

Village Views

Wheeling, Illinois

July ~ August ~ 2003



Village celebrates Fourth of July with Annual Festival, Parade, Fireworks

The Village of Wheeling celebrates our nation's independence with the annual 'Taste of Wheeling' and 4th of July Parade and fireworks display in Heritage Park [In between Village Hall and Wheeling Park District Recreation Center on Dundee Road] on July 4.

The day-long celebration kicks off at noon when the 'Taste of Wheeling's' outdoor kitchens fire up. The following Wheeling restaurants and service organizations will be offering delicacies ranging from bratwursts to funnel cakes:

Tuscany
Taqueria Alamo
Sauer's Bakery
Wa Pa Getti's
Joe's Pizza
Golden Chef
Knights of Columbus
Golden Chef
I Am Siam
Jack London Instrumental League
AmVets

The day will be filled with live entertainment and kids activities leading up to the parade at 6 p.m.

The very popular Greg Koeppen from 'Medleys in Motion' will be spinning tunes and announcing these acts throughout the day:

Magician JB Brash
Royal Blue Dixieland Band
One World Calypso Band
Larry Bemben Big Band Sound
Jesse White Tumblers

In addition, kids can enjoy face painting with the clowns, playing on the inflatable rides, radio-controlled stock car racing and badge making with some of Wheeling's finest; our firefighters and police officers.

After a full day of food and fun, everyone is invited to line the parade route as we celebrate the 'Spirit of America.' More than 85 entrants, highlighted by five drum corps and marching bands, will step off at 6 p.m. at the corner of Wheeling and Dundee Roads.

Young and old alike will 'ooh' and 'ahh' at dusk as the night sky is lit up with spectacular blasts of color. Immediately following the fireworks, 'Virgil Kane' invites you to kick your heels as we end this year's Independence Day extravaganza.



Save the Date!
Chamber of Commerce
Summer Sizzle
Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10
Up & Down Milwaukee Ave.
Check out www.wphchamber.com
for additional information.

Check out *Wheeling Water*, the 2003 Consumer Confidence Report on the Quality of Drinking Water & Storm Water Management in our Village.



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Wheeling Detective Walks Across Wyoming

“This is an unbelievable show of commitment and belief in what we [Children’s Advocacy Center] do.”

—Mark Parr,
C.A.C. Director

He's seen a lot during his 14 years in law enforcement. Domestic disputes, homicides, burglaries.....eventually becoming jaded and cynical - desensitized to the lawlessness he confronted on a daily basis. Yet his hard work earned him a promotion to detective, and with that promotion came the kids.

"Once I was promoted to detective I began investigating a number of cases involving abused children," said Wheeling Police Detective Jim Plovovich. "Every investigation was a highly emotional experience because I was dealing with kids who had been abused physically, emotionally and sexually.....often times traumatized to the point where communication with them was virtually impossible."

That's when Plovovich was introduced to the Children's Advocacy Center of Northwest Cook County. The C.A.C. is a non-profit organization that interviews and counsels children who are victims of sexual and physical abuse. Essentially, the organization becomes the liaison between the abuse victim and organizations such as the investigating police department, Department of Children and Family Services or the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

"The Children's Advocacy Center is invaluable to us when we are attempting to communicate with an abused child," Plovovich explained. "They are so caring and professional and treat the victims with maternal-like instincts; they rebuild the trust that was destroyed and make it possible for the victims to open up."

Plovovich became so impressed with the people and mission of the C.A.C. that he decided to undertake a monumental fundraising effort on their behalf. "The C.A.C. exists primarily on the financial generosity of the caring citizens and businesses of the Northwest suburbs," he said. "I wanted to do something to give back....I know first-hand the importance of the services they provide."

That 'Something' became a 'Walk Across Wyoming' to benefit C.A.C. An incredible 400-mile, two-week trek across the rugged and scenic countryside of the state Plovovich became enamored with when he read Mountain Man, by Vardis Fisher. He will average 30-miles per day while carrying everything needed for sustenance on his back.

"I realize it sounds a little crazy for a person to walk across an entire state, but I'm accomplishing two things that are very important to me," he said. "I have always wanted to embark on this type of adventure and now I have the inspiration [C.A.C.] needed to finally go for it."

While Plovovich's inspiration comes from the kids the C.A.C. helps, the people that make up the C.A.C. are pretty inspired by him.

"This is an unbelievable show of commitment and belief in what we do," said Mark Parr, C.A.C. Director. "Obviously whatever funds he raises will be appreciated, but perhaps more important is the awareness he's creating for an issue that still exists in our communities. He is an inspiration to everyone within the C.A.C."

Plovovich begins his journey July 7 and expects to be back in Wheeling two weeks later. Any individuals or businesses interested helping Jim raise as much money as possible for the C.A.C. are encouraged to contact him at 847-459-2648.



Spring Cleaning

Ken Brady, Plan Commission Chairman, and resident David Kauffman plant flowers Wheeling sign on Dundee Road during the annual 'Brooms and Blooms' event. Various sites around the Village were spruced up in a combined effort between Village officials, employees and residents.

Fill the Boot



The Wheeling Fire Department is enlisting your help in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy. The annual 'Boot Drive' takes place August 22 at major intersections throughout the Village. Your generosity netted over \$6,000 during last year's drive. Your spare change can help find the cure.

Kick-off meeting marks official beginning of 'downtown' planning

Village officials and consultants met May 6 for a kick-off meeting to begin determining the future of approximately 145 acres around the Metra Station and along Dundee Road. The meeting was the official inaugural foray into redeveloping Wheeling's downtown area.

Village officials and consultants from S.B. Friedman and Company, the Lakota Group and the Metro Transportation Group collaborated with a special project committee consisting of trustees, plan commissioners, economic development commissioners and key village staff members to essentially brainstorm regarding the future development.

"We're extremely excited to officially get the process underway," said Bill Whitmer, Economic Development Director. "The redevelopment around the train station and along adjacent portions of Dundee Road is a project that is not only needed, but one that will enhance the entire Village."

The three consultants will combine to examine market conditions to see what kinds of redevelopment will work

best, examine current land uses in the area and finding development opportunities in the area. All three groups have worked together in the past on other downtown revitalization projects similar to the Wheeling project.

The area targeted for redevelopment stretches from London Middle School on the west end, along Dundee Road and to the Community Recreation Center to the east. It follows Wheeling Road south, just past Catherine Court. The plan also includes Old McHenry Road to the junction with Route 83 to the north.

According to Village officials, the committee and consultants will work to ensure the redevelopment plan complements businesses and tenants in the area and the train station while modernizing the existing and potential strip-small commercial uses along Dundee Road.

Funding for the planning process was secured via a grant from the Regional Transportation Authority through its Regional Technical Assistance Program.

The planning process is expected to conclude in October.

Men, women in blue run to raise funds for Special Olympics

Two miles. Two miles that symbolize heroism, an inspirational spirit and an overwhelming sense of pride in the athletes who participate in Illinois Special Olympics.

Wheeling Law Enforcement Officials participated in the 2003 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois on June 8. Wheeling officers and staff manned the eighth leg of the annual run that raises funds for the more than 500,000 Special Olympians across Illinois. The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fund-raising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. Each year, more than 3,000 officers in Illinois run more than 1,500 miles carrying the Flame through their hometowns and deliver it to the State Games.



Law Enforcement officials from Buffalo Grove will pass the torch to the Wheeling contingent at Lake-Cook and Milwaukee. The runners proceeded up Milwaukee Ave. to Hintz Road where the torch will be handed to officers from Prospect Heights. Each of the 15 to 20 Wheeling officers and staff members who carried the symbolic flame raised anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000 in contributions.

"The sole reason we do this is to raise money for an organization that is invaluable to thousands of physically challenged individuals in Illinois," said Officer Mike Porzycki, 2003 Wheeling Torch Chairperson. "Collectively, Illinois law enforcement agencies have been able to raise millions of dollars over the years - two miles at a time."

Commander Bill Benson has been running with the Wheeling contingent for 16 years. During that time he's not only seen the amount of donations increase, the number of runners has also multiplied. "The first year we participated it was another officer and me," Benson recounted. "Over the last 16 years we've been able to recruit additional runners which meant we raised more funds for the Special Olympics. It's really an event we look forward to all year and there is such a spirit of camaraderie among each of the different departments that participates; we know we're helping out a great cause."

? ? ? ? You Did Know

Thanks to popular television shows like 'This Old House,' 'Trading Spaces' and 'While You Were Out' many homeowners see their homes as works of art.....in progress. However, before you turn your comfy three-bedroom into a mansion worthy of Bill Gate's status.....*Did You Know?*

The following is a list of commonly needed building permits which are issued by the Community Development Division BEFORE the the projects begin:

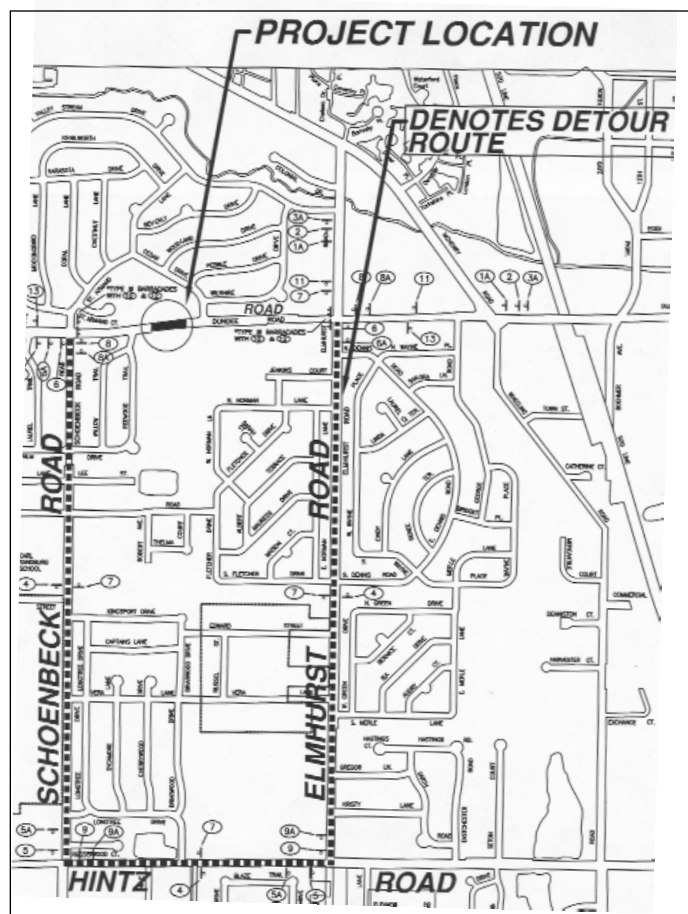
- House addition or remodeling*
- Shed*
- Garage*
- Central air conditioner*
- Wood deck*
- Gazebo*
- Swimming pool/spa/hot tub*
- Fence/dog run*
- Furnace*
- Alarm system*
(Low voltage electric permit needed)
- Fireplace*
- Screened porch*
- Lawn sprinkler system*
- Any electrical work*
- Any plumbing work*
- Roofing*
- Siding*
- Satellite Dish*
(Low voltage electric permit needed)
- Window or door replacement if opening size will change*
- Sewer repair*
- Concrete stoop replacement if change in size/location*
- Water heater installation*

For more information concerning building permits, contact Community Development at 847-459-2620.

(Editor's Note: Beginning with this issue, Each 'Village Views' will feature a 'Did You Know' column designed to inform the residents about issues that may affect them and/or helpful hints to make their lives a little easier.)

The Village of Wheeling teams up with LifeSource Blood Service from 2 to 7 p.m. July 9 at Fire Station 24 on Dundee Road [attached to the Municipal Complex] for a community blood drive. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are welcome. For appointment, please call Mike Boyle at (847) 459-2621 or e-mail at mboyle@vi.wheeling.il.us.

Your donation saves lives...maybe your own.



Residents are advised that upcoming road construction will close Dundee Road between Schoenbeck and Elmhurst Roads. During that time, a detour utilizing Schoenbeck, Elmhurst and Hintz Roads will be in effect. Although an exact start date has yet to be determined, this construction could Affect your commute throughout the summer into early fall. Watch for more information on Channel 17 and in the local newspapers.

Mosquitos: The Scourge of Summer

Nothing ruins a great summer day like swatting away swarms of mosquitos. But, the scourge of summer can ruin more than one day.

West Nile Virus affected over 800 human people last year including causing 63 deaths. West Nile Virus is transmitted by mosquitoes as are several other viruses that cause encephalitis-type illnesses. In an effort to minimize the number of locations where mosquitoes grow and develop, Village Health Officials are again encouraging residents to take the time to look at and around their homes for locations where water may remain for up to a week or longer. The typical containers that people may see include buckets, cans, bird baths and/or other decorative containers. Locations people may overlook are blocked gutters, ill-kept swimming or wading pools, plastic tarps that are folded and left on the ground near the house that collect rainwater. Wherever possible, try and remove the item or take other steps to prevent the ongoing collection and holding of water in these devices. Additionally, the following precautions are recommended:

Stay indoors at dawn, dusk and in the early evening when mosquitoes are most active.

Whenever outdoors during high-risk times, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.

Use mosquito repellent containing 25 percent to 35 percent DEET when it is necessary to be outdoors, applied sparingly to exposed skin or clothing as indicated on the repellent label. Consult a physician before using repellents on young children.

Inspect and repair damaged screens on doors and windows, including porches and patios, to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

Report any areas that stay wet for more than a week to the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at (847) 537-2306.

Health Watch

*Improving
Your Quality
of Life*

Along with an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables, summertime always brings concern over their safety. Some consumers are concerned about the potential for E. Coli, Salmonella, other bacterial contamination and pesticide residues. What can you do to protect yourself and your family? The answer is simple: Give your produce a thorough washing in clean cold water. Thoroughly wash all fruits and vegetables before serving or preparing them. Wash produce under running water to remove any bits of soil, sand or other deposits. While washing, let the water fully drain so that the contaminants are washed away.

Special washing requirements:

Mushrooms, raspberries & strawberries will absorb water and become mushy if you soak them. They grow close to the soil, so they are a great contamination risk. Thoroughly clean mushrooms and strawberries with a brush removing all soil from pockets where soil can be hiding. Raspberries are too delicate to brush so rinse them thoroughly.

Melons: Although you do not eat the rinds of cantaloupes, honeydews and other melons, their outer surfaces should be thoroughly washed. Not only does the soil on the rind have the possibility of contaminating other foods and surfaces, but when you cut through the rind, the knife could carry the contamination into the edible part of the fruit.

**Remember that sliced melon must be kept cold. Discard sliced melon if held unrefrigerated for more than four hours.

Alfalfa sprouts can be contaminated in the fields from runoff from animal pastures. Buy them from a reputable store and wash them thoroughly.

Any Bites?

Students from Whitman and Jack London Schools check to see if the fish are bitin' during the intergenerational fishing derby May 28 at Pavilion Senior Center. Wheeling Firefighters, police officers and seniors were on hand to bait hooks, cheer them on and even throw a line or two in the water.



Wheeling Police set for expansion

The Village recently announced a plan giving its police department another tool in community policing. The Village Board elected to purchase a two-story building at 99 N. Wolf Road and convert it to a police resource center.

While some neighboring communities have utilized resource centers for satellite village halls or public aid cooperatives, Wheeling will focus on police services. According to Sgt. John Teevans, Crime Prevention Unit, the new resource center will give the police department another presence in the community.

“Our Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit will operate from this location meaning that police personnel will be present Monday through Friday during the day and evening hours,” Teevans said. “In addition to increased visibility, we’ll be able to offer additional services that our residents have come to depend on us for.”

Some of those services will include child safety seat inspections, citizens police academies, rape defense sessions and a place for Neighborhood Watch and other community meetings.

Other uses slated for the resource center include:

- *Bike Unit will be stationed here and operate from this location;
- *Social Worker;
- *Walk in reports.

“We’re extremely pleased and excited that the Board has provided us this opportunity,” said John Popadowski, Police Chief. “This resource center will simply enhance our abilities to continue offering complete and quality services to our residents.”

Patriotism prevails, give ‘Old Glory’ proper respect

It’s a beautiful and pride-inspiring sight. Our flag; the flag of the United States of America waving majestically against a crystal clear, blue sky. As Americans it is our right and privilege to fly the colors, not just in times of conflict, but every day. However, we should always render proper respect when hoisting our symbol of freedom. The following are a few reminders of proper display of the stars and stripes.

*It is customary to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstuffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

*The flag should not be displayed on days of inclement weather except when an all-weather flag is displayed.

*The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, floor or water.

*The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

‘Click-it or Ticket’ campaign nets results, raises awareness

In conjunction with the National ‘Click It or Ticket’ initiative, the Wheeling Police Department conducted its own awareness campaign. This initiative included school speed zone/seat belt enforcement during daytime hours, DUI/seat belt enforcement during nighttime hours, a Roadside Safety Checkpoint over Memorial Day weekend, and a Seat Belt Enforcement Zone the afternoon of May 31 towards the end of the statewide campaign. 659 citations and written warnings were issued including 443 for seat belt violations, 9 for child restraint violations and 83 speeding violations. 31 arrests were made including 8 for DUI, 18 for suspended/revoked or no drivers license, three for drug possession and two wanted on warrants.

Three local schools participated in awareness efforts for this campaign and contributed to substantial increases in safety belt compliance rates at all three sites. Based on Seat Belt Surveys taken this week, Walt Whitman School increased compliance to 76% while Mark Twain School was surveyed at 84% compliance. Of special interest is Wheeling High School, which increased its compliance rate to 88% from 71% the year before. This can be attributed not only to our enforcement, but also the dedicated efforts of students and staff at the high school who promoted this campaign with morning video announcements and public service announcements developed and filmed by students in the video department.

News You Can Use: *Displaying your address numbers*

If you've ever tried to find someone's house or a business, you realize how it is made more difficult by not seeing the street number on the front of the building. If emergency personnel are trying to find your home, it is obviously in your best interest that they find you as quickly as possible.

Village Codes require that properties have their address displayed in numbers that are at least four inches tall and one-half inch wide. The address must be in a color that contrasts with the color behind it so that it stands out clearly from the street. However, there are other considerations to keep in mind as well.

If possible, you should place the street numbers where porch lights aid in illuminating them to assist with night visibility. Also, view your home from the street to be certain that you can see the numbers clearly without any branches, limbs or other vegetation blocking the view of your address.

Speak ou *T*

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.

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 -
3rd 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 Tuesday of the Month,
7 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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Paint-A-Thon helps others, spruces up Village

The Village of Wheeling is grabbing its rollers and paint brushes and participating in the 16th Annual Community Paint-A-Thon scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2003. The annual event is a unique community partnership designed to paint homes owned and occupied by seniors with limited financial resources.

“This is one of the most rewarding events we participate in,” said Nancy Janssen, Director of Senior Citizen Services for Wheeling. “It’s one day of hard work, camaraderie and an unbelievable outpouring of love.”

Although the actual painting day is not until September, Janssen pointed out that interested individuals should begin the application process now. “Qualified home owners must be at least 60-years-old or have a permanent disability and cannot do the work themselves,” Janssen said. “In addition, their annual income must not exceed \$25,000. The selection committee does take into account excessive expenses like prescriptions and medical bills when determining eligibility.”

At the heart of the event is the massive volunteer workforce that assembles for the one-day project. Once the homes are identified, teams of volunteers are assigned to scrape, prime and paint each house. Each team consists of one leader and approximately 20 workers. “There were approximately 650 volunteers at last year’s event,” Janssen said. “Obviously, this event could not happen without the kindness of many caring people.”

Individuals who would like to be considered for the project or who are interested in volunteering can contact Nancy Janssen at 847-459-2670 or stop by the Wheeling Senior Citizens Center, 199 N. First Street.



A young volunteer puts the finishing touches on a home during the 2002 Paint-A-Thon.

Plan Commissioners Steve Boime, Ken Brady, Pam Dorband, Ray Lang and Stuart Shapiro and Assistant Planner Clare Sloan attended the DePaul Chaddick Institute Workshop, “Planning and Zoning: Training Session for Appointed Officials” recently. The seminar stressed the different roles of the plan commission and how to improve your community via implementation of desirable planning designs.

Scott Wilson achieved ‘Master Technician’ status from the *Emergency Vehicle Technician Certification Commission* for the design, maintenance and repair of fire apparatus. Scott studied hard while working toward this level of certification and is now part of an elite group of talented technicians nationwide who have earned this title.



As Independence Day falls on a Friday this year, residents whose garbage/recycling is normally picked up on Friday should place their refuse by the curb on Saturday, July 5. Thank you for your cooperation and have a great holiday.

Village of Wheeling

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Fire/Police/Paramedics

Non-emergency Fire	847-459-2662
Non-emergency Police	847-459-2632
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
Village President: Greg Klatecki	847-459-2988
Village Clerk: Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
Village Manager: Wallace Douthwaite	847-459-2617

Trustees

Judy Abruscato: 847-541-8783	Michael Horcher: 847-541-3276
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