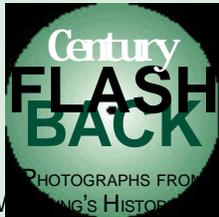


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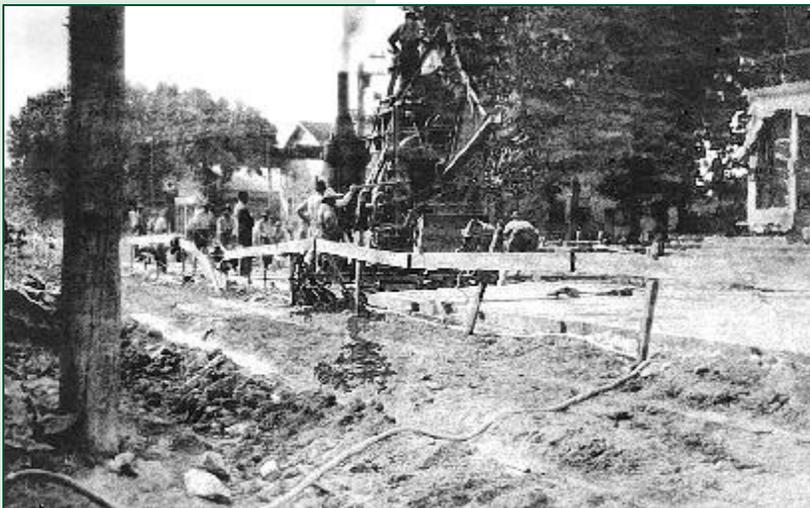
WHEELING, ILLINOIS

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They Paved with Steam Rollers

The repaving of Milwaukee Ave. in 1996-98 wasn't the first time traffic was disrupted in that area due to construction. The first time was in 1917. When this picture was taken, near Dundee Rd. facing south, construction had proceeded from the Village of Niles. The project was not fully completed until 1925, when the newly paved highway finally stretched all the way to Milwaukee. The building at right is Wenzlaff's Restaurant, one of two owned by a local family on Milwaukee Ave., and an early portent of what was to come along Restaurant Row.



(Photo courtesy of Wheeling Historical Museum.)

Activities Mark Environmental Awareness Month in April

April has become "environmental-everything month." Getting an early start on spring spruce-up, the Village of Wheeling will resume yard-waste pickup on March 18. This program stands next to the long-standing recycling effort as one of the Village's contributions to the earth.

Additional Recycling Bins Available

Residents of single-family homes can obtain recycling bins from the Public Works Department. Residents are entitled to two free bins and may purchase additional bins for \$6.50.

The Village recently acquired 75 wheel sets that can be attached to the recycling bins for easier handling. Also available from Public Works on a first-come basis, they cost \$7.50 each. A previous offering of wheel sets sold out, prompting reorder.

For anyone interested in recycling but not otherwise eligible for recycling bins, the Village maintains several large dumpsters in the parking lot behind the main fire station on Dundee Rd. Newspapers, magazines, cans, bottles and various types of plastic, such as milk jugs, are accepted. The recycling point is available around the clock.



Series of Events Planned

Chicago Earth Month 2000 will sponsor a series of weekly events throughout April to focus on the "state of the Earth." Earth Month 2000 is a coalition of 130 area nonprofit organizations in the six counties of the Chicago area and two counties in northwest Indiana. Each organization has added its expertise to specific areas of cleansing and preserving the Earth.

April 22 will commemorate the 30th anniversary of Earth Day. The event will be marked in every state and many countries of the world. A broad range of activities is planned.

Arbor Day will be saluted this year on April 28. Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and tree care. The Village of

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Shooing Off Those Doggone Birds

There are no Frisbees in Ani's life. Or toys. Or frolics in the park. Her life is filled with birds—honking geese, squawking ring-billed gulls and miscellaneous hangers-on. Ani is a border collie, a working dog whose job is to keep the winged nuisances away from Palwaukee Airport's runways. And she takes the job seriously.

"We have a young, frisky border collie, Callie, in training at home," said handler Vivi McCurdy. "If she starts playing with a Frisbee, Ani intercepts the pass and glares at Callie. It's like she's thinking 'Playing is not on the schedule.'"

Patrol Twice Daily

McCurdy and Ani patrol the Palwaukee perimeter twice a day, looking for flocks of birds that can make takeoffs and landings dangerous, even deadly. Sometimes the birds land between visits from Ani, prompting an urgent call from the air-control tower for an immediate shooing.

When Ani is unleashed and sees the birds, she drops into a low-crawl, inching toward the flock with a fixed gaze. It takes only one goose to spot Ani's approach and sound the alarm for the rest of the assemblage to

take off in a cacophony of annoyed shrieks. Palwaukee contracts with Migratory Bird Management, a LaGrange, IL-based company which provides the handler-dog teams to public agencies and private companies.

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As almost everyone in the northwest suburbs knows, the



Ani seldom gets closer than this. She only needs to appear on the scene before entire flocks of geese honk skyward.

geese are messy, noisy and, during mating season, highly aggressive. Less well known is the hazard the birds present to aviation.

"We are concerned about the birds," said Palwaukee Manager Fred Stewart. "We've tried various approaches, such as letting the grass grow (birds won't enter tall grass because they can't see predators). We all carry pyrotechnics, such as screamers and bangers to disperse the geese. But the dogs are one of the more effective bird-control methods we've found."

Enter Ani. She's the star of the show when she goes to work, although, thanks to her puppyhood training as a sheepdog, she occasionally becomes confused. Her first job was to round up stray sheep and keep the flock together.

"Sometimes she tries to round up the birds," said McCurdy. "When I call her to move in, she'll stare at me with a look that says, 'What's your problem? I did my job!'"

Chasers not Killers

It takes about two years for a young dog to get the hang of running off birds. Once fully trained, they're chasers, not killers; as working dogs they don't hunt. But their targets are worthy opponents, which learn quickly what's in store for them when the dogs show up.

"I have to park out of sight," said McCurdy. "Those birds figure out in a hurry what's up when they see my van. Sometimes that's enough, but I still bring Ani in case the birds don't get it."

New Garbage Rates Announced

Effective March 1, new monthly rates go into effect for garbage collection through the Village. Please take note.

Single Family Detached:

Solid Waste Removal (Once Per Week) \$4.42

Solid Waste Removal (Twice Per Week) \$4.30 (Additional)

Landscape Waste Collection \$2.69

Recycling Program \$2.96

Multi-Family Curbside:

Solid Waste Removal (Once Per Week) \$3.77

Solid Waste Removal (Twice Per Week) \$3.54 (Additional)

Landscape Waste Collection \$2.69

Recycling Program \$2.96

Multi-Family Common Collection:

Solid Waste Removal \$5.12

Recycling Program (Once Per Week) \$2.96

Recycling Program (Twice Per Week) \$4.44

Economic Development Commission Helps Bring Two New Businesses to Wheeling, Keep a Third

Wheeling's new Economic Development Commission helped attract two new businesses and relocate a third to larger quarters within the Village, Department Director William D. Whittier reports. The transactions involve a natural stone supplier, a direct-mail company and a medical-products manufacturer.

Leading Natural Stone Supplier

One of the nation's leading suppliers of terrazzo and natural stone, Chicago's Terrazzo & Marble Supply Companies, will locate its newest warehouse and showroom in Wheeling at 77 S. Wheeling Road. Terrazzo & Marble Supply will establish its natural stone stocking warehouse in an existing 85,000 square foot facility. Plans are being drawn to create a professionally designed showroom at the site to display an extensive line of products and ideas for both commercial and residential applications.

"We are pleased to welcome Terrazzo & Marble Supply Companies to Wheeling. It is a quality company that started in Chicago 53 years ago. This is an excellent use of the property that will add a new dimension to the business community," said Whittier.

Terrazzo & Marble Supply selected the Wheeling location for its proximity to markets in the Northwest suburbs and the North Shore and Wheeling's efficient transportation system, according to Jeff Dahlberg, General Manager. The company will relocate personnel and inventory from an office in Bensenville.

Direct Mailer Expands

When RSVP Direct, Inc., a full-service print production and mailing services company now located in an 8,000 square-foot facility at 411 N. Wolf Rd., needed space for expansion, the Economic Development Department helped owners Charles de la Chappelle and Antoinette Majka find 31,000 square feet at 431 N. Wolf Rd. The new facility will give RSVP the needed office and manufacturing space for its expanding business. "The location is good for our staff," de la Chappelle said, "and we have developed a good working relationship with the Wheeling post office, which is important in the direct mail business."

"We are ready to work with Wheeling businesses to make it attractive to stay here, whatever they may

need," Whittier said.

Medical Products Maker Moves

Manan Medical Products, one of the Mamon Group of companies and a manufacturer of disposable needle products for health care, will move from Northbrook to the 82,000 square-foot 241 West Palatine Road Building (formerly Peer Bearing).

President Werner Mittermeier said the company needed more space for its 135 employees than the 32,000 square-foot Northbrook location afforded and the Wheeling building was just right. "We wanted a location that would be convenient for our employees," he said.

"The Village looks forward to working with Manan Medical Products during the extensive renovation required for the 'clean room' technology needed for its manufacturing processes," Whittier said.

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Welcome New Businesses, Owners

New Business

Food Team Inc.—J. Patrick O'Grady, 20 W. Dundee Rd., 541-6865, employment agency

French Culinary Experience—Michel Coatrieux, 281 Messner Dr., 215-1931, cooking school

Hertz Corporation—David Marsden, 1011 S. Wolf Rd., 773-686-7272, car rental

Johnson & Rudolph Inc., DBA Olsen Brothers Inc.—Ron Rudolph, 860 Chaddick Dr. #E, 215-7400, moving & storage

Kipertax International Inc.—Leonid Kipershtein, 325 N. Milwaukee Ave. #F, 419-9994, reprographics

Leading Edge Design LLC—Larry Demar, 380 W. Palatine Rd. #5, 215-7766, software development

Penseke Auto Centers Inc.—780 W. Dundee Rd., 541-1200

The P.H.I. Group Inc.—Raymond J. Blasingame, 632 S. Wheeling

Rd., 459-5610, printing business/copy machines

Terrazzo & Marble Supply Co.—Joel Rotondo, 77 S. Wheeling Rd., 353-8000, distributor of natural stone products

Tuscany—Phil Stefani, 550 S. Milwaukee Ave., 465-9988, restaurant

Zodiac Equipment—Frank Seter, 6250 Capitol Dr., 229-1155, cleaning & restoration of electronic equipment

New Owners

RLWKRW Inc., Db a White Hen Pantry—Robert L. Williamson, Pres., 1081 Lake-Cook Rd., 520-4428

Taqueria Alamo Inc.—Santa S. Carranza, 56 & 58 N. Wolf Rd., 808-0188, Mexican quick-serve food

Tripp Bakers Inc.—Greg Goth, 260 Holbrook Dr., 541-7040, wholesale bakery

Appearance Keepers: Wheeling Plan Commission

Sooner or later, anyone who wants to change the appearance of Wheeling will have to visit the Plan Commission. This seven-member board is the first stop for developers, businesses wishing to change their building facades or erect new signs, and the owners and would-be owners of multiple-family housing.

The commissioners are the keepers of the Village facade. As such, they ensure that what residents see will be as attractive as possible, including everything from signs and landscaping to parking lot layouts. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations on special uses within the zoning code. All applications are evaluated against the Comprehensive Master Plan, which stipulates how land is to be developed in the Village.

The Commission's activities are guided by Village Planner Jeff Harris. As staff liaison, Harris helps commissioners carry out the mandate of state guidelines.

The competition for development of Millennium Plaza, at Milwaukee Ave. and Dundee Rd., grew out of ideas conceived by the Plan Commission, as did the banners that fly from the streetlamp standards along Milwaukee Ave.

The Commission spearheaded semiannual cleanup days for the last two years: "Brooms and Blooms" in the spring and "Brooms and Bulbs" in the fall, in which volunteers remove debris and plant flowers in roadway median strips and other public locations.

"We want to expand the 'Welcome to Wheeling' signs program," said Commissioner Dean Argiris, a longtime member who recently became commission chair. "We'd like to see signs with flower boxes at all major entrances to the Village."

The Commission, which met 29 times in 1999, has undertaken an extensive review of the Village Sign Code and expects to present its recommendations to the Board of Trustees in the near future.

Plan Commission volunteers serve staggered three-year terms, meeting the second and fourth Thursdays of every month in the Village Boardroom. In addition to Argiris, Commission members include Ken Brady, Immediate Past Chair; Pam Dorband, Secretary; Terry Steiland, Thomas Van Zeyl; Otis Hedlund; and David Cantwell.



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Census 2000: More Funding Dollars

The U. S. Census Bureau wants everyone to stand up and be counted. The U. S. Constitution requires that a complete census of the American population be conducted every 10 years.

The results of the census will directly affect revenues to the Village of Wheeling for the next decade because tax proceeds from the state and federal governments are based on population. Be sure you and all members of your household are counted.

Representation Based on Census

Future boundaries of electoral districts will be based on the population figures census takers generate in the months ahead. The count also will affect Village revenues. The levels of funding Wheeling Village government receives from the State and Federal governments will be based on information collected in this census.

Significant Village funding sources are affected:

- Income tax – Wheeling currently receives \$2.18 million or \$72.80 for each of the 29,911 recorded residents of the Village.
- Motor fuel tax – generates \$785,000 in revenues for the Village at a rate of \$26.25 per capita.
- Use tax – provides revenues of \$364,000 based on \$12.20 per person in the Village.
- Photo processing tax – generates \$62,800 in revenues for the Village at a rate of \$2.10 per capita.

Based on 1990 census figures, the Village of Wheeling now receives funding totaling more than \$3.39 million.

New Video Cameras Aid Police Safe Communities Program

The video monitor in the upper right reflects a simulated traffic violation. Corporal Mike Rompala. Four Wheeling patrol cars were equipped with \$3,600 video units as part of the Police Department's Safe Communities Program. They are being used to combat aggressive and drunk driving, crosswalk hazards. The patrol officer is also equipped with a video camera. The camera provides a visual record of driver's responses on the videotape. The camera provides a visual record of what happened if a violation winds up in court.

The Count Means for Wheeling

An accurate count in 2000 will ensure that the Village maintains that funding

The actual counting begins April 1, but you will receive the census form before then. The short form takes only about 10 minutes to complete. Most households will receive a questionnaire in the mail from the Census Bureau. Please complete it and return it as soon as possible.

Households in other neighborhoods will receive visits from census takers who are collecting information face to face. When households fail to participate, Census employees may estimate the number of residents or the household may not be counted at all.

Confidentiality Assured

Some people do not participate in the census because they are concerned about confidentiality. Federal law mandates that no one outside the Census Bureau may be given any information that would connect respondents with their names and addresses.

Census employees must swear an oath of confidentiality and face fines up to \$5,000 and prison terms up to five years for breaking that oath. Census forms are scanned directly into a computer that reads the responses. The completed documents are shredded for disposal.

When the Census Bureau contacts you, please make sure all household residents are counted.



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State-of-the-Art Fire Pumper Rolls into Wheeling

The Wheeling Fire Department has taken delivery on a new, custom-made fire truck built by Sutphen Co., of Andin, OH. The \$330,000 pumper was in the planning stage for more than two years as the requirements of all department specialties were factored into the design.



Pumper #23 is equipped with a sophisticated engineering-control panel that monitors and commands every pumping and electrical operation on the truck.

"This state-of-the-art pumper will give village residents greater protection against fire," said Fire Chief Keith Madsac.

"With this truck we can respond to emergencies more efficiently and provide greater protection to residents and their property."

In planning the new pumper, the department

staged a series of "tabletop" fires simulating conditions often found in an industrial building or a condominium complex. The simulations gave planners a look at what happens when certain blazes break out and how best to fight them.

"We had a number of specifications we wanted built into this unit," said Timothy Durkin, the firefighter/paramedic who heads the Wheeling Apparatus Committee. "We were concerned about reliability, efficient response time, ease of use, and longevity."

The high-tech engineer control panel gives the fire department access to two classes of foam at all times—one for house fires and a second for petroleum-based fires.

The enclosed, climate-controlled cab on the new truck is 18 inches longer than in previous models, allowing firefighters and paramedics to ride facing forward, a safety feature in case of an accident. Also inside the rear of the cab are twin lockers equipped with emergency medical equipment. The truck carries the same paramedic equipment as an ambulance but cannot transport patients.

"Our population is getting older and more likely to need on-site medical attention. It didn't make sense to build separate, climate-controlled lockers—at a cost of \$2,000 apiece—to store medications when we already had a favorable environment inside the cab," Durkin said.

---For more information on the Fire Department's apparatus, click on the blue box to the right.



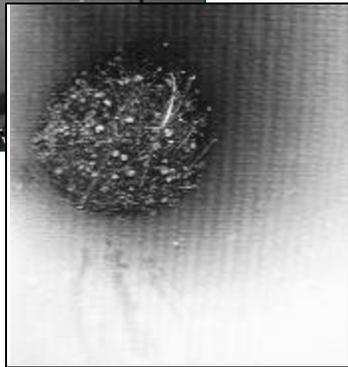
Bruce Thames, of the Public Works Department, observes the source of a problem deep inside an underground sanitary-sewer pipe. Twigs and invading roots are the chief blockages, as shown in the inset photo.

When the Sewer Goes Bust: What Next?

What's the first thing you should do when the sanitary sewer gives you trouble? Call the Public Works Department.

A crew from the Sewer Division keeps a watchful eye on, and in, the sanitary sewers around the Village. When they learn that someone is having a problem, they dispatch a van rigged with special equipment.

At the end of a 100-foot cable is a camera head about the size of a soft-drink can. Housed within the "can" is a



video-camera lens and several small pinlights. Once inserted into the "T" connection in a sewer system, the camera can probe in different directions.

The cable is marked in five-foot increments, so workers can closely estimate where the homeowner should tell a plumber to dig. The entire process can be videotaped to supply the homeowner with a visual record of what the camera has seen.

The "sewer-TV system" has been in place for eight years, averaging 20 calls a month. The \$10,000 unit is available, with crew, to homeowners experiencing problems with their sanitary sewers. While the service is provided at no charge by the Village, repairs to privately owned sewers are the owner's responsibility.

Once it has been determined that you need the services of a plumber, you should shop carefully. Get three estimates. Make sure the company is bonded and insured. Then talk to the Public Works Department about what you've learned.

Briefs and Announcements

Access to Health Care

More than 13,000 people in suburban Cook County are receiving health care through a program called Access to Care. These individuals have no traditional health insurance and are ineligible for Medicare or public aid.

You may qualify for the Access to Care program if you are a resident of suburban Cook County with a family income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For example, a family of four with an income of no more than \$33,400 would qualify if they have no health insurance (or deductible of \$500 or more per person) and can't obtain Medicare or public aid.

The program provides doctor office visits for \$5, prescriptions for \$7-\$15 and laboratory tests and x-rays for \$3. There is no cost to join the program. For more information, call 708-531-0680.

Millennium Plaza Plans Proceed

The Village has signed a contract with Johannes Cohen Collaborative, St. Louis, to be the licensed architect for the Millennium Plaza project. The designer, Fabian Lonch, who won a nationwide

architectural competition, will work with the collaborative.

The signed contract provides for two design phases. The architects presented three options for Board of Trustees consideration in mid-February.

The process is aimed at the production of construction drawings and, ultimately, construction. It's anticipated the Village will be asked to approve the final design by mid-April.

Here Comes the Ram

A new resident is expected to arrive on Wheeling's Restaurant Row by fall. Ram Restaurants International, of Denver, received approval from the Board of Trustees to proceed with plans to build a microbrewery and restaurant at 700 N. Milwaukee Ave., site of the former Hines Lumber store.

The Board stipulated that the restaurant chain provide for access to the property to the west of the planned facility. Trustees wanted to be sure that future development would not be impeded. The 8,000-square-foot restaurant will accommodate 350 guests. The facility will have 195 parking spaces and plans to open for business in early September.

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 - Third 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., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

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 - First Tuesday of each month, 8 a.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

Board of Ethics - Third Thursday of the month in January, April, July and October, 7 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

Special Events Committee - Second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunch room.

March

8 — Blood Drive, 2:30-8:30 p.m., Fire Station, Village Hall

18 — Collection of yard waste resumes for the season.

April

1-30 — Chicago Earth Month 2000

22 — Earth Day 2000

28 — Arbor Day

29 — Computer & Electronics Recycling Event, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Motorola, 1501 West Shure Drive, Arlington Heights

Give the "gift of life" when the Village sponsors its blood drive, Wednesday, March 8, 2:30-8:30 p.m. at the Fire Station, Village Hall.

Hotline Established

Call 459-CODE

As part of its ongoing beautification effort, the Village has established a

telephone hotline for

residents who want to contact staff about uncorrected safety and appearance problems.

Call 459-CODE. All calls will be received by voice mail, reviewed and referred to the appropriate department. Callers do not have to leave their names. The Village has responded to a number of requests that have helped our code enforcement efforts.

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. ----Email feedback via the website by clicking on the blue box to the right.

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Environmental Awareness Month...

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Wheeling has sponsored Arbor Day ceremonies at the schools for 11 years. The Village also has been named repeatedly as a Tree City USA.

On April 29, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Arlington Heights Motorola are cosponsoring a no-host computer and electronics recycling event. This will be a good time to dispose of that old computer, monitor, worn-out toaster and blender. The event will be held at Motorola's Arlington Heights Campus, 1601 West Shure Drive, at Dundee and Kennicott Rds., Arlington Heights.

The equipment and products that will be accepted include:

- Computers and peripherals (PCs, printers, monitors, tape drives, keyboards, mice, etc.)
- Office equipment and products (telephones, answering machines, typewriters, pagers, cell phones, etc.)
- Small home appliances (toasters, microwaves, blenders, food processors)
- Entertainment and visual equipment (TVs, VCRs, stereo equipment, cameras, joysticks, video game players)
- Home improvement products, such as power tools

Wheeling Board Declares May "Multicultural Month"

The Wheeling Board of Trustees has designated May 2000 as Multicultural Month in the village. In a proclamation passed at their February 7 meeting, trustees pointed to the village's history "steeped in the traditions of many cultures and nationalities where more than two dozen languages are spoken."

The proclamation came in anticipation of a variety of multicultural events planned for the month of May. The Village is sponsoring "Parade of Nations," a multicultural art festival, May 13, at Village Hall. Wheeling High School will conduct its traditional "Display of Cultures" on May 12. And Indian Trails Public Library will stage its Multicultural Festival during the first two weeks of May.

The events also will coincide with the national commemoration of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and Cinco de Mayo, the Mexican day of independence.

The proclamation recognizes Wheeling's "positive reputation of many fine restaurants offering food from many lands." It further asserts that the village "benefits from the diversity of people and thought... as a vital strength of the community."

In signing the proclamation, Village President Greg Klatecki called "upon the citizens of the Village of Wheeling to support this worthy endeavor."

Klatecki also encouraged businesses within the Village to mark the month with their own activities. "To make this a truly community-wide event," Klatecki said, "businesses may wish to sponsor musical groups, exhibits or other celebrations."

The village plans to provide businesses with a menu of possible endeavors that would promote their enterprises and mark Multicultural Month. Businesses may also choose to develop their own events.

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