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# WELCOME TO WHEELING



*President  
Patrick Horcher*

## From the Desk of President Horcher

On behalf of the Village Board, I'd like to express gratitude to everyone who voted in the April 1 consolidated election. I'm honored that Wheeling residents have entrusted me to serve a third term as Village President, and I also congratulate Village Trustees Mary Krueger, Mary Papantos, and Jim Ruffatto and Village Clerk Kathryn Brady on their reelections. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with Ray Lang, Joe Vito, and Dave Vogel—the three trustees who were not up for reelection this year—and with the Village staff as we work toward the constant betterment of the community.

I'd also like to congratulate Maya Schaab, the recipient of this year's George Hieber Citizenship Award, which the Village Board grants to recognize outstanding contributions to Wheeling. At ten years old, Ms. Schaab is the youngest Hieber Award honoree to date, yet her record of service is already exemplary: she's been planning and performing volunteer projects to benefit people in need since she was five years old. We commend Maya for her initiative and her compassion, and we can't wait to see how her outstanding citizenship continues into her young adulthood.



*2025 George Hieber Citizenship Award recipient, Maya Schaab*

The big recent news in the commercial sector is the opening of Moretti's in Wheeling Town Center, which celebrated its grand opening in March. With twelve other locations in the region, Moretti's was well known to many of us even prior to their arrival in Wheeling, and in the few weeks they've been operating they've already established themselves as a distinguished member of our community of restaurants. They've also brought new excitement to the Town Center—where we also welcomed Wheeling Bank & Trust last month—and we anticipate more positive news there in the months ahead.



*Members of the Wheeling Village Board and Plan Commission celebrated at a ribbon-cutting for Moretti's Ristorante and Pizzeria on March 17.*

Just as summer is the season of alfresco dining, so too is it the season of roadway construction, and we're grateful for our residents' patience as we perform the important work of keeping our infrastructure safe and functional. The most noteworthy project of the year so far has been watermain replacement on Dundee Road, which the Village has performed ahead of the Illinois Department of Transportation's resurfacing of the roadway from Northgate Parkway to Route 53, scheduled to begin soon. The Village is also completing its own annual street and sidewalk improvements at several locations throughout town, and gearing up for other projects, including the completion of the South Dunhurst stormwater improvements and streambank stabilization along Buffalo Creek. As always, we'll try to do this important work with minimal inconvenience to residents and businesses, and we'll provide updates as we go along.



*Members of the Wheeling Village Board and Plan Commission celebrated at a ribbon-cutting for Wheeling Bank & Trust on March 3. Photo credit Roger Mattingly.*

I'll close by inviting you to this year's Rock 'n' Run the Runway at Chicago Executive Airport, which will take place on Saturday, June 28. You'll find more information about the event elsewhere in this newsletter, but it will include the customary 5K run in the morning followed by an evening of food trucks, live music, fireworks, and other entertainment. We hope to see you there!

**2** I and the Village's other officials are proud to continue our service to Wheeling, and we hope this finds you well!

# WELCOME TO WHEELING

## Welcome New Businesses!

### **Aii Trade**

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*Village Clerk  
Kathryn M. Brady*

## The Clerk's Corner

### **Wheeling Garden Club Membership**

Wheeling Garden Club members regularly plant gardens that result in wonderful flower arrangements, and members have successfully planted a wide variety of fruits and vegetables that their families get to enjoy. Members accomplish all of this with the guidance of the Garden Club's award-winning Master Gardeners. The Club hosts several hands-on learning activities throughout the year. For more information, please contact Joyce Stamp at 847.537.0567



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### **Wheeling Historical Society Opens for the Season**

The Wheeling Historical Museum at 131 N. Wolf Road is open on Sundays—excluding holiday weekends—from 1-3 p.m. beginning in April. The Historical Society and Museum celebrates the link between the past and the present and is a cooperative effort between the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Park District, Indian Trails Public Library, and Wheeling Historical Museum. For more information, contact curator@wheelinghistoricalsociety.com.

## 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).

**Village offices will be closed  
Monday, May 26  
in honor of Memorial Day.**

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

# POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

## Parking Restrictions in Residential Neighborhoods

**It is illegal to park blocking sidewalks between 6:00 a.m and 10:00 p.m.**

The Wheeling Police Department would like to remind you that blocking the sidewalk with a parked vehicle makes it dangerous for people who are walking, pushing strollers, or riding bikes on those sidewalks. This restriction includes recreational vehicles (RVs) for which more specific rules also apply in addition to it being illegal to block the sidewalk (see below). Please help keep the sidewalks clear for pedestrians and bicyclists.



### Recreational Vehicles – Parking and Storage

As warmer weather and camping season are upon us, residents who own RVs are reminded that there are limits to when and where these vehicles can be parked. RVs exceeding eight feet in width, 22 feet in length, or ten feet in height must be stored at a residential property only inside an enclosed garage or accessory building; vehicles not exceeding these parameters may also be stored in the rear or side yard of a residential property. RVs may be parked on a driveway for a period not to exceed seven days, and only upon the granting of written permission by the Wheeling Police Department. This permission can be sought from the Police Department a total of four times per year.

## Cryptocurrency Scams

Cryptocurrency is a form of digital currency that exists solely in electronic form. It's commonly used for quick transactions or to avoid paying transaction fees, and can be purchased through an app, a website, or at a cryptocurrency ATM. It's stored in a digital wallet, either online or on your computer, with a unique address much like a distinct website URL. Unfortunately, if your digital wallet is compromised, it's usually very difficult to recover your funds, as cryptocurrency transactions are typically irreversible. Additionally, cryptocurrency lacks legal protections, unlike credit card charges, which you can dispute for a refund. Scammers are drawn to cryptocurrency because its transactions are permanent and hard to trace. Here are some red flags to watch out for when sending cryptocurrency:

- Are you being asked to send cryptocurrency to fix your computer?
- Have you been told the only way to secure your funds is by depositing cryptocurrency at an ATM?
- Has someone requested you to link your bank account to keep the reason for your cryptocurrency purchase confidential?
- Has anyone promised you unusually high returns on a cryptocurrency investment?
- Are you in an online relationship with the other person asking you to send them cryptocurrency purchased from an ATM?
- Were you directed to a Bitcoin ATM by someone?
- Has someone claiming to represent a government agency demanded cryptocurrency payment to satisfy a warrant, pay a fine, or post bail for a relative?

By staying informed and cautious, you can protect yourself from falling victim to cryptocurrency scams.

## Warm Weather Storm Safety

Knowing what to do during severe weather can minimize the potential for serious injury to you and your family, as well as potential damage to your home or business. Prepare by getting to know terms used by the National Weather Service.

**SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH:** Conditions are right for thunderstorms that could be severe and produce large amounts of localized rain, hail, and high winds. Monitor the radio, television, and/or internet for further weather updates. Walk around the outside of your home and secure any loose items. Avoid leaving your home or business unless absolutely necessary.

**SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING:** A thunderstorm is producing large amounts of localized rain, hail, and/or high winds. Immediately go inside a building and close all blinds on the side of the building from which the storm is approaching. Do not stand in front of or near windows, talk on a hardwired telephone, or use plumbing fixtures until the storm passes.

**TORNADO WATCH:** Conditions are right for tornados. Take the same precautions as for a "Severe Thunderstorm Watch."

**TORNADO WARNING:** A tornado has been reported or observed by radar. This is the only event which activates Wheeling's warning sirens. Immediately take cover in a basement or interior room. Sit with your back against the wall with your head between your knees. If you are caught outside, find the lowest depression in the ground and lie flat on your stomach with your 4 fingers interlaced behind your head. If you are in your car, attempt to get inside a nearby structure. If this is not possible, pull your car over to the side of the road, turn on your emergency flashers, and get down on the floor of the vehicle.

## Residential Document & Electronics Destruction Event

On Saturday, May 3, the Village of Wheeling is hosting a combined document destruction and electronic recycling event at Public Works, 77 W. Hintz Road from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. only. Delays and longer waiting times are expected during the event. It is recommended that you arrive no later than 11 a.m. to ensure participation.

Residents from Wheeling and other Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) communities are eligible to participate. IDs will be checked for verification of residency.

To ensure a successful event, please read the requirements below for both documents and electronics.

### Document Destruction Requirements

- Accepted documents: bank statements, financial planning statements, medical history forms, retired tax documents, and documents with personal information such as social security numbers.
- Documents not accepted: magazines, junk mail, receipts, ads or coupons, and newspapers. Place these items in your curbside cart.
- Place accepted documents in paper shopping bags or small cardboard boxes.
  - Limit of six (6) paper bags or small (file-sized) boxes.
  - Cardboard boxes will be emptied onsite and returned to residents.
- Paper must be dry, clean, and loose.
- Remove plastic sleeves/spines/covers/binders/folders.
- Remove metal or plastic clips including paper clips and binder clips (small non-heavy-duty staples are okay).
- DO NOT:
  - Place batteries, medications, sharps, household chemicals, or any items containing these materials, in document bags or boxes.
  - Bring paper in plastic bags.
  - Include photos, slides, negatives, hardcover books, store receipts, expired plastic credit cards or cases for checks.
  - Include anything that is not paper.

### Electronic Recycling Requirements

- Accepted items: cable receivers, cell phones, computer monitors, computers (desktops, notebooks, tablets), computer mice, converter boxes, fax machines, keyboards, MP3 players, portable digital assistants (PDAs), printers (multi-function), satellite receivers, scanners, televisions (all types), video game consoles, video recorders/players, zip drives.
- Items not accepted: microwaves, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, vacuum cleaners, lamps, stereo equipment, speakers, light bulbs, or batteries.
  - Items not accepted at the event will be returned to the resident for appropriate disposal in their garbage if they cannot be donated or reused.
- A limit of seven (7) items will be accepted per household/vehicle.
- No electronics will be accepted from businesses, schools, institutions, or non-SWANCC residents.

Participants who have not prepared items appropriately, or have items not included in any of these lists, may not be able to participate. For safety purposes, residents must remain in their vehicle. Residents are not allowed to exit vehicles or stay or park onsite to observe electronics removal or documents being shredded. Additionally, for the safety of staff who are onsite and removing items from vehicles, please supervise or restrain pets.

Please contact Public Works at 847.279.6900 with any questions regarding this event. For additional recycling events scheduled by SWANCC, visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) or contact 847.724.9205.

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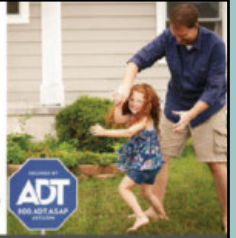
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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

## 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.*

This 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 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>.

## Current Construction Projects

### Sidewalk Improvement Program

The Village continues its ongoing effort and responsibility to maintain its sidewalks in a safe condition. Annually, a survey is completed by staff for one-fifth of the community, and the data collected in these surveys becomes part of the repair locations in the upcoming year's program. The 2025 program focuses on sidewalks in the southeast part of the Village. This project is scheduled to start and be completed in July.

### Asphalt Surface Treatment Program

Pavement rejuvenation maintains asphalt pavement by reducing the negative effects of oxidation and ultraviolet light. The sealant also reduces the infiltration of moisture, limiting the occurrence of sub-base upheaval that leads to potholes. Streets that were paved in 2024 will be sealed in 2025 through this program. This project is scheduled to start and be completed in June.

### Street Improvement Program

This program provides for the resurfacing, or if necessary the reconstruction, of existing pavements according to a five-year plan that is reevaluated and adjusted annually. The 2025 program includes streets in Dunhurst, Drake, Lemke Farms (Ridgefield), Pleasant Run, and Avalon subdivisions along with Horizon Trail. This project is scheduled to be complete by July.

### South Dunhurst Storm Sewer Improvements

The project consists of extending the storm sewer from the basin north of Mark Twain School into the neighborhood. This will provide flooding relief to approximately 34 homes. This project is scheduled to start in June and be completed in November.

### Watermain Replacement Program

This project consists of installing a new watermain along Dundee Road between the railroad tracks and Hollywood Ridge subdivision. This project is underway and is scheduled to be complete in July.

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Annual Water Report

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is a document published annually that provides consumers with information about the source and quality of their local drinking water. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Consumer Confidence Report Rule, every municipal water supplier must provide an annual report by July 1 concerning the previous year's information. The CCR summarizes chemical and bacteriological contaminants, regulation compliances, educational health information, and water system contact information. If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact Public Works directly at 847.279.6900. The CCR can be found at:



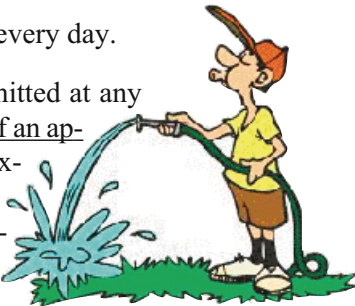
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## Summer Watering Restrictions

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 pm 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.



## Do You Need a Permit?

Before you build or remodel structures within the Village, it is likely you will need to obtain a permit. The Building Division is involved from the plan review process through the final onsite inspection to make sure building and remodeling projects comply with current life-safety building codes. Permit forms are available on the Village's website. If you are unsure whether you are required to have a permit for work on your property, please inquire through Community Development at 847.459.2620.

### Home Improvements Requiring a Permit

House addition or remodeling	Fireplace
Window/Door replacement (with size change)	Alarm system
Stoop replacement	Garage
Gazebo electrical or plumbing work	Shed
Central air conditioning	Furnace
Driveway/Sidewalk/Patio	Lawn sprinkler
Pool/Spa/Hot tub	Deck/Porch
Water heater replacement	Sewer repair
Roofing/Siding	Fence
Satellite dish	

## Parkway Tree Planting

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



If a tree is planted in the parkway next to your property, please follow these guidelines to assist in continued tree growth and smooth transition to its location within the street parkway:

- Watering is a key component 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.

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## ROCK 'n' RUN THE RUNWAY EVENT INFORMATION

The Village of Wheeling, the City of Prospect Heights, and Chicago Executive Airport are thrilled to bring back the annual joint community fireworks event, Rock 'n' Run the Runway, on June 28!

The day will begin with a 5K run on an airport runway at 8 am, and pick back up with food trucks, balloon artists, face painters, a magician, a static vehicle display, and live music by Wildfire and 7th Heaven who will be doing a show of popular cover songs! Evening festivities begin at 5 pm. Fireworks will take place at approximately 9:15 pm.

There will be plenty of parking options which include overflow parking lots offering free shuttle buses to and from the event location. Bring your family, lawn chairs, and an appetite! No outside food or drink, coolers, pets, or drones allowed.

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- Fire codes
- CPR classes

## Police Department

1 Community Blvd.  
847.459.2632 (non-emergency)

- Citizens Police Academy
- Graffiti removal
- Neighborhood watch

## Human Services

847.459.2606

- Social Services
- Community Assisted Relief Efforts

## Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road

847.279.6900, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M - F

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

## Senior Programs

Wheeling Park District  
100 Community Boulevard  
847.459.2670

## 847.459.CODE

to report code violations

## Village Hall Offices

2 Community Boulevard  
www.wheelingil.gov  
Phone: 847.459.2600  
Fax: 847.459.9692  
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M - F

## Administration

847.499.9082

- Village Manager's office
- Liquor licenses
- Voter registration
- Employment opportunities
- Freedom of Information requests,  
foia@wheelingil.gov
- Photo submissions, fb@wheelingil.gov

## Finance Department

847.459.2627

- Water bills
- Real estate transfer stamps
- Metra parking passes
- Pet licenses

## Community Development

847.459.2620

- Building, engineering, sign permits
- Business & rental property licenses
- Building codes & zoning information
- Property maintenance
- Flood maps & zone determination
- Health Division
- Planning Division

## Economic Development

847.459.2605

- Available buildings
- Demographics
- Development inquiries
- TIF district information
- 6b tax exemption applications

## Fire Prevention Bureau

847.459.2669

- Fire alarm & sprinkler permits
- Inspections

## Village Board

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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

www.wheelingtowship.com

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



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