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December 25,
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Village Views

Wheeling, IL

November/December 2006

Westin Chicago North Shore is Officially Open

Westin North Shore features:

- * 411 Luxury Rooms
- * More than 35,000 square feet of meeting/banquets area
- * Four Signature Restaurants
 - Gale's Coffee Bar
 - Ostena di Tramonto
 - Tramonto's Steak and Seafood
 - RT Lounge



Photo courtesy of Daily Herald Bob Chwedyk
Balloons drop from the ceiling of the ballroom signifying the official opening.

Bob Hermany, senior vice president of Starwood hotels and resorts, a parent company of the Westin franchise, admits he was one of those skeptics, but is glad he was wrong.

"We go back a year and this was a relatively dilapidated stable, and now we're at the corner of Lake-Cook and Milwaukee on a \$125 million project," he said.

"I've been to Westin hotels all over the world and this is the finest one I've ever been to," Hermany said.

Wheeling Economic Development Director James Lang sees the hotel as a great tool to lure future developments to the village.

The two year anticipation became a reality on October 12, 2006 when the Westin Chicago North Shore officially opened their doors.

Many state and local officials attended the grand opening celebration, which included a ribbon-cutting ceremony by former village presidents Bill Hein, Sheila Schultz and Ted Scanlon, as well as a flag-raising by Assistant Village Manager Mark Rooney, Fire Chief Keith MacIssac and Police Chief John Stone.

Michael Firsel, principal of Mid-America Investment and Development Companies, was one of the developers behind the project.

"We did it. We got it built. There were a lot of skeptics that said we would never get this project done, and that we would never do it in Wheeling, but here we are," Firsel said.



Photo courtesy of Daily Herald Bob Chwedyk
Westin Hotel developer Michael Firsel raises his arms in victory.

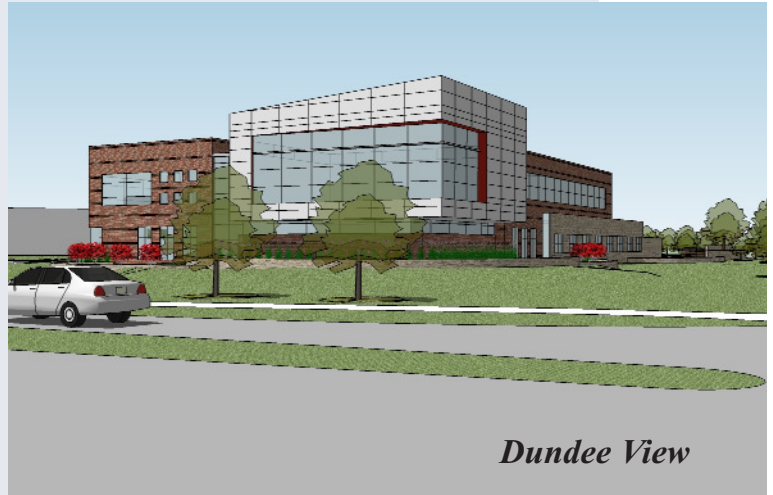
Wheeling Village Hall

The Village Hall will be a statement of progress to the citizens, to other municipalities and to the business community.

The Board Room on Dundee Road will show government in action by locating on the 2nd floor Northeast Corner generous amounts of glass in a panel system.

The Village Hall will unify the site, but be a distinct architectural style from the Park District Rec Center and Old Village Hall. The Village Hall will use similar materials and contemporary massing like the Rec Center and old Village Hall, but will not match either building.

The Village Hall will have a 2 story glass faced Lobby facing the Public Plaza Space and Park District Open Space to connect the inside with the outside and bring natural light into the lobby space.



Dundee View

The Village Hall will use historical materials of brick and stone to reflect on Wheeling's history but combine it with a more progressive panel system to show Wheeling's aim towards the future.

The Village Hall architecture will be balanced and proportional, but not symmetrical.

The Village Hall will be inviting to the public by creating an easily identifiable entry, providing natural light into the public spaces and create gathering spaces for the village events.

The Village Hall will provide a pleasant working environment for staff by bringing in natural light to the working spaces, eliminating long corridors and supplying ample work space, storage, and meeting areas.



Southeast View

Stone Named Wheeling Police Chief



Wheeling, Illinois – October 9, 2006 – Village Manager F. Wallace Douthwaite announced that Deputy Chief John Stone has been named Police Chief effective October 6, 2006. Stone had been acting Police Chief since John Popadowski's retirement August 18.

"John has shown quickly that he has the leadership abilities and traits I like in a police chief," Douthwaite said. "Additionally, he has been with the department for a number of years in a variety of roles and has a good understanding of the department's mission and goals."

Stone began his law enforcement career 29 years ago in Wheeling and has never worked for another department. The United States Marine Corps Veteran looks forward to the new challenge, but readily admits that the mission of the department remains the same, serve the people of Wheeling.

"I'm extremely grateful for this opportunity and appreciate the confidence the manager and Board of Trustees has in me to lead this department," Stone said. "While my duties and responsibilities will change a bit, I'm still working side-by-side many talented, professional and dedicated men and women which obviously makes it much easier to succeed."



Criminals need 3 things to be successful: opportunity, desire and ability. The only thing we control is the opportunity. Work to take away the opportunity by leaving your exterior lights on at night. In addition, make sure to:

***Lock all residence doors and windows at night**

***Lock doors and close vehicle windows when unattended**

***Do not leave anything of value in vehicles**

***Do not leave anything of value in plain view in vehicles**

***If you see or hear anything suspicious at any time of the day or night, CALL POLICE immediately**



Pictured Left: Officer John Abbio, Sam's Club Business Manager Jenn Hemmens, Wheeling Police Citizen Alumni President Mary Bolton, and Officer Troy Muslof.

On August 17, 2006 Wheeling Sam's Club presented the Wheeling Police Dept. with a \$2,000 check and the Wheeling Citizen Police Academy Alumni presented a \$700.00 check to be used for the purchase of two new police bicycles (pictured). The Wheeling Police Bike Unit is deployed for routine police patrol, and patrol at special events. Community response to the Bike Unit has been extremely positive, and the efforts of unit members have done much to further the department's commitment to Community Policing.

Wheeling Fire Department receives the 2005 Life Achievement Award

The Wheeling Fire Department is one of 769 fire departments in the United States, Canada, Italy, Japan and Greece to be selected to receive the award this year. The department has received this award seven times in the past eight years; 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. The award will be displayed in the front entrance area of Fire Station 24.

Life Safety Award is based upon compliance with three specific criteria:

1. Documented fire prevention activities (codes, inspections, enforcement, etc.)
2. Documented public education program (mixture of program, broad population fire safety education, etc.)
3. No documented fire deaths within the past calendar year.

This award is the direct result of fire prevention efforts made by all members of the Wheeling Fire Department. Particular attention should be given to the specific efforts of the Fire Prevention Bureau led by Fire Marshall Milt Lemke and Public Education Committee led by LT/PM Bart Burns. These two groups have had a profound impact on the relatively low fire incident rate experienced by the Village of Wheeling over the past decade. Public education programs, combined with a strong emphasis on code enforcement, have created a fire safe culture within the community whose benefits are becoming more apparent each year. The number of actual structure fires per unit of population continues to decrease and the value of overall property lost to fire has remained relatively low. This effort has clearly been a factor in the resurgence of growth within the community, retention of existing businesses and the high level of overall public support for the Wheeling Fire Department.

News You Can Use

- * Residents are responsible to shovel their own driveways.
- * No parking on the streets when more than 2 inches of snow have fallen.
- * Due to the holidays trash services are delayed by one day after Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's

The 5th Annual

Putting On The Ritz

With
**Restaurant Row
HOSPITALITY GROUP**
WHEELING/PROSPECT HEIGHTS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Thursday, November 16, 2006

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Westin Chicago North Shore
601 North Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, Illinois

\$25 Per Person or 5 tickets for \$100

\$30 Per Person After November 9th

Join Us for a Lively Evening of Food and Friendship!

Featuring:

Restaurant Row Hospitality Group Signature Dishes

\$1,000 Champagne/Diamond Raffle

Silent and Live Auctions

Wine Tasting & Martini Luge

Raffles & Door Prizes

Live Music

Cash Bar

Proceeds Benefit Scholarship Funds & Economic Development

RSVP Chamber Office (847) 541-0170

Business Casual Attire

Visa, Master Card, Discover & American Express Accepted

**WHEELING/PROSPECT HEIGHTS AREA
Chamber of Commerce & Industry**



*Pavilion Senior Center * 199 N. First St. * 847-459-2670*

The Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling announces the following programs to be offered to area senior citizens. Anyone 55-years or older is welcome to join the activities or volunteer services to assist or share talents with others.

November 1 & 8 Wednesdays- 9:00am-1:00pm – “AARP Defensive Driving” course. This is a two-part course directed by AARP volunteers. Successful completion will make you eligible for rate reduction on your car insurance depending upon your insurance carrier. You must attend both sessions to receive certification. Registration is limited. Call 459-2670 and send a \$10.00 check payable to AARP, 199 N. First St., Wheeling, IL 60090, in advance to guarantee your place in the class.

November 7 Tuesday, 11:30am-1:30pm – “Bingo Lunch”. Bring your friends and lucky charms for a delightful afternoon of lunch and bingo at the Pavilion Senior Center. A delicious lunch will be served and prizes awarded to the bingo winners. All this for a fee of \$10. Code #2935.

November 9 9:30am-12:00 noon - “Flu Shots” for seniors only to be given at the senior center. There is no charge for persons possessing a Medicare B card. Others will be charged \$20 for a flu shot and \$40 for a pneumonia shot without a Medicare Card. Payment must be made by exact cash or check. Credit cards will not be accepted.

November 15 Wednesday -9:30am-1:00pm “Rules of the Road”. The Pavilion Center in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Senior and Community Services, is offering this one day review course. It is basically a driver refresher course to help seniors keep their driver’s license valid. There is no fee, but pre-registration is necessary.

November 16 12:00pm-2:30pm - November is known as the month to give thanks. In our usual fashion we will celebrate our “Let’s Give Thanks” luncheon with all the traditional trimmings from Market Square Restaurant and the superb entertainment presented by “Amazing Mike” with a number of show tunes, specialty numbers and lively humor. Put on a smile, sit back, relax and let Mike entertain you with oldies from several decades. Cost: \$9.00/ members & \$14.00/ non-members.



Public Awareness Education Forum:

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Mention the word pig and people smile. They picture pink skin, a corkscrew tail, and the adorable snout of a piglet. They think of Miss Piggy, Wilbur, and Porky Pig. People can’t decide what to make of Pigs. Jan Christiansen, MSW, presents an entertaining look at the world of pigs for OLDER ADULTS from 1 to 2 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. November 30th at the Pavilion Senior Center, 199 N. First Street. Jan will discuss why pigs are so compelling, so mysterious, so contradictory---finicky yet fat, massive yet dainty, stolid yet smart. For more information on this and other programs hosted by the Senior Pavilion Center, call 847-459-2670 oink, oink, oink.

December 5 Tuesday, 9:30pm-5:30pm – Grand Geneva Presents! Hooray for the Holidays! We’ll be enthusiastically greeted and invited to view the wonderful gingerbread house displays and amazing Christmas decorations at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva. Enjoy a delicious holiday dinner followed by an outstanding holiday show and tea. With spectacular costumes, amazing music and creative choreography, “Hooray for the Holiday” all new show for 2006, is sure to put the jingle back in your jangle! The fee is \$75. Code: 2938.

December 13 11:30am – 2:30pm – “Holiday Party” at the elegant Chevy Chase Country Club. Celebrate the holiday season with friends and neighbors as you enjoy an entertaining afternoon that includes lunch, dancing, raffles and door prizes. The fee is \$24; Code # 706. Registration deadline is December 6th.

December 21 Thursday @ 1:00pm – “Holiday Concert”. The Pavilion Senior Center invites our entire community to celebrate the upcoming holidays in concert with our own Pavilionaires who will entertain everyone with their rendition of new and old holiday songs. Everyone in the community is invited (members and non-members) to join the festivities of the holiday season. Following their fantastic performance, refreshments will be served. This event is free to everyone.

December 29 Friday @ 1:00pm. Join one of our favorite, friendly, fun get-togethers, the last of the year, as we bid farewell to “2006” and welcome the New Year with a blast! Hats, tiaras, noisemakers, streamers, balloons, games, music, singing and surprises will highlight the entertainment for this spectacular event. Johnny Gray, a full band multi-instrumentalist on the guitar will entertain us with a special “Tribute to the Decades. You won’t want to miss all the glitter of this joyous occasion as “Happy New Year” wishes will celebrate the beginning of “2006”. Cost: \$5.00.

2006 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

The 2006 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program is completed. This year's program was concentrated in the Old Town Subdivision along with the Meadowbrook East Subdivision and Town St. off of Wheeling Rd. Twenty streets were covered on this year's program. Suburban Concrete removed and replaced 1,925 sidewalk squares. These 1,925 squares equaled out to 42,245 square feet of concrete removal and replacement. They also replaced 93 linear feet of combination, roll, depressed and B-6, 12 curb. The program also addressed 25 ADA ramped squares. There was 738 yards of 6-bag 4000psi concrete poured on the entire program. For restoration, 40 cubic yards of pulverized black dirt along with 200 pounds of grass seed was put back along the edges of the new sidewalk squares and along any areas where parkway rutting may have taken place. Over 20 tons of hot asphalt mix was placed in the over 100 driveways and aprons that were disturbed during the removal and replacement phase of the program. This program took 16 working days to complete. Vandalism was at an all time low this year which always helps for a successful program. Thank you to all of the different departments that helped with making this year's program one of the most successful programs to date.

Lang Named Director of Economic Development

Village Manager F. Wallace Douthwaite announced that James Lang has been named to the position of Director of Economic Development, effective October 1. Lang has been the Public Relations Director for the Village since 2003. "Since January of this year, James has been an important part of our economic development team," Douthwaite said. "Over the last few months, he has been doing the lion's share of our economic development efforts and has performed admirably. As it looks like Ken Bonder will be retiring towards the end of the year I thought it best to promote James and make him the full-time economic development point person."

Building Permits *what you need to know!*

Our offices are located at 111 South Northgate Parkway in the rear of the Wickes Furniture Building (East stairway).

The following is a list of commonly needed Building Permits which are issued thru Community Development:

- *House addition or remodeling(including kitchens, baths
- *Shed
- *Garage (Attached/Detached)
- *Central Air Conditioner (new or replacement unit)
- *Wood Deck
- *Gazebo
- *Swimming Pool/Spa/Hot Tub
- *Fence/Dog Run
- *Alarm System (Low Voltage Electric permit is required)
- *Fireplace (Masonry, Prefab and Ventless)
- *Screened Porch/3 Season Room/Porch Enclosure's
- *Lawn Sprinkler System
- *Any Electrical work call to see if a permit is required
- *Any Plumbing work call to see if a permit is required
- *Roofing, Siding
- *Satellite Dish (Low Voltage Electric permit is required)
- *Window or Door replacement if opening size will change
- *Residential Sewer Repair
- *Concrete Stoop replacement if change in size/location

Our hours are 8:00am—4:30pm with extended hours on Wednesday evenings until 7:00 pm.

Inspections are available every day starting as early as 7:15 in the morning until 3:45 in the afternoon with extended hours until 6:30 pm on Wednesdays. To schedule inspections call (847) 459-2620.

The Village of Wheeling has an exclusive contract with Waste Management for all waste hauling within the Village, including construction debris.

Waste Management is the only waste hauler that you are permitted to use in the Village. To schedule a dumpster for your project call 1-800-796-9696.

PLEASE NOTE: Concrete, Paver, Patio Notification and Driveway Permits are handled by the Engineering Department located in the Engineering Building behind Village Hall (255 W. Dundee) 7:00am—3:30pm (847) 459-2985.



Calling All Kids!

Take Your First Plane Ride

Absolutely Free!

4 times a year!

The Palwaukee Airport Pilots Association (PAPA) presents the Young Eagles Program. Join us for the time of your life! Next Rally—

Saturday, November 4th, 2006



To sign up for the rally, all you have to do is be 7 to 17 years old, have a parent's permission and call the PAPA Young Eagles Hotline at 847-883-8388. Follow the instructions to be scheduled for your Young Eagles flight at Palwaukee Airport's Atlantic executive terminal. You will be contacted before the rally with your sign-in time and instructions.

Every Young Eagle will need parent's or guardian's written permission (forms available the day of the rally) and each will receive an official EAA Young Eagles flight certificate commemorating his or her first flight. Flights are given by federally licensed volunteer pilot members of the EAA. For more information, call 847-579-1225

To be scheduled, just call the following number. Groups are welcome too!

The Young Eagles Hotline

847-883-8388

You can be one of the more than 1.25 million Young Eagles flown worldwide!

Speak Out

This is your opportunity to communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response if desired. Please complete this form, detach and return to:

Village Manager
Village of Wheeling
255 W. Dundee Road
Wheeling, IL 60090

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Residents are invited to attend public meetings of Village Boards and Commissions. Most meet in the Village Hall Councilroom unless otherwise noted here.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Village Board -
Every Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission -
2nd & 4th Thursdays
of the month, 7 p.m.

Board of Health -
4th Tuesday, every other
month, 7 p.m.

Human Rights Commission -
1st Tuesday of the month,
7:15 p.m., south half of
Village Hall lunchroom.

Senior Citizens Commission -
3rd Monday of the month,
10 a.m., south half of Village
Hall lunchroom

Fire and Police Commission -
3rd Wednesday of the Month,
2 p.m., Fire Department
Training Room

Palwaukee Board of Directors -
3rd Wednesday each month, 6:30
p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S.
Plant Road.

Beat Meetings -
East Meeting will be the 2nd
Wednesday of each month.
West Meeting will be the 4th
Wednesday of each month.



2006 with President Klatecki

Last year at this time we were eagerly anticipating the completion of the Westin tower, hoping the winter weather would hold off long enough to get the concrete poured. What a difference a year makes. Although 2006 was filled with many successes, it is probably fair to say that it will go down as the 'Year of the Westin.'

The finest hotel in the northwest suburbs officially opened for business on October 12, 2006 a full five months ahead of schedule. The 16-story, 412-room hotel is also home to the Cinitare Group, quite possibly the next culinary empire that will spread across the country. The first of four restaurants to accompany the hotel opened in October with two more slated to open their doors by the end of the year. By this time next year, the entire project should be done including all landscaping and out-lot construction. This new development created jobs and truly gave Wheeling a shot in the arm as our reputation continues to grow as a place people want to work, live and play. Staff members worked countless hours alongside the developer to make sure the project became the jewel of northwest suburbs – for that, I and the Board of Trustees are eternally grateful.

The partnership between the Mid-America Development Group and Wheeling didn't stop there as we will be cutting the ribbon at the Staples Development at Weiland and Lake Cook Roads. The development, which includes Staples, TGI Fridays, 5/3 Bank, Chipotle, Potbelly's and other retail shops is scheduled to be completely done by spring 2007.

It wasn't just a year for commercial and retail growth as a special census was conducted and put our population at almost 40,000 – more evidence that we truly are a 'Community of Choice.' And while it is easy to track success with buildings and grand openings, I am extremely proud of the 'behind-the-scenes' successes our staff has fostered.

Our fire department was one of 792 departments nationwide to be awarded the Life Safety Achievement Award and continued to conduct community-wide awareness initiatives such as 'Exit-Drills-In-The-Home' Day. Our nationally accredited police department was lauded by the Illinois Department of Transportation for efforts regarding DUI enforcement and a new, crime-free, multi-housing program was adopted and implemented for our rental properties resulting in a safer Wheeling.

We continued to offer services such as drive-thru flu clinics, blood drives and Pavilion Senior Center programs – programs that probably don't get the front pages of our newspapers but are no less important.

On Public Works and Engineering Departments continued to provide ways to improve the aesthetics and municipal functions within our Village. The Dundee Road uniform fence program was completed, the water main replacement project continued, which, when complete will see every water main in Wheeling replaced. Aesthetic improvements such as entryway signs, pocket parks and beautiful hanging baskets continued to spring up around town, adding to the work that has been ongoing for years.

As you can tell, this has been a banner year for Wheeling; a year that saw us working together to accomplish things that some people said would never happen. It's an exciting time to be in Wheeling and more exciting times are just around the bend. I hope each of you had a banner year in your lives as well. On behalf of the Village Board, Clerk and Staff, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season and a 2007 to remember.

Sincerely,
Greg Klatecki
Village President

Village of Wheeling

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www.vi.wheeling.il.us

Fire/Police/Paramedics

Non-emergency Fire	847-459-2662
Non-emergency Police	847-459-2632
Community Development	847-459-2620
Economic Development	847-403-4467
Pavilion Senior Center	847-459-2670
Public Works	847-229-4600
Water Billing	847-459-2607
Code Enforcement Hotline	847-459-CODE
Palwaukee Municipal Airport Noise Hotline	847-537-2580, ext. 159
Village President: Greg Klatecki	847-459-2988
Village Clerk: Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
Village Manager: F. Wallace Douthwaite	847-459-2617

Trustees

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Dean Argiris: 847-845-6990	Michael Horcher: 847-541-3276
Ken Brady: 847-537-8642	Patrick Horcher: 847-331-4234

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