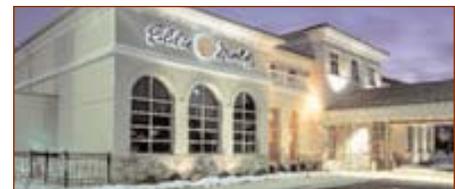
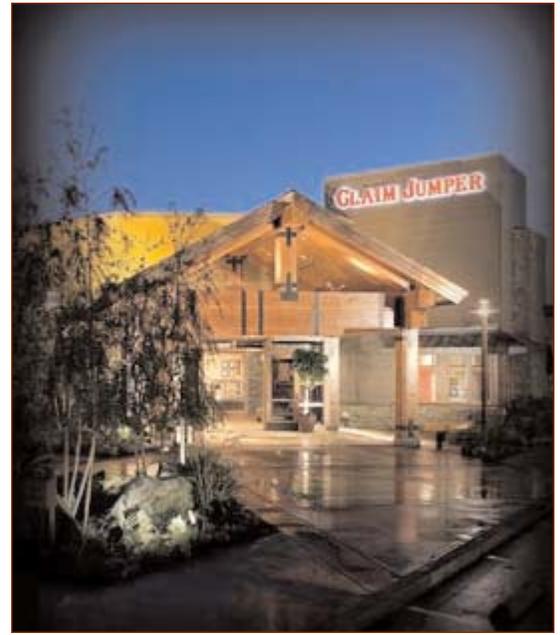


## Westin North Shore on-track for early opening

The combination of 'elbow grease' and a relatively mild winter has allowed the construction of the Westin North Shore to move along much quicker than developers had forecasted. With the exterior of the 15-story, 411 hotel built, the grand opening has tentatively been moved to October of this year, four months earlier than anticipated. According to Michael Firsel, Mid-America Investment and Development Company, the restaurant and retail sites are beginning to take shape.

"We are very pleased that both 'Claim Jumper' and 'Eddie Merlot's' have signed on to be two of the signature restaurants," Firsel said. "There are a couple more surprises regarding the internal restaurants that are going to blow people away and we'll be announcing those soon."

Firsel also pointed out some of the amenities to be included in the hotel itself including electronic technology, such as wired and unlimited wireless high-speed Internet access, flat-panel televisions in all guest rooms and the Westin-trademarked Heavenly Bed and Heavenly Bath in every room.



*The Westin North Shore, slated to open in October, will feature 'Claim Jumper' and 'Eddie Merlot's' as two of its signature restaurants (above). Artist renditions show two perspectives of the spacious and regal lobby/registration area and an elevator hallway.*



# Public Works schedules tree-spraying program

During the month of April and as weather permits, the Village will be spraying for Cottony Maple Scale (the “popcorn” looking substance on the branches of certain species). Trees targeted for this procedure are Silver Maple, Honey Locust, Linden and Sycamore. Dormant oil will be utilized for this treatment. This environmentally friendly spray is non-toxic to humans and animals. During this operation, all attempts will be made to have vehicles under the subject trees moved or covered during spraying. In the event any over-spray from this process does happen to end up on a vehicle, it is harmless to the finish and can be easily cleaned off with soap and water. For further information, please contact the Village Forester Jerry Edwards at (847) 229-4627.



Public Works employees perform a variety of annual maintenance on Village trees, including trimming, pruning and spraying.

## Wheeling hosts blood drive, bone marrow registration March 8

The Village of Wheeling will be hosting a blood drive and bone marrow registration March 8, 2006 at the Fire Station at 255 W. Dundee Road adjacent to the Village Hall from 1:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Every year more than 30,000 children and adults in the U.S. are diagnosed with leukemia and other life-threatening blood diseases. Blood and bone marrow transplants are used to treat these diseases. Only 30 percent will find a matched bone marrow donor in their families. The other 70 percent must search for an unrelated donor.

The National Bone Marrow Donor Program makes life-saving transplants possible for people who do not have a matching donor in their family. To help increase the National Bone Marrow Registry, the March 8, 2006 blood drive will include bone marrow registration. A small amount of blood is taken in addition to your blood donation. This is your tissue sample and will be entered into the registry. There is a one in a million chance that you will receive notification that you are a match for a patient, but if you do, you may help save the life of that one patient.

There is usually a fee associated with the Bone Marrow Registration, however through a generous donation from the Wheeling AMVETS Post 66, there will be NO FEE associated with this registration.

For more information and to make an appointment for both the blood drive and bone marrow registration, please contact Beverly Slaby at (847) 459-2675 or e-mail her at [bslaby@vi.wheeling.il.us](mailto:bslaby@vi.wheeling.il.us). Making an appointment in advance will assist us in assuring proper staffing and ensure that the donation process proceeds in a timely manner.

# Fire Department reminds that spring is potential storm season

*The arrival of spring brings the potential for strong or violent storms to occur in our area. Knowing what to do in these situations can minimize the potential for serious injuries to you and your family, as well as potential damage to your home or business. The first step in preparing is to know what the various terms used by the National Weather Service mean.*

## SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH

Atmospheric conditions are right for the possible development of thunderstorms that may be severe, could produce large amounts of localized rain, as well as hail and high winds. When a "Watch" is issued for our area, monitor the radio, television, and/or internet for further weather updates. Walk around the outside of your home and secure any loose items such as lawn furniture, umbrellas, children's toys, downspout extensions, etc. to prevent these items from becoming "missiles" if the wind becomes very strong. Avoid leaving your home or business, unless absolutely necessary.

## SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING

An actual thunderstorm has developed in our area and is producing large amounts of localized rain, hail, and/or high winds. Immediately go inside a building and close all window blinds on the side of the building from which the storm is approaching (this will minimize flying glass, should a window break). Do not stand in front of or near windows to avoid injury in the event of breakage. Do not talk on a hardwired telephone or use plumbing fixtures until the storm passes since lightening can follow these devices if your home or business is struck by lightening.

## TORNADO WATCH

Atmospheric conditions are right for the possible development of tornados in our area. It is not uncommon for a "Tornado Watch" to also be associated with a "Severe Thunderstorm Watch." You should take the same precautions listed above for "Severe Thunderstorm Watch" to prepare for this pending weather condition.

## TORNADO WARNING

An actual tornado has been reported by a trained weather spotter and/or has been observed by radar in our area. This is the only event in which the Village of Wheeling's warning sirens will be activated.

Immediately take protective cover in your basement or an interior room (usually a bathroom or closet on the lowest level of your home). If at work, immediately take shelter in an interior room or space on the lowest level of the building (usually a bathroom, closet, interior stairwell, or interior hallway with no windows). Sit with your back against the wall with your head between your knees and your fingers interlaced behind your head. If available and only if time permits, cover yourself, your family members, or fellow employees with a blanket or similar item to provide some additional padded protection.

If you are caught outside, find the lowest depression in the ground and lay flat on your stomach with your fingers interlaced behind your head and your eyes closed. If you are in your car, do not try to out run a tornado. Instead, attempt to get inside a nearby structure. If this is not possible, pull your car over to the side of the road, turn on your emergency flashers, and get down on the floor of the vehicle. Most fatalities associated with tornados are caused as a result of individuals being hit by flying debris; particularly broken glass.

After the storm has passed, please do not call the Fire Department or the Police Department if your power is out or if there is flooding on your street. If your power is out, please call Commonwealth Edison directly at 800-334-7661. The Village of Wheeling has neither control over when your power will be restored nor any estimates regarding its restoration. Calling the Fire Department or Police Department for power outages only results in delays in answering legitimate calls for emergency assistance. Flooded streets are commonly caused by storm debris sitting on top of the storm sewer grates. Using a long handled garden tool such as a rake to pull the debris up onto the parkway will clear the grate and allow the water to drain naturally.

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# PW, EPA work to prevent storm water pollution

Storm water pollution is a challenging water quality problem. Specifically, storm water is defined as excess rain water or snow-melt, referred to as “runoff,” which accumulates following a precipitous weather event. The runoff eventually terminates within various surface bodies of water or within the Village's storm sewer system collecting along the way any number of pollutants. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that at least 50 percent of our nation's water pollution is caused through this process. As citizens and business owners, we can directly influence the effects of this occurrence by controlling our actions and the contaminants we allow to be present on our properties. The most common pollutants include:

- ❑ Illegal dumping of waste into the sewer system (e.g. antifreeze, oil and cigarette butts)
- ❑ Pesticides from lawns
- ❑ Sediment from construction sites
- ❑ Oil and grease from roadways
- ❑ Carelessly discarded trash

Once these hazards have been deposited into the watershed, they can contaminate and negatively impact the recreational and essential use of the natural resource. The pollutants taint the groundwater supply and interfere with the wildlife habitat of fish and other animals.

One of the ways that the Public Works Department is taking a proactive approach to preventing storm water pollution is by installing new manhole grates with a graphic of a fish stamped on the surface. This symbol is meant to remind everyone that our actions have a significant impact on the surrounding environment.

For more information, please contact the Village of Wheeling, Water/Sewer Division at 847-459-2981, or visit the Illinois Environmental Agency's web page at [www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us).

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It is imperative to not allow children or family pets to play outside immediately following the storm, until you have walked around your home to determine that there are no hazards such as downed power lines, broken glass, or flooded areas. Any downed power lines should be assumed to be energized and should be immediately reported by calling 9-1-1.

Finally, do not allow children to play in flooded storm water detention basins, since the water can unexpectedly rise resulting in entrapment or fall resulting in small children being pulled under the water. Any downed power lines should be assumed to be energized and should be immediately reported by calling 9-1-1. Finally, do not allow children to play in flooded storm water detention basins, since the water can unexpectedly rise resulting in entrapment or fall resulting in small children being pulled under the water.

For more weather safety information, go to: [www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/ttl.pdf](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/ttl.pdf) .



## *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.*

### **Sudoku Solving Strategies - NEW PROGRAM**

“Sudoku” is a great brain exercise as it is a game of pure logic requiring very little knowledge. Pronounced sue-DOE-coo, it translates from the Japanese. A grid is used to fill with digits 1-9 so that every row and every column accommodates each number only once. Solving strategies will be taught with actual examples of step-by-step solutions to puzzles. There is no charge for these sessions, but you must make a reservation for the class. Call 847-459-2670. The date is Tuesday, March 7th at 2:30pm.

### **Meditation Program**

Thursday, March 9th and Wednesday, March 22nd from 2:30pm-4:00pm Om Johari will conduct Meditation Classes. This program consists of a short (15 minute) discussion and question/answer session followed by an hour of meditation. Detailed instructions will be given as to the meditations being done. These will all be passive meditations requiring neither any belief system nor any prior experience. Please come, join us! Registration is free, but please call 847-459-2670

### **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 to 11 a.m. E-filing and paper returns will be available. This service will extend through April 12th. You must register for an appointment so please call the Pavilion to select your income tax site and date.

### **Rules of the Road**

Wednesday, March 8th from 9:30 a.m. to noon, the Pavilion center, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Senior and Community Services, is offering the “Rules of the Road” review course. It is basically a driver refresher course to help seniors keep their driver's license valid. There is no fee, but pre-registration is necessary.

### **Driver Safety Program (formerly ‘55-Alive’)**

Om Johari of AARP will present a two-day, four hour per session program on defensive driving Wednesdays, March 15 and 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Successful completion will make you eligible for rate reduction on your car insurance depending upon your insurance carrier. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$10 per person in advance with checks made payable to AARP and sent to the Pavilion Senior Center to guarantee your place in the class. Please call 847-459-2670. (Next session will be held in May).

### **Resorts Casino Trip**

Get lucky at Resorts Casino (formerly Harrah's) in East Chicago! The trip includes comfortable, round-trip transportation via motorcoach, buffet lunch, casino gaming and five dollar coin rebate. Resorts have 2-cent and 5-cent slot machines. The trip is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 2. Cost is \$25. Code: 1432

### **WANTED!!!**

50th plus (Golden Anniversary) & 90th Plus Birthday Celebrants.

If you have been united in marriage since 1956 or earlier, or if you are 90-years-old or older this year, you are eligible for an invitation to our fifth annual party in June. Family, friends and neighbors may submit names of couples or birthday boys/girls to Lucille Kozanecki, 847-459-2670 as soon as possible to receive an invitation.

### **SeniorNet Registration**

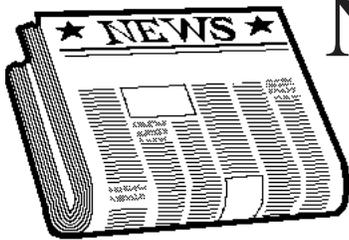
Registration for SeniorNet Computer - Session II classes is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 9 to 11 a.m. Classes run from March 20 to May 13. The individual class fee is \$55.00 which includes all class materials. Membership in the national Senior Net program is required with a fee of \$40.00. For information regarding early registration call 847-459-2666 ext. 4131.

# Permits needed prior to patio, sidewalk construction

The Village of Wheeling has recently approved the requirement of permits for patios and sidewalks on private property; the permit requirements for driveways remain unchanged. In the past some Village residents have been victimized by poor and/or improper construction of these amenities. By requiring permits and associated inspections, the Village will be able to protect its residents from these experiences and provide remedies for correction of unacceptable work.

The Village strongly suggests that any resident planning these types of improvements have their contractor apply for a permit and furnish the required bond rather than having the homeowner do so. The Village can advise the contractor of our construction specifications, the need for inspections as well as our notification requirements.

For further information regarding the permit process and required submittals, please call 847.459.2985.



## News You Can Use

### *Citizens Police Academy Seeks Members*

The Wheeling Police Department is taking applications for its next Citizen's Police Academy. The academies are offered twice a year, in the fall and spring. The spring 2006 session runs for 10 consecutive Thursday evenings, from April 6 through June 8. Class topics will include criminal law, drugs, gangs, evidence, traffic stops, shoot/don't shoot scenarios and firearms familiarization. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and live, attend school or work in Wheeling.

For information or to receive an application, contact officer Scott Laverd at (847) 459-2994 or by e-mail at [slaverd@vi.wheeling.il.us](mailto:slaverd@vi.wheeling.il.us). Class size will be limited to the first 15 qualified applicants.

### *Freedom, Forgiveness & Fellowship*

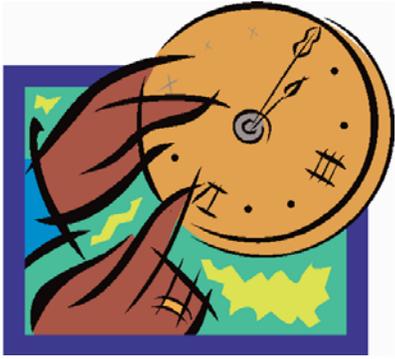
Freedom, Forgiveness & Fellowship is an ongoing support group for older adults who suffer from depression, feel sad or unhappy at times during their lives. The group meets the second Friday of every month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Pavilion Senior Center. For more information about the group, contact Jan Christiansen, Social Worker.

### *Fee changes*

Effective March 1, residential water-usage rates will increase from \$4.70 per thousand gallons to \$5.

Effective 2006, animal licenses have increased from \$5 to \$5.25.

Effective 2006, monthly Metra parking passes have increased from \$30 to \$31.25 and debit cards have increased from \$30 to \$35.



Daylight Savings Time kicks in April 2....don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed the evening of April 1.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Inquiries and responses may be used for publication in future issues of 'Village Views.')*

## Regularly Scheduled Meetings

### 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 Tuesday, 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 Board of Directors -**  
3rd Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road.

# Wanted: Wheeling Homeowner Association Representatives

The Village of Wheeling Community Development Department is updating its homeowner association contact list ensuring the Village has a way to effectively communicate with the various subdivisions and complexes throughout Wheeling. If you are an office manager for a homeowner association and/or the president or appointed representative for your respective agency, please fill out this form and return it to:

Community Development Department  
Attn: Homeowner Assoc. Contact List  
111 S. Northgate Ave.  
Wheeling, IL 60090

or e-mail your information to:  
mweidner@vi.wheeling.il.us

## Wheeling Homeowner Association/ Neighborhood Representative Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Group You Represent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Term expires: \_\_\_\_\_

### Village of Wheeling

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847-459-2600 ~ TDD 847-459-2987

www.vi.wheeling.il.us

#### Fire/Police/Paramedics

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|---|------------------------|
| 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                              | 847-229-4600           |
| Water Billing                             | 847-459-2607           |
| Code Enforcement Hotline                  | 847-459-CODE           |
| Palwaukee Municipal Airport Noise Hotline | 847-537-2580, ext. 159 |
| Village President: Greg Klatecki          | 847-459-2988           |
| Village Clerk: Elaine Simpson             | 847-541-8692           |
| Village Manager: F. Wallace Douthwaite    | 847-459-2617           |

#### Trustees

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