



Village Views

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

JULY/AUGUST 2000

4th of July Schedule of Events

- 1 p.m.** Medleys in Motion disk jockey **Greg Koeppen** provides musical backdrop as **Taste of Wheeling** begins
- 2 p.m.** Magician **Joel Brash** amazes young and old with sleight of hand
- 4 p.m.** **The Blues Band** offers up its signature assortment of featured favorites.
- 6 p.m.** **Traditional Independence Day Parade** begins with **600 balloons** rising skyward
- 7 p.m.** **Larry Bemben's Big Band Orchestra** rouses residents with its spirited renditions, setting the stage for the evening's extravaganza...
- 9 p.m.** Record setting **\$20,000 fireworks display** in Heritage Park begins at nightfall!

Let's Celebrate... Here Comes the Fourth!

The annual 4th of July gala, Taste of Wheeling promises to be even "more gala" this year. More entertainment; more food choices; more fun for the kids; and an expanded parade will create a day-long event climaxing with a blockbuster fireworks display.

The Independence Day celebration will begin at 1 p.m. on the Wheeling Park District playing field next to Village Hall on Dundee Rd. With



Medleys in Motion disk jockey Greg Koeppen providing a musical backdrop, nine local restaurants will be ready to feed the hungry. They include Wa-pa-getti's, El Fanous Burrito, La Francais, Bob Chimmi's, Crabhouse, M. E's,

Hackney's, Joe's Pizza, Golden Chef, and Taqueria Alamo. For that special sweet tooth, volunteers from Pavilion Senior Center will provide the ice cream

Magician Joel Brash will demonstrate his sleight-of-hand tricks at 2 p.m., followed by the Blues Band at 4 p.m. At six, 600 balloons released from Village Hall will signal the beginning of the annual parade.

Eighteen floats will show off in an expanded 2000 parade with sounds galore. The Cub Band, Jack and the Boys, two mariachi bands and a disk jockey will be scattered among the 50 participating units. Back for an encore are the high-kicking Honey Bears.

The parade will form on Wheeling Road, proceed east on Dundee to Wolf, then south to the end at

Heritage Park

Larry Bemben's Big Band Orchestra will usher in the dusk, beginning at 7 p.m., and set the scene for the fireworks display. A record \$20,000 worth of skyrocketes and Roman Candles will be launched from Heritage Park just after dark.

The Wheeling Special Events Committee organizes the Independence Day celebration. Golden-Plus sponsors who contribute to the event encompass Corus Bank, Bill Stasek Chevrolet, Waste Management Northwest, Priester Aviation, Hoyle Savings Bank, Remark Paper Inc., Comfort Masters Heating and Cooling, Inc. and North American Jet. Other sponsors include AT&T Cable Services, Jordan Supply Inc., Don Roth's of Wheeling and Wheeling Rotary Club.

For more information call Trustee Judy Abruscato at 541-8783.

Wheeling Brochure, Website Awarded

The American Economic Development Council honored the Village with its best-of-class award for a recently completed economic development brochure. The Village Website also received an honorable mention.



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Palatine Road Targeted for Major Overhaul

Palatine Rd. has been designated as a target for major reconstruction and reconfiguring. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) plans to:

- Widen and reconstruct the roadway,
- Install left turn lanes at some intersections,
- Eliminate portions of the frontage road (in Palatine and Arlington Heights) and
- Build a "grade-separated interchange" (underpass) that will shunt traffic below Wheeling Road.

IDOT plans to rebuild the highway from Glenwood Ave. in Arlington Heights to Milwaukee Ave. in Prospect Heights. The project is divided into seven segments and is part of a long-range IDOT strategy to further redevelop the highway east to the Edens Expressway in Northfield.

The Wheeling section of the project retains the current "junior expressway" design, including the frontage roads. Improvements are planned to the on/off ramps and at the major intersections. The

storm sewer system will be rebuilt and upgraded. The roadway will be widened, and 10-foot shoulders and an 11-foot median barrier will be constructed.

The most significant impact on the Village will be the projected underpass at Palatine and Wheeling Rds. It will be similar to the grade separation that presently goes below Wolf Rd. And that intersection will be reconstructed to improve turning movements and overall traffic flow.

IDOT has allocated funds for three of the seven Palatine Rd. segments, including the segment that runs through Wheeling. Construction on some of the segments could begin within two years.

New Sidewalks Coming

The Village will invest \$100,000 this summer to remove and replace defective sidewalk squares at various locations. Construction is expected to begin in mid to late summer.

This year, the third in an ongoing sidewalk renovation program, will see work concentrated in the Dunhurst, Poplar Grove, Babiarz and Hollywood Ridge subdivisions. To date, the Public Works Street Division has removed and replaced 2,800 sidewalk squares and depressed curb and handicap accessible ramps.

"We'd like to encourage residents in areas scheduled for construction to help workers keep children and pets away from newly installed concrete until it cures properly (approximately 24 hours)," said Jeff Kopper, who heads the Street Division.

For information call the Public Works Department at 459-2624.



building was the Harmann House when this photo was taken in the 1930s.

While the exterior has gone through relatively few changes, remodeling has transformed the interior, although the original bar shown here remains in use.

(Courtesy Wheeling Historic Society)

Historic Harmann House Now Site of Bob Chinn's

If this building looks familiar it's because it has been a Wheeling landmark for many decades. Now known as Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, the



Water Main Rehab Increases Flow Capacity, as Program Enters 3rd Year

Increased flow capacity and more-reliable service. That's what residents can expect as the Public Works Department's Water Division replaces aging thin-walled cast-iron water mains with ductile iron mains as part of a continuing multi-year project.

Ductile iron mains, which are made of more flexible compounds than older materials, have a longer life than cast iron mains.

This year's improvements include replacing deteriorating water mains with a new 12-inch main



This old water main, removed from the Dunhurst subdivision, is an example of why the Village has embarked on an extensive replacement program to update the existing water-delivery system.

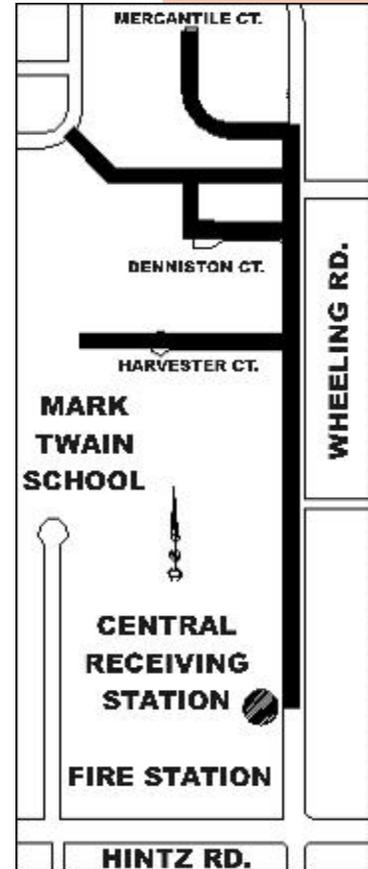
running along the west side of Wheeling Rd. from the central receiving station near Hantz and Wheeling Rds. to the Dunhurst Units 1 and 2 subdivisions.

Water mains will be installed in Harvester and Mercantile Cts. Dunhurst Units 1 and 2 will be the target of future replacement projects in 2001 and 2002, depending on funding.

Traffic in the Wheeling Rd. construction zone will be reduced to one lane in each direction. All four lanes are expected to be reopened by late fall, barring unforeseen construction delays. Residents are urged to use alternate routes, such as Elmhurst and Wolf Rds.

The Board of Trustees allocated \$1.2 million to pay for this year's construction. The board asked Public Works to accelerate the replacement program for completion within nine years instead of the original 15.

The actual completion time will depend on available funding.



New Businesses

UCO International/Ullman & Co. Inc. — Barry A. Ullman, 225 Larkin Dr. #2 & 3, 541-4030, distributes sports medicine products,

Johnson & Rudolph Inc. — DBS Olsen Brothers Inc., Ron Rudolph, 860 Chaddick Dr. #E, 215-7400, moving & storage

North American Bicycle Tours — Ed Hayner, President, 483 S. Milwaukee Ave., 537-7838, motorcycle rentals

Creators Way Bedrooms Inc. — Scott A. Moriarty, 775 Glenn, warehousing furniture & mattresses

Southern Hobby Supply — DBA Southern Hobby, Chicago, James F. Austin, 1543 Abbott Dr., 419-9915, warehousing hobby supplies

Excess International Inc. — Marc Fryer, 286 Palatine Rd., 465-9920, general merchandise wholesaler

Quick Glance Inc. — Gary Dagobertoangelo, 642 S. Wheeling Rd., 456-0519, janitorial cleaning

The Right Help Inc. — Michael V. Kern, 307 S. Milwaukee Ave., #112, 353-8480, income tax preparation

Guffco Tool Company — Michael Goffman, 520 Quail Hollow Dr., #600, 808-1488, whole small equipment

Balalaika — Nathan Lieberman, 315 E. Dundee Rd., 215-1616, video rental

New Location

Extreme Mobile Sound & Security Inc. — Nick Chaconas, 280 E. Dundee Rd., 520-9500

New Owner

Randstad — Debbi Semple, 505 N. Wolf Rd., 215-0060

White Hen — Stephen G. Smith, 11 W. Dundee Rd., 520-7976

Sauers Bake Shop — Salvatore Butera, Vito Giustino, Tom Panos, 532 W. Dundee Rd., 537-4050

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Brick Planters and Heavy Mulch May Be Hazardous to Your Trees

The arrival of warm weather brings a flurry of outdoor maintenance activities. As Public Works professionals are planting trees in public rights of way, repairing sidewalks and performing many fix-up chores, Street Division Supervisor Jeff Kopper offers a few tips to assist home gardeners.

Q: Should I mulch my trees?

A: Yes. Mulch is inexpensive and easy to apply. Mulch helps reduce compacting around the tree, inhibits weeds, conserves moisture and prevents damage to the trunk from lawn equipment.

Q: Are there any "mulch guidelines"?

A: Unfortunately, some people apply too much mulch, creating a mound or "volcano" of material around the tree trunk. The problem is sometimes made worse by an overfilled planter. Planters around a tree are low maintenance and look great. However, backfilling them with too much soil can lead to root injury, fungal disease and dieback to the tree's bark.

Q: How can soil hurt a tree?

A: Trees need oxygen for proper root growth. Heavy soil or mulch inhibits the movement of oxygen throughout the soil. Deep mulch and soil provide hiding places for rodents that can chew bark and damage the trunk. In addition, mulch resting directly on the trunk creates a warm, moist environment, giving naturally occurring fungi a chance to infect the tree.

Q: If too much mulch is bad, how much is just right?

A: The Village recommends a four-inch mulch layer consisting of organic matter such as wood or bark chips. Be sure to keep mulch 3-5 inches away from the tree trunk. The finished product should look like a mulch "saucer," not a mulch "volcano."

Q: Let's go back to those tree planters. What suggestions do you have for anyone who wants to install a planter?

A: First, the Village prohibits building planters around parkway trees. If you decide to build a planter on your own property, keep it low enough to avoid changing the soil grade and compacting the roots. Do not pile soil against the trunk of the tree to keep it free from disease. If anyone has questions about tree health or would like information on mulching, contact the Public Works Department at 459-2624.

Q: What additional home gardening tips can you provide?

A: Find out where underground facilities are located before you do any digging. Even on private property there are buried gas, electrical, cable TV and telephone lines that might be cut with a hand shovel. Before you dig, call "JULIE" – the Illinois One-Call Notification System for underground facilities. Allow two working days for utility companies and the Village to mark locations of any underground facilities. Calling "JULIE" at (800) 892-0123 prevents damage, and more importantly, life-threatening situations.

'Pageant of Nations

The images, tastes and sounds of Asia, the Middle East, North and South America were on prominent display May 13 as Wheeling hosted its first "Pageant of Nations" to focus on the many cultures and traditions that make up the Village.

Sponsored by the Village of Wheeling, the Human Rights Commission, Indian Trails Public Library, Park District and Wheeling High School, the festival gave residents the opportunity to relish a diverse selection of crafts, artwork, music and cuisine from groups around the area. The festival was the perfect opportunity for people to embrace many of the customs and traditions found within the Village's borders.



Exploring authentic crafts from all corners of the world proved too tempting to pass up for this resident, whose smile from ear to ear showcased her enthusiasm.



Guiding residents "around the world in an afternoon," Indian Trails Public Library, in conjunction with Hands Around the World, featured activities and exhibits on several countries spanning the globe. This visitor (at right) explores the mysteries of China.

"When was Wheeling developed

An elementary school-aged resident posed this question, but many residents might like to know. To the best of our knowledge, the first settlers in Wheeling arrived here by the 1830s. In 1894, Wheeling was incorporated as a village with an elected Village President, six Trustees, and a Village Clerk. In those days, a Police Magistrate (similar to a judge) also was an elected official.

Celebrates Diversity



The *Allegria Mexicana* dancers from St. Joseph the Worker church were among six groups to provide dancing and music at the event.

Crowds gathered in front of the stage thrilled to the sights and sounds of mariachi and West African rhythm bands, tapped their toes as dancers presented Ukrainian, Mexican and Indian celebration dances, and felt the boom of Big Drums of Japan.

Attendees flocked to exhibits showcasing many traditional artwork and crafts, which included African dolls and jewelry, watercolor paintings of Europe, and products woven and sewn by Mayan Indians from Guatemala. As residents celebrated, local food purveyors offering Mexican, Chinese and Italian cuisine were on hand serving exotic dishes made in their restaurants.



The outdoor festival, centerpiece of Multicultural Month in Wheeling, showcased the community's cultural diversity. Based on the event's success, the Board of Trustees granted approval to hold the 2nd annual "Pageant of Nations" in 2001. Planning is already under way.

and why is it called that?"

Unfortunately, there seems to be little information available regarding how the Village got the name "Wheeling." Some people believe it might have resulted from our village being a rest stop for wagon travelers headed from Chicago to Wisconsin. Others think the name "Wheeling" might sound similar to the name of the place in Germany from which many early residents of our area emigrated.

Human Rights Commission Expands to Seven Members

Wheeling's Human Rights Commission will continue to celebrate the Village's cultural diversity and focus on promoting greater understanding among residents by expanding its ranks to include two new members. That will bring its total number of volunteers to seven.

Founded in 1864 by a group of German farmers, Wheeling now boasts a population of over 32,000 residents who come from all walks of life. Fighting the stereotypes associated with various ethnic groups and combating public displays of bigotry is the work of the Wheeling Human Rights Commission.

They visit area schools, organizations and attend community events, helping people realize that a diverse community is a strong community. Having two more volunteers on the board will help spread this message.

"We like to get involved wherever we can to get our message across," said Bill Maloney, Chairman. "With five members on the Commission, we were spreading ourselves a bit thin and found it difficult to accomplish everything we wanted. With two more people on board, we will more effectively promote cultural and racial understanding among the residents of Wheeling."

In addition to Maloney, other commissioners include Paul Safyan, Gary Hittelman, Scott Kozlov and Judy Bechard. All are residents of Wheeling. The Commission meets the third Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall lunch room at 7:15 p.m.

Submit Letter of Interest

Members of the Human Rights Commission are appointed to two year terms by the Village President, with appointments approved by the Board of Trustees. Residents interested in holding a seat on the Human Rights Commission should send a letter stating their interest to Greg Klatski, Village President, at Village Hall, 255 West Dundee Rd.

Kids Plant Tree to Mark Arbor Day

As Walt Whitman School Principal Ralph Cook looks on, kindergarteners and their fifth grade "buddies" piled dirt on the roots of a tree planted to commemorate Arbor Day 2000.

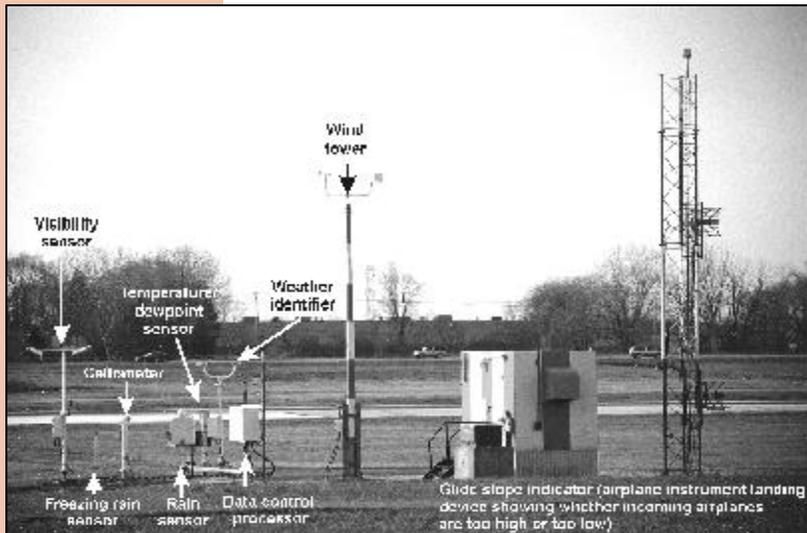
The planting was part of the Village's regular tree-planting program. Each year, the Village plants about 100 trees to replace damaged or dying trees.

The program has earned Wheeling the title of Tree City USA for the past 10 years.



Wheeling Weather Makes the Map

Whether temperatures plummet or thunderstorms roll in, the Village of Wheeling is at the top of mind for weather forecasters and millions of Chicago-area television



"Palwaukee is a key location for monitoring and reporting Chicago weather."

stantly changing weather conditions minute by minute.

The system, made up of eight different instruments, keeps track of virtually every possible weather condition. A visibility sensor transmits a beam to an electric eye-like receiver to determine how much light is falling in the area.

The anemometer measures wind speed, while a temperature/dewpoint sensor not only reports the current temperature but provides information for calculating relative humidity.

When forecasters report the current cloud ceiling, they use data collected by the ceilometer. This device aims a beam of light straight up. When the light beam hits a cloud, a signal is bounced back indicating the altitude of that cloud. It takes a new reading once a minute, averages five readings and reports it as cloud cover. The ceilometer can also detect clouds in different layers, whether they are broken, overcast, or scattered, etc.

The weather identifier samples the air for any particles, combines data from other instruments and determines present conditions, such as haze, fog, rain or snow.

A rain sensor measures the amount of precipitation in the air, although it is not well suited for freezing conditions. A second device, the freezing rain sensor, using a different technology, reports that information.

viewers and radio listeners alike. Why is a town of 29,000 residents so prominent in the world of isobars and barometric pressure?

The answer lies in an installation of metal pipes and high-technology gear known as the Automated Surface Observation System at Palwaukee Airfield. Operated by the National Weather Service, the weather-monitoring station keeps track of con-

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

This periodic feature of *Village Views* answers questions frequently asked by residents. Visit www.vi.wheeling.il.us/ReferenceDesk/FAQ.htm for a more comprehensive list. If you have questions and would like answers, just complete and mail the Speak Out form on the adjacent page or click at the bottom of any page on www.vi.wheeling.il.us/ to leave feedback questions.

Q: What should I do if wastewater backs up in my home? Are repair costs my responsibility?

A: Call the Village first before calling a private plumber. The Sewer Division of the Public Works Department will determine if the source of the

backup or blockage is in a Village-maintained public sewer line. If so, it will be corrected by Village crews. If it is not, the Village will, as a cost-free service to its residents, internally televise private sanitary service lines. Your service line runs from your home to the point of connection to the Village's public sewer line. If the problem is in the private sanitary service line, the Village will tell you where it is so you can instruct a private plumbing service where to dig. The homeowner is responsible for all costs involved with repairing and maintaining private sanitary lines.

Q: What if water backs up in the street during a rain storm?

Community Calendar

Residents are invited to attend public meetings of the following Village boards and commissions. Most meet in the Village Hall Council Chambers (unless otherwise noted).

Village Board – Every Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission – Second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m.

Board of Health – Fourth Tuesday, every other month, 7 p.m.

Human Rights Commission – Third Tuesday of the month, 7:15 p.m., Village Hall lunch room.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

Senior Citizens Commission – Third Monday of the month, 10 a.m., Pavilion Senior Center.

Fire and Police Commission – Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Fire Department Conference Room.

Palwaukee Airport Commission – Third Wednesday of the month, Committee of the Whole meeting, 7 p.m., regular meeting, 8 p.m., Airport offices, 1020 South Plant Rd.

Economic Development Commission – First Tuesday of each month, 8 a.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

Board of Ethics – Third Thursday of the month in January, April, July and October, 7 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

Special Events Committee – Second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

July 4 —

Independence Day Celebration:

1 p.m., Taste of Wheeling begins, Park District playing field adjacent to Village Hall

6 p.m., traditional Independence Day parade, starts on Wheeling Rd at Dundee

Nightfall (about 9 p.m.), Expanded \$20,00 fireworks display, Heritage Park

July 12 —

2:30-8:30 p.m., blood drive, Fire Station 24 at Village Hall, Dundee Rd., sponsored by the Board of Health

September 9 —

Palwaukee Municipal Airport Open House, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Give the "gift of life" ... The Wheeling Board of Health will sponsor a blood drive, Wednesday, July 12, 2:30-8:30 p.m. at the Fire Station, Village Hall.

FAQs...

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A: Call the Village immediately. Most likely, the storm basins in the street are either covered with debris or obstructed with silt from normal street runoff. Public Works crews will clear any obstructions to restore proper drainage.

Q: Can a parkway tree be removed if its roots are obstructing my sanitary service line?

A: No. Sanitary service lines, which have been intruded with tree roots, are considered defective and must be repaired. All costs relating to repairs and maintenance of private sanitary service lines are the responsibility of the owner.

SPEAK OUT

Communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive response. Please complete this form, detach and return to: Village Manager, Village of Wheeling, 255 W Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Comment _____

Wheeling, Horizons Team Up to Improve Local Childcare

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA), Wheeling has partnered with Horizons Children's Center to expand quality childcare throughout the Village.

Horizons will oversee a comprehensive training and education program to help home childcare providers meet state requirements, expand and improve quality childcare for lower income Wheeling families, and encourage Wheeling residents to become licensed childcare professionals. The training will help alleviate the shortage of childcare services in Wheeling.

According to Suzan Tash, Horizons executive director, the program will increase parents' childcare options.

"Parents need to have choices when it comes to childcare," Tash said. "We want to provide the children of Wheeling with an atmosphere conducive to promoting their individual social, emotional, intellectual and physical growth. The bottom line is the welfare of the children," she added.

Horizons will provide one or two weeks of training for childcare providers in areas such as nutrition, child development, and sanitation procedures. Training also centers on effective communication with parents.

Wheeling has only five licensed home childcare providers. The grant money will allow 10 new childcare centers to become licensed and certified by the state, while centers already licensed will be certified through Horizons to assure consistent quality care for the children enrolled in these programs.

Certified facilities will be listed as providers by the Daycare Action Council. Qualified low income families may receive vouchers for childcare through the Department of Human Services.

Get Your Wings: Palwaukee Open House September 9th

Thrill to the sights and sounds of modern aviation when Palwaukee Airport hosts its 6th annual open house, Saturday, September 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Witness the inner-workings of the third-busiest airport in the Chicago area. Explore aircraft and support vehicles up close. Take a tour of the control

tower. Catch a glimpse inside the cockpit of many different types of aircraft. Fasten safety belts and place all seats in the upright position as local flyers offer free plane rides to enthusiasts of all ages.

Free food and beverages from local vendors and entertainment for the kids will also be provided. Bring the entire family for an afternoon of aeronautical adventure. More information on the Palwaukee Open House will be featured in upcoming issues of Village Views.

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