'Freedom is Cool' - Wheeling celebrates America's birthday with 'Freedom Fest'

The Village of Wheeling is having a party and everyone is invited. In honor of Independence Day, the Village is hosting a two-day 'Freedom Fest' celebration, July 3-4 in the field between Village Hall and the Park District Community Recreation Center, featuring live music, food and drink, kids' activities, a parade and spectacular fireworks show.

"The Village Board decided to enhance its annual July 4 celebration by adding an additional day and a few other twists," said James Lang, Public Relations Director. "Staff has worked hard to put together an entertaining and fun-filled two days of food, music and activities and we'll be placing our weather order soon," he added.

The event kicks off at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 3, running until 10:30 p.m. and resumes at 1 p.m. July 4 and concludes with the last firework. Live music for July 3 includes country music group Virgil Kane, 80's cover band Selective Recall, the Blooze Brothers and up and coming rock band, Bellevue Suite. July 4 kicks off with a tribute to the kings (and queens) of Motown by BBI followed by critically acclaimed children's artist, Justin Roberts and the Not-Ready-For-Naptime-Players. Nationally known Elvis-impersonator Ronnie Navarra finishes up the afternoon, leading up to the 6 p.m. parade. Following the parade the Kimi Hayes Band begins the evening's entertainment and one of the most popular Chicago-area bands of the past 15 years, the Underwater People, concludes the two days of musical entertainment.

"We have assembled an outstanding line-up of live music that includes acts who have played venues like House of Blues, Milwaukee's Summer Fest, Cubby Bear, Navy Pier and Taste of Chicago to name a few," Lang said.



"From rhythm and blues to rock and roll, there will be something for every type of music lover."

Kids and adults alike will enjoy other scheduled entertainment such as Mike Mauthe, a variety entertainer/magician, balloon artist, stilt-walker, juggler, etc. who will be performing two shows and participating in the parade and the return of the ever-popular Jesse White Tumblers. Also new to the line-up will be a Bingo tent run by the Pavilion Senior Center and Knights of Columbus.

A variety of activities such as the giant inflatable slide, moon-walk choo-choo train, wind tunnel crazy caterpillar, trackless choo-choo, Rocky Mountain Climbing Wall and the Extreme Peaks Climbing Wall will be sure to keep the kids entertained. Also scheduled to round out the entertainment are a children's magician and storyteller, Pit-Stop Productions Miniature Racing Cars, 'Seemore the Eagle,' 'Willy the Whale,' 'PW Paws,' 'McGruff the Crime Dog' and other life-size characters and fun activities such as face painting and various midway games.

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'Freedom Fest' line-up includes two-days of music, food, fun

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No festival would be complete without food and drink, and the 'Taste of Wheeling' returns bigger and better than ever. Featured restaurants include: Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, Buca di Beppo, Tuscany, Golden Chef, Gyros Pit, Market Square, Wa-Pa-Ghetti's, Sauers by Salvatore, Lupita's, Gators, Rocky Vander's, Knights of Columbus, VFW Post 66, Joe's Pizza, Danny Dogs and I Am Siam. New to this year's event will be a beer garden, provided by Skokie Valley Beverage of Wheeling.

"Some old favorites have returned, such as Sauer's with their funnel cakes, but it's always nice to shake the menu up a little with items like Gators award-winning hot wings and Bob Chinn's gumbo," Lang said. "The 'Taste' features a nice variety, nothing too expensive and items for the kids, such as hot dogs and hamburgers."

Event parking will be clearly identified and include the following lots off of Dundee Roads and Northgate Parkway: Wheeling Park District Community Center and Aquatic Center, Wickes Furniture Lot and the Metra Station Lot. In addition, patrons can use the lots of Holmes Middle School and Heritage Park off of Wolf Road. "We encourage people to carpool, ride their bikes or walk in order to cut down on any potential traffic problems on Dundee Road and the surrounding areas," Lang said.

"We're extremely excited about this year's event and the chance to celebrate America's independence with both old and new friends," Lang concluded.



[Freedom Fest] Tips

EVENT PARKING

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COOLERS, CHAIRS, BLANKETS, ETC.

A picnic area will be clearly marked on park district property behind Village Hall. While coolers/picnic baskets are allowed, no alcoholic beverages may be brought into the event. An event-sponsored beer garden will be available to those of legal drinking age. Folding chairs, blankets, etc. are allowed.

'TASTE OF WHEELING' & BEER GARDEN PROTOCOL

As in years past, each 'Taste' participant will sell their food/drink items directly to the customers; no tickets are needed. Individuals wishing to purchase beverages in the beer garden will need to purchase tickets at a clearly marked ticket booth. Anyone purchasing tickets will need to provide proof of age and be presented a wrist band that must be worn at all times.

Wheeling apartment complex completes crime-free multi-housing program certification process

Wheeling's Foxboro Apartment Complex recently became the first rental property in the Village to complete all three phases of the Crime-Free-Multi-Housing program resulting in complete certification. Foxboro's management began the first steps towards certification last year by taking the initial eight-hour training course. The program is designed to align rental property owners, managers and leasing staff with the police and fire departments in an effort to keep illegal activities out of rental properties.

"It was extremely important to get the first group through the program so we could get word out to other rental properties in town," said Sgt. Pet Panagakis, Crime Prevention Unit Supervisor.

Now that the Foxboro Complex is fully certified, management can post the C.F.M.H. signs on their property.

Management can also utilize the C.F.M.H. logo which has achieved a high level of recognition in the United States and Canada. It has proven very effective in attracting honest residents looking for safe housing and has worked equally well in discouraging individuals who may target apartment complexes for criminal activity.

The program is a three-tiered certification process that involves [Phase I] an 8-hour training course, [Phase II] visual inspection of the property to assess physical security and general appearance of the property (must meet minimum security requirements) and [Phase III] the hosting of a safety social that involves property management, residents and police personnel. The success of the program is based entirely on reducing criminal activity at



Throughout the certification process, the instructors focus on topics such as understanding crime prevention, common sense self defense, community rules regarding leases, combating crime problems, dealing with non-compliance and partnering with local police and fire personnel.

"The implementation of the procedures taught during the program is an important step towards achieving our goal of decreased crime," Panagakis said. "We encourage the managers to create a Crime Free Lease Addendum which cites specific actions that will be taken by management should a resident, or somebody under a resident's control, is involved in illegal or dangerous activity on or near the rental property. This step is important in that crime prevention measures are in place from the first day a potential resident walks in to sign a lease."



Special Day, Special Cause

Wheeling Police Commander Bill Benson sells raffle tickets at 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 \$9,000. Special Olympics is the only philanthropic endeavor supported by law enforcement agencies across Illinois.

Police Department plans summer full of activities

ROCKIN' WITH THE COPS

When: 7 to 10 p.m. July 30, 2005

Where: Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center Who: Youth in grades 4-8 as of 2004/05 school year

This event is again in conjunction with a grant from the LLEBG (Local Law Enforcement Block Grant—Cook County) and is limited to the first 250 youth who turn in their waiver/permission forms; no forms will be accepted at the event.

This event is limited to the first 250 Waiver/Permission forms received. No Waiver/Permission forms will be accepted at the front door of this event. Forms can be picked up and dropped off at both the Main Police Department, 255 W. Dundee Road, and the Resource Center, 99 Wolf Road. Deadline for turning forms in is Friday, July 22.

This Event will consist of the following: D/J
Swimming, Volleyball, etc..
Snacks
K- 9 Demonstration
Raffle Prizes

Any questions please call Officer Scott Laverd of the Wheeling Police Department—Crime Prevention Unit at (847)459-2994.

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

When: 9 a.m. to noon August 6, 13, 20, 27 & September 10, 2005 Where: Wheeling Police Department, 255 W. Dundee Road

What: The Wheeling Youth Police Academy exposes youths to the rigors of police work and educates them on the day-to-day workings of the police department. Some of the topics that will be covered include: becoming a police officer, facilities tour, firearm training, traffic and DUI education, bike course, evidence collection, K-9 unit and gang graffiti.

For more information, contact Sgt. Pete Panagakis at 847-459-2993.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

When: 7 to 9:30 p.m. August 11, 18, 25 & September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Where: Wheeling Police Department, 255 W. Dundee Road

What: The Academy is designed to increase understanding between citizens and the police through education. Our intent is to acquaint citizens with law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system, and to provide increased understanding of the tasks police officers face in their daily work. With better understanding, it becomes easier for police and citizens to find realistic solutions to neighborhood problems.

The initial session will include an introduction, an orientation and presentation on the history and organization of the Wheeling Police Department. In the weeks that follow, topics will include information on specific department units, including patrol, Traffic, Crime Prevention/Community Relations, Forensic Evidence and investigations. Law enforcement issues that will be discussed include domestic violence, child abuse, use of force, criminal law, major crimes and community policing.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Wheeling will be celebrating National Night Out from 6 to 9 p.m. August 2, 2005. Any neighborhoods wishing to participate should contact Community Service Officer Veronica Salazar at 847-459-2679.

IDOT honors police personnel for DUI enforcement

Twelve members of the Wheeling Police Department were recently recognized by the Illinois Department of Transporation for their efforts in DUI (Driving Under the Influence) enforcement. The individuals were responsible for 750 DUI arrests last year. The Village of Wheeling applauds and thanks the following individuals for their outstanding service and professionalism:

Sergeant Michael Porzycki

Officer Staci Treiber

Officer Jeremy Hoffman

Officer Christopher Kanches

Officer Steven Chmiel

Officer Richard Herdus, Jr.

Officer Dennis Bulanda

Officer John Abbio

Officer Joseph Dawson

Officer James Elwart

Officer Christopher Rogers

Officer James Borchardt

Citizen Patrol Group receives volunteer award

The Wheeling Citizen Patrol
Group was recently awarded the
President's Volunteer Service
Award by the President's
Council on Service and Civic



Participation. The award, established in 2003 by President George W. Bush, is presented to individuals, groups and families who have met or exceed requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering.

"The Citizen Patrol Group is invaluable in helping keep our streets and neighborhoods safe," said Village President Greg Klatecki. "The efforts are usually behind-the-scenes, so it is nice that they have been recognized by the President of the United States and his Council on Service and Civic Participation."

The Group amassed more than 2,000 volunteer hours in 2004.

The Village of Wheeling congratulates the Wheeling High School Class of 2005and salutes them on their accomplishments.

The Village of Wheeling recognizes and applauds the efforts of the Class of 2005 and the instructors who guided you to the doorway of your next step in life. Even at the risk of inadvertently omitting a team, club, group, individual, etc. that excelled, we offer a list of exceptional achievers we are proud to call our own. Again, congratulations and good luck in your respective futures.

Athletic achievements

- •NJROTC: Distinguished Unit with honors, fifth consecutive year
- •Boys swimming: School record, 200 Freestyle Relay (Bernard Gajos, Mike Nauert, Bill Murphy, Oliver Smidt)
- •Boys swimming: School record, 400 Freestyle Relay (Bill Murphy, Mike Nauert, Mike Blatter, Oliver Smidt)
- •Girls cross country: regional champions; division champions; 12th place at state
- •Girls basketball: regional champions & sets record for most wins in school history
- •Wrestling: regional champions; four state qualifiers
- •Girls volleyball: regional champions & sets record for most wins in school history
- •Girls water polo: division champions
- ·Boys water polo: division champions
- •Girls badminton: division champions; four state qualifiers
- Jessica Morgenthal (cross country): all-state; full scholarship to Loyola University
- Gada Qafisheh (cross country): full scholarship to Loyola University
- Jaime Smith (wrestling): second place at state
- Ingrid Hanson-Tuntland (volleyball): All-Area; full scholarship to University of North Carolina
- Monique Houston (volleyball): All-Area; full scholarship to Western Illinois University
- Alex Washington (basketball): All-Area
- Jessica Graham (volleyball): All-Area
- Art Norwood (indoor track): 6.3-second 55-meter dash
- Jeff Rifkin (diving): conference champion

Special Olympics

- Volleyball: state championship gold and bronze medals
- Floor hockey: silver medal
- Girls Basketball: bronze medal
- Five athletes qualified for state Winter Games
- 17 athletes qualified for state Summer Games

Academic achievements

- Latino Club: first place, Cinco de Mayo College Bowl Competition
- Accounting team: first place, Harper College competition
- Wildstang Robotics team: Midwest Regional Champions; Xerox Creativity Award; Regional Chairman's Award
- Congressional Debate: IHSA Congressional Debate State Champions.

- Aki Nikolaidis, Eric Steckling: All-State Team, IHSA Congressional Debate tourney
- ·Aki Nikolaidis, Eric Steckling, David Silvers: ICDA All-State team
- ·Aki Nikolaidis: Qualifier for National Forensic League
- •61 Illinois State Scholars
- Megan Koop, Moses Lee, Yana Myaskovskaya, Aki Nikolaidis, Sara Poirier, David Silvers: National Merit Commended Scholars
- Sara Poirier: 2005 Daily Herald All-Area Academic Team, honorable mention

The Arts

- Spokesman Newspaper: Golden Eagle Award, NISPA
- •Lair Yearbook: 2004 All-American award with four marks of distinction, National Scholastic Press Association; Golden Eagle Award, NISPA
- •Jazz Band I: Division I rating, second place in class Northshore Jazz Festival; division I rating, Jazz in the Meadows festival
- •Jazz Band II: Division I rating, second place in class Northshore Jazz Festival
- •Jazz Combo: Division I rating, Jazz in the Meadows festival
- •Marching Band: Best Winds, Best Drum Majors, First Place Field Show Class AA, Grand Champion St. Rita Marching Band Festival; Best Music, Best Drum Majors, Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, First Place Parade, First Place Field Show, Grand Champions Marengo Settler's Days Parade and Field Show Competition
- •Orchesis: Piece selected as part of Dance Chicago New Dances Concert at the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance National Dance Gala
- Yelena Kart: National Journalism Education Association Write-Off Award
- Ben Burker Richard Calisch Award for Excellence in the Arts; National Winner, review columns category — American Society of Newspaper Editors/Quill & Scroll 2005 International Writing and Photo Contest
- Rachel Glover: IMEA All-State Orchestra
- Stephanie Melinyshyn: IMEA All-State Honors Orchestra
- Sarah Park: All-State Honors Choir; nominee to perform at Best of 214 retiree luncheon
- Kristin Johnson: First Place in photography, Great Frame Up art show
- David Drake: First Place in graphic design, Great Frame Up art show
- David Drower: Nominated to perform at Best of 214 retiree luncheon
- Stephanie Soto: Second Place in 2-D, Harper College Art Exhibition
- Michal Rzepecki: First Place in 3-D, Harper College Art Exhibition
- Sandra Clarke: Yearbook All-American Award, editor-in-chief



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

The Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling announces the following program that will be offered to area senior citizens. Anyone 55-years or older is welcome to join the activities or volunteer services to assist or share talents with others.

Pavilion 20th Anniversary Celebration

Our very special annual "Anniversary Celebration" of the Pavilion Senior Center will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 18th. In honor of 20 years of service and camaraderie that seniors have experienced at the Pavilion, we wish to celebrate this occasion in style. Memories and friendships will be renewed along with a dessert reception and superb entertainment by cellist, Larissa Kozlova and Cat Catalani, singer of familiar songs "Gershwin to Now!---Favorites from the 1930s to Today". They will delight us with their unusual talents and you certainly won't want to miss this lovely memorable affair.

Community Paint-A-Thon

The Community Paint-A-Thon is a unique partnership designed to paint the exteriors of homes owned and occupied by persons with limited financial resources, who are at least 60 year of age or older, or those who have a permanent disability and unable to do the work themselves. This project utilizes the support of many volunteers and community organization to complete the task on one day which is scheduled for September 10, 2005.

In order to qualify, the household income is not to exceed \$30,000 per year. Applications are available from local Senior Centers, Township Offices or by contacting Catholic Charities in Arlington Heights at 847-253-5500. Deadline date for receiving completed applications is July 1, 2005.

Volunteers needed: If any individual or company would like to volunteer to paint for the event, contact the Volunteer Center at Northwest Suburban Chicago at 847-228-1320. Both skilled and unskilled painters are welcome to participate. Help is needed to allow this wonderful program to continue to serve our senior and disabled residents who are so appreciative of a helping hand and a fresh coat of paint!

Village recognizes Elder Abuse Month, sponsors educational programs

(Information provided by Jan Christiansen, Social Worker)

Elder abuse in our Village?

Adult children should not be naive about the prevalence of elder abuse, both financial and physical, that takes place everyday in our society.

The Village of Wheeling is strongly committed to preventing the abuse of the elderly, and to vigorously prosecuting those who commit these crimes. If you suspect elder abuse, you should report it immediately to both the Wheeling Police Department, 847-459-2632, and to Catholic Charities, 847-253-5500.

In the same way that child abuse was once viewed, this is a crime most people don't like to think about, much less confront; and, it is one few law-enforcement agencies are equipped to deal with.

For a certain segment of the criminal population, the elderly are prime targets because they are often physically weak, trusting and often are to shamed to tell anyone when they have been victimized. Thus, there are many out there who view them as the easiest marks for swindles, rip-offs and worse.

Elder abuse actually encompasses a much broader range of activity than financial scams, and includes physical abuse, sexual & mental mistreatment, neglect, self-neglect, exploitation and abandonment. It is also a sad fact that family members commit that majority of elder abuse crimes.

Keep in mind that as an adult child, you bear some responsibility for being alert to the signs of elder abuse, especially if you hold a power-of-attorney or other position of authority.

Programs:

Elder Abuse and Neglect - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. July 14 - Pavilion Senior Center - Jan Christiansen, social worker, will discuss the incidences of elder abuse and neglect, awareness of the range and breadth of various types of elder abuse, signs and symptoms and reporting elder abuse and neglect

Domestic Violence and the Elderly - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. July 28 - Pavilion Senior Center - Shari Huizar and Angela Burrell, Wheeling Police Department Social Service Unit, will be presenting this program that focuses on signs and symptoms of domestic violence, assistance for families and legal issues.

The Village of Wheeling will be hosting a blood drive July 13, 2005 at the Fire Station on Dundee Road adjacent to the Village Hall. The drive will run from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

There will be a chance for all donors to win gift certificates to such area restaurants as Bob Chinn's CrabHouse, Hackney's in Wheeling or Don Roth's. In addition, everyone participating in the drive will receive a coupon for pizza from Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza in Wheeling.

If you have not yet made an appointment to stop in, there is still time to contact Beverly Slaby at (847) 459-2620 or e-mail her at bslaby@vi.wheeling.il.us. to do so. Appointments are greatly appreciated and aid us in anticipated the number of people that will attend so that we can properly staff the event. It also helps us to try and prevent too many people from showing up at the same time.

If you are not able to set an appointment, walk-in donors are always accepted and appreciated.

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.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

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



Fitting Dedication

Route 83 in Wheeling was formally dedicated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway during a Memorial Day Ceremony. The Wheeling Garden Club and AMVETS Post 66 worked together on the project which honors all veterans - past, present and future.

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Non-emergency Police	847-459-2632
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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 Board implements real estate transfer certificate requirement

The Village Board recently voted to implement a Real Estate Transfer Certificate Program that affects all transfers of ownership in real estate located within Wheeling. This program goes into affect August 1, 2005. Essentially, the certificate ensures all water, sewer and garbage disposal fees have been paid prior to closing. Certificate applications will be available on the Village website, www.vi.wheeling.il.us, at Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road or can be mailed or faxed by calling 847-459-2600. There is no fee for this certificate, however applications must be received seven business days prior to closing to ensure it can be processed. The Village will notify the county recorder of deeds, title companies and real estate organizations of this new requirement. For more information, contact Michael Mondschain, Director of Finance, at 847-459-2600.

> Well see you at the Freedom Fest July 3 & 4....remember your shades!



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