

Village Views

Wheeling, IL

March/April 2007

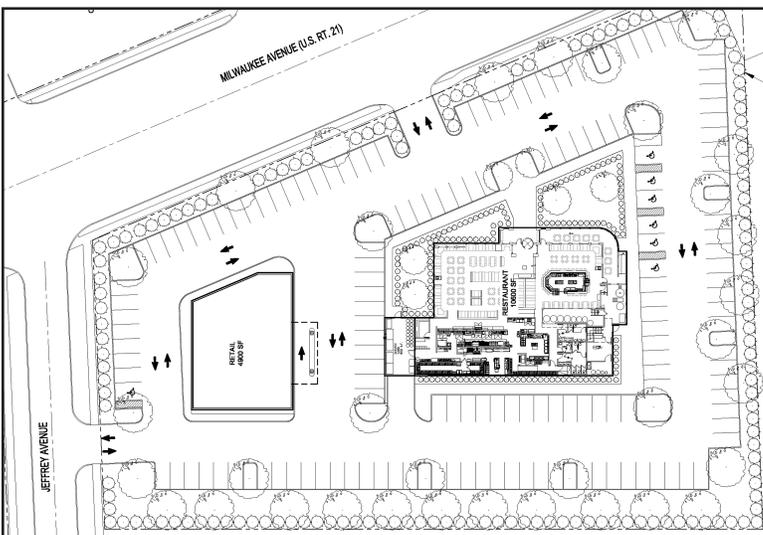


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Village landscape continues to change

The face of the Village of Wheeling continues to change as Board-approved developments from 2005 and 2006 begin to open their doors and new developments are announced. T.G.I. Friday's welcomed its first guests in late February and quickly showed why they are one of the most popular family-friendly restaurants in the country. Friday's is one part of the Schwind Crossings development at Weiland and Lake-Cook Roads anchored by Staples and is still being leased out. The Board also approved a development agreement with global real estate and development firm, NAI Hiffman to develop 434 & 476 S. Milwaukee Ave. (parcel north of Tuscany). Although names of the users cannot be published yet, final approval remains with the Board. "We are extremely excited to be working with NAI Hiffman on this project,"



"We are extremely excited to be working with NAI Hiffman on this project," said James Lang, Economic Development Director. "They know the vision and direction both staff and the Board have for the Village and they are another first-class organization that wants to be a part of the development that is encompassing the Village right now."

The Oakbrook Promenade is among NAI Hiffman's recent projects.

(Top) T.G.I. Friday's joins Staples, Fifth-Third Bank, Verizon Wireless and Potbelly Sandwich Works at Schwind Crossings, Lake Cook and Weiland Roads. (Below) The landscape of Milwaukee Ave. will change again with the development of the parcel north of Tuscany scheduled to begin in 2007. The Board of trustees approved a development agreement with NAI Hiffman in late January to develop the site.

Chapter 5.47 of the Wheeling Municipal code entitled Smoking in Public Places Prohibition

- ⊘ The smoking ordinance goes into effect on March 1, 2007.
- ⊘ The ordinance prohibits smoking in public places, which means any area that is open to and used by the general public. This includes but not limited to all areas of offices, commercial and industrial buildings, health care facilities, banks, libraries, educational facilities, cafeterias, theaters, seating areas of sports events, food stores, and the common areas of apartment and condominium buildings.
- ⊘ The ordinance prohibits smoking in all places of employment. This includes any area of the business such as common work areas, private offices, auditoriums, classrooms conference and meeting rooms, elevators, employee lounges, hallways, stairs and restrooms.
- ⊘ Smoking will be allowed in bars, bowling alleys, pool halls, retail tobacco stores and private clubs. Smoking will only be allowed in the bar area of a restaurant. Restaurants will be required to provide a separate non-smoking dining area. Restaurants without bars will be designated as non-smoking facilities.
- ⊘ Smoking is prohibited within fifteen (15) feet of any entrance or window of a public place or place of employment and also within fifteen (15) feet of any outdoor eating establishment.
- ⊘ “No Smoking” signs must be posted in areas where smoking is prohibited.

IMPROPER HOME REMODELING CAN BE COSTLY & POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS

By Fire Chief Keith MacIsaac

On December 22, 2006, a member of my family went to prepare some lunch in the microwave in our home. At the same time, they went to obtain some ice using the automatic ice maker in the door of the refrigerator that is located on the opposite side of the kitchen from the microwave. Almost instantaneously, the ice maker stopped working, as well as the microwave. A quick assessment showed that only these 2 appliances had stopped working and everything else in the kitchen, including all the lighting, continued to work. While we had never experienced this problem before, we assumed that it would be a simple fix by resetting a tripped circuit breaker. A check of the circuit breakers revealed that none had tripped and there was no apparent cause for the electrical outage.

Over the next hour, I checked all of the items that I could think of, including possible damaged outlets and appliance plugs, but with no success. I finally called the Village of Wheeling Building Department and a representative whom I know, provided me with some suggestions of other things to check and stopped by to see for himself and offer me advice. After another 15 minutes of investigation, it was apparent that this problem warranted a professional electrician to solve and I contacted a local electrician who came out later that same day.

After almost 3 hours and tracing every electrical circuit in my kitchen with 2 professional electricians, it was found that a kitchen remodeling project performed by the previous homeowner many years before had set the stage for the events that had occurred. A combination of improper wiring, attempting to run too many electrical circuits within the same conduit and junction boxes, and poor wire connections had led to a small fire in a junction box in the basement of our home. The weakest link – an improperly secured wire nut used to connect 2 pieces of wire. The fire self-extinguished itself and the damage was confined to the contents of the junction box and the electrical circuits passing through that particular junction box. We had not smelled the smoke from the fire, since the involved junction box was contained within a small closet used to conceal the sump pump pit in the basement.

The original quantity of smoke was too small to activate the smoke detector in the basement. Since the electricity never directly shorted to ground, the circuit breaker never activated. Fortunately, the wires separated were a wire connection burned away causing the flow of electricity to stop. Otherwise, the situation could have become much worse. After properly rewiring the damaged circuits, our home was back to “normal”.



Point of origin of the electrical problem. Remains of melted plastic wire nut, fused wiring, and damaged wire insulation.

This personal incident highlights several points I felt everyone could benefit from:

1. Whenever remodeling is performed, a Village of Wheeling building permit is required. Had permits been obtained years ago by the previous homeowner and the proper inspections performed by the Village of Wheeling, the poor electrical installation would have been caught and not allowed in the first place.
2. Critical repairs involving electrical, plumbing, heating/air conditioning, and structural components should only be accomplished by trained, licensed professionals in conformance with the adopted codes and standards of the Village of Wheeling. Know the limits of your knowledge and recognize when the problem needs someone with much more training and experience than you. There are many such professionals within the community capable of helping you and your family, when needed.
3. Make sure the circuit breaker panel in you home is clearly and completely marked. It makes checking circuit breakers quicker and easier when something does go wrong. Several of our circuit breakers were not clearly marked and resulted in delays in figuring out which electrical circuit went to which outlet in the kitchen.
4. The Village of Wheeling Building Department is a wonderful resource to consult when you are not sure what is necessary for completing a safe home remodeling project. Or as in my case, what is the best way to correct a home remodeling project that has gone wrong. The Wheeling Building Department is located on the back side of the Wickes Building at 111 S. Northgate Parkway. They can be reached Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at (847) 459-2620.

Protection From Identity Theft

The Wheeling Police Department continues its battle cry to residents to actively protect themselves from the looming specter of Identity Theft, the fastest growing crime in America.

Safeguarding and shredding personal information, checking credit reports at least 3 times per year and protecting one's social security number from prying eyes are all tried and true methods of reducing the risk, but sometimes that's not enough. Now there's a secret weapon available: the Illinois legislature is arming residents by allowing them to place a security freeze on their credit reports.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office has put out the following information in a document available to any Illinois resident: "As of January 1, 2007, any consumer in Illinois may place a security freeze on his or her credit report by requesting one in writing by certified mail to the credit reporting agency. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the credit reporting agency from releasing the consumer's credit report or any information from it without the express authorization of the consumer."

"The credit reporting agency may charge up to \$10 for each placing, removing or temporary lifting of a security freeze. Senior citizens 65 years of age and older will not be charged to place or permanently lift the security freeze, but may be charged up to \$10 for each temporary lifting of a security freeze."

Credit Freeze information can be obtained online from the office of the Illinois Attorney General's office at <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/> or by phone at (312) 814-3000. In addition, please feel free to contact the Wheeling Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 847-459-2994 with any questions.



Youth Police Academy

Modeled after our successful Citizens' Police Academy, the Youth Police Academy is an educational program designed to give students in grades 5-7 an inside view of how their police department works. The program will be a combination of classroom and practical exercises, with an emphasis on police issues pertinent to young people. The academy is scheduled to meet Saturdays, from March 10th through April 7th (no class April 7th), 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Please contact Officer Abbio for information on attending at 847-459-2679.

Adult RAD Classes

Although the R.A.D. program is not a Martial Arts program, it consists of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. Adult R.A.D. courses are only offered to female village residents, at no cost. The training begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance and finally progresses on to the basics of hands-on defense training. The courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. Instructors. There is also a Kids RAD program that is open to both boys and girls, ages 8-11 (also free of charge). Classes meet at different times of the year, so please contact Sgt. Panagakis with any questions at 847-459-2649.

Rockinm With The Cops

is a youth outreach event limited to current Wheeling DARE students. This free event gives DARE students an opportunity to see their local police officers "letting it all hang out" and having fun with the kids.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 14th from 7:30pm to 10:00pm at the Park District Indoor facility, located at 333 W. Dundee Rd. There will be a Police Department DJ, a K-9 demonstration, food and drinks, swimming, volleyball and raffle prizes.

The event is limited to the first 250 waiver/permission forms received. Waiver/permission forms will be passed out in class and must be turned in to the student's DARE Officer or class teacher no later than Friday, April 6th, 2007. Please contact Officer Laverd with any questions at 847-459-2994.





CONSOLIDATED ELECTION IS APRIL 17, 2007

27 days preceding an election we are not allowed to do voter registration. Therefore this notice is to inform the resident they have until March 20, 2007 to register to vote if they have not already done so. You may come to our village hall, or any hall in Cook County to register. If you work downtown you may also register at 69 W. Washington on the 5th floor. Any questions call 847-459-2600.

You will only be able to Absentee vote or Early vote at 26 precincts plus the court houses. The Village of Wheeling is not one of the absentee voting places.

Trustee Judy Abruscato, Trustee Robert Heer & Trustee Pat Horcher are up for re-election.

News You Can Use

Pace Suburban Bus Route 272 Golf Mill-Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorne-Milw Ave

Provides weekday and Saturday service between Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles and Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorn in Vernon Hills via Wheeling along Milwaukee Ave. Regular stops along this route included the restaurants along Restaurant Row and Chicago Executive Airport. This route makes select weekday trips to businesses in Lincolnshire, Busch Parkway, Hewitt, the Corporate Woods Parkway and the Buffalo Grove Metra Station. For more information log on to www.pacebus.com

Wheeling Community Blood Drive

The Village of Wheeling will be hosting a blood drive March 14, 2007 at the Fire Station on Dundee Road adjacent to the Village Hall. The drive will run from 1:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

You may not truly realize it when you make your donation, but the blood you give today will be there to help someone's life tomorrow. In turn, if you ever require blood transfusions at some time in your life (and 50% of us will), it will be there for you because someone donated to save yours.

Appointments are greatly appreciated for our blood drive. Appointments start at 2:00 p.m. For appointments please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847-459-2621 or email her at bslaby@vi.wheeling.il.us. Walk-ins are always welcomed! We look forward to seeing you at our blood drive.



Mark your calendars!
The 2007 Wheeling Blood Drives will be held on...
March 14th
July 11th
November 14th



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

The Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling announces the following programs to 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.

SENIOR TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP volunteers will again provide tax assistance for seniors 55 and older at the Pavilion Senior Center on Wednesdays and Harper NEC Center on Mondays from 9:00-11:00am. E-filing and paper returns will be available. This service will extend through April 11th. You must register for an appointment so please call the Pavilion to select your income tax site and date.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Wednesdays, March 7th and March 14th from 9:00am-1:00pm. Om Johari of AARP will present the two-day, four hour per session program on defensive driving. Successful completion will make you eligible for rate reduction on your car insurance depending upon your insurance carrier. Pre-registration is required. \$10 per person in advance, checks payable to AARP and sent to the Pavilion Senior Center to guarantee your place in the class. Please call 847-459-2670.

SENIOR NET COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration for SeniorNet Computer – Session II classes is scheduled for March. Classes will start in April. The class fee is \$35.00 which includes all class materials. For information regarding early registration call 847-459-2666 ext. 4131.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the "Wearin' of the Green" on the day that everyone becomes just a little bit Irish. This year the senior center is celebrating the event on Saturday, March 17th, 11:30am @ the Pavilion. A succulent corned beef and cabbage luncheon with all the trimmings will be consumed at 12:00pm followed by fantastic Irish entertainment. Steve Carson, singer, musician & humorist will delight the audience with his interpretation of Irish music and audience participation. The cost is \$9.00/member and \$14.00/non-member.

HIGH TEA WITH GERRI

An authentic Victorian High Tea is a truly elaborate and elegant event. Our hostess, Gerri, will dress in full Victorian costume and invite us to her home for a feast of the senses complete with the soothing sounds of classical music filling the air. Glistening silver teapots, fine china, Victorian silver and lovely, vintage linens are all part of this visually delightful experience. Tantalizingly displayed traditional finger sandwiches, mouth-watering tea scones with Devonshire cream and jams, delectable homemade pies, breads, and an assortment of petit fours and pastries are all surrounded by exquisite flower arrangements. Join us for an unforgettable elegant afternoon on Wednesday, April 11 from 1:00-5:00pm. Fee: \$30; Code: 3825.

SUPER SENIOR DAY

Thursday, April 12th, 9:30am-2:30pm, the "Secretary of State's Mobile Driver Facility and the Department of Senior and Community Services" will conduct a "Rules of the Road" class 10:00am-Noon. Vision Testing will be available consistently from 9:30am-2:30pm the same day. If you are in need of an Illinois State ID, you may apply for it between the hours of 9:30am-2:30pm. Drivers between the ages of 65 and 86 may renew their drivers' licenses up to 12 months prior to their expiration dates. Drivers 87 and older can renew up to six months prior to their expiration dates. All drivers age 75 and older are required to take a road test to renew their licenses and must visit a Secretary of State Driver Service facility. This opportunity is afforded all seniors without charge for ONE DAY ONLY.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

Our Pavilion volunteers are very special to us and appreciated for all they do to keep the senior center active and pleasant for everyone. A special "Thank You" to each of them will be celebrated in April. After a sumptuous luncheon, the "Mello-Tones" will provide a musical program performed in four part harmony by a mixed chorus of senior citizens. This event is by special invitation and will be co-sponsored by "Right at Home Senior Care".

CHICAGO FOOD TRIP & LUNCHEON

This narrated trip on April 26th from 9:00am-5:00pm, features the historic Chicago food operations including produce, stockyard, grain elevator areas, Fulton Avenue fish and meat markets, and the Randolph Street and South Water Market wholesale produce districts. We also will visit the Board of Trade. Lunch will be at Manny's, an historic deli-style cafeteria. Our trip will conclude at Elis's Cheesecake World for dessert and an opportunity to purchase cakes at a discount. The Fee: \$45 includes the narrated bus tour, visits to all the operations, and a slice of cheesecake and coffee. Lunch will be on your own. Participants must be 18 years or older. Code: 3816.

WANTED!!!

50TH plus (Golden Anniversary) Celebrants. If you have been united in marriage during 1957 or earlier, you are eligible for an invitation to our sixth annual party to be held for couples in June. Family, friends and neighbors may submit names of couples to Lucille Kozanecki, 847-459-2670 as soon as possible to receive an invitation.

90 Plus Birthday Celebrants Wanted. If you are 90 years of age (born 1917 or earlier) and would like to participate in our Annual Over 90th Birthday Party during the month of July, please contact Lucille at the Pavilion for an invitation.

This year each party celebration will be held separately. Be sure to plan either June for Golden Anniversary celebrants or July for 90 Plus Birthday party.

Engineering Department announces 2007 projects

It is anticipated that the Village's Contractors will be starting work this spring on the 2007 Water Main Replacement Program, the 2007 MFT Street Improvement Program, the Wheeling Road Pavement Patching Maintenance Project, the 2007 New Sidewalk Program, the 2007 Street Light Replacement Program, and the 2007 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program.

The water main replacement program will be in the Hollywood Ridge Subdivision in 2007. The work includes replacement of existing 8-inch diameter thin-wall cast iron water mains with 10-inch diameter ductile iron water mains. Additionally, new 1 ft inch service lines will be provided to every residential water user on the project. Affected residents are those residing on the following street: All of Valley Stream Drive to include the two cul-de-sacs is scheduled for this year's program.

2007 MFT Street Improvement Program: the Street Program typically includes the milling and overlaying of pavement surfaces, removal and replacement of deteriorated and broken concrete curb and gutter, repair and adjustment of drainage structures, pavement patching, etc.

The Village is also looking to undertake concrete pavement patching and repair work on Wheeling Road, from Palatine Road to Hintz Road. This project will necessitate lane closures of one lane in each direction during the course of this construction work.

New sidewalk construction is planned on Hintz Road from the River Mills Subdivision to Milwaukee Avenue; Highland Avenue from Holmes Junior High to Wheeling Avenue; and 9th Street south of Strong Avenue.

The 2007 Street Light Replacement Program is planned for the streets in the Capital Commerce Center and Messner Drive. This year's program involves the removal and replacement of 20 old concrete and/or shoebox style streetlight poles with the Village's standard aluminum streetlight poles as well as replacement of the old, failing, aluminum direct bury wiring with copper wiring enclosed in a unit-duct raceway.

The 2007 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program to replace existing defective sidewalk squares and reduce potential of trip hazards is scheduled to commence this Spring. Staff is currently compiling a list of locations that qualify for this work. This is an ongoing project done on an annual basis where the Village removes and replaces sidewalk squares. This year's budget for this project is \$150,000. Areas not addressed in 2007 because of funding may be added to the 2008 program. If you feel that you have a public sidewalk that is in need of repair, please call the Engineering Department at (847) 459-2985 and give us your address and phone number and we will come out to see if it qualifies for replacement as funding becomes available.

ANNUAL HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Village of Wheeling's Utility Division will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the Village during the months of April and May.

The hydrant flushing is scheduled to commence on April 29th, weather permitting, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. and will continue through May 15th until all portions of the water distribution system have been completed. Flushing is an important preventative maintenance process and is undertaken to remove particulate matter and corrosion from the system. Residents may notice a slightly lower pressure and discoloration of their water throughout the duration of the program; however, the water will be completely safe to drink. Residents are advised to check the color of the water before beginning laundry in order to prevent any staining.

Signs will be posted through out the village while hydrant flushing is underway.

Should any citizen have concerns regarding the flushing program they may contact the Department of Public Works at 847-229-4600 or Steve Morris, Utility Superintendent, at 847-229-4809, weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
233 WEST HINTZ ROAD
WHEELING, ILLINOIS 60090-2676
(847) 229-4600 • FAX (847) 541-1678



Waste Management will begin picking up yard waste on April 1st and will continue to November 30th on your regular pick up day. Yard waste must be placed in a biodegradable Kraft paper bag (maximum 33 gallons and 45 lbs) or in a container clearly marked with a red "X". Yard waste collection services (except Christmas trees) are not provided to condominium and townhome units. Bundled brush is collected at no additional charge. The bundles must be tied with biodegradable twine or string in distinct piles that are no longer than 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and weighing no more than 45lbs with no individual branch being greater than 3" in diameter.

Safe Babies, Safe Place, Safe Haven

The Wheeling Police and Fire Departments have posted signs at the entrances to their buildings to remind residents of the Safe Haven Law. Under this law, and the abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act, a parent may give up a newborn infant, not any older than 7 days old, to an employee of a staffed Police Station, Fire Station, Hospital or Emergency Medical Facility. Provided the baby is not abused, the parent may remain anonymous, is free to leave at any time, and will not be prosecuted.

The Wheeling Police and Fire Departments have had training regarding this law and procedures are in place to insure the safety and placement of the newborn. If residents have any questions please feel free to call the Social Services Unit at the Wheeling Police Department at 847-459-2640



**Speak
Out**

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

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

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 -
 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Village Board Workshop-
 3rd Monday of the month

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 every fourth month, 7:15 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom.
 Jan. 2, May 1, Sept. 4

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

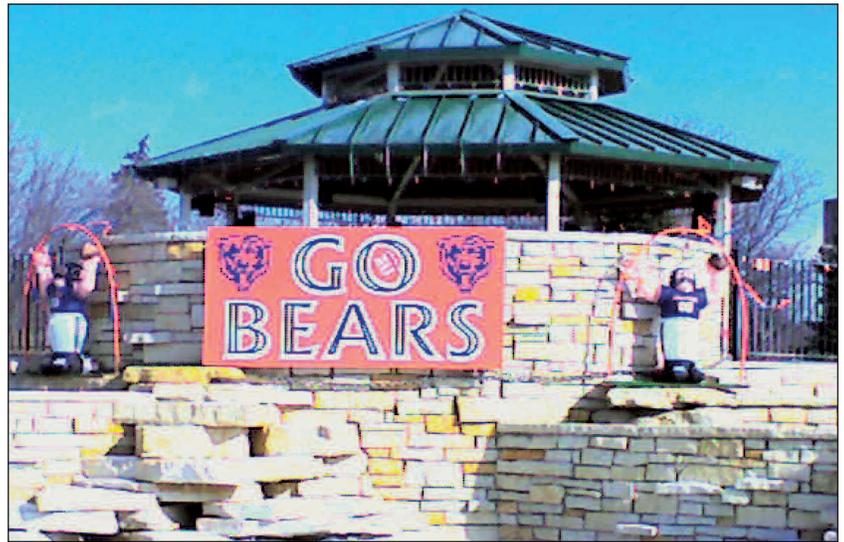
Chicago Executive Airport-
 3rd Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road.

Beat Meetings -
 East Meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
 West Meeting will be the 4th Wednesday of each month.

So Close.... Congratulations Bears on a Great 2006 Season

Much like the rest of the Chicagoland area, the Village of Wheeling had a bad case of Bears Fever as the 'Monsters of the Midway' captured the National Football Conference Championship and booked their flights to Miami.

Friendship Park, the Village's popular fountain located at Milwaukee and Dundee, became Bearsville as the Public Works Department decked it out in blue and orange, signage and some slightly smaller, inflatable versions of the champs. "The Board wanted to show our support for the Bears and we had just finished packing away the holiday decorations so we thought it would be nice to decorate one of the focal points in town," said Public Works Director Chuck Spratt. One local resident had a front-row seat for the Super Bowl but appreciated the local support nonetheless. "Going to the Super Bowl was awesome, a lifelong dream," said Wheeling resident and Chicago Bear Jamar Williams. "It was definitely cool to drive around the town I live in and see how the fans really supported us; hopefully, next year will have a different ending.



Sites across the Village like Friendship Park and the Chicago Westin North Shore proclaimed what everyone was saying leading up to Super Bowl XLI, 'Go Bears!'

Village of Wheeling

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847-459-2600 ~ TDD 847-459-2987
www.vi.wheeling.il.us

Fire/Police/Paramedics

Non-emergency Fire	847-459-2662
Non-emergency Police	847-459-2632
Community Development	847-459-2620
Economic Development	847-403-4467
Pavilion Senior Center	847-459-2670
Public Works	847-229-4600
Water Billing	847-459-2607
Code Enforcement Hotline	847-459-CODE
Chicago Executive Airport Noise Hotline	847-537-2580, ext. 159
Village President Greg Klatecki	847-459-2988
Village Clerk Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
Village Manager Mark Rooney	847-459-2606

911

Trustees

Judy Abruscato: 847-541-8783	Robert Heer: 847-541-4274
Dean Argiris: 847-845-6990	Michael Horcher: 847-541-3276
Ken Brady: 847-537-8642	Patrick Horcher: 847-331-4234

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