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July/August 2023



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# WELCOME TO WHEELING



*President  
Patrick Horcher*

## From the Desk of President Horcher

Many thanks to everyone who attended this year's Rock 'n' Run the Runway events! As always, the Village is grateful to Chicago Executive Airport and the City of Prospect Heights for their partnership, to our sponsors and contributors for their support, to the participating entertainers and food trucks, and most of all to the Village staff for their months of hard work behind the scenes. We at the Village value these events not only as an enjoyable community celebration but also as an opportunity to see so many of the Wheeling residents we serve in the same place at the same time.

The Village's most important projects are, of course, less glamorous than fireworks. Since the publication of the last newsletter we've resurfaced the bicycle paths in Avalon Sienna, repaired a storm sewer near Chicago Executive Airport, and replaced many of the decorative paver bricks along Milwaukee Avenue. We also began several larger projects, including the annual street improvement program in multiple locations, the resurfacing of Chaddick Drive, the replacement of water main in Lakeside Villas, and the much-anticipated construction of a new freestanding Fire Station 42 on McHenry Road. To minimize the financial burden on our residents, the Village seeks alternate funding for its infrastructure investments whenever possible, and fortunately most of our current projects are supported by state and federal programs including the American Rescue Plan Act and the Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan. We're currently preparing for much-needed improvements to Northgate Parkway and Wheeling Road, which will be funded largely through the federal Surface Transportation Program, the state Rebuild Illinois program, and the regional Invest in Cook program. We'll provide more updates on our progress in the months to come.

Wheeling has welcomed several new businesses in recent weeks, including the restaurant Heaven's Barbecue on Earth in Wheeling Commons and a branch of Selfreliance Federal Credit Union at 50 West Dundee Road. Several notable projects have recently broken ground in the commercial and nonprofit sectors, including the townhomes at London Crossing on the south side of West Dundee, a new Hawthorne Global Aviation hangar at Chicago Executive Airport, and the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago's new performance hall at its facility on Capitol Drive. You'll notice progress on these and other projects as you spend time in Wheeling this summer.

And of course there's plenty to do in town now that warm weather is upon us, including dining outdoors at one of our new or established restaurants, exploring the Cook County Forest Preserves along the Des Plaines River, enjoying the Wheeling Park District's outstanding facilities, catching a movie at Cinergy, or listening to live music at the Heritage Park performance pavilion or the Wheeling Town Center's Village Green Plaza. The Town Center is also hosting an artisan market on Tuesdays from 4:30–8:30 p.m., and I encourage you to pay it a visit if you haven't already.

While taking part in one of Wheeling's many summertime activities, you may encounter a recent recruit to the Police Department: Locke, a German Shepherd. He and his human partner Officer Anthony Guzzarde are the newest members of the Village's K-9 Unit, which recently expanded thanks to a federal grant. They join Police Canine Kane and Kane's partner Officer Robert Czopek, as well as therapy dog Olive in providing valuable service to the Wheeling community in several capacities.

On behalf of the Village Board and the Village staff, I wish you a safe and happy summer, and I look forward to providing you with more updates soon!



*Wheeling welcomes new K-9 officer Locke to its ranks! Locke poses here with his partner and handler Officer Anthony Guzzarde.*

# WELCOME TO WHEELING

## Welcome New Businesses!

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## Health Happenings

### Community Blood Drive

The Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Board of Health will host a blood drive from 2–5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, at the Village Hall, (2 Community Boulevard). This drive is dedicated to and in memory of the victims of the Highland Park shooting.

Appointments are appreciated. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) and search by sponsor code ORD0WH98. You can also email Health Officer Serena Ivaldi at [sivaldi@wheelingil.gov](mailto:sivaldi@wheelingil.gov). While appointments are recommended, walk-ins are also welcome.



Bring your ID to your appointment and prepare for your donation by eating well and staying hydrated!

### Medication/Sharps Collection

Medication and sharps collections for all residents are held on the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. in front of the Police Station at 1 Community Boulevard. We accept prescription and over-the-counter medications in their original containers with labels to identify contents (no over-the-counter liquid medications or controlled substances), sharps (needles and syringes) in rigid containers with a sealed lid, and glasses, including eyeglasses, sunglasses, and telescopic, magnifying, and prescription glasses. Children's glasses are especially needed and will be given to a program called "Recycle for Sight" which refurbishes eyeglasses for those in need.



### Pollinator Garden Contest Winner Announced



The Wheeling Rotary awarded Wheeling resident Linda Reading with the prize for the best Pollinator Garden. Ms. Reading was awarded a gift certificate for garden tools, fertilizer, and/or plantings for her garden. The Club thanks all those who participated.

Thank you and the Village of Wheeling for the opportunity to support a better environment.

Village offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day.

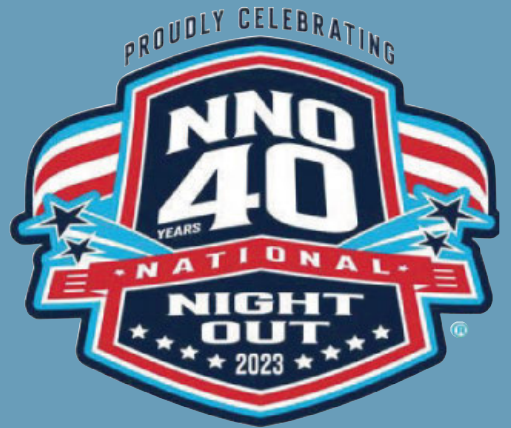
Waste Management pick-ups will be delayed by one day.

# POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

## National Night Out

Celebrate National Night Out with us on **Tuesday, August 1st** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park Performance Pavilion, 201 Community Boulevard, in Wheeling! National Night Out is a giant block party designed to heighten anti-crime and drug abuse prevention awareness, to strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that Wheeling is fighting back against criminal activity.

In partnership with the Wheeling Park District, the Wheeling Police Department offers FREE use of the water park, FREE food (while supplies last), a DJ, a magician, and a police canine demonstration. Don't miss it! Call 847.459.2994 with any questions and follow us on social media for updates.



## Fireworks Are Illegal in the Village of Wheeling

Each year almost 10,000 people in the United States are injured by fireworks, and approximately 10 people die from their injuries. Many require hospitalization as well as extensive reconstructive surgery. Tragically, almost 50% of all individuals who are injured by fireworks are under 21 years of age.

In the Village of Wheeling, it is illegal to sell, use, or explode fireworks, except professionally-licensed and approved public displays. Individuals who violate this law are subject to prosecution. It may be tempting to create your own display, but this is unsafe and illegal!

Prohibited items include but are not limited to explosive shells, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, bottle rockets, and roman candles. Items containing less than .25 grain of an explosive mixture (ex. snappers, party poppers, caps, etc.) are permitted and are a safe alternative.

Please do your part in making the July 4th holiday a safe one by not conducting a fireworks display in your backyard or driveway.



## School Zone Safety Reminder

With in-person school resuming in August, the Wheeling Police want to remind you of the following:

**School Zones:** The speed limit in all Wheeling school zones is 20 miles per hour. "School Days" are defined as **7 a.m. – 4 p.m.** on days when school is in session and children are present on the sidewalks or in the area.

**Stopping for Loading and Unloading School Buses:** Illinois law requires that drivers *stop* and *not pass* school buses that have their red lights flashing with the stop sign arm extended. Vehicles that are in oncoming traffic in relation to a stopped school bus on a four-lane roadway are not required to stop under the law.

**Disobeying a Crossing Guard:** Illinois law makes disobeying a Crossing Guard a *moving violation*. A court appearance by the violator is required.

**Cellular Phones:** Cellular phone use when driving is prohibited by state law. Cellular phones may NOT be used in *any mode* in school zones or construction zones. This means that you cannot even use a cell phone in Bluetooth or hands-free mode in either location.

**Texting While Driving:** Texting while driving is *prohibited at all times* throughout the state of Illinois. The law defines texting as "electronic mail, a text message, an instant message or a command or request to access an internet site."



# POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

## Summer Safety Tips

Each season brings its own unique types of emergencies that require the assistance of the Fire Department. By following a few minor safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of seeing a big red fire engine or ambulance at your home this summer.



- Keep children and pets away from barbecue grills when in use. Hot surfaces can cause severe burns, and portable grills can be accidentally knocked over, resulting in burns or fires.
- Never pour lighter fluid onto already-ignited charcoal briquettes. This can cause the lighter fluid to immediately ignite back onto you, resulting in life-threatening burns.



- Leave fireworks to the professionals. Improperly used fireworks can cause serious injuries or death, as well as a fire at your home or a neighbor's home. In addition, fireworks are illegal in the Village of Wheeling, and their use can also cause you very expensive legal problems. Sparklers burn at more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, the same temperature that makes steel melt. Children running around with sparklers can easily catch their clothes on fire.



- Allow lawnmowers and gasoline-powered lawn equipment to cool down before refueling them. Gasoline that is accidentally spilled on a hot motor can cause a flash fire, resulting in serious injuries or death.



- When using ladders or paint-roller extension poles to paint your house, make sure to check your surroundings before starting. Watch out for overhead electrical wires which can energize these items if they accidentally come in contact. Lastly, don't pour unused paint down the storm sewers. This is not only environmentally unhealthy, but can also result in sewer blockages, and depending upon the type of paint disposed, can cause flammable vapors to back up into neighboring homes and cause fires.

- When working on a ladder, take the time to make sure it is set up on level ground, and if possible have someone hold or stabilize the ladder while you are on top. A fall of only a few feet can result in a broken arm, neck, or worse.



- Make sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day and increase water intake if you are physically engaged in work or play. Even easy activities such as gardening can result in dehydration over prolonged periods of time. Schedule strenuous activities for early morning or late evening, when temperatures and humidity are typically lower and less stressful on your body.



- When driving in residential neighborhoods, slow down and be prepared to come to an immediate stop. Children can be out riding their bicycles, or can suddenly dart out into the street to chase a ball or toy. Use extra caution toward dusk when the lighting is more difficult for your eyes to adjust to, making it even harder to quickly spot children.



- Keep an eye on the weather when planning your daily activities. Warm temperatures and high humidity can cause thunderstorms to develop quickly. Sometimes these storms can be severe, resulting in lightning, high winds, and even tornados. When outside, always have a plan of where to go to seek shelter in the event of severe weather.

- After a severe storm, do not let children or pets outdoors until you have checked your home and yard for storm damage. If you lose electrical power there may be a nearby energized power line lying on the ground, or across nearby buildings, fences, or vehicles. If you lose electrical power, do not call the Village, but instead call Commonwealth Edison at 1.800.EDISON1 (1.800.334.7661) to report the outage.

Finally, if an accident does occur, immediately call 9-1-1. Remain calm, provide the emergency dispatchers with the address of the emergency, the nature of the emergency, and your return telephone number, and then meet the emergency responders outside in front of your home. If it is nighttime, turn on an outside light to aid emergency responders in locating your home. Follow these tips and make your summer fun and accident-free!

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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

## Current Construction Projects

### Street Improvement Program

The Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Street Improvement Program is an annual project managed by Public Works whose funding is derived from gasoline taxes collected by the State of Illinois and subsequently distributed to municipalities throughout Illinois. The Village's 2023 MFT Street Improvement Program is scheduled to take place within in the northeast part of Zelosky's, Orchard Lake, and Lemke Farms (Ridgefield) subdivisions, totaling an estimated 13,000 lineal feet of improvements. This project will involve removal, adjustment, and/or replacement of pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, storm sewer installation, drainage structures, private driveways, and parkway restoration.

Public Works expects the project to be completed by September 2023, weather permitting. The project will temporarily adversely impact local traffic in the areas named above. For additional information, please contact Public Works Engineering at 847.279.910, or visit the Village's website at [www.wheelingil.gov/338/Capital-Improvement-Projects](http://www.wheelingil.gov/338/Capital-Improvement-Projects).

### 2023 Water Main Replacement Program

The 2023 Water Main Replacement Program will take place in the Lakeside subdivision, and has been designed to include installation of approximately 7,600 lineal feet of ten-inch and eight-inch diameter polyvinylchloride (PVC) water main pipe, valve vaults, fire hydrants, pavement patching, and other miscellaneous work on the subject roadways. The project is scheduled to be completed in November of 2023.

### Rebuild Illinois Grant Program

Passed in 2019 by the State of Illinois and Governor JB Pritzker, the Rebuild Illinois Grant Program invests monies to rebuild roads, bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in communities. These grants allow communities to invest in their local infrastructure, improve safety, enhance quality of life, and sustain the economy by means of jobs and employment.

In Wheeling, South Chaddick Drive and Northgate Parkway are being resurfaced this year using Rebuild Illinois Funds

## Parkway Tree Planting

A Village contractor has planted parkway trees as part of the spring program. To maintain a diverse urban forest, a variety of species were selected. The installation process can cause stress to a newly-planted tree, and the recovery rate and establishment ability can vary between species.

If a tree has been recently planted in the parkway next to your property, observing the following guidelines will assist continued tree growth and a smooth transition to its location within the street parkway:

- Watering is key to the survival of any newly-planted tree. Each newly-planted parkway tree will receive a slow-release watering bag that holds approximately 15 gallons of water. Filling the bag once a week with water during the first growing season is essential to the tree's ability to establish a healthy root system and overall tree health. Residents are asked to fill these bags weekly until the bags are removed in the fall.
- If mulch is placed at the base of the tree, make sure not to mound the mulch too high against the tree trunk.
- Do not use fertilizers, pesticides, or weed control chemicals to treat the area immediately around the new tree.
- Do not prune the tree.



## Northwest Mosquito Abatement District (NWMAD)

The NWMAD is a separate agency from the Village of Wheeling, specifically responsible for mosquito abatement. They cover approximately 242 square miles of Cook County, including Wheeling, and apply larvicide and adulticide as needed. Residents with questions or concerns may contact the NWMAD at 847.537.2306 or visit [www.nwmadil.com](http://www.nwmadil.com). The Village of Wheeling does not provide mosquito control services.

8 Please contact Public Works at 847.279.6900 with any questions or concerns.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

## Waste Management Annual Rate Increase

Effective June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, new monthly rates for once-weekly collections for residents are:

	<u>Non-Senior Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Senior Monthly Rate*</u>
Single Family	\$24.14	\$19.23
Townhome	\$18.98	\$15.36

### Senior Discount

To be eligible for a senior discount you must be at least 62 years at the time of application. Seniors must complete an application for senior discount, with proof of age (such as a copy of valid driver's license or state-issued identification card with current address) and a copy of a current WM bill that shows you as the account holder and lists your address. Applicants must be current with their bill and have no outstanding or past due balances.

One discount is available per household. No retroactive discounts are provided. If you are already receiving the discount, no need to re-apply. For single-family-home residents, to determine if you are already receiving the discount, please review your WM bill, which should indicate "Discount (sr)" in the description portion of the bill. Or contact WM directly at 1.800.796.9696.

If you pay your bill through a homeowner's association, please contact the association directly. As of May 1, 2023, it is required that all applications be submitted to the Village through the association once a year.

Applications and further information can be found at [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov) or by contacting Public Works at 847.279.6900. Wheeling residents and businesses can access solid waste information and services online through WM's local website.

### Local Website

Wheeling residents and businesses can access solid waste information and services online through WM's local website. Customers can update their information, receive paperless billing, make online bill payments, view collection schedules, request cart repairs, schedule bulk collections, receive information on potential delays, and more. To access the local website, please visit [www.wm.com/us/local/il/wheeling/residential](http://www.wm.com/us/local/il/wheeling/residential).

## Summer Property Maintenance

Community Development property maintenance staff will be out in force this summer, ensuring that properties in our community are observing the following property maintenance requirements:

- 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 cracked and peeling paint.
- Keep fences, sheds, and accessory structures in good repair.
- Stow garbage cans in the garage or adjacent to the house in a side or rear yard between pickup days.

If you notice ill-kept properties in your neighborhood, please contact Community Development at 847.459.2620 or our anonymous Code Hotline at 847.459.CODE (2633) so our staff can investigate the status of the properties and take steps to re-establish maintenance.

## Reminder: Summer Watering Restrictions

To further water conservation efforts, the Village has implemented an even-odd address watering restriction which is in effect from May 15 through September 15.

- Residents with street addresses that end with an **even number** (0, 2, 4, 6, and 8) can only water on even-numbered calendar days.
- Residents with street addresses that end with an **odd number** (1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) can only water on odd-numbered calendar days.
- Watering is prohibited from 12–6 p.m. every day.

The watering of newly-laid sod is permitted at any time and on any day upon the issuance of an appropriate permit, and for a time not to exceed two consecutive weeks. Contact the Department of Community Development with any questions about water restrictions at 847.459.2620.



# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## The Village of Wheeling is Pleased to Announce the Launch of InvoiceCloud®

The Village of Wheeling has implemented a new service designed to make paying for Village services easier and more convenient than ever before. With InvoiceCloud, residents can now view and pay water bills online, anytime, from the comfort of their homes.

The new service allows customers to view bills, check balances, make payments, and enroll in paperless billing. Customers can create an account to schedule one-time or recurring payments (or enroll in autopay), but can also pay a water bill online without creating an account. InvoiceCloud allows customers to sign up for email or text notifications and reminders, and to pay online, by phone, or by text using Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, PayPal, Google Pay, Apple Pay, or Venmo. Please visit the Village's website at [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov) and click on the InvoiceCloud logo to set up an account or to pay your water bill online.

### Frequently Asked Questions about InvoiceCloud:

1. I currently participate in the Village's ACH debit program, and the Village debits my bank account for my water bill payment on the due date. Do I have to do anything to continue participating in that program?

No, InvoiceCloud does not impact ACH debit program participants. You do not have to do anything to continue participating in that program.

2. Previously I used the Village's eGovPLUS online water bill payment system to pay my water bills with a credit card. Is that website still available? If not, can you transfer my user information from it to the InvoiceCloud website?

No, the Village has eliminated the old eGovPLUS online water bill payment system in favor of InvoiceCloud, which is much easier to use and has many more payment options. Unfortunately, we cannot transfer user information from eGovPLUS to the new InvoiceCloud website. Please create an account with InvoiceCloud for access to many new features, or use it to make a one-time payment.

3. Can I pay for building permits and business licenses using InvoiceCloud?

In the future, you can pay for building permits and business licenses using InvoiceCloud, but those features are not currently available. We are working hard to bring those features to you soon.

4. Can I pay for parking or compliance tickets using InvoiceCloud?

No, the Village does not offer an InvoiceCloud option for parking or compliance tickets; however, you can pay for those tickets online using a different website. Please visit on the following site to pay for parking or compliance tickets: <https://wheeling.dacracore360.com/resident/login>

5. Is there a charge to use InvoiceCloud?

InvoiceCloud is free, and the Village does not charge credit card transaction fees.

6. I have more than one water and sewer account. Can I link my accounts through one email address and pay all my utility bills simultaneously?

Yes. InvoiceCloud lets you link multiple water and sewer accounts using one email address and pay them simultaneously.

7. Can I pay my water and sewer bills over the phone?

Yes, please call 1-800-639-0101 to pay your bill with a credit card.

# WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

## Village Manager

Jon A. Sfondilis  
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## Police Department

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- Citizens Police Academy
- Graffiti removal
- Neighborhood watch

## Human Services

847.459.2606

- Social Services
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## Public Works Department

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- Water quality concerns
- Flooding
- Capital Improvements Division
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## Senior Programs

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- 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

### Wheeling Park District

100 Community Boulevard  
847.465.3333

### Indian Trails Public Library

355 Schoenbeck Road  
847.459.4100

### Chicago Executive Airport

847.537.2580

**Noise Hotline:** 847.537.2580 x 117

### Chamber of Commerce

2 Community Blvd., Suite 203  
847.892.7900

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



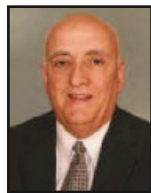
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