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# WELCOME TO WHEELING



*President  
Patrick Horcher*

## 2025 State of the Village of Wheeling

With springtime closing in, it's time once again for me to provide an update on the state of the Village of Wheeling. I'm pleased to report that the Village's finances remain strong and stable, with sales tax and income tax revenues continuing to exceed expectations. As such, we were once again able to approve a tax levy that imposes no added burden on Wheeling property owners. Like other taxing districts that serve Wheeling, we slightly increased the total amount of our levy to reflect the expiration of the South Milwaukee / Manchester Drive Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The South TIF was established in 2000 to promote public and private improvements in that area, and since then the value of those properties has increased by over \$17 million, growth that will have long-term benefits throughout the community. By rolling the equalized assessed value of these properties in with the other properties included in the main tax levy, the Village will capture that value without affecting individual tax bills.

The Village has been hard at work on a number of important projects, some of which are easy for the average resident to see and some of which aren't. In May we celebrated the grand opening of the freestanding Fire Station 42 on McHenry Road, a new location that speeds response times to the busiest parts of town. Thanks to efficient design and the use of alternate funding—including \$3.5 million through the American Rescue Plan Act—we were able to build the station without issuing bonds or increasing our tax levy. In the opening days of 2025 we achieved another major public safety milestone by completing our transfer to the Northwest Central Dispatch System, which provides emergency dispatch services for 13 member communities; the move will benefit Wheeling by reducing response times, improving regional coordination, and lowering costs.

In addition to our ordinary annual capital projects—street, streetlight, sewer, sidewalk, and watermain improvements in several areas—we completed the first half of a major stormwater management project that will bring relief to flood-prone properties in South Dunhurst. Phase One involved the construction of a detention basin north of Mark Twain Elementary School; this year, Phase Two will add storm sewer pipes to move runoff to the new basin. Other noteworthy projects scheduled for 2025 include the \$2.73 million Buffalo Creek Streambank Stabilization Project—which will be mostly funded through a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency—and the construction of a watermain loop that connects the Village's water system between North and South Milwaukee Avenue; in addition to establishing more consistent water flow and pressure, the project will add properties to the system that aren't currently served by it and will extend the sidewalk on Milwaukee south to Sumac Road.



*New Fire Station 42, 175 McHenry Road*



*South Dunhurst detention basin*



*Rosebud Steakhouse, 502 W. Dundee Rd.*

# WELCOME TO WHEELING

## State of the Village continued

We're also preparing to replace watermain under Dundee Road between the railroad tracks and the western edge of town—work that we're completing ahead of the Illinois Department of Transportation's planned resurfacing of Dundee from Route 53 to Northgate Parkway, expected to begin in July. While these projects are all important, they'll all also cause various disruptions to our routines, so we'll be sure to provide updates as appropriate.

As always, our goal in providing services and maintaining infrastructure is to create an environment in which our residents and businesses can pursue their own aspirations in ways that enrich and enliven the community. For years the Village has used tools such as TIF, tax abatements, and grants to assist business activity in ways that benefit our residents; in 2024 we expanded our build-out grant program to enable us to provide increased assistance to large restaurants and entertainment venues, and we also amended our redevelopment agreement with Uptown 500 to assist with the addition of a mural to its parking structure. The Village's business recruitment efforts have produced results, with Rosebud Steakhouse opening in Uptown 500 and Moretti's nearly ready to open in the in Wheeling Town Center. Other restaurants that opened last year include Armo Grill, Kazan, Cilantro, Scooter's Coffee, and Stumara, the last of which was recently honored with a Jean Banchet Award as the best heritage restaurant in the Chicago region. Stumara, the Georgian restaurant at 847 West Dundee, is the only 2024 winner located outside of Chicago; their victory is especially meaningful given that the Banchet awards are named after the world-renowned chef who founded Le Français right here in Wheeling in 1973.

I'll close with thanks to the Village staff for their hard work, expertise, and commitment to making Wheeling incrementally better. Thanks as well to the Village's commissioners and other volunteers for their generosity and community spirit. Finally, I'm grateful to the Village's Trustees for their good judgment and their devotion to the community. I'm honored to serve with them, and we all appreciate the opportunity to serve Wheeling.

I look forward to providing more updates in the months ahead. For now, I and everyone at the Village hope this finds you well!

## SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, June 28

The Village of Wheeling, the City of Prospect Heights, and Chicago Executive Airport are thrilled to announce that this year's joint community fireworks event, **Rock 'n' Run the Runway**, will be held at Chicago Executive Airport on Saturday, June 28.

The day will start with a 5K run on the runways of the airport in the morning, and resume in the evening with live music by Wildfire and Seventh Heaven, a variety of food trucks, adult beverages, children's entertainment, and of course fireworks at the end of the night.

Visit [www.rocknruntherunway.com](http://www.rocknruntherunway.com) for more details.

## The Clerk's Corner

### Vote April 1, 2025

On Tuesday, April 1, Wheeling residents will have the opportunity to vote for Village President, Village Clerk, and three Village Trustees. To see a sample ballot, verify your voter registration, determine your polling place, request a mail ballot, and find early voting locations visit [www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov](http://www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov). Early voting takes place March 17–31. You can request a mail ballot online from now until March 26. Anyone can apply for a mail ballot, no excuses needed.



Village Clerk  
Kathryn M. Brady

If you are not yet registered, you can do so online at [www.ova.elections.il.gov](http://www.ova.elections.il.gov). The last day to register to vote online is March 16. Election Day registration is available at your home precinct. Bring two forms of identification, including one with your current address, and be prepared to immediately cast your ballot after registration. For more information call the Village Clerk's office at 847.499.9231.

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# POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

## Tornado Safety Tips

You may be surprised to learn that Illinois has almost the same number of annual tornados as Oklahoma and Nebraska, and is ranked sixth for the annual average number of tornados. In our state, tornadoes occur most frequently in March, April, and May, but they have been known to occur even in the winter months. Now is the time to plan for these changes in weather to protect yourself, your family, and your home.

- Create and stock an emergency kit. Make sure your family knows where it is located, and that there are enough supplies to last at least three days.
- In case of a power outage, have and maintain a battery-powered radio and a backup battery or way to charge your cell phone. Report power outages to ComEd, NOT the Village of Wheeling. Outages can be reported quickly online or in the ComEd app.
- Determine a safe zone in your home, such as a basement, small interior room, or bathroom with no window.
- If you are outside with no shelter available, lie flat in a low spot, and use your arms and hands to protect your head.
- Know the difference between a watch and a warning. A watch means the conditions are right for a tornado to occur; a warning means a tornado has been spotted and shelter should be sought immediately.

Friendly reminder: the tornado siren tests take place the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. For more tips to prepare for severe weather, visit [www.ready.illinois.gov](http://www.ready.illinois.gov).

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Power outages may impact our community for extended periods. Follow these safety and preparedness tips if your home loses power:

- Unplug televisions, computer equipment, and washers/dryers, game consoles, fans, lights, etc., especially if they were in use when the power went out.
- If you are using a generator, only use outside and away from windows.
- Never use a gas stove to heat your home.
- Use surge protectors.
- Consider solar landscape lights which provide hours of low-level lighting, so you can save your flashlight batteries for tasks that require more light.
- Keep your refrigerator/freezer cold by keeping the doors closed as much as possible.
- Do NOT use your grill inside your garage or to heat your house.
- Never taste food to determine if safe to consume. When in doubt, throw it out!
- Report power outages to ComEd.
- If driving, be prepared for four-way stops if traffic lights are out or blinking.

## Yard Waste Collections



Yard waste collections begin on April 1 and continue through November 30 on your regularly-scheduled collection days. Townhouses and condominiums do not have this service.

- Yard waste must be placed in paper bags (cannot be in plastic bags or cardboard boxes) or other containers clearly marked with a red X twelve inches or more in size for visibility.
- Bags and containers must not be larger than 32 gallons or exceed 50 pounds. There is no limit to the number of bags or containers.
- All yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. the day of collection, but not before 5 p.m. the evening before.
- Brush must be bundled and tied with twine or string. Bundles must not weigh over 50 pounds, 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.
- Acceptable material includes grass clippings, leaves, short branches, and vegetative plants and brush. Materials do not include fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, dirt, stone, pinecones, sod, flower arrangements, artificial flowers, indoor plants, concrete, rock, or trees and stumps larger than three inches in diameter.

## Annual Hydrant Flushing

Public Works will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village from May 1 through May 16, weather permitting. During this time, hydrant flushing will occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and will continue until all the portions of the water distribution system are completed. Signs will be posted in affected areas of the Village while hydrant flushing is underway.

Flushing is an important preventative maintenance process and is undertaken to remove particulate matter and corrosion from the system. Residents may notice a slightly lower water pressure and discoloration of their water during this program; however, the water will be completely safe to drink. Residents are advised to check the color of the water before beginning laundry to prevent any staining.

Contact Public Works at 847.279.6900 with questions.



## Stormwater Runoff Pollution

Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. Stormwater



runoff that flows over impervious surfaces such as streets, driveways, concrete areas, and rooftops collects debris, chemicals, sediments, and other pollutants that enter the storm sewer system. The Village storm sewer effluent flows directly into detention basins, creeks, streams, rivers, and lakes, bypassing the partial cleaning typically performed at sanitary sewer treatment plants.

Pollutants in stormwater runoff can include motor oil, antifreeze / transmission fluid, paint, solvents/degreasers, detergents, pet and yard waste, dirt and gravel, trash, pesticides, and fertilizers. Public Works personnel constantly extract some of this waste from the system for efficient flow. Residents and businesses can take measures to prevent stormwater runoff pollution from entering our storm sewer system, such as:

- Repair vehicle leaks and dispose of used auto fluids at designated drop-off facilities.
- Apply pesticides and fertilizers only as necessary; use organic mulch and reduce application of outside pest controls whenever possible.
- Compost and/or mulch yard waste, and follow local yard waste programs. Do not deposit or leave yard waste in the street.
- Remove and properly dispose of litter and debris from properties, including sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots.
- Remove and properly dispose of construction debris.
- Clean up after pets. Village Municipal Code 7.10 requires removal of pet waste on public and private property.

For additional information on stormwater runoff pollution and prevention measures, please contact the Utility Division at 847.279.6900.

## Reporting Potholes

Certain roadways in Wheeling are not maintained by the Village. Please contact the correct agency below to report potholes on these roadways.

### **The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)**

847-705-4222

Dundee Road, Elmhurst Road, Milwaukee Avenue, McHenry Road, Palatine Road, or Wolf Road (from south of Marquardt to Camp McDonald Road).

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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

## Household Hazardous Waste At-Home Collection Program

Wheeling residents can schedule a special collection with Clean Harbors Environmental Services for eligible household hazardous waste from their property's front door, porch, or driveway.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has partnered with Clean Harbors to provide Wheeling residents with the opportunity to properly dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste during the year. Collections are expected four months out of the year but may be subject to adjustments. The program is for residents with curbside collection only.

The At-Home Collection Program includes automotive fluids, pesticides, cleaning fluids, and hobbyist materials, as well as other home-use chemicals. Visit <https://swancc.org/recycling/chemical-and-paint-disposal> for an expanded list of acceptable and unacceptable materials.

### *How Does the Program Work?*

The program guidelines are as follows:

1. Residents contact Clean Harbors to request a pickup, either by telephone at 866.466.5060 (Monday through Friday, 8 am – 4 pm) or at <https://form.jotform.com/242978262215158>.
2. Clean Harbors will obtain an inventory from the resident of waste types and quantities to confirm that the materials are accepted in the program and will schedule the collection service based on their current workload and routing.
  - Clean Harbors will also assist the resident in locating alternative outlets for wastes that can be readily managed through other drop-off options (e.g., gasoline and motor oil that can be taken to a service station or repair shop) and for wastes that are not accepted through the program.
3. Clean Harbors will provide preparation and set-out instructions to the resident and mail a heavy clear plastic bag and tie in advance of their collection day to contain their materials. There is a 70 lb. weight limit per collection.

### *What Does the Program Cost?*

The At-Home Collection is free to eligible residents; however, a \$75 charge will be incurred if a cancellation occurs the day of a scheduled collection or if no material is set out at the time the scheduled collection is made.

For further information on this program, please contact SWANCC at 847.724.9205 or Public Works at 847.279.6900. For additional household hazardous waste disposal options, please visit the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) at <https://swancc.org> or Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) at <https://epa.illinois.gov>.

### Waste Management Recycle Right

Did you know about 18% of items in residential recycling containers do not belong there? This contamination reduces the effectiveness of recycling; nevertheless, small changes can make a big impact. For an effective recycling program that can reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and conserve natural resources, Waste Management has created a website called Recycle Right that provides rules, guides, and myths about recycling. Please visit [www.wm.com/us/en/recycleright](http://www.wm.com/us/en/recycleright) for this information and more!

## Invasive Plant Control & Maintenance

This spring, the Village will begin a new program to manage invasive plant species on undeveloped Village-owned properties over the course of the next two years. This program will preserve native plant communities and improve the ecosystem health in the identified areas by removing these unwanted species.

Various woody plants, including certain varieties of buckthorns, are considered to be invasive. These plants typically grow vigorously, produce dense shade to outcompete native plants, and reduce natural animal habitats.

The Village Municipal Code requires removal or control of buckthorn as well as the abatement of other nuisance or noxious weeds, grass, bushes, trees and vegetation. The Village contractor will use typical control measures, removing buckthorn trees and weeds by cutting them down and applying herbicides to reduce the likelihood that they will regrow in the area.

In general, each year of the project will contain two phases and address different sites. Phase one, which will include the initial removal of certain plant species and herbicidal treatment of cut plant parts, and will take place in March. Phase two, between

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Welcome New Businesses!

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### **Kazan Restaurant**

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### **Michels Trenchless, Inc.**

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## Lunch @ The Center

Nutritionally-balanced meals and socialization for older adults 60+. Meals are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center.

The suggested donation/contribution is \$5 per meal. No one will be denied services for inability to pay. Contact Dining Coordinator Jesus Delgado at 847.650.0650 to register or with questions.

## Storm Drain Grate/Inlet Cleaning

Storm drain grates/inlets are normally located near the edge of streets or in rear yards, collecting water which uses the storm sewer system to ultimately flow into streams, rivers, or lakes. Grates/inlets obstructed with leaves and other debris can deny constant water flow and can cause localized flooding. As snow melt occurs in spring, the Village encourages residents to safely clear storm sewer grates / inlets near their property to avoid local flooding issues. If a grate/inlet is obstructed, residents should rake the debris off the structure and onto the parkway or into a waste container. If ponding or another concern arises, contact Public Works at 847.279.6900.

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hey you! Yeah, you! Put on your cape and come to the rescue! Our Congregate Dining Program at the Wheeling Park District in Room 107 is calling out for volunteers! Join our team Monday through Friday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM or any time in between and make a difference in our community!

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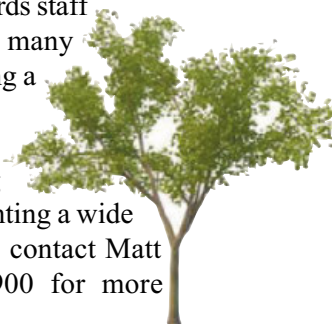
Access the Volunteer Application by Scanning the QR Code.



## Arbor Day

The Village will be celebrating Arbor Day during the last week in April as part of the Village's Tree City USA program, which affords staff and residents the opportunity to celebrate the many benefits trees provide to the environment by planting a ceremonial tree.

Over the last several years, the grounds surrounding many of the local schools have been the site for planting a wide variety of trees. To join in the celebration, please contact Matt Mashek, Public Works Forester, at 847.279.6900 for more information.



## Celebrating National Social Work Month

Social workers care about people. That is why so many people enter social work each year, making it one of the fastest growing professions in the United States.

Social workers go through years of education and training so they can help individuals, families, communities, and our society reach their full potential. That is why the theme for Social Work Month 2025 is Social Work: Compassion + Action.

Social workers are also on the forefront of helping address a mental health and substance use disorder crisis and chronic income inequality that has led to rising homelessness.

Social workers are everywhere—in our communities, in hospitals, the halls of Congress and in local governments, corporations, social service agencies, veterans' centers, as well as schools, sporting institutions, and more. They're also in demand. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the social work profession is projected to grow 7 percent between now and 2033—faster than the average for all occupations. By then, more than 836,000 social workers will be employed here in the United States. Social workers undergo years of schooling and training, gaining the expertise needed to support communities and individuals. They excel at meeting people where they are and provide compassionate guidance and help.

Wheeling has professional social workers available to all residents for a myriad of services. If you or someone you know would like to speak with a social worker, please call the Wheeling Police Social Service Division at 847.459.2606. We have social workers available Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.



SOCIAL WORK  
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## Village Manager

Jon A. Sfondilis  
jsfondilis@wheelingil.gov

## Fire Department

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- CPR classes

## Police Department

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- Citizens Police Academy
- Graffiti removal
- Neighborhood watch

## Social Services

847.459.2606

- Public aid assistance
- Crime victim services
- Short term counseling
- Crisis intervention

## Senior Programs

Wheeling Park District  
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847.459.2670

## Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road  
847.279.6900, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M - F

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- Street/pothole repairs
- Streetlight maintenance
- Snow plowing
- Forestry & landscape
- Sanitary sewer service televising
- Water quality concerns
- Flooding
- Capital Improvements Division
- Cable TV
- Waste Management

## 847.459.CODE

to report code violations

## Village Hall Offices

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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

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- Property maintenance
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- Demographics
- Development inquiries
- TIF district information
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