

Village Views

Wheeling, Illinois

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Village offices will be closed
Monday, September 6
for Labor Day.

Village outlines plans for downtown redevelopment

The Village of Wheeling Board of Trustees met recently with representatives from the Regional Transportation Authority, S.B. Friedman and Co. and Village staff members to determine a logical and concise plan to ensure the town center project comes to pass.

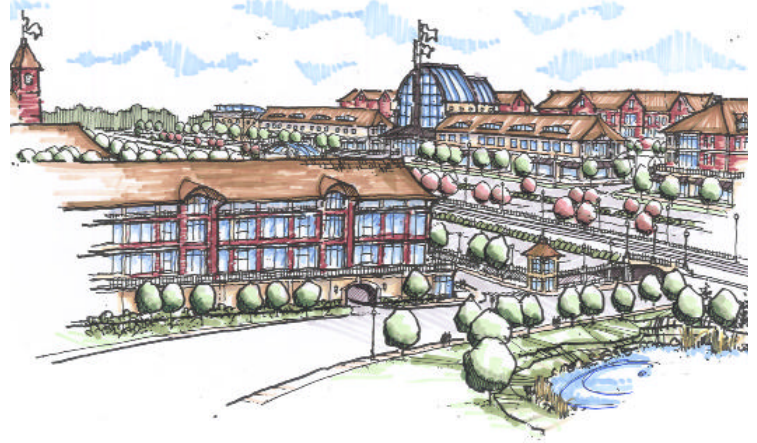
The goal-setting workshop was the first step in prioritizing list of tasks that will officially get the project started. At the top of that list is acquiring real estate for mixed-use residential and commercial purposes along Dundee Road. Several trustees were in agreement that the Wickes Furniture Building would be a logical and reasonable starting point given its proximity to the train station, its visibility on Dundee Road and is currently on the market.

“It’s important that we begin this project near the train station,” said Greg Klatecki, Village President. “We will definitely benefit from the RTA’s extensive experience in assisting with transit-oriented redevelopment.”

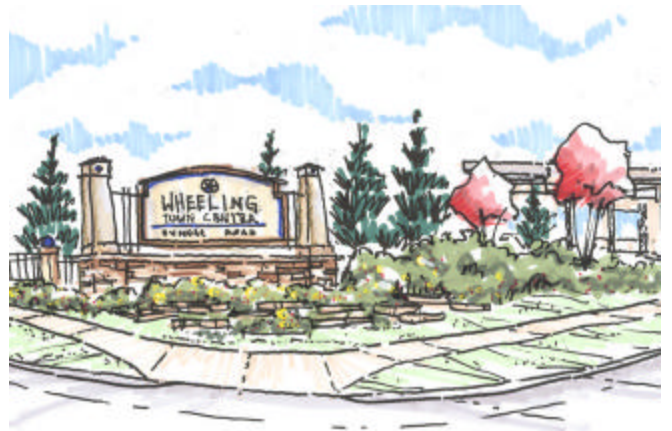
Other goals discussed included retaining all of the current businesses this project will impact, making the town center as accessible as possible, recruiting developers and tenants and the possibility of either adding a town center project manager to Village staff or hiring an outside consultant to oversee the project.

“This town center will change the face of Wheeling and we may have to spend money on additional staff or consultants now to make money down the road,” Klatecki stated.

The Village has already designed a direct marketing piece highlighting the redevelopment project that was mailed to more than 150 developers that specialize in downtown redevelopment.



Artists renderings show what the completed town center could look like with a healthy mix of commercial and residential uses. The recent workshop allowed the Board to prioritize the steps needed to ensure the project comes to fruition.



Trustee Trevor Lehmann and his wife Jennifer were recently honored by the Les Turner ALS Foundation as Humanitarians of the Year. Since Trevor’s diagnosis in March, the Lehmanns have been tireless advocates of not only finding a cure for the disease, but also raising general awareness. According to Wendy Abrams, executive director of the Les Turner Foundation, Trevor is the first patient to receive the award. “Getting to know him and Jennifer and what they’ve done to raise awareness in the Wheeling community has been tremendous,” Abrams stated.

Summer disaster: heat, kids and cars

Every summer we hear tragic reports of children dying from overheated temperatures after being left unattended in a car. Parents, babysitters and other caregivers need to understand the dangers of leaving young children in a car.

In a poll conducted by the National Safe Kids Campaign and General Motors, one in five young parents still believe it is acceptable to leave kids alone in or around a motor vehicle. The report cited at least 150 child deaths from 1996 to 2001. Ninety percent of the deaths involved children three years and under.

On a sunny day, temperatures of just 60 degrees can make a parked vehicle with closed windows a dangerous oven within minutes. And, dark colored seats increase the heat conditions even further.

Within 20 minutes, air temperature in the nineties can heat up to 125 degrees in a closed vehicle. Within 40 minutes, that same temperature can rise to 140 degrees.

A young child's core body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's. Because heat affects children more quickly and severely than adults, children are especially vulnerable to brain damage and death.

Here are some ways parents and other caregivers can protect young children from dangerous car situations:

Lock your vehicles at all times, even in the driveway or garage. Young children can climb inside and become trapped, unable to get out.

Never leave a child alone in a parked car, even with the windows down.

Teach children not to play in or around cars. Keep car keys out of children's reach and sight.

Plan to take children with you while running errands, or make arrangements for them to be left in a caring environment with a competent person.

When making plans with other parents, consider and discuss arrangements that may be needed for all children involved.

Consider contacting your car dealership to get your car fitted with a trunk release mechanism.

For more information about child safety issues, visit the National Safe Kids: www.safekids.org.



The Village provides a unique and permanent way to memorialize a loved one or mark a special occasion through its brick imprinting program. For fee of \$25/\$30, individuals can purchase a brick within the Wheeling Centennial Fountain Plaza and have it imprinted with a two or three-line message. Memorial Brick forms are located at Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd. For more information, call 847-459-2600.

Wheeling Fire Chief designated CFO by national organization

Wheeling Fire Chief Keith MacIssac has successfully completed the process that awards him the professional designation of "Chief Fire Officer." The Commission on Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFOD) met on July 22, 2004 to officially confer the designation upon Chief MacIssac. MacIssac is one of only 427 CFO's worldwide.



The Chief Fire Officer Designation program is a voluntary program designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate their excellence in seven measured components including: Experience, Education, Professional Development, Professional Contributions, Association Membership, Community Involvement, and Technical Competencies. Those candidates exhibiting extensive experience and/or educational backgrounds are eligible for exemption from certain components, though are required to identify a future professional development plan and provide a letter of support from their supervisor.

A Board of Review consisting of members of the fire and emergency services profession, academia, and municipal agencies review each application and recommends successful candidates for designation to the Commission.

MacIssac has been at the helm of the Wheeling Fire Department for more than 14 years. He is married to Dianne and is the proud father of daughters Sarah and Heather.

Project Childsafe comes to Wheeling

The Wheeling Police Department will provide free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which includes a cable-style gun lock and a safety curriculum, can be picked up at the Wheeling Police Department, 255 W. Dundee or the Wheeling Police Department - Neighborhood Resource Center, 99 N. Wolf Road.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their Firearm," said Sergeant Pete Panagakis. "Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most type of handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home."

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the Wheeling Police Department is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearm safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe will distribute gun lock safety kits to all 50 states and the five U.S. territories.

"We are pleased to have the Wheeling Police Department as a project ChildSafe partner," said DeeDee Dockins, spokesperson for the program. "Project ChildSafe is an important step forward in helping ensure that all firearm owners fully understand their responsibilities with respect to the safe handling and storage of firearms."

Any questions regarding this program can be directed to the Wheeling Police Department - Crime Prevention Unit, Sergeant Pete Panagakis (847)459-2993 or Officer Dorann Swanson (847)459-2679.



Pig Roast for Proceeds

Fire and Police Commissioner Mike Moran mans the meat during a recent pig roast fundraiser for Special Events. The fundraiser, held at Kilcoyne's in Wheeling, was organized by the Wheeling and Buffalo Grove Police Departments and raised more than \$7,000. Special Olympics is the only philanthropic endeavor supported by law enforcement agencies across Illinois.

Leaf disposal program outlined

With the onset of the fall season, the Public Works Department reminds residents not to deposit leaves into streets and gutters. Leaves intentionally raked into streets/gutters have a clear and immediate detrimental effect on the Village's storm sewer system.

As we are all aware, rainfall during the fall season in our area is standard. Leaves deposited into streets/gutters will inevitably result in – during periods of even relatively minor rainfall – clogged storm sewer inlets and subsequent localized flooding. Correcting such problems takes significant man-hours and results in substantial added costs.

It is impossible for Public Works crews to keep up with the collection of leaves deposited along Village streets in a manner of such immediacy where such storm sewer system and flooding concerns might be alleviated.

The Village's existing contract with Waste Management provides for alternative methods by which residents may dispose of leaves and other forms of landscape waste. In addition to paper landscape waste bags, residents may use plastic or metal refuse cans – the latter, of course, being emptied and returned to the resident for future use. Instead of the ongoing expense relating to the purchase of paper landscape waste bags, residents may wish to make a one-time investment into one or more plastic and/or metal refuse cans for this use. Wheeling is one of only a few communities where such a disposal method is available. Moreover, the Village eliminated the requirement of residents to purchase "stickers" for each bag/can of landscape waste disposed. Again, the intent of the Village was to provide a program offering the greatest ease and least amount of inconvenience to its residents.



Happy Landings

Visitors to Palwaukee Municipal Airport are now greeted with state-of-the-art signs at the entrance to Tower Road. The new signage is one of many projects designed to enhance the 'Illinois Reliever Airport of the Year.'

Public Works forms Utilities Division

In an effort to streamline water and sewer operations, the Public Works Department has reorganized its water and sewer divisions into a utilities division. According to Chuck Spratt, Public Works Director, the combining of the two divisions has been in the works for some time.

"The employees who make up the water and sewer divisions already perform many similar functions, so this was a natural re-organization," Spratt said. "Some of the benefits the Village can expect to receive from this reorganization are increased availability of manpower in emergency situations and personnel who will be cross-trained in all aspects of sewer and water operations which will result in an overall more efficient department."

Steve Morris has been tabbed to be the Utilities Superintendent. Morris has been with the Village for more than 25 years and was the former Sewer Division Supervisor. Morris will be capably assisted by Roel Martinez and Bill Straub as they assume new positions within the division.

Martinez has officially been named as the new Utility Field Supervisor (Water). Roel begins his tenure in the position effective immediately and will assist Steve Morris in handling the "Water" responsibilities associated with the combined division. Roel brings over twenty years of experience and increasing responsibility to this newly created position. We are confident that he will continue to grow and succeed in his new stature and extend to him our best wishes and congratulations in his advancement.

Straub has officially been named as the new Utility Field Supervisor (Sewer). Bill begins his tenure in the position effective today, and will assist Steve Morris in handling the "Sewer" responsibilities associated with the combined division. Bill is a Public Works veteran with over fifteen years of experience and a comprehensive knowledge of the Village's Sanitary and Storm-Sewer infrastructure. We are confident that he will continue to grow and succeed in his new position and we extend to him our best wishes and congratulations in his advancement.



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

Senior Center offers drive-thru flu shots

The Pavilion Senior Center is teaming up with Cub Foods and the Wheeling Fire Department to offer a drive-thru flu and pneumonia shot clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 9 at the Wheeling Fire Department. The clinic is available for individuals ages 14 years and older who are either physically disabled or who have difficulty with mobility.

“This clinic is ideal for individuals who have trouble getting around because the pharmacist and shot technician administer shots to individuals who remain in their vehicles,” said Nancy Janssen, Director of Senior Services.

In addition to the shots, individuals can have their blood pressure taken and receive Village-oriented information.

Cost is \$20 for a flu shot and \$30 for the pneumonia shot.

Individuals who have Medicare B will not need to bring cash or a check as Cub Food will bill Medicare directly. Individuals without Medicare Part B will need to bring the appropriate payment (no charge cards accepted). For more information, contact the Pavilion Senior Center at 847-459-2670.

Property Re-Assessment Seminar

The Village of Wheeling Senior Citizen Commissioners present their Fall Educational Forum featuring the Cook County Assessors’ Office at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 20 at the Pavilion Senior Center. This is a presentation on property re-assessments that will focus on the following topics:

- Qualifications for Tax Relief/Exemptions;
- How Assessments are Determined;
- Explanation of the Appeal Process;
- Assistance with Filing Appeals.

This forum is available to all homeowners, not just seniors. Should an individual want to begin the appeals process, the assessors office will have individuals on-hand to process the paperwork.

Second Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair

Make plans to attend the Pavilion 2nd Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. September 10-11 at the Pavilion Senior Center, 199 N. First Street. There promises to be plenty of good buys and some surprises too. Be sure to bring your appetite as there will be a luncheon bar featuring bratwurst, hot dogs, chips, soda and other refreshments.

She’s here to help

Jan Christiansen, MSW, is the Village’s Senior Center Social Worker, and she is readily available to discuss the various services available to seniors that can enhance their lives. There is no fee or obligation to speak with Jan and all information remains strictly confidential. Call her at 847-459-2670 for an appointment.

Before & After



The Village of Wheeling has completed the replacement of the Pedestrian Overpass on Dundee Road, built circa 1967, that had reached the end its design and useful life. The replacement structure, a bow string truss, along with a stone face placed over the existing abutments, was completed in August of 2004. The new structure continues to provide a safe grade separation for pedestrians and the heavily trafficked Dundee Road.

The overpass was officially re-opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 21 with Village and District 21 officials as well as the principals of Jack London and Field Schools.

The Village of Wheeling President,
Board of Trustees, Clerk and the
Special Events Commission warmly
thank all of the volunteers, vendors and
residents who made this year’s July 4th
Celebration the biggest and best ever.

Fire Department lists fall safety precautions

By taking a few simple precautions, fall can be a fun and exciting time of the year for you and your family:

When raking leaves into a pile, do not pile the leaves near the parkway. Children are tempted to play in leaf piles and may accidentally roll out into the street, while playing.

Open burning of leaves and other landscape waste is strictly prohibited in the Village of Wheeling. Not only does it present a serious fire hazard but the smoke is very detrimental to the health of our residents.

Wasps and hornets are beginning to look for a place to nest for the winter. Use pesticides only according to the manufacturer's instructions. Keep pesticide containers in a secure place out of the reach of children. If stung by a wasp or hornet, apply ice to the wound and watch for signs of an allergic reaction. If an allergic reaction occurs, immediately call 9-1-1 for medical assistance.

When cleaning out gutters on your home, make sure to use a sturdy ladder that is securely in contact with dry ground. Avoid over reaching and potentially causing the ladder to fall over. Keep metal ladders far away from the electrical service drop to your home in order to avoid electrocution.

Make sure trees, bushes, and shrubs have not grown too much to block the address on the front of your home. If your address numbers are blocked, it can result in a delayed response by the Fire and Police Departments should you have an emergency.

Reuse the drained gasoline from your lawn mower in your automobile. Even if the gasoline is mixed with a small amount of oil, it is safe to use in your automobile.

Pouring gasoline down the sewers is not only illegal but it is very dangerous. Vapors can back-up into homes where it is then ignited causing potential fires and explosions. Have your fireplace or wood burning stove professionally cleaned. Over time, creosote builds up in the chimney and begins to restrict the upward draft of smoke and potentially dangerous gases. Once creosote becomes over heated, it can also ignite and lead to an uncontrolled fire in the chimney that can also spread to the attic of your home.

Having a properly working smoke detector on each level of your home increases your chances of escaping a house fire by approximately 50%. When you change your clocks for daylight savings, it is also an excellent time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old (or if you are not sure), you should replace your smoke detectors. On each level of your home increases your chances of escaping a house fire by approximately 50%.

Children are back in school. Use extreme caution when driving near bus stops and school zones, since children may dart suddenly into traffic. Please obey all school bus warning signals, as well as all posted school zone speed limits.

Children should be escorted by an adult, while trick-or-treating. Children should wear costumes that are flame retardant treated or made from natural fibers (ex. cotton, wool, etc.). Do not place lit jack-o-lanterns near your door where they may be brushed up against by trick-or-treaters. All collected candy should be inspected by an adult, prior to any of it being consumed by your children. If a piece of candy looks suspicious, please throw it away. Drivers should be very cautious of trick-or-treaters who may be out after dark and who may suddenly dart out into traffic.

Community Development department names new planning division



Andrew C. Jennings



Lisa M. Krause

The Wheeling Community Development Department is pleased to welcome Andrew Jennings and Lisa Krause to the planning division. Jennings assumed the role of Village Planner while Krause came on board as the Assistant Village Planner. The Planning Division is vital to the ongoing development within our community and is often the first contact with a potential developer and Village government.

Jennings is originally from Evanston and was most recently a city planner in the New York City Department of City Planning. He earned his BA in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and achieved his Master of City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

He and his wife Alyson live in Chicago where they enjoy running and anything outdoors.

Krause is originally from the Madison, Wisconsin area and was most recently a planner with the City of Victoria, which is a southwest suburb of Minneapolis/St. Paul. She earned her BS in Public Administration and Policy Analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and achieved her Master of Science/Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

She is an avid Badger and Packer fan and enjoys running, hiking and volleyball.

News You Can Use

The village is currently in the process of changing the frequency with which it bills for water and sewer services from quarterly billing (i.e. once every three months) to bi-monthly billing (i.e. once every two months). During the next few months, customers can expect to receive their first bi-monthly bill and will continue to receive bills every two months thereafter.

The village is initiating this change to better serve its residents and businesses. Billing more frequently makes it easier to detect problems that lead to high bills (e.g. a leaking toilet, running spigot, etc.) and should help customers budget for this expense more easily by reducing the amount of each bill. If you have any questions about this change, please call us at (847) 459-2600. Thank you for your understanding.

Your Opinion Matters!

Believe it or not, planning for next year's Independence Day gala has begun. At a recent workshop between the Board of Trustees and Special Events Commission, a decision was made to poll Wheeling residents on a few specific changes that may or may not be implemented into the event. Please take a moment to answer the following questions. Your input can either be dropped off at Village Hall via your water bill payment, drop it by the front desk or e-mail klang@vi.wheeling.il.us with your suggestions by September 30.

- 1.) Would you like to see beer available at the 'Taste of Wheeling' portion of the event?
 Yes No Doesn't Matter
- 2.) Would you like to see the event expanded to 2 days?
 Yes No Doesn't Matter
- 3.) Would you like to see popular/national musical acts?
 Yes No Doesn't Matter

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.

Village Board -
Every Monday, 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 Airport Commission -
3rd Wednesday each month, Committee of the Whole, 7 p.m.; Regular meeting, 8 p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road.

Economic Development Commission -
1st Tuesday of the month, 7:30 a.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom

Special Events Commission -
2nd Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom

Palwaukee Airport Community Engagement Council (PACE) -
1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings



Wheeling Park District holds 3rd Annual Family Fall Fest Run & Walk

Join the Wheeling Park District as we kick off the fall season with our Fall Fest Festival, 5K and Walk at 10 a.m. Sunday, September 19. This event is suitable for runners of all ages and abilities. There will be an awards ceremony following these activities. Proceeds from this year's event will be donated to the Les Turner Foundation, the only independent publicly-supported non-profit organization in the Chicago-area devoted entirely to the treatment and elimination of ALS, better

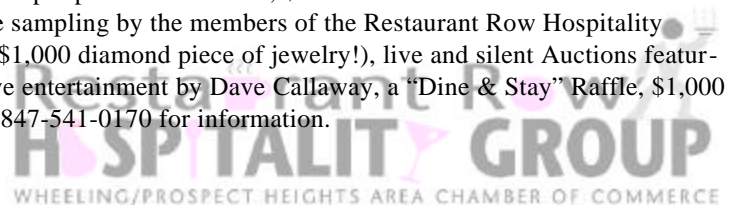
known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Individuals can register early at the Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center prior to September 16, but there is race day registration. Cost to run the 5K is \$17 for pre-registered runners and \$22 for race-day registrants. Cost to walk is \$10 for pre-registered walkers and \$12 for race-day registrants. For more information or to register, please call our Guest Service Desk at 847-465-3333. You can also download a registration form on-line at www.wheelingparkdistrict.com.



Even if you don't run or walk, your family can enjoy the free festival that runs from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center. The event will feature the following activities:

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| Pony and Hayrides | Face Painting |
| Climbing Wall | Roving Magician |
| Disc Jockey | Giant Children's Inflatables |
| Crafts & Games | And Much, Much, More..... |
| Petting Zoo | |
| Delicious Food | |

The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce's annual Putting on the Ritz with Restaurant Row Event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, October 7 at the Chevy Chase Country Club Ballroom. Cost is \$25 per person in advance; \$30 at the door and all residents welcome! The event features food and beverage sampling by the members of the Restaurant Row Hospitality Group, a sparkling diamond/champagne raffle (you might win a \$1,000 diamond piece of jewelry!), live and silent Auctions featuring autographed celebrity items and much more, wine tasting, live entertainment by Dave Callaway, a "Dine & Stay" Raffle, \$1,000 Grand Raffle and other excitement throughout the evening. Call 847-541-0170 for information.



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Community Development	847-459-2620
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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Village Clerk: Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
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