

Village Views

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

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The Myth and Reality of "Y2K"

By FIRE CHIEF KEITH MACISAAC

The verdict: the so-called "Millennium Bug" afflicting millions of computers around the world will cause some possible disruptions in daily life. The good news: the disruptions will be less problematic than thought several years ago.

Work on resolving the issue at the Village of Wheeling has been underway for some time. An exhaustive review of the Village's computer-related infrastructure first covered vital services: water, sewer, communications. The conclusion: most are ready for the Year 2000 ("Y2K compliant") now. All remaining modifications and replacements will be in place by the end of summer.

The Village has been discussing the situation with the three major utilities serving

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May the Fourth Be with You

Strike up the band. Whet your appetite. And get ready for 4th of July fun and games. It's all part of the Village's annual Independence Day celebration, taking off this year on the 21st century theme of "Bridge to Tomorrow."

The day's festivities will roar to life at 3 p.m. on the 4th with the second annual Taste of Wheeling at the Park District grounds west of Village Hall. Events last until 11 p.m. The starting time, an hour earlier than in 1998, reflects requests by many residents for longer hours. (See back page for a detailed schedule of the day's activities.)

Ten restaurants will participate in the Taste of Wheeling this year.

The menu of offerings has grown. Tastes will range everywhere from South of the Border and the bayous to Asia, Italy and the grill. All will compete with the whir of the cotton candy machine and the enticement of fresh-roasted popcorn riding the summer air, sold by the Wheeling Firefighters Association.

Paul Nielsen's Blues Band and Larry Benben's Big Band Orchestra, featuring vocalist Carol Bennett, will reprise their 1998 appearances. There will be diversions for the kids,

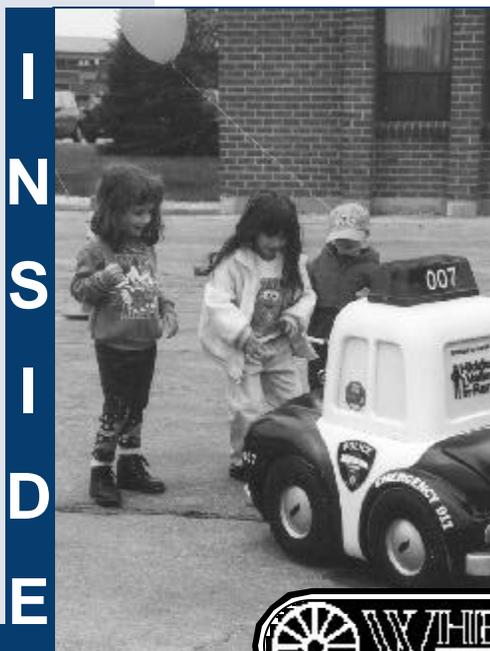
starting with a Moon Walk. Balloons, clowns and face painters will add technical touches.

Fire Chief Keith MacIsaac and Public Works Director Robert Gray, acting as grand marshals, will lead off the annual

parade at 6 p.m. Fifteen floats, 13 decorated automobiles and trucks, and a dozen miscellaneous units will comprise the parade. Intermingled will be the Grayslake Band, a drum and bugle corps, a Dixieland band, and the Cubs Band. The Rhythmic Gymnastics from the Wheeling Park District will turn cartwheels, and a Flag Brigade will strut the colors of the fifty states. Along the parade route ERA American Brokers will

"Getting to know you..."

Highlights of the Wheeling Open House, May 8, featured on page 4)



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Profile: Pavilion Senior Center Abuzz with Activity Almost Every Day of the Week

When Wheeling's senior citizens want to congregate, they head for the Pavilion Senior Center. Abuzz with activity almost every day of the week, the Center has been serving older residents for 14 years.

There are classes and field trips, golf and breakfast programs, support groups and a variety of services. All of it centers on the Pavilion's attractive headquarters at 199 N. First Street.

But not everyone can get there. Some residents live alone and are in frail health. For them, the Pavilion provides the Telephone Reassurance and Caring Hearts programs, staffed by volunteers. The Caring Hearts program sends two-person teams to visit people ages 55 and over who may be recovering from an illness or just need some friends to talk to.

"We are concerned about all the older residents of the community," said Nancy Janssen, who has coordinated the Center's activities for the last six years. "We have a significant population of residents ages 85-plus and we want to look out for them whenever possible."



Lorrie Matt, above displays the talent she is developing in regular art classes at the Pavilion Senior Citizens Center. The gazebo on the Center's grounds (at left) is a great place to relax and enjoy the peace of a picturesque summer day.



There are many eyes looking out for the well-being of Wheeling's older residents. In addition to the Telephone Reassurance and Caring Hearts programs, postal carriers are alert for older people on their routes, police patrols keep watch and even meter readers are trained to look for signs of need.

Other needs are filled by Mature Adult Planner, Cindy Schaar, from Wheeling Park District. She organizes trips and physical-education programs. School District 214 supplies an instructor to teach English as a Second Language and Citizenship classes. The courses are seen as important to seniors who have immigrated from other countries and now want to apply for citizenship.

To keep all the activities going, the Senior Center holds an annual Fun Faire and Holiday Craft & Rummage Sale, a major source of programming funds. The Center's members participate in the

annual Intergenerational Prom, held every spring at Forest View Educational Center in Arlington Heights. More than 250 attended the dance this year.

The Pavilion Center also is involved in the annual Community Paint-A-Thon, scheduled this year for September 18. During this event, seniors, volunteers,

sponsors and partners fan out through the Northwest suburbs to paint the homes owned and occupied by persons with limited financial resources who are either over 60 years of age or have a permanent disability.

"While we can't meet every need," said Ms. Janssen, "we actively address the major issues facing older people. Their physical fitness, their social needs and their mental health are all concerns for us."

May 2: 5K Run and Grand Opening Of Milwaukee Ave.

Pole positions charge across the starting line



Fascinated faces in a sea of legs



And the winner is... Village President Gregg Klatecki congratulates Michael Szasz of Mundelein for finishing first.

Study Speeds Diagnosis, Treatment of Heart Attacks

A landmark study involving the Village of Wheeling Fire Department has found that suspected heart-attack victims experience much higher survival rates when they are tested en route to hospital emergency rooms.

The study, engineered by St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL, centered on a field-assay test that identified certain blood enzymes ("cardiac markers") present when a person is experiencing a heart attack.

In addition to using an electrocardiogram in the ambulance, paramedics drew a small amount of blood from the patient and injected it into a portable kit. The kit indicates the presence of the markers in as little as five minutes. Conversely, if the enzymes do not appear within 15 minutes, a heart attack can be ruled out. The timing is important, researchers say, because delay can cause irreversible damage to the heart muscle.

"The importance of this study," said Wheeling Fire Chief Keith McIsaac, "is that heart-attack patients can be treated much more quickly when

they reach the hospital. Our paramedics could radio the test results to medical personnel while en route, saving valuable time that would have otherwise been lost if the test had to be done in the emergency room."

For example, a 75-year-old man who had experienced chest pains in his doctor's office was tested in the ambulance with the assay kit and an electrocardiogram and found to have the cardiac markers. He was taken to emergency angioplasty for treatment of a blocked heart artery just 11 minutes after entering the hospital, was able to walk in two days and returned home in five days.

Of 252 patients enrolled in the study between October 1997 and July 1998, 15 percent came from Wheeling. The study was directed by Shari R. Dadkhah, MD; Glenn E. Aldinger, MD; Mary Ann Marcotte, RN; and Cynthia Fisch, RN, all of St. Francis. It is the first of its kind conducted in the United States and is expected to lead to widespread field testing and a significantly reduced mortality rate for heart-attack victims.

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Wheeling Helps Launch New Fire Training Facility

Wheeling Fire Department joined five other area fire departments to inaugurate a new Joint Fire Training Facility. The complex, on Deerfield Parkway in Buffalo Grove, is owned by the villages of Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and Long Grove Fire Protection District (FD).

Firefighters from Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Long Grove FPD, Lincolnshire-Riverwoods FPD, and Arlington Heights descended on the structure on April 26 for the first of three days of drills. The site has seen some limited training since the beginning of the year, but this marked the first time that a mass training exercise has been conducted there.

"This facility adds a new dimension to our training regimen," said Wheeling Fire Chief Keith McIsaac. "It's important because our people need to face realistic, but controlled, situations to stay sharp and ready."

The focal point of the \$800,000 installation is a two-story "burn building" which was built on vacant land in the second half of 1998. In

addition, the 2.3-acre property contains a two-level "Swede flashover container" to simulate conditions when all the gases in a room ignite in a flash. Also on the site are a railroad tank car and a flammable liquid pit. A gasoline tank truck will be moved to the site soon, and plans are being developed to add a railroad passenger car for training in the event of a rail disaster.

Discussions about building a local

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New Commissioners Named

Openings on several of the Village's boards and commissions have recently been filled. The appointments bring board membership to full strength. The commissioners and board members will serve varying terms.

Economic Development Commission

- William Bogenski, Executive Vice President, Harris Bank, Elk Grove Village
- David Panitch, president of Panbor Industrial Supply, Wheeling

Ethics Commission

- Pam Dorband, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Lincolnwood School System

Wheeling Senior Commission

- Mitchell Fox, retired
- Karolyn Nance, Coordinator of Service to Seniors, Shut-ins, the Blind and the Physically handicapped, Indian Trails Public Library

Zoning Board of Appeals

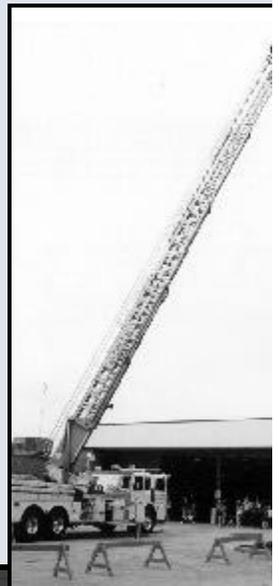
- David Fijalkowski, Vice President of Operations, 400 Freight Services, Elk Grove Village



Mickey Mouse is the kid size, not controlled police

Firefighter Tom Allen dangles 75 feet up during a demonstration of Fire Department rappelling techniques.

Firefighter Bart Burns explains what "all that equipment" is about for a group of engrossed visitors inside a Wheeling ambulance.



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Nitro, the Police Department's best friend, strains at the leash held by Officer Randy Olsberg to get at the "bad guy" (Alex Rothacker, of TOPS Kennel in Grayslake).



Reality of Y2K...*continued from page 1*

Wheeling, ConEd, Ni-Cor and Ameritech. All say their systems are ready, and they don't anticipate interruptions in service.

Nonetheless, the unknown nature of the Year 2000 bug means no one is sure whether or where some computer system might fail. Village staff has been conducting a series of preparedness meetings to make sure essential services—police, fire and paramedics—continue uninterrupted.

With community-wide plans well under way, residents are encouraged to take stock of their own circumstances and make preparations as they would for a typical, heavy winter storm.

- Install and maintain smoke detectors. Install new batteries where needed and replace detectors that are more than 10 years old.
- Store a 2-3 day supply of nonperishable food.
- Keep an extra supply of prescription medications on hand.
- Have emergency flashlights and extra batteries on hand. Candles present fire danger. Be sure to store lighters and matches where children can't get them. Indoor kerosene lamps are hazardous and should be avoided.

- Keep detailed financial statements for at least the last six months of 1999.

- Store important papers in a secured, fire-resistant container.

- Keep a few extra days of cash on hand, but don't hoard because it could make you a target of crime.

The Village is planning a series of community meetings for this fall to discuss the "Y2K" issue. Look for announcements of dates and times plus additional Y2K information in future issues of

Village Views.

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Note Changes in Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

Due to the July 4 holiday, Waste Management-North has announced that waste pickups will be a day later than usual. For example, customary Monday collections will occur on Tuesday. All other regularly scheduled pickups will be similarly delayed by one day the week of July 5-10.

Waste Management also reports it is making computer conversions and adding personnel to process an increased volume of calls triggered by yard-waste season. The conversions have eliminated longer-than-normal hold times experienced by some callers. The computer work is expected to be completed by the end of July.

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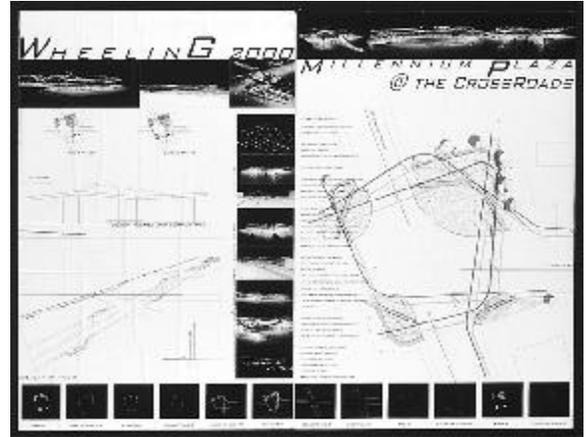
St. Louis Architects Win \$10,000 Wheeling Design Competition

A St. Louis, MO, architectural design company won the competition to design Wheeling's Millennium Plaza at Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road, the village's "gateway intersection"

Architects Fabian Llorch, Gisela Vidalle, Manuel Lanboy and Thasitt Ruanglek will receive the competition's \$10,000 first prize and the right to negotiate with the Village to take their entry to full-scale plans

Their entry, "Wheeling 2000: Millennium Plaza @ the Crossroads," features a futuristic network of light bridges spanning the intersection and cascading down to meet three corners. Jurors in the competition felt the design theme was best suited to translation to other intersections and areas of the community.

The winners described their entry poetically: "These lines throughout the space take advantage of



the different opportunities in the city, where the memory is redundant, repeating the signs, therefore the city begins to exist."

The \$5,000 Second prize went to Lisa Diane Tejada, Carlos Tejada and Vicente Garcia Etcheagaray, of Whitefish Bay, WI. They said their entry, "Millennium Plaza at the Crossroads," gives "Wheeling a strong identity for the new millennium. Triangular walls represent the descent of this millennium and the crescendo of the new one."

Four architects from Rutherford, NJ, received third-place honors and a \$2,500 prize. Tomasz M Rybak, AIA, Eric Kielcor, Robert Puzio and Yvonne Debsk submitted a whimsical entry called "Bear left at the fork in the road." The design, a takeoff on Wheeling's Restaurant Row, was "based on introducing an identity to the town by using culinary utensils as design elements." It featured a bowl-shaped fountain topped with a gigantic spoon, telephone kiosks in the shape of ice-cream scoops and street light posts that resembled knives, forks and spoons.

The awards were made by a special review panel assembled by the Design Competition Committee of the Wheeling Plan Commission. More than 200 architectural firms applied for competition applications. More than 80 were returned, an unusually high percentage, according to Design Competition Services of Milwaukee, which

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Design Competition Honorable Mention

- ▶ Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates Inc./Steven Izenour, AIA/Rodney Robinson, Philadelphia, PA. Participating architects:
 - John Izenour
 - Ke Feng
 - Andy Pasonic
 - Steve Van Dyke
 - Brian Wurst
- ▶ Michael Eichhorn, Architect, Riverwoods, IL. Participating architects:
 - Norman Eichhorn, managing partner
 - Andrew Weiss, CAD graphics
- ▶ Valerie Alexander, Eugene OR
- ▶ Michael W. Hoffman, Champaign, IL
- ▶ Crossroads Design Inc., Lake Forest, IL. Participating architects:
 - Robert Benson
 - Noah Luken
- ▶ Ira Shertzer; Emily Emrick; Beata Boodell-Corcoran; Michael Janas; Roger Sola-Sole, Washington, DC.
- ▶ Veena Cherterla Redd, Kimberly Barnett, Middletown, CT.

Jurors of the Millennium Plaza Design Competition

- Grady Clay, critic and commentator, Louisville, KY
- Ralph Johnson, FAIA, Vice-President, Perkins and Will, Chicago
- Lance Jay Brown, Director of the School of Architecture at City College of New York
- Greg Klatecki, Wheeling Village President
- Benjamin Kutscheid, ASLA, member of the Wheeling Plan Commission and a landscape architect with Thompson Dyke & Associates Ltd., of Northbrook

Pencil in the Date

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 – Mondays, 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 – Second Tuesday of the month, Village Hall lunch room, 7:15 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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 – Second Tuesday of each month, 8 a.m., Village Hall lunchroom.

June 26-July 3, 9 a.m - 5 p.m – Advance sales for the 4th of July Taste of Wheeling on sale at CORUS Bank, 125 McHenry Rd.

June 26, 9 a.m - 1 p.m – Advance ticket sales at CORUS Bank

July 4

8-10 a.m – Advance ticket sales at Village Hall.

9 a.m - 1 p.m – Advance sales at CORUS Bank

3 p.m - 11 p.m – Taste of Wheeling
6 p.m – “Bridge to Tomorrow” parade
9:15 p.m - Fireworks, Heritage Park

July 11 – Deadline for applications for the September Community Paint-A-Thon, Pavilion Senior Center.

July 14, 2:30-8:30 p.m – Blood Drive, Pavilion Senior Center, 199 N First St.

The top three entries and seven Honorable Mentions in the Millennium Plaza Design Competition may be viewed online at the Village's Web site: <http://www.wheelingil.org>.

Design Contest...

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facilitated the contest.

Plans to hold a design competition emerged in 1998 after Cole Taylor Bank donated a one-acre parcel of vacant land on the intersection's northeast corner to be used as a park. Two smaller parcels, on the southeast and the northwest corners, already owned by the Village, were added to create what has come to be known as Cole Taylor Millennium Plaza.

With approval from the Wheeling Board of Trustees, construction could begin as soon as this fall. The top three entries and seven Honorable Mentions may be viewed online at the Village's Web site: <http://www.wheelingil.org>

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 _____

“Bridge to Tomorrow”

July 4

8-10 a.m. — Last-minute advance sales of food and drink tickets at Village Hall.

3-11 p.m. — Taste of Wheeling

4 p.m. — Paul Nielsen’s Blues Band

6 p.m. — “Bridge to Tomorrow” 4th of July parade

7 p.m. — Larry Bemben’s Big Band Orchestra, featuring vocalist Carol Bennett

Dusk — Fireworks celebration, Heritage Park

And Information

Participating Food Purveyors

- Bob Chinn’s Crab House
- Buca di Beppo
- Crawdaddy Bayou
- El Famous Burrito
- Golden Chef
- Guardino’s
- Joe’s Pizza
- La-Baguette Bakery
- Taste of Hunan
- Wa-Pa-Ghetti’s Pizza

SCHEDULE

Advance sales of food and drink tickets — June 26 - July 2 at CORUS Bank, 125 McHenry Rd., Monday-Friday,

9 a.m.-5 p.m., and June 26 & July 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Event Sponsors

- CORUS Bank
- Hoyne Savings Bank
- Peerless Products Inc.
- Snow Systems Inc.
- Stasek Chevrolet
- Waste Management NW
- Village of Wheeling
- Wheeling Park District

May the Fourth Be with You

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distribute 7,000 American flags

The parade will form on Wheeling Road. It will proceed east on Dundee to Wolf, then south to end at Heritage Park. And it’s at Heritage Park, starting at dusk, that \$15,000 worth of fireworks will dazzle the nighttime crowd to end the official festivities.

Food and drink tickets will be on sale at CORUS Bank June 26 - July 3, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and on the two Saturdays 9-1. Additional advance sales will be made from 8-10 a.m. on the 4th at Village Hall. Tickets are available in sheets of \$10. For information or to volunteer, contact Trustee Judy Abruscato at 847-541-8783.

New Fire Training Facility...

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training facility began five years ago after it became more difficult to practice burn ditches. Traditionally, firefighters have been schooled in the techniques of battling flames during their initial certification training.

“Several communities have their own burn buildings,” McIsaac said, “but this facility is the most advanced in the Northwest suburbs.”

It promises to become even more advanced with the early June award of a \$365,000 “Illinois First” grant. The money will pay for additional burn rooms with an attached garage, and a conversion from manual burning of wood and hay to cleaner-burning propane. The projects should be finished in Spring 2000.

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