last year saw significant new development along the Dundee Road corridor, and more is in the near future. The Village is preparing for growth, starting with the recent addition of new streetlights. Substantial road construction will follow, including improvements at Dundee and McHenry and Dundee and Elmhurst intersections to facilitate traffic flow, as well as an improved and signalized intersection at Dundee and Community Boulevard that will serve the Post Office and Community Campus. In all, we made an investment of \$4.8 million in infrastructure last year, and plan additional improvements totaling \$7.6 million in the year to come. Furthermore, the Village continues to work with the developer of Wheeling Town Center, the transit-oriented mixed-use development adjacent to the Metra station, and anticipates significant progress on this project during 2016.

There's a lot to be excited about in the coming year, and the Board of Trustees and I look forward to working together with our partners in the community to make Wheeling an outstanding place to live, learn, work, and visit!

WELCOME TO WHEELING

The Clerk's Corner

Vote March 15, 2016

The Illinois Presidential Primary will take place on Tuesday, March 15. Regular voter registration is currently closed until after the election, and will open again on March 16. Please visit www.voterinfo.net.com to confirm your voter registration and view a sample ballot. Grace-period registration is open until March 14 at participating locations. Grace period registrants will cast a ballot immediately after registering.

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may apply for a mail-in ballot. It is no longer necessary to provide a reason. To obtain a mail ballot, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com and download an application. Early voting will take place until March 14 at participating locations. Please make your voice heard and vote!

Spring Activities

In just a few short weeks it will be spring, and now is the time to think of planting flowers, fixing up around the house, and getting involved in your community. Here are some activities to participate in:

The **Wheeling Garden Club** is a great place to learn about gardening, hear guest speakers, and be part of the annual plant sale, plus other activities. The Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Most of the meetings are held at the Senior Center. Keep in mind that their plant sale will be held in May. More information will be available in the next newsletter. If you want to join the Wheeling Garden Club, please call Kathy Pico at 847.541.6783.

The **Wheeling Historical Society** is part of preserving the Village's present for future generations. The Society has monthly meetings with speakers, opens the museum up during warmer weather, and hosts Lollipop Lane each winter for children and the young at heart, among many other activities. The Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chamber Park in the Community Church. For further information, please contact Joan Wiener at 847.650.0144.

The **Wheeling Senior Center** is open to any resident over the age of 55. There are discussion groups, computer training, exercise classes, and much, much more. This is a great opportunity to meet people with shared experiences and concerns. For further information, please contact the Senior Center at 847.459.2670.

Save the date for the **Wheeling Rotary Club's annual fundraiser** on May 21 to benefit the Wheeling Food Pantry. Information will be posted at www.wheelingil.gov.



*Village Clerk
Elaine E. Simpson*



Health Happenings

Brought to you by the Wheeling Board of Health

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. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Village Hall, located at 2 Community Boulevard.



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. Every pint of blood donated will help save three lives!

Appointments are greatly appreciated. To schedule an appointment, please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847.499.9045 or email her at bslaby@wheelingil.gov. You may also contact LifeSource Blood Services at 1.800.LIFE-SOURCE.

Walk-ins are always welcomed! Please join us!

Welcome new businesses!

777 Transport

224 S. Milwaukee Ave, Ste. H
Trucking dispatch office

Access Online, Inc.

143 S. Wheeling Road
Security installation contractor

Alfa Controls, Inc.

311 Egidi Drive
Equipment manufacturer

American Underground

246 E. Marquardt
Contractor/Pipeline inspections

ATI Physical Therapy

1562-1564 Lake Cook Road
Outpatient physical therapy

Aussie Pet Mobile

500 Harvester Court
Mobile pet grooming

Gar Hair Studio

270 McHenry Road
Hair and beauty salon

Lists & Letters

288 W. Palatine Road
Mailing lists/letter shop

Marvy Nails & Spa

765-A W. Dundee Road
Cosmetics and beauty salon

Purple Sprout

341 E. Dundee Road
Vegan cafe

Tire Boss, Inc.

112 McHenry Road
Tire shop

Vinston US Corp.

204 Carpenter Avenue
Showroom/CNC machinery

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Police Department Receives Prestigious Accreditation

In November of 2015, the Wheeling Police Department received the Gold Standard Certificate of Advanced Meritorious Accreditation and Accreditation with Excellence designation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This is the eighth consecutive term for which the Police Department has received accreditation by CALEA since 1990.



CALEA was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations: the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

The law enforcement accreditation system establishes a uniform set of "best practices" for police agencies that are consistent, measurable, and verified by an independent body as to compliance. This creates accountability to the community, elected policymakers, and the line officers who are performing the day-to-day work. Accreditation serves as a progressive and contemporary way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance, while providing assurance to the citizens they serve that the agency has voluntarily submitted to a process of self-regulation and successfully achieved compliance with a set of standards that have been collectively established by their peers within their professional community.

The Wheeling Police Department is proud to serve its residents with professionalism and integrity, and continues to strive for excellence. For further information about CALEA, visit www.calea.org.

Beware of Ruse Burglaries

Ruse burglaries are on the rise and becoming more frequent every day. Ruse burglary involves someone who comes to your door and uses a "ruse" to trick you into letting them into your home. Typically they claim to be with the village, with a utility company, or perhaps a relative of one of your neighbors, etc. They may say they have to check your water supply, your property line, or any other myriad reason to get into your house or onto your property. Oftentimes they will be speaking on the phone to an accomplice, possibly in a foreign language. While one person distracts you with questions, a second person enters your home through an unlocked door. From there they typically head to your bedroom in search of jewelry and/or cash. People are creatures of habit, and will leave all of those items within easy reach; your bedroom represents the jackpot.

Who are these criminals targeting? For the most part they target senior citizens, but all residents need to be on alert. One victim in Wheeling suffered losses of over \$50,000 when the ruse was successfully played on her.

What can you do? Don't let anyone into your home unless you personally know who they are, or you initiated the contact with the company they claim to represent. (Example: you called Comcast because your cable is out, and someone from Comcast shows up at your door that day. You can be reasonably sure that it's not a coincidence.)

These criminals are merciless in their pursuit of other people's jewelry and hard-earned cash. The police can't be everywhere, and this crime won't stop without public education. Help us in that endeavor by getting the word out to all the seniors you know and care about. If you sense that you may have a ruse burglar in your neighborhood, please call 847.459.2632 or 9-1-1 immediately.

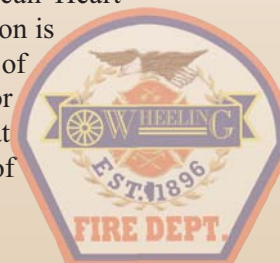
For more information on ruse burglaries, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 847.459.2994.

CPR Classes Available at Wheeling Fire Department



The Wheeling Fire Department offers Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes to the general public 16 years of age or older. Classes are held in March, June, August, and November. Class size is limited. Special classes are available for businesses, community groups, and homeowner associations with a minimum of 12 individuals per class. All classes are taught using the American Heart Association standards, and certification is provided upon successful completion of the class. To register for a CPR class or

to schedule a special CPR class for your group, call the Fire Department at 847.459.2662, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A few hours of training can mean a lifetime for someone else!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

Floods Are No Myth: Be Prepared for the Unexpected

Discounts on flood insurance are just one of many benefits residents enjoy as a result of Wheeling's proactive approach to flood hazard damage reduction. A 38-year member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Wheeling has joined a national effort to minimize property damage in cases of flooding and provide affordable flood insurance to all homeowners, whether or not they are located in or near a floodplain. As part of its NFIP commitment, the Village provides a range of information on flooding potential, prevention, safety, and other issues. For more information about the NFIP and flood insurance, call 1.800.427.4661. Copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) can be reviewed at the Village Hall and Indian Trails Public Library.

Local Flood Hazard Potential

The Village's proximity to waterways such as the Des Plaines River, Buffalo Creek, and McDonald Creek raises the hazard of flooding during heavy rains. Standard homeowner's insurance does not cover flooding. Through the 1960s, private rates on flood insurance were prohibitively high, which made it almost impossible to carry flood insurance. The NFIP, formed in 1968, is designed to subsidize the cost of flood insurance to member communities, qualify them to receive disaster relief, and establish minimum national standards to reduce flood losses.

High CRS Rating

One of eight inaugural NFIP communities in Illinois, Wheeling designed programs to exceed minimum standards and optimize benefits to Village residents. In 1992, the NFIP implemented the Community Rating System (CRS) to reward communities that go above and beyond the basic requirements. Effective May 1, 2014, our rating was upgraded to Class 6, which provides a 20% discount on flood insurance policies for properties located within the special flood hazard area. Policies issued for properties outside the special flood hazard area continue to receive a 5% discount. Wheeling continues to be proactive in preventative initiatives, including:

Stream maintenance: Regular inspections of waterways to ensure they are clear of debris and potential obstructions.

Regulating new construction: New buildings in the flood zone must meet requirements for elevation and flood-proofing. Village planners ensure that new developments don't increase flood risk for neighbors in the community.

Keeping residents informed of flood risk and how to minimize impact: Our residents must be aware of the potential for flooding. Tools such as this newsletter enable us to keep residents informed regarding the risk of flooding.

Development Regulated

Development of any type within special flood hazard areas is strictly regulated. In order to construct a building or an addition, perform any grading, or fill any other type

of construction in these areas, an individual must obtain a special "floodplain development permit." This permit is issued in conjunction with other construction permits to assure that the new construction will not be susceptible to flood damage or cause increased flood damage potential to neighboring properties. Floodplain development regulations can be found on the Village's website at www.wheelingil.gov in Title 22 of the Municipal Code (which can be found under "Reference Desk" on the home page) or by contacting the Community Development Department at 847.459.2620.

With flooding a possibility, especially during the spring/summer season, preparation is the best defense. Safeguarding people, protecting buildings, and purchasing flood insurance are keys to defending against floods.

Protect Your Property: To flood-proof a structure, start by elevating or relocating electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and washer/dryers to areas least likely to be flooded. Install basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves. Consider erecting interior flood walls around utilities. Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home. Keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. More flood protection information is available from FEMA through the "Floodplain/Flooding Information" link on the home page of our website at www.wheelingil.gov. Information is also available for review at the Indian Trails Public Library.

Personal Safety: During periods of high water, stay out of the basement where breaker boxes and electrical wiring present the risk of shock. If you know high water is imminent, shut off the electricity, gas, and water. Keep your family together and make sure everyone has identification. Move everyone—including pets—to high ground. Rescue crews cannot reach you once the water becomes two feet deep. Don't drive across flooded roads where your vehicle could stall. Flowing water above your knees can generate dangerous currents; avoid walking through it.

Village Monitors Rising Water Levels: The Village monitors rising water levels with strategically placed gauges. Comparing data with historic records, the Village can predict areas of potential flooding. In the event of a flooding situation, Village staff is mobilized to notify people in affected areas. In some situations, notification may be made by phone. Road closure information is available from radio stations.

Call Community Development at 847.459.2620 with any questions about flood risk areas within the Village of Wheeling.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

Stormwater Runoff Pollution

Stormwater runoff and the pollutants it collects from streets, driveways, rooftops, etc. can enter water sources such as creeks, streams, rivers, and lakes. Residents and businesses can take the following measures to prevent stormwater runoff pollution from entering our water sources:

- Checking vehicles for leaks. Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids at designated drop-off facilities.
- Using pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Use organic mulch or safer pest controls whenever possible.
- Composting or mulching yard waste, or following local yard waste programs. Do not sweep yard waste into storm drains.
- Sweeping litter/debris from properties—including sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots—and properly disposing of it.
- Sweeping and properly disposing of construction debris (e.g. concrete and mortar).
- Cleaning up after pets. Village Municipal Code 7.10 requires cleaning up after pets on public or others' property.

Yard Waste Collections

Yard waste collections begin on April 1 and continue through November 30. Collections occur on your regularly scheduled collection day. Townhouses and condominiums do not have this service.



- Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or in a container clearly marked with a red X. Bags and containers must not be larger than 33 gallons or exceed 45 pounds. There is no limit to the number of bags or containers.
- Yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected.
- All yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. the day of collection, but not before 5 p.m. the evening before.
- Brush must be bundled and tied with 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.

What is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day is an annual celebration of the function trees have in our daily lives, and also promotes tree planting and care. It is celebrated in Illinois on the last Friday in April. This year, Arbor Day will occur on Friday, April 29. The Village of Wheeling has received the Tree City USA recognition—which acknowledges the Village's forestry program—for 25 consecutive years and the Tree City USA Growth Award for 14 consecutive years. By celebrating Arbor Day, the Village continues to demonstrate the importance of trees in our community and acknowledges the efforts of the Village's forestry program.

Spring Cleaning & Property Maintenance



Wheeling's property maintenance codes are a compilation of requirements adopted by the Village's Board of Trustees in an effort to establish standards that help preserve properties, provide a sound environment, and maintain property values. Please observe the following guidelines:

- Maintain grass and weeds (maximum height eight inches).
- Maintain shrubs and trees including removal or pruning of dead, overgrown, or improperly maintained plants.
- Keep building exteriors free of cracking and peeling paint.
- Keep fences, sheds, and other accessory structures in good repair.
- Garbage cans should be stowed in the garage or adjacent to the house in a side or rear yard between pick-up days.
- No garbage or refuse shall be deposited at the curb before 5 p.m. the day before a scheduled pick-up. Empty receptacles shall be removed by or before 8 a.m. the day after collection.
- Clean up the outside of your house/building, and observe general sanitation and pest control standards.
- Maintain safety standards in bedrooms, utility closets, kitchens, and bathrooms, with installation or battery checks of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

You take pride in your home and keep it ship-shape inside and out, but you notice a home or two in the neighborhood having trouble doing the same. What do you do to keep your neighborhood looking neat?

If you notice ill-kept properties in your neighborhood, please contact Community Development at 847.459.2620 so that our staff can investigate the status of the property and take steps to re-establish maintenance at the site.

The Village of Wheeling Community Development Department is responsible for the enforcement of basic standards for property maintenance, sanitation, and related matters. Our goal, through fair but firm code enforcement, is to ensure a healthy, safe environment for residents and businesses to exist and prosper.

Please contact the Community Development Department at 847.459.2620 with questions or concerns regarding property maintenance issues.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pavilion Senior Center & Social Services Division

Programs at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center

Register for these programs at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center (199 N. First Street) or by calling us at 847.459.2670.

Coloring for Calm

Join the new relaxation craze for adults! We will provide the pages to color and colored pencils; you bring your imagination!

Dates: Thursdays, March 10–April 28, 2016

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost: \$2 members/\$17 non-members

Advance registration is required.

St. Patrick's Day Party

Wear green and join us for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. We will enjoy a delicious lunch followed by a program featuring Irish music. This event is part of the Lunch at Pavilion program.

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Please call ahead to reserve your space.

Four Winds Casino

Enjoy a day away as we journey to New Buffalo, Michigan to try our luck at the Four Winds Casino. The cost includes round-trip transportation, a \$10 food credit, and \$15 instant slot credit.

Date: Thursday, March 31, 2016

Time: The bus will leave the Senior Center at 9 a.m.

Cost: \$42 members/\$57 non-members by March 1, 2016

\$47 members/\$62 non-members March 1 – 4, 2016

Chicago Premium Outlets

Join us at the Chicago Premium Outlets in Aurora, Illinois and enjoy finding that special item at outlet prices!

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Time: The bus will leave the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and is expected to return by 4:30 p.m. depending on traffic.

Cost: \$15 members/\$30 non-members by March 14, 2016

\$20 members/\$35 non-members March 14, 2016 or later

Arthritis Exercise Program

Join us for a gentle 12-week exercise program designed for anyone with joint stiffness/pain or limited range of motion. Learn about how arthritis affects the body and what can be done to help reduce pain, techniques to manage symptoms, appropriate exercises to maintain and improve fitness, and skills for relaxation and better sleep.

Dates: Fridays, April 15 – July 1, 2016

Time: 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Cost: \$12 members/\$27 non-members

Advance registration is required.

Lunch at Pavilion

The Senior Center hosts meal service for anyone 60 years and better. Join us for a great meal and great friends at Lunch at Pavilion. Excellent NEW menu selections, restaurant atmosphere, and table service—you can't beat it! A nutritionally-balanced lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required and must be made by Wednesday for the following week. 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. Social activities and informational programs are included as part of this program.

Lunch at Pavilion is funded partially with funds granted by Age Options, the suburban area agency on aging, with funds from the Federal Administration on Aging and the IL Department of Aging. The suggested donation for the lunch is \$4 per meal. No one will be turned away for inability to donate. Frequent diners can make a \$15 donation for a five-meal ticket. Cards are available at the front desk and have no expiration dates. Each time you check in for lunch, we ask that you present your card to have the meal card marked for that day's meal. If you are financially unable to purchase a punch card, please see Shari or Alysia, and they will gladly assist you. Meals are catered by Hoffman House. Lunch is often followed by a presentation, a speaker, or musical entertainment. For more information regarding how to register or volunteer, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask for Jesus Delgado.

Support Group for Caregivers of Mentally Ill Loved Ones

Living with or loving someone with a mental illness? Feeling confused, alone, worried, and don't know where to turn?

Please join us for a six-week psycho-educational support group for relatives and/or friends living with and/or caring for mentally ill loved ones.

This group will start April 6 and run for the next six weeks. (April 6, 13, 20, and 27, May 4, and 11). Attendees must attend all of the sessions in consecutive order. Meetings will take place from 7–8:30 p.m. at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center, 199 North First Street.

Space is limited. Please call Angela Burrell, Police Social Worker, at 847.459.2640 to reserve your spot by April 1.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste

Numerous household items such as cleaners, lawn or garden care products, auto parts, and fertilizer/pesticides, can contain hazardous ingredients that are harmful to human health and the environment, and require proper and safe disposal. It is highly recommended to purchase limited quantities of these types of household items whenever possible so that the amount of potentially hazardous waste is limited.

Long-term (permanent) drop-off facilities are available to Illinois residents for household hazardous waste disposal at no charge. These permanent facilities are located in Naperville, Rockford, Chicago, and Gurnee. For information on these locations and items that are accepted, please visit www.epa.state.il.us or contact Public Works at 847.279.6900.

Latex Paint

Because latex, or water-based, paint is not hazardous due to water replacing most of the typical oil components typically found in paint, they are not accepted at any Illinois hazardous waste drop-off facilities. The following method is required for proper disposal of latex paints:

Open paint cans in a well-ventilated area (i.e. outdoors) and add an absorbent such as kitty litter, sand, oil-dry, or shredded paper into the paint cans. When the liquid paint is absorbed and the paint is hardened, place lids back on the paint cans and dispose closed paint cans in regular refuse containers—not in recycling! If paint cans are full, residents must divide the paint into empty cans to solidify or repeat the absorbent process.

For additional information on other possible drop-off locations for various household hazardous/chemical waste, please visit www.swancc.org or contact Public Works at 847.279.6900.

Indian Trails Library Moves to Temporary Location

The Indian Trails Public Library, located at 355 Schoenbeck Road, will close March 21 and re-open at a new temporary location, 70 W. Dundee Road in Buffalo Grove, on April 4. Renovations to the Schoenbeck Road location, including interior and exterior remodeling, are expected to take 8–12 months. Hours at the temporary location will remain the same as the main library.

During the two-week closing, all online resources will be available and hours at the Prospect Heights branch, 99 E. Palatine Road, will be extended.

For further information, visit www.itpld.org/renovation.



Stormwater Fee Reminder

The Village is implementing a new stormwater fee which will first appear on bi-monthly water bills mailed at the end of March and April. Residents not currently billed for Village water will soon begin receiving a bi-monthly stormwater utility bill. The new fee is intended to pay for stormwater management system projects in Wheeling and is based on each property's impact to the stormwater system. Shifting to a stormwater utility system is intended to:

- Create a user-fee-based system in which properties pay for their portion of the stormwater system's expenses, since all properties benefit from the system.
- Provide a predictable and sustainable funding source to properly maintain and improve the stormwater system.
- Increase awareness about the stormwater management system.

Look for more information about the new Stormwater Utility Fee and a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Village's website at www.wheelingil.gov.

Relay for Life of Mt. Prospect & Wheeling



Join Relay for Life at Prospect High School on May 13–14 from 6 p.m.– 6 a.m. for the Relay For Life of Mt. Prospect & Wheeling!

Relay For Life is a fundraising event that celebrates cancer survivors, remember lost loved ones, and fight back against this terrible disease. This is not a timed run or walk, simply an event where teams of friends or family rally together in support of fighting cancer.

The event is open to the public, free of charge, and all are invited to participate for any amount of time. Ceremonies throughout the afternoon and evening will bring together everyone who has ever been affected by cancer.

Are you a survivor? The American Cancer Society recognizes anyone who has been told, "You have cancer," as a survivor, and wants YOU to join them at this event! You are the hope that we all have to beat this battle against cancer. Survivors are given unique event t-shirts, gifts, and also enjoy a special meal at the event.

For more information or to register, please visit www.Relay-ForLife.org/mpwil, call 847.317.0209, or email the community manager for this event at Beth.Thompson@cancer.org.

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