

Holiday closure:
Village offices will be
closed January 2.

Village Views

Wheeling, Illinois

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Special census could add up for Village

Village officials are hoping to capitalize on a potential 10-percent increase in Wheeling's population when the United States Census Bureau begins a special count in newly developed and/or annexed areas in late December. Since the last census in 2000, Wheeling has experienced expansive growth due to new residential developments and annexation that could see Wheeling's population topping out around 40,000. Since state revenue-sharing is based on population, Village Trustees agreed that a special census was in order.

"We receive between \$100 and \$150 per capita in state revenue sharing per resident meaning the Village will reap great financial gains from the state should our population increase by 4,500 to 5,000 people," said Ken Bonder, Assistant Village Manager. According to Michael Mondschain, Finance Director, the additional population numbers would allow the Village to collect approximately \$257,000 annually in state income taxes and another \$97,000 from motor fuel taxes.

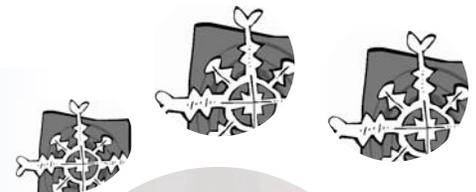
That being said, Village officials urge everyone in the targeted areas to be counted. Targeted areas include any residential areas that were either built or annexed since 2000. Census workers will begin counting in late-December and should be done in approximately 30 days.



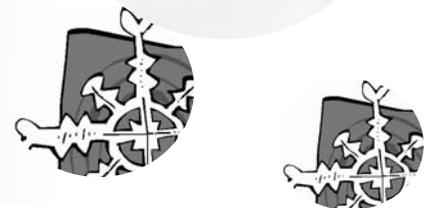
Residential developments like Astor Place and Prairie Park were built since Wheeling's last census in 2000. Village officials are anticipating a population increase of approximately 10 percent when the special census results are tabulated.



The Village Board recently unanimously approved a development agreement with Mid-America Investment and Development Company to build a center that will include Staples, Fifth-Third Bank, T.G.I. Fridays Restaurant and two retail sites that have yet to be leased. The development at the corner of Weiland and Lake-Cook Roads will complete the retail corridor which already features Target, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club.



On behalf of the Village President, Clerk, Board of Trustees and Staff, we wish you and yours a healthy, happy, safe and a prosperous new year.



Village officials address flu questions



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

Lately, there has been a lot of news media coverage regarding the chance of a global outbreak of avian or 'bird' flu. At this time, there is no direct threat to the general public, since the virus that causes avian flu cannot be transmitted from one human to another. However, there is always the chance that this virus will mutate and could eventually then be transmitted between humans. It is due to this potential threat that world-wide health organizations, federal and state governments, and even the Village of Wheeling are working on emergency preparedness plans to deal with a possible pandemic flu outbreak.

Steps that you can take to minimize the potential for a major flu outbreak or just being severely affected by "seasonal flu" are:

Wash hands often and thoroughly. Wash them before and after eating, preparing, or serving food. After using the toilet or changing diapers. After handling any items soiled with bodily fluids. After coughing, sneezing, or blowing of the nose. Wash hands after playing with or caring for pets. After playing outside or touching items in public places. When washing hands, scrub all parts with soap and water for a minimum of 30 seconds - to help remember how long to scrub, silently recite the song 'Happy Birthday' or count to 30. Use alcohol-based hand gels to clean hands, when soap and water is not available.

Cover mouth and nose, when coughing and/or sneezing. When possible, cough and/or sneeze into a disposable tissue and then discard the tissue in the trash. As an alternative, cough and/or sneeze into the crook of the elbow to avoid releasing bacteria and viruses into the open.

Avoid touching eyes, nose, and/or mouth, when hands are unclean. Viruses are easily admitted into the human body through these routes of entry.

Maintain a healthy condition. The more healthy the individual, the more resistant the individual usually is to many diseases.

Get a seasonal flu vaccine shot. Flu vaccines are highly recommended for individuals 65 years of age and older, infants between the ages of 6 months and 23 months, pregnant women, and individuals with chronic illnesses or depressed immune systems.

Individuals 65 years of age and older, as well as individuals with chronic illnesses or depressed immune systems, should get a pneumonia vaccine shot. This immunization usually only needs to be given once in a lifetime. Consult your personal physician to find out if this vaccine is right for you.

Stay home, when not feeling well. This is very important for children enrolled in school, day care, or preschool, since personal hygiene habits are not always the best and flu generally spreads very fast among children in these environments. Rest, drink plenty of liquids (avoid alcohol since it actually dehydrates the body), and treat the general symptoms with over-the-counter medications. Do not give aspirin to children or teenagers without first consulting your personal physician.

Consult with a personal physician if flu symptoms continue for more than several days, progressively become worse over several days, or vomiting/diarrhea is resulting in severe dehydration. In rare cases, a physician may prescribe the use of anti-viral medications to treat the flu. Since the flu is a virus, it is not treated with antibiotics unless there are secondary health issues involved.

During the flu season, it is not uncommon for many people to come down with a case of "seasonal flu." In the vast majority of cases, the need for an ambulance and the use of paramedics is not necessary. Calling an ambulance in most cases involving the flu needlessly exposes the paramedics to the flu virus (i.e. increases their risk of becoming ill) and potentially delays emergency medical services to other residents with actual medical emergencies. Please restrict requests for an ambulance to those flu patients in need of hospitalization or who been affected by severe secondary health issues.

For more information about avian flu, as well as seasonal flu, please visit: www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic.

Wheeling Fire Department receives elite award

The Wheeling Fire Department was recently named a recipient of a Life Safety Achievement Award for 2004 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI). The RFSI is a partnership of the United States Fire Administration, State Fire Marshals and various fire/safety agencies and organizations. For more than a decade, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized the local fire prevention activities that contribute to the reduction of lives lost in residential fires.

The Life Safety Award is based upon compliance with the following criteria:

- Documented fire prevention activities;
- Documented public education program;
- No documented fire deaths within the past calendar year.

Wheeling was one of 792 fire departments nationwide to be recognized and has received the Life Safety Award six of the last seven years. This award is a direct result of the department's public education programs, combined with a strong emphasis on code enforcement, that has created a fire safe culture within the community whose benefits are becoming more apparent each year.

"This award is the direct result of fire prevention efforts made by all members of the Wheeling Fire Department," said Keith MacIsaac, Fire Chief. "However, particular attention should be given to the specific efforts of the Fire Prevention Bureau, led by Fire Marshal Milt Lemke, and the Public Education Committee, led by Lt./Paramedic Bart Burns. These two groups have clearly had a profound impact on the relatively low fire incident rate experienced by the Village of Wheeling over the past decade."



Outreach efforts like 'Exit Drills in the Home Day' (EDITH) contributed to the fire department being awarded the Life Safety Achievement Award.



Community Service Officer Veronica Salazar waits with Giovanni Macias to have his gifts wrapped during the Wheeling Fire & Police Department's annual 'Shop with a Cop' event at Wal-Mart Wheeling's finest did their best. S. Clause impersonations as they as they served as personal shopping guides for 26 deserving youths at the Wheeling Wal-Mart December 10. Using grants from the Police and Fire Benevolency Funds and Wal-Mart, each child received \$100 to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and their families.

FD warns of potential 911 confusion with VoIP internet phone service



Many people are attracted into moving their telephone service to “Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)” due to its low cost. These services are offered by a wide variety of companies such as Vonnage, Verizon, and Covad to name a few. However, the Wheeling Fire and Police Departments want users to know of a potentially serious and dangerous flaw in this technology regarding 9-1-1 emergency service.

“Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)” is the latest means of providing inexpensive telephone service. By connecting some basic equipment purchased from any number of national electronic stores, you are able to telephone over any existing internet connection for a monthly fixed rate. Because the internet is an ever changing environment, no two telephone calls made using VoIP follow the same path. This allows subscribers of VoIP to use their equipment on computers from any location where an active internet connection exists. However, this changing and flexible environment does not tie a caller to a specific location the same as a hard-wired telephone does or to a stationary receiver tower that a cellular telephone does. As a result, 9-1-1 with a VoIP telephone account may or may not work.

When an individual signs up with a VoIP telephone provider, one of the steps of registration is to define an address or location where the individual wants their 9-1-1 calls to be routed to. With traditional telephone system (hard-wired and cellular) sophisticated national databases routes 9-1-1 calls to the appropriate emergency service providers. But with VoIP, the subscriber, not the location, determines who to call for 9-1-1 service. If the subscriber of the VoIP service moves or travels and takes their VoIP equipment with them, the location where 9-1-1 calls are routed does not automatically adjust. The subscriber is required to manually input new routing information in the VoIP telephone provider's database. This new routing information can then take up to 24 hours to be updated by the VoIP telephone provider. The risk to the subscriber is that should they call 9-1-1, their call may be routed to the emergency service providers whom were originally designated by the subscriber and not based upon their current geographic location. As an example, you live in Wheeling and initially set-up your VoIP telephone account to notify the Wheeling Fire and Police Departments, when you call 9-1-1. Later on, you move or take a trip with your VoIP equipment to Las Vegas, Nevada and you call 9-1-1. If you did not change your 9-1-1 routing information, your 9-1-1 call will be received by the Village of Wheeling and not the City of Las Vegas, Nevada. This will result in life-threatening delays in getting emergency service providers to you quickly.

If you are a VoIP telephone subscriber, there are a few steps you can take to prevent this from happening:

1. When setting up your VoIP telephone account, make sure to double check all data entered into the 9-1-1 routing screens for accuracy. Being off by even one number can result in 9-1-1 service being misrouted or not available.
2. If you move and take your VoIP telephone account with you, update your 9-1-1 routing information immediately after setting up your VoIP equipment at your new home. It is important to remember that changes to the vendor's database may take up to 24 hours before it is accurate.
3. When traveling for pleasure or business, do not rely on your VoIP telephone equipment for calling 9-1-1. Instead use a cellular telephone, since 9-1-1 routing will be automatically linked to a stationary receiver tower.

As VoIP telephone service expands and technology advances continue to be made, the concerns regarding 9-1-1 service with these types of telephone service will diminish. But for now, it is up to the consumer to take responsibility for making sure they have 9-1-1 service.



*Pavilion Senior Center * 199 N. First St. * 847-459-2670*

The Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling announces the following program that will be offered to area senior citizens. Anyone 55-years or older is welcome to join the activities or volunteer services to assist or share talents with others.

AARP Safety Driver Program

This program is offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, January 4th and 11th at the Pavilion Senior Center. Formerly known as "Defensive Driving," it is a two-part course directed by AARP volunteers. Successful completion will make you eligible for rate reduction on your car insurance depending upon your insurance carrier. You must attend both sessions to receive certification. Registration is limited. Call 847-459-2670 and send a check payable to AARP for \$10 in advance to guarantee your place in the class.

Senior Net Registration

SeniorNet final registration for the first quarter of 2006 will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 7. Classes start January 16th and end March 16th. Courses offered are: Basics, Introduction to Computers, Word Processing, Internet & E-mail, Database (Works) and Microsoft Works. The individual class fee is \$55 which includes all class materials. Membership in the national SeniorNet program is required. Fee \$40.00. In addition to classes, there will be Monday evening seminars from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Labs are 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. All classes are held at the Pavilion Senior Center. For further information call 847-459-2670.

Life Line Screening

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, The Stroke Assessment Program of Alexian Brothers is sponsoring a day for Life Line Screening which consists of three parts (1) Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery, (2) Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening and (3) Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening at the Pavilion Senior Center. Life Line

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Sunshine Party

The annual "Sunshine" Party sponsored by the Wheeling Jaycees will be from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, January 28. Members will enjoy a delicious luncheon and entertainment by Hank Bogdala and his "Las Vegas"-Style Show. He will perform Songs from Broadway to Nashville and Old-Time Favorites as well. There is No Charge but reservations must be made at the desk.

Ship (Medicare D) Appointments

Julie Sabsay, Ship Representative, will be assisting seniors with the new Medicare D Prescription Program on Friday's from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring a list of Medicines you are currently taking and any pertinent information regarding premiums, annual deductibles and co-pays. Appointments are necessary.

Lake Geneva Lunch & Sleigh Ride

Enjoy a crisp, white winter day in Wisconsin for our "Lake Geneva Lunch & Sleigh Ride" from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, February 2. The trip includes the sleigh ride and lunch. Cost: \$45 - Code: 1336.

*Thank
You*

The Wheeling Board of Health would like to thank everyone who participated in the Wheeling Community Blood Drive on November 9, 2005. There were 40 units of blood collected from the 47 individuals that attended the blood drive. We are very pleased with these results and look to continue to improve the turn out to these events.

The Wheeling Board of Health would also like to thank Hackney's in Wheeling, Don Roth's, Wa Pa Ghetti's Pizza, Pita Inn and Bob Chinn's CrabHouse Restaurant for their donations to blood drive. Their support is greatly appreciated by everyone involved with the Wheeling Community Blood Drive.

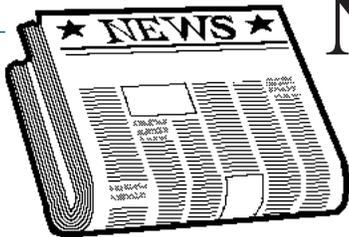
Engineering Department announces 2006 projects

The Engineering Department will be starting work this summer on the 2006 Water Main Replacement Program, the 2006 Street Maintenance Program and the 2006 New Sidewalk Program.

The water main replacement program will be in the Dunhurst 3 subdivision in 2006. The work includes replacement of existing 6-inch diameter thin-wall cast iron water mains with 8-inch diameter ductile iron water mains. Additionally, new 1 ½ inch service lines will be provided to every water user on the project. Affected residents are those residing on the following streets: South Merle Lane, East Merle Lane, West Green Drive, North Green Drive, Bernice Court, Isa Drive, Audrey Court

Street maintenance typically includes the milling and overlay of pavement surfaces, removal and replacement of deteriorated and broken curb and gutter, repair and adjustments of drainage structures, pavement patching, etc. Subdivisions tentatively scheduled for street maintenance this year include: Chelsea Cove, Kingsport Commons and Polo Run Units 1 & 2. Miscellaneous streets include Northgate Parkway and Ridgefield Lane. Funding permitting the Village may endeavor to pavement patch and repair Wheeling Road, from Palatine Road to Hintz Road.

New sidewalk construction is planned on Hintz Road from River Mills to Wolf Road; the frontages of 1385 Willis Avenue and 777 Wheeling Road; and IL RTE 83 - McHenry Road from Weiland Road to the Buffalo Grove.



News You Can Use

COMMUTER PARKING RATE CHANGE

Effective January 1, 2006, the daily rate for parking cars at the village's commuter lots will increase from \$1.50 to \$1.75. To avoid having to deal with change every day, commuters can purchase debit cards (for \$35) that can be used in the machines at the lots. The cards are good until used. Another option is to purchase a monthly pass (for \$31.25) which can then be displayed in the car. Debit cards and monthly passes are available for purchase at Village Hall, 255 West Dundee in Wheeling.

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Waste Management will collect Christmas trees for recycling the first two weeks in January. Trees will be picked up on your regularly scheduled yard waste pickup days. In order to be recycled, lights and tinsel must be removed. If you utilize a bag to remove the tree from your house, please remove the tree from the bag before placing it curbside.



SNOW REMOVAL

The Village is not responsible for the majority of the major roadways utilized throughout the Village. The following streets are IDOT's responsibility to clear: Dundee Road, Milwaukee Ave., Palatine Road, Aptakisic Road, Elmhurst Road, McHenry Road, Wolf Road (Manchester N. to Milwaukee Ave. & S. of Marquardt). The following streets are Cook County's responsibility to clear: Lake Cook Road, Schoenbeck Road, Camp McDonald Road, Old Buffalo Grove Road, Wheeling Road (S. of Palatine), Hintz Road, Buffalo Grove Road, Weiland Road (83 to Lake Cook).

Help Keep Our Sidewalks Clean

Per Village Ord. 3453 § A, 2000: Ord. 619 § 1, 1960

Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge or control of any premises shall, whenever there is a fall of snow, and by 10:00 a.m. on every morning thereafter, clear the sidewalks adjoining or abutting such premises, from snow and ice, and keep the same conveniently free therefrom. In the case where the snow and ice are so congealed as to not be removed without difficulty or injury to the pavement of the sidewalk, spread the same with sand, sawdust, salt, or other substance manufactured for the purpose of melting snow and ice.

Speak ouT

This is your opportunity to communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators.

Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response if desired. Please complete this form, detach and return to:

Village Manager
Village of Wheeling
255 W. Dundee Road
Wheeling, IL 60090

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(Inquiries and responses may be used for publication in future issues of 'Village Views.')

ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Residents are invited to attend public meetings of Village Boards and Commissions. Most meet in the Village Hall Councilroom unless otherwise noted here.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Village Board -
Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission -
2nd & 4th Thursdays
of the month, 7 p.m.

Board of Health -
4th Tuesday, every other
month, 7 p.m.

Human Rights Commission -
1st Tuesday of the month,
7:15 p.m., south half of
Village Hall lunchroom.

Senior Citizens Commission -
3rd Monday of the month,
10 a.m., south half of Village
Hall lunchroom

Fire and Police Commission -
3rd Wednesday of the Month,
2 p.m., Fire Department
Training Room

Palwaukee Board of Directors -
3rd Wednesday each month, 6:30
p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S.
Plant Road.

Be a 'Friend to the Fire Hydrant'

With more than 1,800 fire hydrants within the Village of Wheeling, it is simply impossible for Village staff to clean the snow off all of them when we receive any measurable snow fall. Fire Chief Keith MacIsaac is asking residents to be a 'Friend to the Fire Hydrant' this winter and take a few moments to ensure the first hydrant on either side of your house remains clear during the snowy months. If everyone pitches in, every hydrant will remain visible and in working order just in case it is needed. Thank you for your support.



Indian Trails Library selected to host National exhibition

"Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings" a traveling exhibition organized and circulated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., will be on display at the Indian Trails Public Library District from Monday, January 30, 2006 through March 12, 2006. The exhibition focuses on how book burnings became a potent symbol during World War II in America's battle against Nazism, and concludes by examining their continued impact on our public discourse.



This is currently the only stop the exhibition is scheduled to make in Illinois. The exhibition will be on display during library business hours from Monday, January 30, 2006 through March 12, 2006. Library Business Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The exhibition is open to the general public. Admission is free. Reservations for individuals to preview the exhibit are not necessary; however, large groups should call ahead. Large group and school reservations may be made by calling Chris Gibson at 847-459-4100 ext. 222.

Funding for the traveling exhibition was made possible by a grant from the Friends of the Indian Trails Public Library District as a gift to the community in honor of their 30th Anniversary.

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Economic Development	847-459-2978
Pavilion Senior Center	847-459-2670
Public Works	847-459-2624
Water Billing	847-459-2607
Code Enforcement Hotline	847-459-CODE
Palwaukee Municipal Airport Noise Hotline	847-537-2580, ext. 159
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