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January/February 2021

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WELCOME TO WHEELING



*President
Patrick Horcher*

From the Desk of President Horcher

On behalf of all Village officials and staff, I'd like to wish you a safe and happy New Year! Between COVID-19 and the accompanying economic hurricane, the recent months have been hard for just about everyone, leaving few aspects of our lives untouched. Please know that we extend our sympathy to everyone who has suffered a loss during the pandemic, and also our gratitude to every member of the Wheeling community. Thanks to your generosity and good citizenship, Wheeling is certain to recover and to thrive.

Although last year's extraordinary challenges are still very much with us, there are many reasons to be optimistic. The qualities that make Wheeling a great place to live and a great location for business and development remain unchanged, with current projects moving forward and new inquiries arriving regularly. Almost all of the townhome units at the Wolf Crossing development on North Wolf Road have now been completed, as have the residential units at the Uptown 500 mixed-use development on Dundee Road. The redevelopment of the gas station at Dundee and Elmhurst as a 7-Eleven was recently finished, and a new gas station / restaurant project is under construction on South Milwaukee near Chicago Executive Airport. Speaking of the airport, it recently broke ground on a new U.S. Customs and Border Patrol facility that will help process international arrivals more efficiently; the Village was able to assist this project by using our home-rule authority to issue airport revenue bonds at no risk to Wheeling taxpayers.



Rendering of the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol facility at Chicago Executive Airport

We have reason to believe that economic recovery will come quickly in many sectors as the pandemic ends, and the Village is investing in our infrastructure to ensure that we're ready to grow. Warm autumn weather helped us make good progress on the reconstruction of Fire Station 23 on South Wheeling Road, and much of our replacement of the Village's remaining lead water service lines was also completed last year. New regulatory floodplain maps that reflect the Village's substantial stormwater control efforts will go into effect in early March, potentially reducing insurance costs at over 700 Wheeling properties. Although the pandemic has significantly impacted our tax revenues, the Village's reserves are healthy enough to allow us to move ahead with these important capital projects without any increase to this year's property tax levy. The \$600,000 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds we received to reimburse pandemic-related expenses has certainly been helpful in this regard, and the Village will continue to pursue any available opportunities for assistance with these costs.

While we await the rollout of vaccines and the gradual resumption of normal life, the Village continues to do all we can to assist the businesses that have suffered most during the pandemic, particularly those in the hospitality industry. In addition to waiving or reimbursing fees for a number of licenses and permits, we've expanded permissions for package liquor sales and outdoor dining, and we've worked with organizations such as Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau to encourage people from throughout the region to dine and shop in Wheeling. Meanwhile, our Economic Development staff has worked to keep businesses up to date about available resources, including Business Interruption Grants from the State of Illinois; to date, Wheeling establishments have received over \$575,000 through this program. As we've mentioned before, spending money locally not only keeps Wheeling strong, but also generates revenue that might otherwise come from property taxes. During our recent anniversary celebrations we recalled that Wheeling's historical origins are closely tied to the hospitality industry—to the inns and taverns that sprang up along Milwaukee Avenue to serve travelers to and from the Wisconsin Territory—and with our community's continued support, these businesses will feature as prominently in our future as in our past.

We'll have more updates to share in the months to come. Have a healthy and joyous 2021!

WELCOME TO WHEELING

Health Happenings

COVID-19 Testing

Anyone who would want to get tested for COVID-19, regardless of symptoms, can do so at any of the state's community-based testing sites at no cost. Testing is encouraged for individuals who have been involved in large gatherings. For a list of drive-through testing sites, visit: <http://dph.illinois.gov/testing>.

Testing is also available by appointment for certain qualifying patients at many CVS and Walgreens clinics. Please visit their websites for additional information, and note that a fee may apply.

For more information about COVID-19, including symptoms, statistics, and information about the state's reopening plan, Restore Illinois, visit <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19>. REMINDER: Per an executive order from Governor Pritzker, face coverings are required when you are in public.

Face Masks: Do's and Don'ts

Wearing a mask keeps others safe, and when they wear a mask it keeps you safe! Here are some ways to stay in compliance with this order and properly protect those around you.

DO:

- Wear a mask or other face covering when in a public place.
- Cover both your mouth AND your nose to ensure maximum protection.
- Still keep a six-foot minimum physical distance from others when out in public.
- Remove the mask by the ear straps or ties, not the front.
- Wash your reusable cloth masks after each use and dispose of non-reusable masks.
- Wash your hands after removing your mask.

DON'T

- Touch the front of your mask with your hands.
- Wear your mask under your nose.
- Purchase N95 or other medical-grade masks if you are not a frontline healthcare or public safety worker.
- Ignore social distancing just because you're wearing a mask.

We thank our residents for complying with this order and keeping themselves and their neighbors safe!



**Village of Wheeling offices
will be closed:
Friday, January 1 for
New Years Day**

&

**Monday, February 15
for Presidents Day.**

*Waste Management
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Welcome New Businesses!

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POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Street Parking After a Snowstorm

With bad weather around the corner, please remember that the Village of Wheeling has an ordinance stating that “it is unlawful to park any motor vehicle on any street within the village at any time within eight hours after a snow fall of two inches or more.”

During a recent big snowstorm, many vehicles were left parked on the street in violation of the ordinance, preventing the Village snow plows from being able to remove snow and to salt the roadways. Many tickets were issued to the vehicle owners.

In an effort to avoid this happening again, we remind drivers that they cannot park on the street after a snow event of two inches or more so that the snow can be safely removed and the streets salted by the Village’s plows. Please find alternative parking until eight hours after the snowfall has elapsed. Otherwise, parking tickets could be the result.

During any snow event, please call the non-emergency police number at 847.459.2632 with any questions.

REMINDER: Texting 9-1-1 Available in Wheeling

Wheeling residents have the option of texting 9-1-1 to request emergency assistance, a valuable service for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, who have a speech disability, or who are in a situation in which making a call could be dangerous. Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, and T-Mobile customers are able to text their exact location and the nature of their emergency to 9-1-1, and a telecommunicator will respond.



Texting 9-1-1 does have its limitations. Making a phone call is still the best option when possible, because it allows the caller to relay information more quickly. When you make a voice call to 9-1-1, the telecommunicator will typically instantly receive your phone number and your approximate location. In most cases, however, text messages do not automatically provide this type of information to telecommunicators. As is the case with all text messages, text messages to 9-1-1 can take longer to get through, they may be delivered out of order, and in some cases they may not be received at all.

Text to 9-1-1 is not available when you are in a “roaming” situation. A text or data plan is required to place a text to 9-1-1; third-party texting applications are not compatible. Photos and videos cannot be sent to 9-1-1 at this time. Text-to-9-1-1 cannot include more than one person; do not copy your emergency text to anyone other than 9-1-1. Do not text and drive!

How do I text to 9-1-1?

- 1) Enter the numbers 911 in the “To” or “Recipient” field;
- 2) Text in English using no abbreviations or slang.
- 3) Text your exact location including your town and ask for police, fire, or ambulance.
- 4) Push the “Send” button.
- 5) Answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 call taker.

Texting is not available everywhere. Anyone who texts 9-1-1 in an area where call centers do not support texts will receive a bounce-back message informing them that the text has not been sent and that they should try to call 9-1-1 instead.

Improve Traffic Flow: Lining up at a Turn Arrow

How many times have you been waiting in your car to turn left, and when the light changes only two or three cars make it through before the light turns red again? Most intersections work off a “trip system,” meaning that a series of wires in the pavement tells the light system how many cars are waiting and adjusts the light accordingly to allow the movement of those vehicles. The “trips” are a series of electrical circuits, each one activated by the previous one. Once a trip is not activated (no vehicle on the trip) the circuit is broken, and the light timing is set.

So how should you be a courteous driver in intersections that use a trip system?

- Pull all the way up to the wide white stop line if you are the first vehicle in line.
- Pull your vehicle up to the vehicle in front of you; DO NOT leave a large space between vehicles.
- Make sure that you are centered in your lane of traffic.

4 When you follow these steps, more vehicles will make it through the light and traffic will flow better.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Assistance

These have been very challenging times. Even after the COVID-19 pandemic lessens its grip on our community, there may be lasting effects for all of us. If you or someone you know is in need of resources to make it through this tough time, the Human Services Department is here to help. Our department has social workers available to provide information and referrals for whatever need you may have. Our staff has been working through the pandemic, providing services by phone and also video-conferencing when necessary.



Some of the programs available for Village of Wheeling residents include:

- Wellness calls to homebound older adults. Staff calls more than 150 residents on a weekly basis to check on them and to offer a friendly voice and important information.
- Hot meals and frozen/reheatable meals for older adults are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Approximately 500 meals are distributed to older adults every week. Staff has also distributed more than 10,000 shelf-stable and frozen meals since March. If you are or someone you know is 60+ and could benefit from these meals, please call our office at 847.459.2606. Please note that the location for pickup of these meals has changed from the Village Hall to the Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center.

For additional information regarding our programs, or for information on state and federal assistance related to the COVID-19 crisis, please visit www.wheelingil.gov or call our office at 847.459.2606. Se habla Español.

Donations Needed

At times throughout the year, the Village of Wheeling Human Services Department provides economic support to families in need. This support is in the form of gift cards to local stores such as Walmart, Aldi, Walgreens, CVS, etc. The Human Services Department receives these cards as donations from civic groups and generous residents. These cards are used when residents have difficulties making ends meet during a crisis. The past year has been extremely difficult for residents dealing with the pandemic and the economic downturn, and our supply of gift cards has been severely impacted by the community need. If you are in a position to make a donation of a gift card to support another Wheeling resident, please consider giving this year. If you know someone in the Village who is in need of resources during this trying time, please refer them to our department. Please call 847.459.2606. Social workers are available Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.



Lunch @ The Center Has Meals To Go!

In light of the ever-changing situation regarding the coronavirus pandemic, and with the priority of keeping our senior community safe, changes have been made to the congregate dining program, Lunch at the Center. Onsite congregate dining and hot meal distribution have been temporarily suspended in favor of distributing shelf-stable meals on a weekly basis.

Until dining can take place in-person again, hot and reheatable meals will be available for pickup from the Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center (please note location change). If you or someone you know is 60 years or better and would like to be added to the list for meal pickup, please call Dining Coordinator Jesus Delgado at 847.650.0650 or Diana Murillo at 847.459.2606 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



If you don't have access to transportation to pick up meals, please call for help receiving your meals. We hope to resume our usual program as soon as it is safe to do so. Stay safe!

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

Snow Season Procedures

Public Works personnel have prepared for snow control with salt deliveries, vehicle preparation, and year-round training. Snow and ice responsibilities include roadway de-icing and clearing arterial, collector, and residential roadways, certain sections of public sidewalks, 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)
- Milwaukee Avenue (Route 21)
- Palatine Road including East and West Palatine frontage
- Wolf Road (Manchester North to Milwaukee Avenue; South of Marquardt to Camp McDonald Road)
- Elmhurst Road (Route 83)
- McHenry Road (Route 83)

Cook County Highway Department 847-827-1164

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

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

- Stay 100 feet or more behind a snowplow or salt truck.
- When it is safe, 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 2021 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

Residents with curbside collection can properly dispose of and recycle home-generated special materials safely, easily, and responsibly through the At Your Door (AYD) Special Collection program. The cost for this program is included in the monthly rate, and curbside customers can utilize the program as many times during the year as necessary. Below is information on the AYD service.

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 and filters); garden chemicals (fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, insect spray, 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/lancets (only if placed in sealed, rigid, puncture-resistant containers); and electronics (computers, monitors, keyboards, televisions, DVD/CD/VCR players, tape players, fax machines, 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.

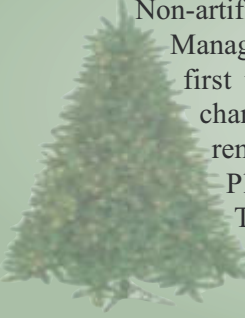
What happens when I schedule a collection?

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, 2021. Please contact 847.279.6900 with any questions.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Code RED Emergency Notification System Enrollment

During a disaster situation such as a tornado, major chemical release, or freight train derailment, having the ability to receive important information and updates from the Village of Wheeling could prove critical to your well-being. When everyone had a home telephone, the Village operated a system referred to as Reverse 9-1-1. This system was based on static geographic areas for calling resident home telephones. Today, more and more families have given up their home telephones and rely only on cellular telephones and text messaging. To meet these growing means of alternate communication, the Village of Wheeling now operates what is referred to as the Code RED system.

The Code RED system is a secure internet-based system that the Village can use to notify residents in a geographic area within the Village, as well as to call and/or text registered cell phones. In order to receive these emergency notifications via call and/or text message, you must register for this service. There is no cost to sign up, and registration takes only a few minutes.

To register for emergency notifications from the Village's Code RED system, visit the Village's web page (www.wheelingil.gov) and find the link under the "How Do I..." section, or go directly to the Village of Wheeling's Code RED system enrollment web page: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/30CB8BCB2A7F>.

Once you register for the Code RED system, you can always log back in and amend your information, change your notification preferences, or remove yourself from the system completely at any time. Again, registration is free, easy, secure, and critical to the well-being of you and your family should a disaster occur.



Winter Flood Prevention Checkup

Protect your home and its contents from water damage caused by freezing and thawing by inspecting and maintaining its drainage systems during winter. As snow melts over frozen ground, surface water runoff, gutter drainage, and sump pump discharge can add more water to your drainage system than at other times of the year. Make time to inspect your home to assure flood prevention measures are still in place.

Walk around the exterior of your home and inspect the following:

Grading: The ground surrounding your home, as well as walkways and driveways, should slope away from your home.

Roofs and gutters: Rooftops should have gutters with downspouts that are extended away from the home's foundation.

Window Wells: Ensure the ground slopes away from the well and the drains located inside are not blocked by dirt or debris.

Sump Pump Discharge: If your home has a sump pump, the exterior discharge should be extended away from the home and foundation.

Inside your home inspect the following:

Sump pump

- If water is rising out of your sump pump pit, it is because your sump pump cannot keep up with the flow entering the drain system below your foundation. Please check the conditions noted above. If the problem persists, consider purchasing a larger pump or an additional pump with a separate discharge pipe.

- If the pump is running but no water appears to be discharging, the pump could have a mechanical problem or the outlet pipe could have a blockage. Even ice can block proper drainage. A plumber can be consulted for assistance.

Note: Power outages can be a source of concern during a rain/snow event. A back-up battery sump pump can help alleviate this problem, but only for a short period without supplemental power from a generator. Please keep in mind that routine battery maintenance is necessary to ensure that power is maintained in the event of an emergency.

Basement Seepage

If water is seeping through cracks or joints in the foundation walls or floor, ensure that surface water is being kept away from the home's foundation. If the problem persists, contact a waterproofing professional to have them inspect and appropriately seal the foundation.

To be sure you are covered in a flood event, contact your insurance agent now to ask about flood insurance. Because Wheeling is a long-time participant in FEMA's Community Rating System, policy discounts may be available.

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Village Manager

Jon A. Sfondilis
jsfondilis@wheelingil.gov

Fire Department

499 S. Milwaukee Avenue
847.459.2662 (non-emergency)

- Fire codes
- CPR classes

Police Department

1 Community Blvd.
847.459.2632 (non-emergency)

- Citizens Police Academy
- Graffiti removal
- Neighborhood watch

Human Services

847.459.2606

- Social Services
- 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 8 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
- Photo submissions, fb@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

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Outside Agencies

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Indian Trails Public Library

355 Schoenbeck Road
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Chicago Executive Airport

847.537.2580

Noise Hotline: 847.537.2580 x 117

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