



Dear Wheeling Business Owner/Decision Maker,

Welcome! Thanks for choosing the Village of Wheeling as your next place to open a business: a great decision. Here in the Village of Wheeling, you are joining a growing and robust community with hundreds of other businesses and dozens of dining establishments, all encompassed within 16,000,000 square feet of commercial, retail, hospitality, office and industrial space. On top of all these great aspects, you probably noticed how easy it is to get around with our convenient geographic location and numerous transportation options. We pride ourselves as being a Village that revolves around community, and you are helping to make that happen.

As the Economic Development Director, it is my goal to help make sure that you are set up for success, and I want to accomplish that by understanding your business needs, setting your organization up with programs, contacts, resources and grants to solve any issue, and following up to ensure that your needs are met. You can learn about various programs, resources and services by visiting the Village's Economic Development website at [www.wheelingil.gov/443/Business-Resources](http://www.wheelingil.gov/443/Business-Resources).

I also want to take this opportunity to suggest joining the Wheeling/Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce. The Village and the Chamber work closely to advance the local business community by hosting numerous events and promoting business-to-business transactions. In fact, there are industry-specific committees where complementary businesses work together to advance their respective trade. Feel free to check out the Chamber by visiting their website at [www.wheelingareachamber.com](http://www.wheelingareachamber.com).

Finally, I want to state that you are always welcome to contact me at Village Hall if there are any questions. I can be reached at 847-499-9094 or via email at [pmainsworth@wheelingil.gov](mailto:pmainsworth@wheelingil.gov).

Cordially,

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