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2013 State of the Village Address

Delivered by President Abruscato on January 29, 2013

Friends and neighbors, I am honored to provide an update on the state of the Village of Wheeling. For three years, I have delivered a similar message: times are tough, but we are up to the challenge, and things are getting better. This year is no different.

In 2012, the Village issued construction permits valued at over \$51 million, a \$4 million increase over 2011. Wheeling's industrial vacancy rate is now below 6%, among the lowest in the region. Last year, two vacant properties on Palatine Road found buyers, including a 170,000-square-foot building sold to Cano Packaging. Aargus Plastics also undertook a major expansion of its facility. We've even been getting inquiries for new industrial construction, something hard to imagine not too long ago.

The Heritage Park project is now well underway. The Village is proud to assist our friends at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the Wheeling Park District with this important flood control initiative, which includes six stormwater storage areas with a total capacity of more than 49 million gallons, some of which can be used to promote future redevelopment. The project will also completely remake the park, with improvements including new walkways, a pavilion by the lake, a band shell, soccer fields, and baseball diamonds.

At Chicago Executive Airport, we've seen a new facility at International Aviation and the renovation of the Atlantic Aviation terminal, and we expect more development in the near future. The success of the airport and the redevelopment of the area around it continue to be top priorities, and we're in the process of preparing a strategy to move forward.

This year we've seen the expansion and renovation of our Walmart store, and we've welcomed new businesses like Advance Auto, Marco's Pizza, and Children's Land Learning Center to town. On Restaurant Row, we've seen the much-anticipated opening of D'Agostino's Pizzeria, as well as the ongoing success of old favorites like Bob Chinn's Crab House, which *Forbes* magazine recently named the top-grossing restaurant in America.

And Wheeling continues to benefit from being home to the Korean Cultural Center, which in the last year has made substantial contributions to the civic and cultural life of our community, including exhibits, events, and performances. The center recently opened a beautiful traditional pavilion, a gift from the City of Busan in the Republic of Korea. I'm confident that the relationships the Village has forged with the Korean and Korean-American communities will continue to be productive and profitable.

So things are pretty good in Wheeling. But while it's clear that we're on the right path, it's also clear that the free and easy days enjoyed prior to the Great Recession won't be coming back soon. Local governments simply don't have the option to hunker down and wait for the weather to improve so they can go back to business as usual. They have to be bold and creative in seeking out new ideas, new partnerships, and new opportunities to help their residents. Wheeling has done this in a number of ways.

Last year our voters authorized us to partner with six other municipalities to aggregate the purchase of electricity. By pooling the buying power of residents and businesses, we've been able to lock in a much lower electric supply rate, putting money back in the pockets of Wheeling families with the stroke of a pen.

In conversations with our industrial community, we've heard a common complaint: despite the high unemployment rate, they can't find the skilled help they need to run their high-tech manufacturing operations. Therefore, Wheeling has worked hard to connect local businesses, workforce development agencies, and educational institutions to help prepare future workers.

We recently partnered with the Intel and HP corporations, District 214, and local manufacturers to introduce a High Performance Computing pilot program, which helps our local industrial businesses access powerful tools that will aid them in designing products and bringing them to market, thereby becoming more competitive internationally. *Continued on Page 2...*



President Abruscato presents at the annual State of the Village luncheon held at Tuscany in Wheeling on January 29.

WELCOME TO WHEELING

State of the Village continued...

This program also teaches local students valuable design and production skills that will make them future leaders in a renewed American manufacturing industry. This program is designed to be scaled regionally and nationally, and it started right here in Wheeling. Dr. Lazaro Lopez and his staff at Wheeling High School deserve special praise for making it a success.

The Village is also proud to have partnered with the Wheeling Industrial Network and other agencies to help establish the Manufacturing Career Internship Program, a grant-funded initiative that pairs manufacturers in need of skilled labor with motivated young people who hope to start careers in industry. We'll follow up the success of this program with the Wheeling Innovative Entrepreneur Initiative, another grant-funded program designed to provide training and support to unemployed and underemployed residents who have the desire and drive to start and run their own businesses.

These aren't programs that local governments have traditionally been involved in, but partnerships like these seem like the path to success in the new economy. Our capacity to help make critical connections means that these are likely to become core functions in the future. And these aren't the only examples of doing things differently to benefit the community: During the past year we've responded to a challenging real estate market by making targeted investments in various Village-owned properties, such as preliminary permit work, to reduce barriers to future development and get them back on the tax roll faster. Taking advantage of low interest rates, we've completed another round of debt refinancing, bringing the total savings achieved under this and last year's programs to nearly \$800,000. And our Senior Center has made an aggressive effort to coordinate its programming with the Indian Trails Public Library and the Wheeling Park District, looking for opportunities to pool resources and bring services to as many residents as possible.

As you can see from these examples, the Village can be bold and creative while still making responsible use of the revenues we collect. We always strive first to sustain and maintain the levels of service that our residents rely on, ensuring that we receive a solid return on the investment of their tax dollars. For instance, we are in the midst of a \$3.5 million infrastructure project that will replace 8,000 existing water meters with a state-of-the-art automatic meter reading system. The new system will provide precise and efficient monitoring of water usage, and will also make it easier to detect and respond to problems when they occur. To safeguard our water supply, the Village also rehabilitated both an emergency standby well and elevated tank at Milwaukee and Center; you've probably noticed the Village's new logo painted on the tank.

In 2012, the Village also took critical steps to maintain public safety. We completed the complex process of adopting the new International Building and Fire Codes, ensuring that new construction is safe and reliable. We replaced and upgraded our tornado warning siren system, improving both effectiveness and ease of activation; you may have heard the difference during recent monthly tests. And the Wheeling Police Department not only received renewal of its Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation, but was also recognized for its use of accreditation as a model for service delivery and for completing 22 continuous years as an accredited agency. This means that our Police Department's operations and standards are consistent with nationally-recognized best practices, and should inspire pride and confidence among all Wheeling residents.

As always, I could say more, but I think this gives you a fair sense of where the Village of Wheeling is, and where it hopes to go in the future. Like all municipalities in this new economy, we still sometimes find ourselves navigating unfamiliar territory, facing serious challenges. But with good leadership and good judgment, with the expert skills of our hardworking staff, with the generosity of our volunteers, with the drive and ingenuity of our business community, and with the engaged support of the 40,000 people who trust us to keep their Village running, I have no doubt that we will continue to grow and to prosper.



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The Clerk's Corner



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Consolidated Election - April 9, 2013

On Tuesday, April 9, Wheeling residents will be voting for Village President, three Trustees and Village Clerk. Visit www.cookcountyclerk.com to see a sample ballot, verify your voter registration, determine your polling place, and find early voting locations. Early voting takes place March 25–April 6, 2013. Come out and vote!

If you are not yet registered, you can do so at the Village Hall Monday–Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you cannot make it during these hours, please call me at 847.541.8692 and I will arrange to register you at your convenience. The last day to register to vote for the Consolidated Election is March 12, 2013.

Get to Know Your Neighbors!

The Wheeling Garden Club is a great place to learn about gardening, hear guest speakers, and get involved in the Annual Plant Sale. The Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. For further information please contact Christine Brady at 847.537.8642.

The Wheeling Historical Society is preserving the Village's present for future generations. The Society has monthly meetings with guest speakers on the fourth Wednesday of each month, and also opens the museum up during warmer weather. Meetings take place at Chamber Park in the Community Church. For further information, contact Joan Weiner at 847.650.0144.

The Wheeling Senior Center is open to residents ages 55 and better. The Senior Center offers discussion groups, computer training, exercise classes, and much more. Join to meet people with shared experiences and concerns.

Did you know?

The Wheeling Senior Commission addresses the needs and interests of all Village residents over the age of 55. The Commission serves as an advisory body to the Village Board and the Village Manager with respect to the general welfare of senior citizens in the Village. Contact the Senior Center at 847.459.2606 with questions or concerns for the Senior Commission.

Health Happenings



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Wheeling Community Blood Drive

The Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Board of Health will be hosting a blood drive from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at the Village Hall located at 2 Community Blvd (across from the Post Office).



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.

You may not truly realize it when you make your donation, but the blood you give today will be there to help save someone's life tomorrow. In turn, if you ever require blood transfusions sometime in your life (and 50% of us will), it will be there for you because someone donated to help you. 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. You may also contact LifeSource Blood Services directly at 1.800.LIFESOURCE.

Walk-ins are always welcomed! Please join us!



Rain Barrels

A rain barrel can help you save water, prevent flooding and grow a garden.

Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from rooftops that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, creeks and rivers. Because it does not contain minerals, chlorine, fluoride or other chemicals, the stored rainwater in barrels provides a supply of water that is ideal for gardens, potted plants and flowers, lawns, and even bicycle and car washing. Rain barrels reduce stormwater pollution and conserve water.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) now offers rain barrels to residents year-round through their Rain Barrel Program. For more information, please visit www.mwrdd.org or contact 312.751.6633.

Residents should keep rain barrels hidden or camouflaged if possible, and keep them along the side or rear of lots.

Yard Waste Collections



Yard waste collections begin on April 1 and continue through November 30. Collections occur on your regularly scheduled collection day.

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 and containers must not be larger than 33 gallons or exceed 45 pounds 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 this service. All yard waste must be placed at the curb for collection by 6 a.m. the day of scheduled collection but not before 5 p.m. the evening before.

Brush must be bundled and tied with biodegradable twine or string. Bundles must not weigh over 45 lbs, exceed four feet in length or two feet in diameter, and not contain limbs greater than three inches in diameter. There is no limit to the number of brush bundles.

Do You Need a Permit?

Before you install, build, or remodel new or existing structures within the Village, it is likely you will need to obtain a permit. Construction or installation of numerous items, including fencing, concrete, roofing, building additions and new buildings, requires permits issued by the Community Development Department.

The Building and Engineering divisions within Community Development are typically involved with construction projects, including permit plan review, and preliminary and final inspections to assure all construction projects comply with current building and life-safety codes.

Permits are required for the following home improvements:

- Alarm System
- Central Air Conditioning or Furnace Replacement
- Concrete Stoop Replacement
- Deck or Gazebo
- Driveways, Sidewalks and Patios
- Electrical Work
- Fence or Dog Run
- Fireplace
- Garage
- Home Addition or Remodeling
- Lawn Sprinkler System
- Plumbing Work
- Roofing
- Satellite Dish
- Screened Porch
- Sewer Repair
- Shed
- Siding
- Swimming Pool or Hot Tub
- Water Heater Replacement
- Window or Door Replacement (if opening size will change)

Permits are issued at the Community Development Department. The forms are available on the Village website ([wheelingil.gov/reference desk/forms and permits](http://wheelingil.gov/reference%20desk/forms%20and%20permits)) and in our office. If you are unsure whether a permit is required for your home improvement project, please call us at 847.459.2620 with a brief description of the work, and Village staff will determine whether a permit is required.

The Community Development office is located in the Village Hall at 2 Community Blvd. Inspections on issued permits are available Monday–Friday from 7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Reminder: Waste Management is the only waste hauler that is permitted in the Village. To schedule a waste container for your project, please call 800.796.9696.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

Household Hazardous Waste

Household products such as cleaners, lawn/garden care, antifreeze, pesticides, etc. can contain hazardous ingredients which can be harmful to human health and the environment, and require proper and safe disposal. We highly recommend that whenever possible, you purchase limited quantities of household hazardous products so that the amount of hazardous waste produced is limited.

Long-term (permanent) drop-off facilities are available to Illinois residents for household hazardous waste disposal at no charge. Listed below are long-term facility locations. It is recommended that you contact the facilities prior to visitation as hours may change during the year. Latex paint is not accepted at any drop-off facility. (Please see information below regarding latex paint disposal.)

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Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)
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Acceptable items include: aerosol products (paints and pesticides), lawn chemicals, antifreeze, mercury, cleaning products, old gasoline, drain cleaners, oil-based paints, fluorescent lamp bulbs, paint thinners, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, hobby chemicals, pool chemicals, household batteries, solvents; used motor oil, double-bagged and wetted asbestos, and old or outdated medicines and pharmaceuticals.

Unacceptable items include: latex paint, business/commercial sector waste, agricultural chemicals and waste, explosives, fireworks, institutional waste, lead acid batteries, medical waste, farm machinery oil, smoke detectors, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, and sharps, needles and potentially infectious medical waste.

Latex Paint:

Because latex, or water-based, paint is not hazardous due to water replacing most of the oil-based components, it is not accepted at any Illinois drop-off facility. The following are some disposal alternatives for latex paint.

- Donate extra paint to an individual or organization such as charitable/non-profit groups, family or neighbors.
- Keep painting. Paint another coat of paint or use as a primer.
- Paint other items or areas such as lumber pieces, inside of garages, or even furniture pieces.
- Store the paint for future use. If this is done, cover the opening with plastic wrap and make sure the lid fits securely.
- **Proper disposal:** If other alternatives cannot be used and disposal is necessary, open paint cans in well-ventilated areas (i.e. outdoors). Add an absorbent such as kitty litter, sawdust or shredded paper into the paint cans and mix. When the liquid paint is fully absorbed, and the paint is hardened, place lids back on the paint cans and dispose of closed paint cans in regular refuse containers (not recycling!). If paint cans are full, divide the paint into empty cans to solidify or repeat the absorption process.

What is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day is an annual celebration of the function trees have in our daily lives, and also promotes tree planting and care. It is celebrated in Illinois on the last Friday in April. This year, Arbor Day will occur on Friday, April 26th. The Village of Wheeling has received the Tree City USA recognition, which acknowledges the Village's forestry program for 23 consecutive years and the Tree City USA Growth Award for 11 consecutive years. By celebrating Arbor Day, the Village continues to demonstrate the importance of trees in our community.

Update Your Contact Information with WM

Waste Management (WM) notifies its customers anytime there is a service-related issue such as holiday delays or extreme weather delays. Residents are encouraged to update their account information (telephone numbers and email address) to receive communications[®] from WM. Please contact WM directly at 1.800.796.9696 with updated information.



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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pavilion Senior Center

The Pavilion Senior Center—part of the Department of Human Services—is open to area adults 55 years or better. Call 847.459.2670 for more information.

Senior Center Events

Coupons and Cookies - March 7 at 1 p.m.

What's going on at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center? Join us for our Coupons and Cookies program to find out. We will begin the afternoon with a presentation on upcoming events, followed by cookies and socializing. Coupons will be available ONLY to those who attend this program. This FREE program is taking place at the Senior Center, but you must register in advance.

St. Patrick's Day Party - March 14 at 11:30 a.m.

It's the day for wearing green! At the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center we will be celebrating with lunch, followed by Irish themed music by Heather Braoudakis. Cost: \$12 members / \$27 non-members. No reservations will be accepted after March 6.

Your Clock is Ticking - March 15, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy your life NOW. Your life should be about aspirations and inspiration, not about waiting until the grass turns greener. Learn to experience the greatest things life has to offer, the incredible achievements you want to make. This group meets at the Senior Center every third Friday of each month: March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15 & December 20.

Tuesday Evening at Pavilion - March 19, 6 to 8 p.m.

The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center will be open for games and conversation with friends. Please bring your own snacks, if desired. There is NO CHARGE for this event, but we ask that you call 847.459.2670 to register; we must have a minimum of six people registered in order to keep the center open!

Rules of the Road class - April 17, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Senior Center will be offering a Rules of the Road class in preparation for the Illinois Secretary of State driver's written test. Come refresh your memory so you can ace your exam! This is a FREE class, but advance registration is required.

Outlet Shopping - May 2

Attention bargain hunters! Seniors will be traveling to the Pleasant Prairie Outlet Center. With many stores to choose from, there is certain to be something for everyone. The cost of this trip includes transportation. Lunch is at your expense. Meet at the Senior Center at 9:15 a.m., the bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$12 members / \$30 non-members. There must be a minimum of ten people registered by April 22 in order to run this trip.

Lunch at Pavilion

Join us for a great meal and great friends at LUNCH AT PAVILION. Great new menu selections, restaurant atmosphere, table service—you can't beat it! The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center hosts meal service for anyone 60 years and better. A nutritionally balanced lunch is served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Reservations are needed. Social activities and informational programs are included as part of this program. Each diner will receive written information regarding the cost of the meal and will have the opportunity to contribute to part or all of the cost; the suggested donation is \$4. Funds for this program are provided by an award from AgeOptions through the Illinois Department on Aging and Federal Administration on Aging. Meals are prepared by the Catholic Charities. Many times lunch is followed by a presentation, speaker, or musical entertainment. For more information regarding how to register or volunteer, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask for Jesus Delgado.

Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Workshop

The Senior Center with Home Instead Senior Care is offering a series of four workshops to educate family members who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other dementias. These programs will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6–8 p.m. at the Senior Center.
March 19: Overview on Alzheimer's and Other Dementias
April 16: Capturing Life's Journey
May 21: Techniques to Manage Behavior
June 18: Activities to Encourage Engagement
These programs are FREE, but registration is requested. To register, contact the Senior Center at 847.459.2670.

Wheeling Computer Learning Center for Older Adults (50+)

Do you have a digital camera and don't know how to get the pictures off of it? Do you want to keep in touch with your grandchildren through Facebook or email, but don't know where to start? Have you never used a computer, but would like to try? Do you want to learn how to really get the most out of your smartphone or iPhone?

If you answered "yes" to any or all of these questions, then the Wheeling Computer Learning Center for Seniors is just the place for you. NEW SESSIONS BEGIN MONTHLY! Call the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 for the latest information regarding class offerings and schedules.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Social Services Division

The Social Services Division has three social workers to serve all residents of the Village of Wheeling. Call 847.459.2606 for more information.

Senior Health Insurance Program of Illinois (SHIP)

*Are you puzzled by Medicare and don't know who to ask?
Are you unsure if your plan will fit your needs next year?
SHIP can help!*

SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) is a free counseling service provided by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance. SHIP does not sell or solicit insurance, nor is it an insurance plan. SHIP-trained volunteer counselors can answer questions about Medicare; Medicare Supplement Insurance; Medicare Advantage Plans with HMO's, PPO's, PFFS's; prescription drug coverage through Medicare and other sources; long-term care insurance; Medicare claims and appeals; Medicare beneficiary rights and guarantees, etc.

The SHIP representative in Wheeling is available at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center on Thursdays by appointment. Call for an appointment at 847.459.2670. You may also call the State toll-free number at 1.800.548.9034. Don't wait to get your questions answered—give SHIP a call!

CountyCare

Good news! A new health care program for adults in Cook County is now available. This program is called CountyCare and is operated by the State of Illinois and the Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems (CCHHS). This is a Medicaid program available under healthcare reform.



To join, you need to:

- Live in Cook County.
- Be between the ages of 19–64
- Be a legal immigrant for at least 5 years or be a U.S. citizen.
- Meet income limits. (Limits are \$14,856 of income per year for an individual or \$20,123 for a couple.)
- Have a social security number or have applied for one.

If you qualify for Medicaid or Medicare, you cannot join CountyCare.

Participants in CountyCare will receive health care from CCHHS doctors. You may also receive care from certain other community health centers in the Cook County area.

Call 312.864.8200 or toll free 1.855.444.1661 with any questions regarding this program. Operators are available Monday–Friday 8 a.m.– 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.

The Wheeling Food Pantry

101 N Wolf Rd

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Fridays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Wheeling Food 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 Elementary School District 21. Social Service staff from the Village of Wheeling Human Services Department as well as from OMNI Youth Services is available during pantry hours to provide visitors with additional services as needed.

Requirements for utilizing the Food Pantry: Patrons must either be a Wheeling resident or have children who attend District 21 or Wheeling High School. Patrons must bring proof of residency (driver's license or other official identification, utility bill, lease, mortgage, or a letter from School District 21 or Wheeling High School). Qualifying patrons may utilize the Food Pantry once every 30 days.

Collection bins for these donations may be found at Wheeling Village Hall, Wheeling Police Department, Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center, and Wheeling Fire Station 24. Donations may also be brought directly to the Pantry during regular business hours. For more information regarding the Pantry, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Wheeling Department of Human Services at 847.459.2606.

Spring Fling—It's the Thing!

Rotary Club of Wheeling Grant Fund's Wheeling Food Pantry Presents...

**Steak Dinner Casual Night
Friday, April 26, 2013**

Bring a guest and enjoy a meal and dancing. All ages are welcome. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE WHEELING FOOD PANTRY. For more information, please contact the Human Services Department at 847.459.2606.

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Severe Weather Safety



Severe weather such as deadly spring tornados can be unpredictable. 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, producing 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 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). In order to avoid injury in the event of breakage, do not stand in front of or near windows. Do not talk on a hardwired telephone or use plumbing fixtures until the storm passes, since lightning can follow these devices if your home or business is struck by lightning.
- 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. The Village’s warning system was recently upgraded, which allows warnings to last longer and travel farther. If you hear the warning sirens, 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 outrun 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 more pressing calls for emergency assistance. Flooded streets are commonly caused by storm debris collecting 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 away naturally.

It is imperative that children or family pets not be allowed 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 stormwater detention basins, since the water can unexpectedly rise, resulting in entrapment, or fall, resulting in small children being pulled under the water.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Welcome new businesses!

ABM Distributing, Inc.

418 Mercantile Court
Distribution of Building Materials

CrossFit Overcome

9 Huntington Lane
Personal Training

Ernest Ramirez/State Farm Agent

224 S. Milwaukee Ave., Suite B
Insurance Agent

Integrity Construction, Inc.

414 Mercantile Court
Roofing & Remodeling Construction

Monika Spadlo Insurance Agency

890 S. Milwaukee Avenue
Auto Insurance Agent

Northtown Mechanical Services

270 Larkin Drive, Unit D
Heating & A/C Sales Contractor

Stery Trucking, Ltd.

612 Wheeling Road
Trucking Co./Dispatch Office

Advance Auto Parts

755 W. Dundee Road
Retail Auto Parts Store

DLS Conformity Assessment

200 E. Marquardt
Testing & Consulting Service

Global Auto Trading, Inc.

890 S. Milwaukee, Suite 1G
Internet Car Sales

Motorola Solutions

1001 S. Wolf Road
Fixed Base Operator

NE Healthcare Services

325 N. Milwaukee, Suite 1G
Home Health Care

SalonCentric, Inc.

536 W. Dundee Road
Cosmetic Wholesaler

Transitions Home Care

224 Milwaukee Ave., Ste D
Home Health Care Office

Wheeling Innovative Entrepreneur Initiative

The Village of Wheeling announces the introduction of the Innovative Entrepreneur Initiative (IEI) for economic development and job creation. The Wheeling IEI is designed to inspire and enable unemployed or underemployed residents with the entrepreneurial passion to launch their own businesses following an intense period of training and mentoring. The initiative's new start-up program, "R-Start Ups," has been developed by Praveen Gupta of Accelper Consulting and Mohammed Faheem of Business Career Services with support from the Village of Wheeling's Department of Economic Development, and is expected to launch in the next quarter.

The goal is to help launch 25 new businesses in the next 18 months, creating about 50 new jobs in the Wheeling area. Applications from interested entrepreneurs who are passionate about starting a business and are willing to work hard will be accepted starting March 1, 2013. To obtain an application, please send an email to mfaheem@bcsillinois.org. Additional information is available at www.RStartUps.org. Program information is also posted on the Village of Wheeling's homepage at www.wheelingil.gov.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

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Wheeling, IL 60090
Phone: 847.459.2600
Fax: 847.459.9692
Website: www.wheelingil.gov
Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. M - F

Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road
Phone: 847.279.6900
Open 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M - F

Community Development

2 Community Blvd.
Phone 847.459.2620
Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. M - F

Human Services/Senior Ctr.

199 N. First Street
847.459.2670

Police Department

1 Community Blvd.
847.459.2632

Fire Department

499 S. Milwaukee Ave.
847.459.2662

Wheeling Local TV

Comcast: Channel 17
A T & T: Channel 99

Wheeling Park District

333 W. Dundee Road
847.465.3333

Indian Trails Public Library

355 S. Schoenbeck Road
847.459.4100

847.459.CODE

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847.541.8783

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