

2012 State of the Village Address

Delivered by President Abruscato on January 25, 2012

Friends and neighbors, it is my honor and my pleasure to speak to you about the state of the Village of Wheeling. The short version of the story is: we're getting there. Of course nothing ever happens as fast as we'd like, but we've continued to see steady improvement in the health of our community, and I believe Wheeling is well-positioned to benefit as the economy heats up again.

We at the Village will always remember 2011 as a year when Wheeling businesses really demonstrated their good citizenship and pride in our community. Of course Wheeling is blessed to have many generous entrepreneurs who show their civic spirit year after year, but the recent downturn in the economy has presented an opportunity to work harder, to give a little more, and to step up for all the things that our community really values.

I am so proud to say that our businesses really rose to the occasion this year. The most visible example of this was our Independence Day fireworks, which were brought to the community thanks to the generous contributions of a whole range of businesses. There were many other inspiring examples of business involvement in 2011, from support for the Wheeling Wonderland shop-local promotion, to participation in ventures like the Restaurant Row Hospitality Group and the Wheeling Industrial Network. I am proud to be president of a village whose stakeholders—despite a diversity of interests—can recognize areas of common concern and work together for everyone's betterment. This is what it means to be a community.

In terms of providing core municipal services, 2011 was a very successful year. Our staff oversaw the reconstruction of Lexington Drive and the replacement of a water main in the Hollywood Ridge subdivision, and also completed the rehabilitation of a key component of the Village's back-up system of drinking water wells. In coming years we're also looking forward to working with state and other agencies on the reconstruction of Wolf Road, an expansion of the Lake Cook corridor, and—most immediately—the major flood-control project in Heritage Park, for which construction is scheduled to begin in spring. We're also using state grants to help improve bicycle and pedestrian travel in Wheeling by conducting a comprehensive study of the community's needs and doing preliminary engineering for a bicycle path on Dundee Road between the river and the tollway.

In July, the renovation of our Police Department headquarters was completed—substantially under budget—and the new facilities there have expanded our capacity to train police officers while reducing associated costs. The fire station adjoining the Police building reopened early last year, just in time for the February blizzard, and having three operational stations has helped reduce emergency response time by 45 seconds—seconds which can make a huge difference for people in desperate need of help. In addition to performing their day-to-day maintenance of Wheeling's infrastructure, Public Works staff designed and built the Village's first liquid anti-icing system, which you may already have seen in action.

The Village always seeks not only to provide consistent services, but also to minimize the tax burden we impose. To this end, the Village recently took advantage of current low interest rates to refund a portion of our debt, thereby realizing \$612,000 in present-value savings; the Village's excellent bond ratings were reaffirmed in the course of this process. Both the Finance and the Human Services Departments have recently adopted new software that helps streamline their operations. Human Services—which was recently formed from the merger of senior services and police social services—has also completed cross-training to improve its capacity to efficiently handle our residents' needs, and has expanded the Senior Center's programming to reach a broader spectrum of the community. Our Community Development Department has increased the number of code violations that are handled through administrative adjudication, thereby reducing court costs for both the Village and our residents. As you know, the Board of Trustees recently voted for a zero-percent tax levy in the coming year; we will seek to continue our practice of doing more with less.

That's the first major aspect of what we do to support our residents and businesses: we tighten all the nuts and bolts, and otherwise keep mostly out of sight. Our second major role is more public: to serve as facilitators and cheerleaders for our outstanding business community—and 2011 has been an excellent year in this area, as well.



Village President Judy Abruscato presents at the annual State of the Village luncheon held at Tuscany in Wheeling on January 25, 2012

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WELCOME TO WHEELING

State of the Village continued...

Last year Community Development issued permits for construction valued at a total of \$47 million, which represents a \$13 million increase over 2010, so there are many indications that things are on the upswing. I'm pleased to say that Wheeling's position seems strong relative to our neighbors, as well: our aggressive efforts to attract new companies is reflected in our 7-percent manufacturing vacancy rate, which is well below the regional average and extraordinary for a community with such a large manufacturing sector. New development along Milwaukee Avenue included the renovated Fresh Farms Center—now almost entirely leased—and the Saranello's restaurant at the Westin. They'll soon be joined by D'Agostino's Pizzeria at the old Hackney's site, and the number of inquiries we've received regarding the old Claim Jumper site make me reasonably confident of good news there in the year to come.

Our growing industrial base has recently been recognized by an alliance of top-tier technology companies who are working to deliver powerful digital design technology to the nation's manufacturers: after a nationwide search, Wheeling has been identified by this alliance as the best community to create a pilot outreach program. While the Village is still in discussions with the leaders of this initiative, it's a testament to the strength and the promise of our manufacturing community that Wheeling came in at the top of this national list.

Chicago Executive Airport continues to function as an engine driving local and regional development. On the heels of the construction of the International Aviation hangar, another 30,000 square foot Atlantic Aviation hangar development was recently approved and will break ground along Wolf Road later this year, and we continue to receive regular inquiries from other developers interested in sites there. The Board recently identified the area north of the airport as a major focus of business recruitment and development, and we remain committed to the health and prosperity of the valuable resource we share with the City of Prospect Heights. The airport represents a means by which we can extend our reach to the world—and this is something that Wheeling is succeeding in doing, having recently hosted a distinguished delegation from Seoul, South Korea, in a visit that represents a first step in building future business, educational, and cultural exchanges with this prominent world city.

All of these accomplishments indicate that Wheeling has elevated itself to new heights, and they reflect the efforts of all of us: businesses, residents, customers, and institutions, working together to sustain and succeed. The regional exposure gained by our collaborative industrial and retail networks has earned our village a place in the first rank of prestigious suburban communities. And on a national and international scale, who can forget the excitement of watching our very own Haley Reinhart represent Wheeling to millions of people as she competed on American Idol.

As always, there is more good news than there is time available to share it. In closing, I'd like to thank you all again for everything you do to make Wheeling a truly world-class community. The Village of Wheeling is proud to partner with all of you to deepen the ties that bind us and to build a broad pathway to a prosperous future. Together, with patience and with cooperation, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Welcome new businesses!

Alex's Fast & Casual Dining

34 N. Elmhurst
Fast Casual Restaurant

Badepope's Foodmart, Inc.

820 S. Wheeling Road
Convenience Store

GRR of IL, Inc.

56 S. Milwaukee Avenue
Gift Shop (inside Kedvon Pharmacy)

Hagen Manufacturing

2300 Foster Avenue
Precision Sheet Metal Fabrication

My Car MediCar, Inc.

300 N. Wolf Road
Transportation/Taxi for Medical Neds

SkyTrans Corp.

612 Wheeling Road
Trucking Company

Valentino Nails

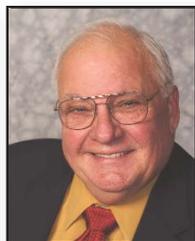
228 McHenry Road
Nail Salon



Judy
Abruscato



Dean
Argiris



Ken
Brady



Bob
Heer



Bill
Hein



Ray
Lang



Dave
Vogel



WELCOME TO WHEELING

The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk
Elaine E. Simpson

REMEMBER: WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Vote March 20, 2012

The Presidential Primary will take place on Tuesday, March 20. Voter registration is currently closed until after the election and will open again on March 21. Please visit www.voterinfonet.com to confirm your voter registration and view a sample ballot. The

Village of Wheeling will have the following referendum question on the ballot: *"Shall the Village of Wheeling have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?"*

Please make your voice heard and vote!



Get Involved in Your Community

With spring and warmer weather just around the corner, now is a good time to get to know your neighbors and other residents in the Village. Here are some activities you can get involved in:

Wheeling Garden Club: A group dedicated to the beautification of our community. Join in programs on various topics including horticulture, ecology, trees, landscaping, and gardening, and get involved with the Annual Plant Sale. The Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month. For further information please contact Norm Schaeff at 847.537.9279.

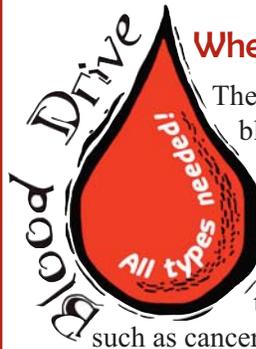
Wheeling Historical Society: A part of preserving the Village's present for future generations. The Society has monthly meetings with speakers, opens the museum during warmer weather, and coordinates Lollipop Lane—a holiday event for the children and young at heart. The Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chamber Park in the Community Church. For further information please contact Joan Weiner at 847.650.0144.

Wheeling Senior Center: A part of Wheeling Senior Services which is open to any resident over the age of 55. There are discussion groups, computer training, exercise classes, group outings and much, much more. For further information please contact the Senior Center at 847.459.2670.

Health Happenings



...brought to you by
the Wheeling Board of Health



Wheeling Community Blood Drive

The Wheeling Board of Health will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, March 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall located at 2 Community Blvd. Blood donors of all types are needed every day for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those patients suffering from chronic diseases such as cancer and leukemia.

The blood you give today will be there to help someone's life tomorrow. In turn, if you ever require blood transfusions some time in your life (and 50% of us will), it will be there for you because someone has donated. If all eligible people would donate, there would never be a blood shortage. Every pint of blood donated will help save three lives!

Appointments are greatly appreciated. To schedule an appointment, please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847.499.9045 or email her at bslaby@wheelingil.gov. Walk-ins are always welcomed!

Free Sharps Containers Available

Free sharps containers are available to Wheeling residents for the safe disposal of needles and syringes. The containers are available through the Village Health Officer in the Community Development Department at Village Hall.



A medication and sharps drop-off is held every third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Drive up to the entrance of the Wheeling Police Station at 1 Community Blvd. and a representative will come out to your car and take the sealed sharps containers and medications. Prescription and over-the-counter medications are accepted in their original containers but any controlled substances such as Oxycontin and Percocet cannot be accepted. Sharps will only be accepted in rigid containers with a sealed lid.

If you have any questions regarding the sharps containers or the monthly pharmaceutical and sharps collections, please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847.499.9045.

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

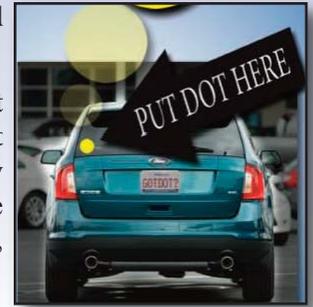


The Illinois Yellow Dot Program Comes to Wheeling

The Wheeling Police Department is joining with the Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Division in the Illinois Yellow Dot Program which provides traffic crash first responders with life-saving critical medical information.

The program is simple: a Yellow Dot decal placed in the lower corner of the rear window on the driver's side alerts first responders to vital medical information located in the glove compartment of the car. The Yellow Dot decal, a yellow medical information card and an instructional brochure can be picked up at a Yellow Dot Distribution Center. The yellow medical information card should be completed in reference to any person with a medical condition or medical need who normally rides in that vehicle. A clear, current photo of the person's face should be attached to the front of the card. The medical information card should then be placed in the glove compartment. People who participate in this program provide police officers, firefighters and paramedics with information that can assist them in making split second decisions.

This voluntary program is a free service provided to all Illinois citizens. The Wheeling Police Department in partnership with the Wheeling Senior Center has become a Yellow Dot Distribution Center. Yellow Dot materials can be picked up at the at the Wheeling Police Department, 1 Community Blvd., 24 hours a day or at the Wheeling Senior Center, 199 N. 1st Street during regular business hours. Wheeling will be serving the northern area of Cook County and the southern area of Lake County. If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Paul Hardt of the Wheeling Police Department Traffic Unit at 847.459.2649.



Severe Storms & Power Outages

Each year, various weather events cause power outages within the Village. Some outages can last moments and others can last for days; it all depends on the magnitude of the area affected by the outage, the extent and severity of damage to ComEd equipment, and the specific cause of the outage to your property. By following basic steps you can minimize your losses, make sure your power is restored as fast as possible, and protect yourself, your family and/or your business.

- Have flashlights readily available in various rooms so you won't have far to travel when the lights go out. Change the batteries in your flashlights at least annually. A good time to do this is when you change your smoke detector batteries and clocks at daylight savings time.
- When the power goes off, wait approximately 1 minute before taking any action. Much of the power grid within the Village has been updated with automatic reset breakers. In some cases the power system can reset, allowing the power to go back on by itself.
- If the power is off for more than a minute, call ComEd at 1.800.EDISON1 (1.800.334.7661). Do not call 9-1-1 or the Police or Fire Departments unless it is an actual emergency. The Village does not have control over the power, or the ability to expedite power restoration. All power outages, regardless of whom you purchase your power from, are handled by ComEd. For more information on the ComEd power restoration process, please go to: <https://www.comed.com/sites/customerservice/Pages/OutageInformation.aspx>.
- Stay inside with your family (including pets) as much as possible until the power is restored. If there is storm damage in your yard—particularly in and around aboveground power lines and poles—stay a minimum of 25 feet away, do not stand in puddles of snow or rain, and do not lean on or touch nearby metal fences. Live power lines can energize the ground and the power can travel through damp soil, metal fences, and other metal objects such as gutters and downspouts. Never assume that a down power line is de-energized (i.e. dead). A de-energized power line can become energized during the restoration process or when the automatic reset breakers try to operate.
- Keep all refrigerators and freezers closed. A typical refrigerator or freezer can remain cold and keep your food safe for many hours without power. Opening the door shortens this time period dramatically. For more information on food safety after a power outage, please go to: http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/charts/refridg_food.html.
- Avoid the use of candles. There are battery-operated camping lanterns that provide substantial room lighting without the risk of fire or injury available at most sporting goods stores. Remember to change the batteries in these devices at least annually (like your flashlights).
- If you use a portable gasoline or propane-fueled generator, do not run it inside of your home or business. These devices produce Carbon Monoxide (CO) gas which is colorless, odorless, flavorless, and most of all, deadly! CO can build up in your home or business without you knowing it until it is too late. When it is time to refuel your generator, turn it off and allow it to cool down before refueling it with gasoline to avoid a flash fire. Any extension cords that are used need to be in good shape (i.e. no damage or splices), designed for heavy duty and exterior use, and limited to intended use. Do not run extension cords across streets or in areas where they may be in standing water or subject to physical damage. For more information on using portable generators safely, please visit: http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/portable_generator_safety.pdf or <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/portgen.html>.

Feral Feline Project to Sponsor Free Spay/Neuter in March



Thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities, Feral Feline Project—a Wheeling-based non-profit organization that specializes in Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) of feral (wild) and outdoor stray cats and kittens—will be offering Wheeling residents the opportunity to spay or neuter outdoor or household cats free of charge at the Wheeling Animal Hospital starting in March. The Spay/Neuter program will include surgical sterilization, microchipping/registration, and vaccinations.

After our mild winter, there is sure to be an explosion of kittens this spring. By spaying/neutering feral cats in your area you can help prevent this onslaught of unwanted kittens. March is an ideal time for this procedure as the weather is moderate and pregnancy prevention is far easier than trapping litters of kittens. By spaying/neutering your indoor cats, you will have pets that are more content to stay at home and not add to the overpopulation problem. Please visit feralfelineproject.org or call 847.800.0095 for more information on this money-saving valuable program available to Village of Wheeling residents.

Do You Need a Permit?

Before you build or remodel structures within the Village, it is likely you will need to obtain a permit. The Building Division is involved from the plan review process through the final onsite inspection to make sure building and remodeling projects comply with current life-safety building codes. Permit forms are available on the Village website. Permits are required for the following projects:

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| House Addition or Remodeling | Fireplace |
| Window/Door replacement | Alarm system |
| Garage (with size change) | Shed |
| Central Air Conditioning | Furnace |
| Driveway/Sidewalk/Patio | Stoop Replacement |
| Pool/Spa/Hot Tub | Deck/Porch |
| Water Heater Replacement | Sewer Repair |
| Roofing/Siding | Fence |
| Satellite Dish | Lawn Sprinkler |
| Gazebo Electrical or Plumbing Work | |

If you are unsure whether you are required to have a permit for work on your property, please inquire through Community Development at 847.459.2620.

Yard Waste Collections

Yard waste collections take place April 1 – November 30. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable 2-ply Kraft paper bags or in a container clearly marked with a red “X” around the body. Bags or containers must not be larger than 33 gallons and must not exceed 45 lbs in weight. There is no limit to the number of bags or containers. Yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected. Townhome units and condominiums are not provided with yard waste services. All waste containers must be placed at the curb for collection by 6:00 a.m. the day of scheduled collections but not before 5:00 p.m. the evening before scheduled collections.

Waste Management (WM) notifies residents anytime there is a holiday or extreme weather delay. Residents are encouraged to update their contact information in order to receive communications from WM. Please contact WM directly at 1.800.796.9696 to update your information.

Capital Improvement Projects

Village of Wheeling

The **2012 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program** will begin in late spring/early summer. A list of locations that qualify for this work is being compiled and includes sidewalks in the Dunhurst Subdivision, Unit 3. If you feel that there is a public sidewalk in need of repair, please contact the Capital Projects & Design Division at 847.279.6915 and provide an address and phone number. Staff will evaluate the sidewalk to determine if it qualifies for replacement as funding becomes available.

The **2012 MFT Street Improvement Program** is slated for the following streets: Stone Place from Anita Place to E. Manchester Dr., Anita Place from Stone Place to E. Manchester Dr., and Egidi Dr. from Northgate Parkway east to the cul-de-sac. This project consists of removal and replacement of pavement, removal of trees, removal of curb/gutter and sidewalk, drainage structure adjustment, and parkway restoration. This work is slated to begin in early June.

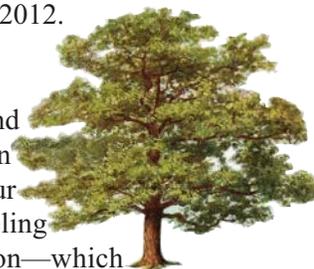
Illinois Department of Transportation

IDOT’s **Dundee Road Bridge over Buffalo Creek** project reopened its new, wider five lane roadway prior to its final completion. This project will resume in the spring once concrete and asphalt plants reopen; final improvements for completion include a hot mix asphalt surface, a 10-foot wide path in the north parkway, landscape restoration, all clean-up work and punch list items.

IDOT’s **Wolf Road (over Palatine Road) Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement** project may begin before April 15, but no extended Wolf Rd. lane closures or roadway detours will begin prior to April 15. This project will be completed prior to October 1, 2012.

What is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day promotes tree planting and care and is an annual celebration of the role trees play in our daily lives. This year, Arbor Day will occur on Friday, April 27th. The Village of Wheeling has received the Tree City USA recognition—which acknowledges the Village’s forestry program—for 22 consecutive years and the Tree City USA Growth Award for 10 consecutive years. By celebrating Arbor Day, the Village continues to demonstrate its awareness of the environment.



HUMAN SERVICES



Pavilion Senior Center * 199 N. First St. * 847.459.2670

The Pavilion Senior Center, part of the Department of Human Services, announces the following programs to be offered to area adults 55 years or better.

*Be a part of the fun
at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center!*

Please register for all trips and programs at the Senior Center. All trips will begin and end at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center. For more information, please call Alysia Miller-Goldstein at 847.459.2670.

Potawatomi Casino - Thursday, May 31, 8:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Try your luck at the Potawatomi Casino. The cost of this trip includes deluxe transportation, reward play, and a food and beverage credit. Please call for member, non-member, and early-bird pricing by April 30th.

Cubs vs. Detroit Tigers - Thursday, June 14, 10:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come cheer on the Cubs as they play the Detroit Tigers in the friendly confines of Wrigley Field. The cost of this trip includes round-trip transportation from the Senior Center to Wrigley Field, \$10 in Cubs Money, and a ticket to the game. Please call for member, non-member, and early-bird pricing by May 21st.

39 Steps - Thursday, July 19, 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy this performance adapted from the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film and based upon the idea of an innocent man on the run. The cost of this trip includes round-trip transportation from the Senior Center to Drury Lane Theatre, a delicious lunch, and a ticket to the performance. Please call for member, non-member, and early-bird pricing by June 14th.

Apple Holler - Thursday, August 9, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Journey with us to Apple Holler in Sturtevant, Wisconsin for an enjoyable day featuring lunch, a production of "Murder!" *The Wicked Witch of the West* *Hollered*, shopping, and apple picking. Please call for member, non-member, and early-bird pricing by June 26th.

Fireside Christmas - Thursday, October 25, 8:15 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Get in the Christmas Spirit early—travel with us on a coach bus to Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin for a performance of *Scrooge*. Dine on shrimp, scallops, breaded chicken breast, sweet potato soufflé with pecan crust, and chocolate cake for dessert. You will also have the opportunity to browse the unique shops in the venue. Please call for member, non-member, and early-bird pricing by September 4th.

Lunch Around Wheeling



Each month the Pavilion Senior Center will have a special lunch catered by one of the many restaurants in town. Join us for a fun meal, followed by either a speaker or some other entertainment following. Restaurant and entertainment schedule is available through the Senior Center at 847.459.2670.

Wheeling Computer Learning Center for Seniors

**NEW COMPUTERS, NEW CLASSES,
NEW INFORMATION!**

Sessions begin every month on new Windows 7 laptop computers with new programs. Tell us what you want to learn and we will find a teacher to help you! Give us a call at 847.459.2670 for schedule and suggestions.

The Social Services Division offers many services to Wheeling residents who need assistance. The Division offers assessment, case management, community linkage/information and referral, crisis intervention, court advocacy, short-term counseling, tangible and basic needs, and victim services. If you need assistance please call 847.459.2606.

Social Service Outreach

The Social Services Division offers outreach to the residents of various multi-family areas each month at their clubhouses or common areas. Social Workers will be available to answer questions regarding possible public benefits (Circuit Breaker, food assistance, etc.) and other resources and services available through the Social Services Division. No appointment is necessary while Social Services is on-premise, but confidential appointments can be arranged if needed. Please stop by to learn more about how we can assist your needs. Our current schedule for outreach includes Whippletree Village on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, Woodland Creek Apartments on the 2nd Thursday of the month, and VIP Apartments on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. For further information regarding when a Social Worker will be at your location (those listed above), please call the Social Services Division at 847.459.2606 and leave a message for a return call. All other residents are welcome to call 847.459.2606 for other opportunities or to schedule a confidential appointment with a Social Worker.

Manufacturing Careers Internship Program

Wheeling has partnered with the Workforce Board of Northern Cook County (www.workforceboard.org) to support the Manufacturing Careers Internship Program (MCIP). This program is designed to introduce area youth to modern manufacturing careers.

The Goals of MCIP are to:

- Provide a meaningful internship experience for high school graduates in a manufacturing environment
- Have interns learn about opportunities and career paths in manufacturing
- Understand the training needed to achieve success in the industry
- Address the critical shortage of qualified manufacturing employees

The Workforce Board continues to seek out additional manufacturing partners and youth interested in learning about these career opportunities. Contact David Limon at 847.699.9195 to get involved.

Wheeling Business News

On the heels of the construction of the new International Aviation hangar at Chicago Executive Airport, the Village Board recently approved plans for an additional Atlantic Aviation hangar to be built along Wolf Road. These two significant developments demonstrate the continued interest in investment in our airport and will benefit the community with an improved tax base, job creation, and additional business traffic to support Wheeling hospitality and restaurants.

And coming soon...

Watch for D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub to open on Milwaukee Avenue this summer! A local, family-owned

and operated restaurant known for its thin crust pizza, D'Agostino's is also a proud sponsor of the Chicago Cubs and the exclusive pizza served at Wrigley Field. Long-time Wheeling residents, the D'Agostino family will open their fifth restaurant in the former Hackney's building at 241 S. Milwaukee Avenue. Be sure to stop by and welcome the family when the new Wheeling location is open!

Save the date... June 23, 2012
Stay tuned to www.wheelingil.gov for
news about an international food festival!



International Aviation hangar



Atlantic Aviation hangar rendering

Wheeling Food Pantry Now Open

The Wheeling Food Pantry located at 101 N. Wolf Road is open to the public. The pantry is an initiative of the Wheeling Rotary Club and is supported by several community organizations including the Village of Wheeling, OMNI Youth Services, St. Joseph the Worker Church, Wheeling High School and Wheeling School District 21. Social Services staff from Wheeling as well as from OMNI Youth Services are available during pantry hours to provide visitors with additional services as needed.

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Requirements for utilizing the Food Pantry: Patrons must either be Wheeling residents or have children in School District 21 or Wheeling High School. Proof of residency or a letter from School District 21 or Wheeling High School is required. Qualifying patrons may utilize the Food Pantry once every 30 days. Donations are badly needed. The pantry is in need of non-perishable food items such as peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti noodles and sauce, tuna and tuna helper, pancake mix and syrup, oatmeal, cream of wheat, cereal, granola bars, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, rice, beans (pinto, black, or red in dried or canned form), macaroni & cheese, etc. Collection bins for these donations may be found at Village Hall, the Police Department, Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center, and Fire Station 24. Donations may also be brought directly to the pantry during regular business hours.

For more information regarding the pantry, please contact the Village of Wheeling Human Services Department at 847.459.2606.

Green Transport Initiatives

The Village of Wheeling is beginning work on a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The plan will examine the bicycle and pedestrian network in the Village, including issues such as access to public transportation, parks, schools, neighborhoods, and commercial areas. The plan will include recommendations for new bicycle and pedestrian facilities, as well as strategies for prioritizing key improvements and identifying the appropriate funding sources. Public input is requested throughout the process. If you would like to be informed of any upcoming meetings involving this project, please contact Village Planner, Andrew Jennings, at 847.499.9061 or ajennings@wheelingil.gov.

Vote Tuesday, March 20 Electric Aggregation

Wheeling is working together with Palatine, Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Lincolnshire, Long Grove, and Vernon Hills on a community choice aggregation of electricity initiative in order to seek competitive prices for electrical services and potentially lower your electric bill. The following question will be on the spring ballot:

“Shall the Village of Wheeling have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?”

If approved, the Village will compare prices and select one certified wholesale electric supplier for this region. **If you do not want to participate you may opt out and stay with your current electric supplier.**

Want to know more? Attend a public information meeting...

Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.
Vernon Hills Village Hall, 290 Evergreen Drive

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the March 20, 2012 referendum whereby voters of these communities will consider allowing their municipality to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program.

For further information, please call 847.279.6900 or email electricityagg@wheelingil.gov.

Village Hall

2 Community Boulevard

Phone: 847.459.2600

Open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M - F

Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road

Phone: 847.279.6900

Open 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M - F

Police Department

1 Community Blvd.

Phone: 847.459.2632

Fire Department

499 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Phone: 847.459.2662

Community Development

2 Community Blvd.

Phone 847.459.2620

Open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M - F

Human Services/Senior Ctr.

199 N. First Street

Phone: 847.459.2670

847.459.CODE

to report code violations

President Judy Abruscato

847.541.8783

Trustee Dean Argiris

847.845.6990

Trustee Ken Brady

847.537.8642

Trustee Robert Heer

847.541.4274

Trustee Bill Hein

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Trustee Ray Lang

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