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THE WHEELING CIRCULAR

July/August 2024



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WELCOME TO WHEELING



*President
Patrick Horcher*

From the Desk of President Horcher

I'd like to begin by extending thanks to everyone who participated in the June 29 Rock 'n' Run the Runway events! We appreciate Chicago Executive Airport and the City of Prospect Heights for their partnership, our sponsors and contributors for their support, the entertainers and food trucks, the Village's staff for their hard work and careful planning, and everyone who attended and enjoyed the day's festivities. While the Village's officials and staff are always grateful for the opportunity to serve Wheeling, it's particularly meaningful to see the faces of so many of our residents gathered in fellowship.

It's already been a productive summer, with major projects wrapping up and others starting. In May we celebrated the grand opening of Fire Station 42, which has moved from the facility it shared with the Police Department at 1 Community Boulevard to a freestanding structure by the Village water tower on McHenry Road. The station's new location west of the railroad tracks will shave crucial seconds off response times in the busiest parts of Wheeling, improving the already excellent emergency services our residents rely on. By seeking alternate funding (including \$3.5 million awarded through American Rescue Plan Act) and being diligent about cost savings (including substantially reusing the plans for the 2021 reconstruction of the fire station on Wheeling Road), we were able to build Station 42 without issuing bonds or increasing our property tax levy. The opening of the new station coincides with the renumbering of Wheeling's other two stations in preparation for the Village's upcoming transition to the Northwest Central Dispatch System: Station 23 on Wheeling Road is now 43, and Station 24, the Fire Department headquarters on Milwaukee Avenue, is now 44.

We also recently completed this year's Motor-Fuel-Tax-funded street improvement program, resurfacing over three miles of surface on 18 streets and making other improvements to sewers, curbs, and sidewalks. For more information about how the Village determines what streets need what maintenance, see Page 9 of this newsletter. As that project wrapped up, we kicked off the first phase of the South Dunhurst Stormwater Improvement Project, which involves the construction of a detention basin north of Mark Twain Elementary School; the second phase, scheduled for next year, will add storm sewer pipes to move runoff to the new basin, providing relief to many flood-prone residential properties. We're grateful to Community Consolidated School District 21 for their help with this initiative, which will also ultimately add a new artificial-turf playing field for students. The South Dunhurst project is the latest in a series of improvements called for in our 2015 Stormwater Master Plan; over the past eight years, the Village has completed \$3.5 million in infrastructure improvements to reduce the impact of flooding.

We've also been working with the private sector to promote economic prosperity and enrich our residents' quality of life. In recent weeks we've coordinated with the developer of the Uptown 500 mixed-use project to add a vibrant and colorful mural to the Dundee Road corridor—expected to be in place by September—and we've supported Cinergy Dine-In Cinemas in the Wheeling Town Center with a Cook County property tax incentive to help the theater flourish during this challenging time for film venues. During these warmer months, we strongly encourage all our residents to take advantage of the dining and entertainment complex in the heart of Wheeling: have a meal, see a movie, and enjoy the Thursday-night concert series in the Town Center plaza.

Keep an eye out for noteworthy business activity elsewhere, too. Scooter's Coffee will soon occupy the drive-through site on Milwaukee Avenue where Starbucks was located prior to opening near the Westin hotel. Across from the Westin, District Brew Yards is now hosting the only suburban location of acclaimed pizzeria Paulie Gee's; to the south, the Rainbow Cone food truck will once again be appearing at Superdawg. On the west side of town, construction continues at London Crossing, with work underway on two more townhome buildings. In the industrial sector, candy and snack manufacturer Taste of Nature is relocating from Melrose Park to occupy the 129,000-square-foot former Block & Company facility on South Wheeling Road, modernizing the 56-year-old building with Village assistance through a Cook County tax incentive. As always, we'll provide more updates on these and other matters of interest as appropriate.

On behalf of the Village Board, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

WELCOME TO WHEELING



Village Clerk
Kathryn M. Brady

The Clerk's Corner

Brat Fest July 13

Wheeling Helping Hands (WHH) is a local nonprofit that raises funds for services to help Wheeling's residents and public safety entities. WHH will hold their annual Brat Fest fundraiser on Saturday, July 13 from 11a.m. - 5 p.m. with activities including live music, children's games, raffles, and, of course, brats. Please bring lawn chairs, as seating will be limited. All proceeds benefit local Wheeling charities including, but not limited to, Shop with a Cop, St. Baldrick's, Toys for Tots, Special Olympics, Operation Warm, and scholarships and food pantries that serve Wheeling. I hope to see you there!



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.

Health Happenings

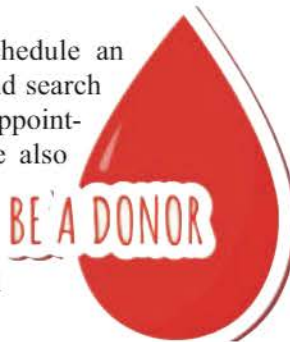
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Community Blood Drive

The Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Board of Health will host a blood drive from 1-5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, at the Village Hall (2 Community Boulevard).

Appointments are appreciated. To schedule an appointment, visit 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!



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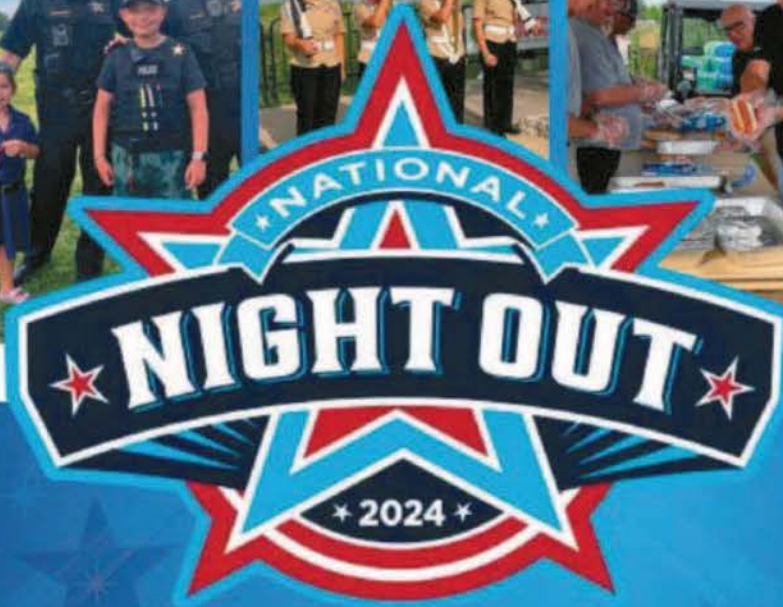
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POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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."



Fireworks Are Illegal in the Village of Wheeling

Each year approximately 10,000 people in the United States are injured by fireworks, and at least 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.



Burglary Prevention Tips

It is always important to take steps to protect yourself and your home. Here are some ways to make burglaries harder:

- Install alarm and camera security systems.
- Trim bushes down to three feet and trees up seven feet from the ground.
- Upgrade deadbolt locks with at least a one-inch bolt.
- Secure the latch plate for deadbolts with three inch-screws.
- Lock your windows and doors AT ALL TIMES.
- Leave a loud TV or radio on when not home.
- If someone unexpectedly knocks on your door, do not open the door but do let them know you are home—if it is even remotely suspicious, call police immediately with a good description. Many burglars will knock first to see if anyone is home.
- Close your blinds so burglars can't see into your residence.
- Get to know your neighbors – concerned neighbors look out for you.
- Consider covering your garage door windows so a burglar can't see that no cars are present (meaning no one is at home).
- Be aware that home burglars usually work during daytime hours, with the peak time being 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Protect yourself by following the commonsense advice above and together, we can make a difference. If you are a victim, call 9-1-1. Contact the Crime Prevention Unit with any other concerns at 847.459.2994.

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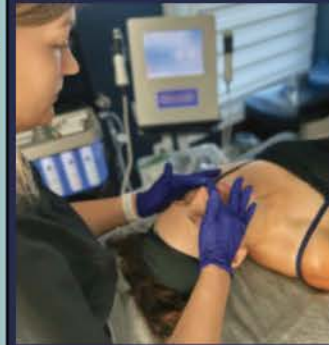
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Refuse and Recycling Guidelines Reminder

To keep our community attractive and to maintain healthy living conditions, residents are reminded of guidelines for solid waste at the curbside.

- All refuse, recycling, and landscape waste must be placed at the curb for collection no earlier than 5 p.m. the evening before and no later than 6 a.m. the day of a scheduled collection.
- All refuse, recycling, and yard waste must be placed inside designated containers with the lids completely closed for scheduled collections. A bulk waste item that does not fit in the designated garbage cart is the exception.
- All empty carts and refuse items not collected must be removed before 8 a.m. the day after a scheduled collection.
- On all other days, carts and bulk waste items shall be kept in the garage or adjacent to a principal structure within the side or rear yard of any lot only.

Please contact Community Development at 847.459.2620 or the anonymous Code Hotline at 847.459.CODE to report any violations related to the above guidelines.



Parkway Tree Planting

A Village contractor has recently planted parkway trees throughout Wheeling 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.

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

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.

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 regarding mosquito abatement practices may contact the NWMAD at 847.537.2306 or visit www.nwmadil.com. The Village of Wheeling does not provide mosquito control services.


Pavement Preservation Program


The Village's Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining a network of over 70 miles of roadway throughout Wheeling. The high cost of replacing pavement makes proactive maintenance a top priority. The Village has developed an assessment and maintenance plan to ensure that pavements last their full expected lifespan and that the condition of all local roads meets our residents' expectations and needs.




Some of the maintenance techniques the Village utilizes to extend the useful life of the pavement include the following:

 **Pavement rejuvenation:** The Village has implemented a preventative maintenance program in which maltene-based pavement rejuvenator is applied to one-year-old asphalt roadways, extending the life of the pavement by about three years. The rejuvenator acts as a glue, slowing the oxidation process, creating a tighter aggregate surface that leads to less material chipping off, and keeping water out of pavement cracks, thus reducing damage from freeze-thaw cycles.

 **Crack sealing:** Public Works performs crack sealing on three- and four-year-old surfaces to address developing cracks and pavement seams. This maintenance activity prevents moisture from reaching the pavement subbase, thus preventing accelerated deterioration.

 **Surface patching:** At the end of each winter season, Public Works identifies roads with high levels of cracking and other signs of distress. During the summer months, the distressed areas are repaired by grinding down and replacing the top two inches of roadway surface with new asphalt.

 **Resurfacing:** This is the most extensive preservation technique, and lasts twenty years. During a resurfacing project, Public Works considers various design elements to bring the road up to the Village's standard, some of which may require a full topographic survey. A typical resurfacing may require spot curb replacement and full-depth patching in areas that do not have an adequate subbase. To resurface a road, the pavement is ground down, and new asphalt is applied. Up to 40% of the asphalt grindings can be recycled into the mix for the new roadway pavement. Roads that have a compromised base are considered candidates for reconstruction, in which the entire roadway, including base materials and all curb, is removed.

How is a road selected for resurfacing?

Pavements degrade at different rates, and it is the Village's policy to replace pavements as they fail based on a condition assessment, rather than just on their age alone. Pavement conditions are assessed each year by staff and rated on a 100-point scale. Roads with a pavement condition index of 50–55 are considered for replacement. Since a typical pavement degrades at a rate of about 2.5 points per year, staff is able to estimate when each pavement segment will become eligible for resurfacing based on its current score. The Village does not programmatically replace all roads within a subdivision. Some roads may still have useful life, and therefore only roads that have a score of below 55 are considered for replacement.

Why is a pavement that is only a few years old receiving a maintenance treatment?

Preventative maintenance actions—such as rejuvenator application and crack sealing—protect pavement and are therefore performed on newer roads. When applied early in the life cycle, these repairs are most effective at extending pavement life.

This primer on the Village's pavement preservation program is a general overview of the principles of pavement management. Resurfacing schedules, pavement life cycles, preventative maintenance rotations, and other timelines are useful guides to the Village's roadway maintenance efforts, but are subject to change as conditions and circumstances warrant. If you would like to learn more about Wheeling's pavement management program, please contact Village Engineer Kyle Goetzelmann at kgoetzelmann@wheelingil.gov.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Current Construction Projects

Street Improvement Program

The Village's Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Street Improvement Program took place in the northeast part of Zelosky's, Bablerz, Dunhurst, Orchard Lake, and Lemke Farms (Ridgefield) Subdivisions totaling an estimated 15,979 lineal feet of improvements. This project included removal, adjustment, and/or replacement of pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, storm sewer, and drainage structures, as well as private driveway and parkway restoration. The MFT street improvement program is an annual project managed by Public Works with funding derived from gasoline taxes collected by the State of Illinois and subsequently distributed to municipalities throughout Illinois. For additional information, please contact Public Works Engineering at 847.279.6910 or visit www.wheelingil.gov/338/Capital-Improvement-Projects.

Lakeside Villas Resurfacing Project

Last year, the watermain throughout the Lakeside Villas Subdivision were replaced; the new watermain was relocated to be in the roadways. As a result of this new location, and because of the heavy equipment needed to install the new mains, the roadways are in need of resurfacing. The project includes curb and gutter repair and replacement, asphalt pavement grinding and overlay, potential stone sub-base repair on certain streets, sidewalk replacement, adjustment and/or replacement of drainage structures, parkway restoration, and other miscellaneous work necessary to complete these improvements. The estimated total roadway to be improved as a result of this contract is approximately 5,754 lineal feet.

South Dunhurst Phase 1 Storm Sewer Improvements

The South Dunhurst neighborhood experiences frequent significant flooding in low-lying areas along N. Green Drive, Bernice Court, Isa Drive, Audrey Lane, and E. Merle Lane. Phase 1 of the South Dunhurst Storm Sewer Improvements Project will focus on constructing a detention pond north of Mark Twain Elementary School and installing storm sewer out to E. Merle Lane. Phases 2 and 3, which include construction of storm sewer collection pipes, are scheduled for next year and will extend the storm sewer into the South Dunhurst Subdivision. Public Works anticipates substantial completion of Phase 1 by August 28, 2024. This project will temporarily adversely impact local traffic.

Rebuild Illinois Grant Program

Passed in 2019 by the State of Illinois and Governor Pritzker, the Rebuild Illinois Grant Program invests funds 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 employment. Our 2024 MFT Road Program will use the Village's remaining Rebuild Illinois Funds.

Dundee Road Water Main Replacement Project

The Dundee Road Water Main Replacement Program—between the railroad tracks and St. Armand Lane—will include installation of approximately 4,135 lineal feet of twelve-inch, ten-inch, and eight-inch diameter water main pipe, valve vaults, and fire hydrants, as well as pavement patching and other miscellaneous work. The project is scheduled to begin in late 2024 and be completed by the end of 2024.

Lunch @ The Center

Nutritionally-balanced meals and socialization for older adults 60+. Meals are served in person Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center. You may pick up meals between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The suggested donation/contribution is \$5 per meal. No one will be denied services for inability to pay.

10 Contact Dining Coordinator Jesus Delgado at 847.650.0650 to register or with questions.

Wheeling through your lens!

The Village is seeking resident photos to be used for the cover of *The Wheeling Circular*. Photos should:

- be taken outdoors and show the season in which they were taken
- not include people
- not include any business signs and/or logos
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