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Community*

# THE WHEELING CIRCULAR

November/December 2023

*The Village President and Board of Trustees invite you to  
Usher in the holiday season with*

## LIGHTS AROUND WHEELING

NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

 **FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 4:30PM**   
**ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AT FRIENDSHIP PARK**  
**(NORTHEAST CORNER OF DUNDEE & MILWAUKEE)**

# WELCOME TO WHEELING



*President  
Patrick Horcher*

## From the Desk of President Horcher

As the final months of 2023 approach, I'd like to provide an update on noteworthy projects underway in Wheeling. After a busy summer of construction, the Union Apartments at the former Orange Crush plant site on Wheeling Road are nearly complete—another step toward the transformation of the area around the Metra station that has long been the Village's goal. We've also seen substantial progress on the townhomes at London Crossing, the mixed-use development on Dundee Road on the west side of town. Other significant projects are also coming along nicely, including Hawthorne Global Aviation's new hangar at Chicago Executive Airport and the Korean Cultural Center's new performance hall on Capitol Drive. In another milestone, Rosebud Steakhouse is set to begin the buildout of the commercial space at the Uptown 500 development on Dundee at Northgate Parkway.

We look forward to keeping you updated on more private-sector activity in the coming months.

The Village has had a successful year with respect to its own projects, too. Our contractor recently completed the annual sidewalk program, replacing sidewalk squares along 15 streets in northeast Wheeling to help ensure safe pedestrian travel. The improvements to Northgate that I mentioned in the previous newsletter are all but done, and the resurfacing of the small portion of Wolf Road that wasn't included in the recent complete reconstruction of the roadway will be finished soon. Progress continues on the replacement of water infrastructure throughout Lakeside Villas—a complex project that has required coordination between the Village, our contractor, and the neighborhood's residents—as well as the construction of our new freestanding Fire Station 42 on McHenry Road. Another major recent investment recently came into service: the Fire Department's new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) apparatus—colloquially known as a “crash truck”—which replaces the nearly 40-year-old apparatus that the Department had been using.



*The Village took delivery of a new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting truck earlier this year.*

As always, the Village seeks ways of funding our projects that lessen the burden on Wheeling residents. The ARFF vehicle, for instance, was purchased with aviation fuel tax revenues generated by airport users. We recently signed an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways that will enable us to apply \$350,000 in Invest in Cook grant funds toward the design of the upcoming Wheeling Road reconstruction project. We also approved the renewal of the federal grant that allows us to continue offering the Lunch at the Center congregate dining program for older adults that's hosted each week at the Wheeling Park District's Community Recreation Center.

While the Village's officials, employees, and volunteers work hard for the betterment of the community, we also rely on individual residents and businesses to take pride in their properties and to exercise personal responsibility to keep them orderly and well-maintained. On Page Five of this issue of the Wheeling Circular you'll find guidance about the requirements of the Village's municipal code. We encourage every member of the community to be mindful of the impacts—both positive and negative—that properties have on their neighbors, and we're grateful for everyone's efforts to keep Wheeling safe and appealing.

Another way to enjoy fellowship with your neighbors is to participate in the Village's upcoming special events: Lights Around Wheeling on Sunday, November 19, and Santa on Your Street from December 11–15; you can find more information about both on the cover and on Page 10. The Village Board and I look forward to seeing many of you at Friendship Park when we turn on the holiday lights, and we wish you joy throughout the rest of the year!

*The Village Board and staff wish you  
and your family a safe and happy holiday season!*

# WELCOME TO WHEELING



## The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk  
Kathryn M. Brady

*The holiday season is just around the corner!  
Here is an update of some of the events  
happening in the village.*

### Lights Around Wheeling

Lights Around Wheeling takes place Sunday, November 19 at 4:30 p.m. at Friendship Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to greet children and hear their holiday wishes. Enjoy hot cocoa and a snack, visit with Santa, and witness the beautiful lights turning on to mark the beginning of the holiday season!

### Lollipop Lane

Lollipop Lane annual festivities—sponsored by the Wheeling Historical Society—will be held on Fridays from 6–8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 2–5 p.m. at the Chamber Park church December 1–10. Children can have their picture taken with Santa for free and receive a Historical Society ornament. There will also be homemade cookies for sale. Adults and children alike are invited to enjoy this magical event!

Lights Around Wheeling and Lollipop Lane are both free events.

*Wishing you a great holiday season  
and all the very best  
in the New Year!*

## Health Happenings

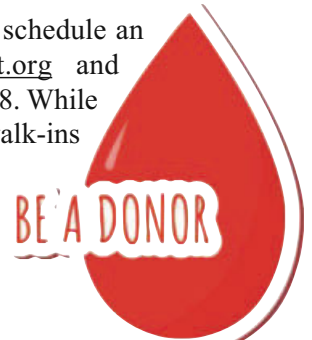
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### Community Blood Drive

The Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Board of Health will host a blood drive from 2–6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, at the Village Hall (2 Community Boulevard).

Appointments are appreciated. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) and search by sponsor code ORD0WH98. 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!



**Village offices will be closed:**

**November 23 & 24  
for Thanksgiving**

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for Christmas**

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# POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

## Wheeling Police Social Services Division

The Social Services Division offers many services to residents of the Village of Wheeling who need assistance, including:

**assessment • case management • crisis intervention • community linkage / information and referral  
court advocacy • short-term counseling • tangible and basic needs • victim services • support groups**

The Social Services Division has professional social workers who work closely with the Police and Fire Departments as well as schools and community agencies to serve residents of Wheeling. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the Wheeling Police Department Social Services Division at 847.459.2606. Offices are located at 1 Community Boulevard inside the Wheeling Police Department. Se habla Español.

## Holiday Donations Needed

At times throughout the year, the Village of Wheeling Social Services Division provides economic support to families in need in the form of gift cards to local stores such as Walmart, Aldi, Walgreens, CVS, etc. Wheeling social workers receive 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 year 2023 has been difficult for residents still dealing with the aftereffects of the pandemic and inflation, 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 services. Please call 847.459.2606. Social workers are available Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.



## Winter & Holiday Safety Tips

With the arrival of winter and the holiday season comes the arrival of snow and ice, too. With some planning and advanced preparation, you can make this a safe and fun-filled season.

- **Inspect holiday lights before installing them.** Check for damaged wires or missing bulbs. Do not exceed the manufacturer's recommendations for how many strings of holiday lights can be strung together.
- **Avoid using space heaters if at all possible.** Do not use kerosene or propane heaters indoors. Keep all space heaters away from combustible materials, and only use space heaters when the room is occupied. Finally, do not plug them into power strips or electrical multi-adapters.
- **Dispose of leftover gasoline from your lawnmower or snow blower by carefully pouring it into your vehicle's fuel tank.** Never pour old gasoline into the sewer system.
- **Dispose of holiday wrappings and trees appropriately.** Never throw them into a fireplace or wood-burning stove since they burn too fast, generate too much smoke, and may overload the capacity of the fireplace or stove.
- **Dispose of fireplace or wood-burning stove ashes appropriately.** Ashes that appear to be cold can actually still be a fire risk more than 24 hours later. Do not place them in garbage cans in your home or garage, in case they re-ignite.
- **Do not call 9-1-1 if the electrical power goes out.** Instead, call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1.
- **Have your home furnace or boiler professionally serviced and cleaned.** A service technician can verify that dangerous carbon monoxide (CO) gas is not backing up into your home.
- **Test and vacuum your home smoke detectors and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors.** Dust and dirt accumulated on the unit can delay its activation when needed. If you have not recently changed your detector's battery, do so. Also, if your smoke detectors are ten or more years old or your CO detectors are more than five years old, completely replace them.
- **Prepare your vehicle before the first winter storm occurs.** Check tire inflation pressure since tires lose pressure during the fall due to outside temperature fluctuations. Also check the remaining tire tread and consider replacing if they are old or worn. Keep your fuel tank above half-full at all times to minimize moisture in your fuel tank and reduce the risk of your fuel line freezing up. If your battery is old, now is a great time to replace it as car batteries are greatly affected by cold temperatures.
- **Place a winter emergency kit inside each family vehicle.** Include a blanket, collapsible snow shovel, ice scraper, jumper cables, flashlight (with new batteries), road flares, basic first aid kit, cellphone charger, and basic non-perishable food or snacks.
- **Use candles with great care.** Always place in a sturdy, non-combustible holder, and never leave them unattended.

## Guidelines for Yard Waste and Leaf Disposal

*Village Code 11.08.100 prohibits the deposit of leaves into streets, roads, or highways, and along the shoulder, curb, or edge of any street, road, or highway.*

- Leaves intentionally raked into such areas can result in clogged storm sewer drains and subsequent flooding.
- The Village’s contract with Waste Management provides an alternate, convenient method to dispose of leaves and other forms of yard waste for residents who have curbside pick-up service.
- In addition to two-ply Kraft biodegradable paper yard waste bags, residents may use rigid 32-gallon containers clearly marked with a red “X” around the container.
- When filled, containers and biodegradable bags may not exceed 45 pounds in weight. There is no limit to the number of yard waste bags or containers allowed.
- Yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected.
- Brush must be bundled and tied with biodegradable 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 allowed.
- Loose or larger brush or logs will not be collected by Waste Management.
- Yard waste collections conclude on November 30, 2023.

## Property Maintenance 101

Wheeling’s property maintenance codes are a compilation of requirements adopted by the Village Board in an effort to establish standards that help preserve properties, provide a sound environment, and sustain property values. Maintaining your property isn’t just about you—it benefits everyone around you. Community Development property maintenance inspectors help ensure that properties in our community are observing the following property maintenance requirements, among others:

- Maintain grass and weeds (maximum height eight inches).
- Keep building exteriors free of cracking and peeling paint.
- Keep fences, sheds, and other accessory structures in good repair.
- Maintain shrubs and trees, including removing or pruning dead, overgrown, or improperly maintained plants.
- Properly dispose of refuse in a covered garbage can with a tight-fitting lid so as to avoid flies, mosquitoes, and rodents.
- Stow garbage cans in the garage or adjacent to the house in a side or rear yard between pick-up days.
- Park properly registered vehicles within a building or on a weed-free surface made of gravel, stone, asphalt, or cement concrete.



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

If you notice ill-kept properties in your neighborhood or have questions or concerns regarding property maintenance issues, please contact Community Development at 847.459.2620 so our staff can investigate the status of the properties and take steps to re-establish maintenance. Residents can also call the anonymous code enforcement hotline at 847.459.CODE to leave a voicemail.

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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

## Snow Season Procedures

Public Works 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 (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
- Weiland Road (between Lake Cook and McHenry)

### 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.

## Protect Water Lines from Freezing

Follow these measures to protect water lines from freezing and prevent water pipes from rupturing during extreme cold:

- Monitor water meters: Wrap water meters with foam insulation or heat tape if located in unheated or colder areas such as crawlspaces. Periodically check your meter and associated piping for cracks or leaks and ensure proper marking and operation of the shut-off valve in case a pipe bursts.
- Eliminate drafts: All crawlspace and basement vents, windows, and doors should be repaired and closed, making sure a tight seal exists to keep out cold air.
- Insulate pipes: Insulating pipes in colder or unheated areas such as the crawlspace, or pipes located adjacent to an outside wall, helps to reduce the possibility of ruptured pipes. Allow warm air to circulate around pipes accessible by cabinets and located against outside walls.
- Leave faucets running: A continuous trickle of cold water can help reduce the possibility of a pipe bursting due to freezing.

8 If you know that a property has been unoccupied for several days, contact Public Works at 847.279.6900 so they determine whether water services are shut off at the property. This can prevent costly damage to the unoccupied property.

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Holiday Tree Collections

Non-artificial holiday trees are collected at residential curbsides by Waste Management during the first two weeks in January at no additional charge. Trees that have decorations or are in stands or plastic bags will not be collected.

## Holiday Lights Recycling

Residents may recycle holiday lights—including mini, C7, C9, rope, and LED lights, as well as extension cords of all colors and lengths—at the Department of Public Works, 77 W. Hintz Road, November 1, 2023 to February 2, 2024, 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. Call 847.279.6900 with any questions.

## Reminder to Landlords

With the arrival of cooler weather, our Municipal Inspectors would like to remind all landlords and residential property owners that per Property Maintenance Ordinance 15.16.001(d), heat must be supplied to your building from September 15th – May 15th and kept at a temperature no lower than 68 degrees. If you have any questions regarding this ordinance please contact our Community Development Department at 847.459.2620.

## Change your clocks, check batteries

On **Sunday, November 5**, we will once again move our clocks backward as Daylight Saving Time comes to an end for the year. It is also an excellent reminder to once again change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These are the hardest-working appliances in your home, protecting your family every second of every day. Make sure they work by changing their batteries (if applicable), vacuuming them, and testing them. If your smoke detectors are more than ten years old, or you are not sure how old they are, replace them with a newer sealed ten-year device. If your carbon monoxide detectors are more than five years old, or you are not sure how old they are, replace them with a newer sealed ten-year device or a newer combination smoke detector/carbon monoxide detector device. All of the newer devices have sealed batteries and no longer require annual replacement; after ten years of use, you just dispose of them. A few minutes of your time now can mean the difference between life and death should a fire occur in your home later on.



## Assist Homebuyer Program

The Village of Wheeling now offers a two-pronged approach to assist homebuyers. The Assist program provides families with funds to pay all or most of their closing costs and down payment, and the mortgage credit certificate (MCC) program reduces the homebuyer's ongoing cost of borrowing.

### What is Assist?

Assist is a program that offers individuals and families with 30-year fixed-rate mortgages and offers 3–7% cash assistance on the amount borrowed on a mortgage to qualified homebuyers. The cash assistance may be used to offset some or all of the home loan's down payment and closing costs. Assist minimizes the amount of money you need on hand to purchase your home.

### What are Mortgage Credit Certificates?

MCCs are a federally authorized program created as an alternative to tax-exempt housing bonds to reduce effective interest costs for qualifying homebuyers. MCCs allow the homebuyer to qualify for a federal income tax credit equal to a percentage of the interest paid on their home loan each year. MCC holders still qualify for a regular deduction of the remaining interest paid on their home loan.



To find out more about the program, contact Angela Conover at 312.664.5656 or [angelaconover@earthlink.net](mailto:angelaconover@earthlink.net).

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

THE VILLAGE OF WHEELING AND THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENT:



## SANTA ON YOUR STREET

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BETWEEN 6:00 PM AND 8:30 PM

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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

Chelsea Cove, Eastwood Trails, Whipple Tree Village, Lexington Commons, Cedar Run, Fairway Greens, Pine Hills, Colonial Drive, Hollywood Ridge, Arlington Club

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Dunhurst (East), Northgate Crossing, Strong (East & West), Picardy Place, Wolf Crossing, Millbrook, Prairie Park, Capri Terrace, 6th/Gendale, Shadow Bend, Edgewood Drive, Equestrian Grove

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

Eastchester, Longtree/Kingsport Village, Lakeside Villas, Lexington Commons II, Malibu Cove, Tahoe Village, Lake in the Winds, VIP/Cornell Avenue, Jackson Drive, Hollywood Ridge 2, Dunhurst (West), Edward/Vera

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

Old Town, Union Commons, Meadowbrook (East & West), Astor Place, River Mill Crossings, Wolf Run Estates, Plum Creek, Hunt Club, Harmony Village, Foxboro

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Orchard Lake, Ridgefield, Pleasant Run, Polo Run, Lake+House, Avalon-Sienna, Sandpebble Walk

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Jon A. Sfondilis  
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- CPR classes

## Police Department

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- Citizens Police Academy
- Graffiti removal
- Neighborhood watch

## Human Services

847.459.2606

- Social Services
- Crime victim services

## Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road

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- Water quality concerns
- Flooding
- Capital Improvements Division
- Cable TV
- Waste Management

## Senior Programs

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## 847.459.CODE

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## Village Hall Offices

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## Administration

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- 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

### 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

### Wheeling Township

1616 N. Arlington Hts. Rd.  
847.259.7730

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



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