



Community
of Choice

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May/June 2009

From the Village President's Office



Dean Argiris

The spring season brings with it the promise of new beginnings, and that is exactly what we are now experiencing here in Wheeling. As my term as Acting Village President comes to a close and I return to my Trustee seat, a new chapter begins for our community. After 23 years on the Village Board, Trustee Judy Abruscato has been elected Village President and will be sworn in at our May 4th Board meeting. I have worked with President-elect Abruscato for many years and I am pleased and excited to work with her in this new capacity. I wish her all the best.

The Board of Trustees will also be experiencing changes this season. Newly elected trustees will be joining the Board on May 4th. Trustee Michael Horcher will be leaving the Board after eight years of dedicated service to the Village. I wish him the best of luck in the future. I am looking forward with great anticipation to the goals that we as a Board can accomplish together and I welcome these new changes. I am sincerely grateful for the support that I have received as Acting Village President, both from my fellow Board members and the Wheeling residents. It was truly an honor to serve the community in this way and I look forward to continuing my service to the residents as a Trustee.

As these changes take place, the Village Board continues to seek positive development for our community. The Village approved a Redevelopment Agreement with the owners of the Fresh Farms shopping center at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue, who plan to redevelop the entire shopping center in phases, starting later this year. Final engineering of the project is in process and site work is planned to begin by year's end. The new center will be designed and built with an improved parking layout, contemporary architecture, and new retail spaces that are expected to greatly enhance the appearance of this gateway intersection. In addition, to meet a Village goal of creating a public amenity at each corner of this intersection, the Village has reserved land at the southwest corner for future construction of a public space – currently envisioned to include a clock tower feature.



Fresh Farms Rendering

2009 Election Results

Village President

Judy Abruscato	1,201	49%
Patrick Horcher	549	23%
David Kolssak	684	28%

Village Clerk

*Elaine Simpson	2,060	100%
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Village Trustee

*Dean Argiris	1,718	28%
*Kenneth Brady	1,651	27%
*Michael Horcher	1,285	21%
Stuart Shapiro	1,445	24%

(*Designates incumbent; each race was for a four-year term)

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Welcome to Wheeling

Village Board Highlights

Recent Village Board Actions

View Village Board meetings on Comcast Channel 17, AT&T Channel 99

Authorized

- The Village Manager to Execute a Service Provider Contract with Municipal GIS Partners, Inc. for GIS Support Services
- Acceptance of an Illinois Commerce Commission/Illinois Department of Transportation Grant Award for the Implementation of a Public Education and Enforcement Research Program through end of December 2009
- The Village President to Enter Into a Final Engineering Design Service Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. for the Replacement of the Hawthorne School Bridge
- The Village President to Execute the Engineering Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. to Identify and Analyze Potential Measures for Flooding Problems Along Jackson Drive and Lakeside Villa Areas
- The Village President and Village Clerk to Execute Two Agreements Regarding the Hauling of Scavenger Waste in the Village of Wheeling

Approved

- A Predevelopment Agreement between the Village of Wheeling and JELMJ, LLC in Regard to the Village's North (Milwaukee Avenue/Lake Cook Road Tax Increment Financing District) and the Property Located at the Southwest Corner of Lake Cook Road and Wolf Road
- Granting Special Use Site Plan Building Appearance Approval to Construct and Operate a New Public Safety Facility for Wheeling Fire Station No. 24, Which Includes the Fire Department Administrative Offices, on Vacant Property Commonly Known as 483, 493, 503 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Proclaimed

- March as Athletic Training Month
- April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Saved by the Belt Awards from the Illinois Department of Transportation
- Award to Officer Scott Laverd for his dedication to Seniors
- April as Volunteer Month
- April 24, 2009 as Arbor Day
- Wheeling High School Girls Basketball Team

Watch all Village Board meetings as well as Plan Commission meetings On Demand at www.wheelingil.gov



Dean Argiris



Judy Abruscato



Ken Brady



Bob Heer



Michael Horcher



Patrick Horcher



Elaine Simpson

The Village of Wheeling President, Board of Trustees and Clerk

Welcome new Wheeling Businesses!

Accu-Fab, Inc
1550 Abbott Drive

Advanced Communications Service
28 W. Dundee Road

Certapro Painters
401 S. Milwaukee Ave, Unit 190-A

Codess, Inc.
1040 S. Milwaukee Ave, Unit 250

Creation Technologies
294 W. Palatine Road

Don Stoltzner Mason Contractor
305 E. Industrial Lane

Fil-Mex Recycling
2125 Foster Avenue

Industrial Controls & Repairs
311 Egidi drive

Liberty Landscape
505 Harvester Court, Unit A

Pacocho Landscaping Services
207 Industrial Lane

Perma-Seal Basement Systems
250 Alice

Rugged Equipment Design
301 Industrial Lane

These Businesses Have Relocated

E-Z Wheels
to 1290 Peterson Drive

Gene's Village Towing
to 1290 Peterson Drive

Home Line, Inc
to 591 N. Wolf Road

Wheel Inn Body & Motor Works
to 1290 Peterson Drive

Welcome to Wheeling

The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk,
Elaine Simpson

REMEMBER - WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU



As the trees and bushes are budding and spring flowers are pushing through the ground, it is easy to see that we are finally into the spring season! Now is the time of year to begin planting your gardens, and as such, the Wheeling Garden Club will

be holding their annual Garden Sale on Saturday May 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Northeast corner of Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway. Many of the plants that will be for sale are perennials grown by the Wheeling Garden Club.

The General Election is behind us and the new Village Board will be sworn in during the month of May. Also in May we will be having an open house on the 16th so that residents can see their new Village Hall at 2 Community Boulevard. Residents are encouraged to stop by and take a look at our new facility.

Our secret shopper had a pleasant experience at Kilcoyne's Redwood Inn located at 342 N. Milwaukee Avenue. E.J., the bartender, was friendly and the service was excellent. Our secret shopper said the food was very good and reasonably priced. Also, the restaurant has a homey look and the staff made her feel welcome.

Another hidden restaurant in Wheeling caters to children and it is called Nibbles Play Café located at 13 Huntington Lane, in the Arlington Club Commons shopping center. Cathleen the owner says it is a great place to bring your children or play group. The children can play and order off of the children's menu while parents can sit back, drink coffee and watch their children. There is also an adult's menu.

Look for new or old exciting places in Wheeling in our next issue.

Health Happenings



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

March 11th Blood Drive Exceeded Goal

The Wheeling Community Blood Drive was held on March 11, 2009. Thirty eight units were collected from the 40 people who attended. We exceeded our goal of 35 units. The 38 units collected will help save 114 lives.

The Wheeling community restaurants were especially generous in donating gift certificates, coupons or food for the event. Recognition goes to the following restaurants that participated: Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, Don Roth's, El Famous Burrito, Benihana, Hackney's, Tuscany, Original Granny's, Cooper's Hawk, Buca di Beppo, Wa Pa Ghetti's and Pita Inn. We greatly appreciate your support of these restaurants.

The next Wheeling Community Blood Drive is scheduled for July 8, 2009. The Wheeling Board of Health is looking to increase the number of donors. Please share this information with friends, neighbors and family. Without you, we would not be able to give the "Gift of Life" each and every day.

Free Sharps Containers Available

Free sharps containers are available to Wheeling residents. The containers are available through the Village Health Officer in the Community Development Department at Village Hall. If you have any questions regarding the sharps containers or regarding the monthly pharmaceutical and sharps collections, please call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847.499.9045.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Wheeling Community Health Fair & Open House
Saturday, October 17, 2009
9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Public Works Department

Homeowner's Treatment For Emerald Ash Borer

Several insecticide products are available to homeowners for control of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Treatments are needed every year to protect trees from EAB and are recommended only for homeowners in the quarantined area, in which Wheeling is included. Treatments for EAB may be more effective if overall tree health is maintained. Therefore, it is important to fertilize trees in the fall or spring and water regularly. Because of the expense of yearly treatment, it is important to weigh the decision to treat carefully. Consider the value of the tree in relation to treatment costs. Also consider the health of the tree. It is important to remember that treatments work best as a preventive measure. Once a tree is noticeably infested, it is usually too late to save it. Ash trees can live with Emerald Ash Borer infestation for several years before they start to exhibit any symptoms. The insecticide product available for home use is under the trademark *Bayer Advanced* Garden Tree and Shrub Insect Control. For additional treatment options not available to homeowners, contact a local professional arborist. Use caution and read all label instructions before using any pesticide, avoid skin contact, and store pesticides where children cannot reach them. *Bayer Advanced* Garden Tree and Shrub Insect Control is a systemic insecticide applied as a soil drench around the base of a tree. There are several *Bayer Advanced* Garden products, so be sure to purchase the one with "Tree and Shrub" in large print on the label and imidacloprid as the active ingredient. Label instructions say to use one ounce of the insecticide for every inch of distance around the tree trunk (circumference). The cost of treatment depends upon the width of the tree's trunk at chest height. Applications should be done in May or early June. This product is available at most local hardware and garden stores. More information about the product is available at www.bayeradvanced.com.



Capital Projects Upcoming Programs

The 2009 Street Light Replacement Program is planned for the following streets: Sunrise Drive, Commercial Drive, Gilman Avenue, Willis Avenue, Seton Court and Kristy Lane. In total, seventeen new street light poles are slated to be replaced.

The 2009 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program consists of replacing existing defective sidewalk squares to reduce potential trip hazards. This year's sidewalk program will be concentrated in Arlington Club, Ridgefield Subdivision and the Eastchester Subdivision. Areas not addressed in 2009 due to funding limitations may be added to the 2010 program. If you feel that you have a public sidewalk that is in need of repair, please call the Capital Projects and Design Division at 847.229.4701 and we will come out to see if it qualifies for replacement as funding becomes available.

The 2009 MFT Street Improvement Program which is scheduled to begin in early May consists of curb and gutter removal and replacement, pavement removal, hot-mix asphalt pavement, sidewalk repairs, adjustments of drainage structures, storm sewers and parkway restoration. The streets scheduled in this year's program include Anthony Road (Schoenbeck Road to Scott Street), Sycamore Lane (Longtree Drive to Vera Lane), Cherrywood Drive (Longtree Drive to Vera Lane) and 77 W. Hintz Road (Front and side parking lot areas).

Phase I Buffalo Creek Streambank Stabilization Project: This long awaited streambank stabilization and erosion work has started. The project's final design began in 2007 and the Village is proud to announce that Phase I of the Project kicked-off this past November. Phase I includes the area extending from the northwest corner of the Hollywood Ridge Subdivision southeast to the east property line of 928 Valley Stream Drive approximately 100' east of St. Armand Lane.

The Wolf Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement Project began in mid-March. The project consists of abandoning old 6-inch and 8-inch cast iron water main from Manchester Drive to Jeffery Avenue and installing new 8-inch ductile iron water main, and replacing old, undersized and back-pitched sanitary sewer with new 15-inch to 24-inch PVC sewer pipe from Dundee Road north to Wolf Court, all within the Wolf Road right-of-way. Please avoid this area if possible as the project has a three month detour planned for north-bound Wolf Road traffic from Dundee Road to Meyerson Way.

Wheeling Tapping Team Wins 3rd Place!

On March 18, 2009, the Public Works Utility Division won **3rd place** in the Annual Illinois Section American Water Works Association Water Tapping Competition in Springfield, Illinois. In this state competition, various teams compete to install a 3/4 inch tap for the quickest time possible.

The Village team is a fairly young team which began participating in the competition in 2007. In 2007, the Village won 4th place and in 2008, the Village won 2nd place. Though the Village team's time improved during the years, the competition was aggressive and placed them in 3rd place. Way to go guys!



Community Development

Floods are no Myth - Be Prepared for the Unexpected

Discounts on homeowner flood insurance premiums are just one of many benefits residents enjoy as a result of Wheeling's proactive approach to flood hazard damage reduction. A 27-year member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Wheeling has joined a national effort to minimize property damage in cases of flooding and provide affordable flood insurance to all homeowners, whether or not they are located in or near a flood plain. As part of its NFIP commitment, the Village provides a range of public information on flooding potential, prevention, safety, and other issues. For more information about the National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance, call 1.800.427.4661. Copies of the recently revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) can be reviewed at the Community Development Department and the Indian Trails Public Library.

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD POTENTIAL

The Village's proximity to waterways such as the Des Plaines River, Buffalo Creek and McDonald Creek tributaries adds scenic charm to historic Wheeling. Unfortunately, those same waterways raise the hazard of flooding during heavy rains. Standard homeowners insurance does not cover flooding. Through the 1960s, private insurance company rates on flood insurance were prohibitively high. These excessively high prices made it almost impossible to carry flood insurance. The NFIP, formed in 1968, is designed to subsidize the cost of flood insurance to member communities, qualify them to receive disaster relief and establish minimum national standards to reduce flood losses.

HIGH CRS RATING

One of eight inaugural NFIP communities in Illinois, Wheeling designed programs to exceed minimum standards and optimize benefits to Village residents. In 1992, the NFIP implemented the Community Rating System (CRS) to reward efforts of communities that go above and beyond the basic requirements. Effective May 1, 2007, our rating was upgraded to Class 7, which provides a 15 percent discount on flood insurance policies for properties located within the special flood hazard area. Policies issued for properties outside the special flood hazard area continue to receive a 5 percent discount. The Village of Wheeling continues to be proactive in preventative initiatives, including:

Stream maintenance – The Village regularly inspects water ways to ensure they are clear of debris and potential obstructions. The Village is currently in the midst of a stream bank stabilization and erosion control project along a portion of Buffalo Creek west of Rte 83.

Regulating new construction – New buildings in the flood zone must meet requirements for elevation and flood-proofing. Village planners ensure that the new developments don't raise flood risk for neighbors in the community.

Keeping residents informed of flood risk and how to minimize impact - Flooding is not a topic the Village wants to highlight, but our residents must be aware of the potential for flooding. Tools such as this newsletter enable us to keep residents informed in the event of flooding.

DEVELOPMENT REGULATED

Development of any type within special flood hazard areas is

strictly regulated. In order to construct a building or addition, perform any grading or fill any other type of construction in these areas, an individual must obtain a special 'floodplain development permit.' This permit is issued in conjunction with other construction permits to assure that the new construction will not be susceptible to flood damage or cause increased flood damage potential to neighboring properties. Floodplain development regulations can be found on the Village website at www.wheelingil.gov in Title 22 of the Municipal Code which can be found under Reference Desk on the Home Page or by contacting the Community Development Department at 847.459.2620.

With flooding a possibility, especially during the summer storm season, preparation is the best defense. Safeguarding people, protecting buildings and purchasing flood insurance are keys to defending against floods.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

To flood-proof a structure, start by elevating or relocating electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers to areas least likely to be flooded. Install basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves. Consider erecting interior flood walls around utilities. Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home if flooding is likely. Keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. More flood protection information is available from FEMA through a link from the Home Page of the Village of Wheeling website at www.wheelingil.gov. Information is also available for review at the Indian Trails Public Library.

PERSONAL SAFETY

During periods of high water, stay out of the basement where breaker boxes and electrical wiring present the risk of shock. If you know high water is imminent, shut off the electricity, gas and water. Keep your family together and make sure everyone has identification. Move everyone, including pets, to high ground. Rescue crews cannot reach you once the water becomes two-feet deep. Don't drive across flooded roads where your vehicle could stall. Flowing water above your knees can generate dangerous currents. Avoid walking through it.

VILLAGE MONITORS RISING WATER LEVELS

When heavy rains strike, the Village monitors rising water levels with gauges strategically located throughout the Village. Comparing data with historic records, the Village can predict areas of potential flooding. In the event of a flooding situation, Village staff is mobilized to notify people in affected areas. In some situations, notification may be made by phone. Road closure information is available from radio stations.

Call Community Development at 847.459.2620 with any questions about flood risk areas within the Village of Wheeling.

Senior Center



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

The Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling announces the following programs to be offered to area senior citizens. Anyone 55 years or better is welcome to join the activities or volunteer services to assist or share talents with others.

Do you have somebody in your life who would like someone to check on them each morning? Would you feel better if someone called you each morning, just to say hello?

If you answered yes then you may be looking for the **Telephone Reassurance Program** of the Village of Wheeling Senior Services Department. Volunteers call participants daily Monday through Friday before 9 a.m. If the volunteer does not reach the participant, emergency contacts are engaged. This program is free of charge and open to all Wheeling residents 55 and better. For more information, please contact Jan Christiansen, Senior Services Social Worker at 847.459.2670.



Tuesday Evenings at the Senior Center



For those who work during the day, or are looking for something to do in the evenings - Check us out!

The Pavilion is now open on Tuesday evenings. We are open for all regular services such as RTA applications, taking appointments for services, registration for programming as well as our *Crafting Group, Computer classes, open computer access, card games and Wii bowling.*

Please call us at 847.459.2670 for the most up-to-date information on Tuesday evenings!

*Are you becoming more forgetful?
Do you have trouble concentrating?
Do you have trouble recalling words and names in conversation?
Have you become lost when walking or driving in a familiar neighborhood?
Do you misplace things more often?*

If you are asking yourself these questions, you may want to consider a Memory Screening – offered for free at the Pavilion Senior Center and provided by Senior Services. Memory Screenings make sense for anyone concerned about memory loss; who has experienced warning signs of dementia; whose family and friends have noticed changes in them; or who believe they are at risk due to a family history of Alzheimer's disease or a related illness. Screenings also are appropriate for anyone who does not have a concern right now but who wants to establish a base line score for comparison in the future. To schedule your Memory Screening please call Jan Christiansen, Senior Services Social Worker at 847.459.2670.

Have you ever

Wished you could close your eyes and the clutter would just disappear and everything would be ORGANIZED?

Felt that if you were given a fresh start – A CLEAN SLATE – you could finally pursue your dreams?

Dreamed of what exciting OPPORTUNITIES await you – if you only had the time to find out?

***WISHED, FELT, AND DREAMED* is a support group for older adults that suffer from chronic clutter and compulsive hoarding.**

The group meets the fourth Wednesday of every month, at the Pavilion Senior Center from 2p.m. – 3:30p.m. Please call Jan Christiansen, Senior Services Social Worker at 847.459.2670 for monthly topic information.

News You Can Use



Watering Ban

The non-essential watering ban takes effect May 15th and continues until September 15th. Non-essential water use is prohibited from 12p.m. to 6p.m. every-day. Violators are subject to fine.



Water Bill Night Drop Box

As of March 24th the night drop box for water bills has been relocated to the west parking lot of the new Village Hall at 2 Community Blvd. There are directional signs in place. All payments received after 6:30 a.m. will be credited the next business day.

Waste Management Fees to Increase

The Village of Wheeling has approved an extended five-year exclusive franchise agreement with Waste Management for the collection of refuse, recycling and yard waste. Effective June 1, 2009, residential rates will increase by \$2.00. Therefore, new rates will be \$19.23 per month (or \$57.69 for three months) for one collection per week. Seniors who have applied for their senior discount and have one collection per week, will increase to \$14.82 per month (or \$44.46 for three months). Townhomes/duplexes with one collection per week will increase to \$24.72 per month. Commercial establishments will also receive a slight rate adjustment based on container size and number of collections per week.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Residents who find household hazardous waste items in their homes, or have no more use for them, need to dispose of the waste properly and safely. Such waste includes oil-based paints, paint thinners, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, old gasoline, pool chemicals, cleaning products, mercury, household batteries, used motor oil, drain cleaners, lawn chemicals, solvents, antifreeze, hobby chemicals, aerosol paints and pesticides, and fluorescent bulbs.



The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) provides *free*, one-day spring disposal collections at various locations. Below is a list of IEPA one-day collections for spring 2009. One day collections are open from 8a.m. to 3p.m.

Date	Location	Address
05/09/09	Elk Grove, IL	Elk Grove Pavilion, 1000 Wellington Ave
05/16/09	Carmi, IL	1104 Martin Drive
05/30/09	Belleville, IL	Belleville Township High, 4063 Frank Scott Parkway
06/06/09	Bartlett, IL	Hanover Township, 250 South Rte. 59
06/13/09	East Peoria, IL	East Peoria Festival Bldg, 2200 E. Washington St.

In addition, long term facility locations are available for citizens to dispose of household hazardous waste. There is no cost for this disposal; however, citizens should contact locations for open hours (hours may vary per location and season).

Naperville	Rockford	Chicago
Fire Station #4 1971 Brookdale Road 630-420-4190	Rock River Reclamation District 3333 Kishwaukee 815-987-5570	Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility 1150 N. North Branch (on Goose Island) 312-744-7672; Computers are also welcome at this location

Latex or water based paints are not accepted at household hazardous waste collection locations. Residents must open paint cans outdoors and allow the paint to dry and harden completely (which may take a few days). An absorbent such as kitty litter, sand or shredded paper may be added to absorb the paint. Make sure the mixture is completely dry and hard before placing the lid on and disposing the paint can into the garbage container.

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CARRIER ROUTE PRE-SORT

Local Postal Patron
Wheeling, IL 60090

New Village Hall Open House

May 16th
10am - 2pm

Please come by and take a tour of our
new Village Hall! Food and drinks
will be served.

We hope to see you there!

United States
**Census
2010**



2010 CENSUS

The United States does a complete count of its population every ten years – and census takers are already at work in Wheeling. The census determines Wheeling's representation in government, as well as how federal funds are spent locally, so it is very important that it be accurate. Please cooperate with the census takers in our community, and help make Wheeling count!

We Are Here to Serve You!

Village Hall

2 Community Boulevard
Wheeling, IL 60090

Phone: 847.459.2600

Fax: 847.459.9692

Website: www.wheelingil.gov

Open 7:00am to 5:00pm M - F

Public Works Department

233 W. Hintz Road

Phone: 847.229.4600

Fax: 847.541.1671

Open 7:00am to 3:30 pm M - F

Community Development

2 Community Blvd

Phone 847.459.2620

Open 7:00am to 5:00pm M - F

Police Department

255 W. Dundee Road

847.459.2632

Fire Department

255 W. Dundee Road

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Village Offices will be
Closed:

Monday, May 25th