



*Holiday closures:*  
 Village offices will be closed November 24-25, December 26 and January 2.

# Village Views

*Wheeling, Illinois*      *November ~ December ~ 2005*

## President Klatecki revisits 2005

2005; what a year. It was a year that possibly saw more growth and economic progress than any other year in the history of Wheeling. It was also a year marked by great sadness with the passing of many individuals who loved Wheeling and worked tirelessly to make it a 'Community of Choice.' The year began with the announcement of the largest development project to ever call Wheeling home - the Westin North Shore. It's been barely 10 months since the development agreement was finalized with Mid-America Investment and Development and the Harp Group and we are already nearing the completion of the 15-story tower. If construction stays on schedule, we will be celebrating the grand opening of the 411-room hotel and convention center at this time next year. This new development will not only create jobs, but have an immense economic impact on the entire surrounding area.

Residential development continued as Astor Place was completed and Prairie Park completed and sold every unit in the first of five buildings that will make up that complex.

The Village is currently scheduled to conduct a special census that will probably push our population past 40,000.

As the Village has grown, we've attempted to enhance and improve the level of service we provide you, the resident. Our public works department moved to its new, 70,000 square-foot headquarters



on Hintz Road, bringing every division back under one roof. Our police and fire departments strived to make our community a safer place to live, work and play by adding personnel, equipment and programs to enhance our qualities of lives. The police department was lauded by the Illinois Department of Transportation for efforts regarding DUI enforcement and a new, crime-free, multi-housing program was adopted and implemented for our rental properties. Our fire department teamed up with the Pavilion Senior Center to conduct a first-ever 'drive-thru' flu-shot clinic for Wheeling senior citizens and residents with chronic health problems. The department conducted 'Exit Drills in the Home' Day, assisting residents in developing personal safety plans in the event of fire or other disaster.









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## 'Lighting of the Lights'

Weather permitting, this year's 'Lighting of the Lights' will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, November 27 at Friendship Park (corner of Milwaukee Ave. & Dundee Rd.). Musical entertainment, light refreshments and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus will mark the occasion. At approximately 6:45 p.m. the Village will 'magically' illuminate ushering in the holiday season. In addition, the Village will host a 'Last Chance with Santa' from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 17 at Friendship Park, weather permitting, for good boys and girls to get last-minute requests in to the jolly ol' elf.

# Katrina, Rita and You: What You Can do to Plan for Personal Disasters

The recent hurricanes in the Gulf Coast have provided a graphic reminder on the importance of having a “Personal Disaster Plan” for you and your family. While hurricanes do not affect the Village of Wheeling, severe thunderstorms and tornados, as well as blizzards and floods are a real risk. In the event of a community disaster, emergency services such as fire and police services will be stretched to their limits and assistance from the State of Illinois, as well as the Federal Government may take several days to arrive. It is critical to plan and prepare for disasters before they occur. Key steps include:

-  Learn how to perform Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), as well as basic first aid. The Wheeling Fire Department routinely conducts open enrollment CPR classes at the main fire station. Specially scheduled classes for groups can be arranged. For more information call the Wheeling Fire Department during regular business hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm) at (847) 459-2662.
-  Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and replace all batteries semi-annually. When you change your clocks, change your smoke detector batteries. If you smoke detectors are more than 10 years old, replace them with new units.
-  Install a carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home.
-  Install a multi-purpose (A/B/C-type) fire extinguisher in your kitchen, garage, near your furnace, and near your clothes dryer. Review the instruction that came with your fire extinguishers and train each member of your home how to use them.
-  Pre-arrange with other family members plans for temporary housing. As shown by Hurricane Katrina, disaster can affect hundreds of miles so have an alternate plan for temporary relocation several states away.
-  Locate the main electrical panel, as well as the main electrical shut-off panel and natural gas shut-off valve for your home. Determine what tools, if any, you will need to safely shut these utilities off. Store these tools near the appropriate utility service and train each member in your home how to safety turnoff each utility.
-  Refuel your family vehicle prior to the arrival of forecasted severe weather conditions (ex. snow storms, anticipated flooding rains, etc). After disasters, gasoline deliveries can be delayed and shortages can occur.
-  Determine how to get from your home to various local disaster shelters, if you were unable to drive your car. If you cannot drive your car, do not assume public transportation will be available to take you to a shelter. Depending upon the type of disaster, temporary shelters in the Village of Wheeling are the various local schools, Indian Trails Library and the Wheeling Park District.



No matter if it is a hurricane, tornado, earthquake, blizzard, flood, or fire, having a “Personal Disaster Plan” can sometimes mean the difference between life and death. For more information on developing a “Personal Disaster Plan,” go to: [www.fema.gov/areyouready](http://www.fema.gov/areyouready) or contact the Wheeling Fire Department at 847-459-2662.

# Disaster Supply Kit Checklist

Assemble a “Disaster Supplies Kit” for your home. The kit should be designed to be mobile, if you need to evacuate and/or relocate. Your “Disaster Supplies Kit” should include:



- ❑ Three-day supply of clean, fresh water. Plan on one gallon of water per person in your home. To avoid bacterial issues, do not reuse liquid containers. Instead, purchase pre-packaged water bottles. Rotate your stored water supply every six months to keep it fresh.
- ❑ Three-day supply of non-perishable food such as canned meats, vegetables, and fruits that do not require cooking, as well as granola bars, toaster pastries, trail mix, etc. Be sure to include a non-electric can opener.
- ❑ One change of clothing and footwear per person.
- ❑ One blanket or sleeping bag per person.
- ❑ Basic first aid kit with adhesive bandages of multiple sizes and shapes.
- ❑ Basic hand tools, including a set of slotted and Phillip screw drivers, a retractable utility knife, a hammer, adjustable wrenches, duct tape and electrical tape.
- ❑ 30-day supply of prescription medications.
- ❑ Flashlight with extra sets of batteries and bulbs.
- ❑ Battery operated (or self-charging) portable radio with extra sets of batteries.
- ❑ Battery operated alarm clock.
- ❑ Extra pair of prescription glasses.
- ❑ Extra set of car and house keys.
- ❑ Sanitation supplies which include waterless hand cleaner/sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, and toilet paper (one roll per person).
- ❑ Credit card.
- ❑ Cash (a minimum of \$100 per person)
- ❑ Copy of important family documents stored in a waterproof container or zip-loc bag.
- ❑ Map of the tri-state area. This will assist you in locating shelters, as well as alternate evacuation routes.

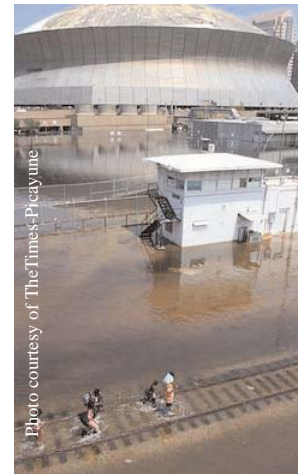
## Wheeling FD, PD members recall ‘unfathomable’ destruction

While the world watched in shock and disbelief as Katrina devastated the ‘Crescent City,’ Firefighter/Paramedics Steven Mella and David Cafferkey and Police Officer Randy Olsberg witnessed first-hand the ‘unfathomable destruction’ of New Orleans and the surrounding areas. Mella and Cafferkey were deployed in response to a FEMA request for emergency personnel assistance and Olsberg was a member of a Task Force Illinois NIPAS team deployed to assist Louisiana law enforcement agencies with everything from search and rescue to patrol operations.

Mella and Cafferkey’s whirlwind 30-day tour took them through south and north Texas and Florida before completing their deployment in New Orleans and the surrounding areas.

“At first we were assisting in shelters all over Texas before heading to the impact zone,” Mella said. “Nothing could prepare you for the amount of devastation we saw, but it was truly rewarding to work side-by-side some of the most resilient people I’ve ever met,” he continued. Cafferkey added that amidst the ‘nightmare come true,’ the resolve to ‘get the job done’ in incredibly horrific conditions was amazing.

Olsberg’s mission began with travel to SE Louisiana State University in Hammond La., the base of operations for Task Force Illinois. “We were sworn in as Louisiana State Police Officers and received briefings regarding Louisiana laws pertaining to the use of force and firearms possession,” he said. After receiving mission briefings he and the other members of the NIPAS Emergency Services Team worked both Search and Rescue and patrol missions in New Orleans. The conditions were hazardous due to the compromise of the sewer system, the release of chemicals into the



area and damage to the structures being searched. “We worked long hours, typically 16-17 hour days and many of the Louisiana State Police Officers and New Orleans Officers we worked with had not had a day off since Katrina struck the Gulf Coast; most of their homes had been severely damaged,” Olsberg added. “The ability to assist in the relief efforts was both challenging and rewarding.”





# Winter is Coming

Certain things are guaranteed in the Chicagoland area.....shopping is magnificent, dining and entertainment is abundant and the '85 Bears will never be forgotten. Another guarantee is that Wheeling will receive a snow-fall sometime this winter that necessitates either salting, plowing or both. As soon as the first northern blast of winter heads our way, members of our Public Works crews put on their warmest hats and gloves and get to work. Here are some guidelines regarding our procedures for clearing the inevitable white stuff.

The Public Works Department is responsible for clearing 65 miles of Village streets as quickly and safely as possible after the snow stops. Here are some ways you can help them:

- ❑ Don't park on the street or in public parking lots after a 2-inch or more snowfall; you could be ticketed and towed away.

- ❑ When you shovel your driveway, put the snow on the right side of your drive as you face the street...then the plows won't push as much snow back into your driveway.
- ❑ Don't shovel or blow snow into the street.
- ❑ If a contractor plows your driveway, the snow must be stored on your property, not your neighbor's.
- ❑ Maintain a safe distance (100-feet or more) when traveling behind a snow plowing or salting truck.

The Village is not responsible for the majority of the major roadways utilized throughout the Village. The following streets are IDOT's responsibility to clear:

Dundee Road, Milwaukee Ave., Palatine Road, Aptakisic Road, Elmhurst Road, McHenry Road, Wolf Road (Manchester N. to Milwaukee Ave. & S. of Marquardt)

The following streets are Cook County's responsibility to clear:

Lake Cook Road, Schoenbeck Road, Camp McDonald Road, Old Buffalo Grove Road, Wheeling Road (S. of Palatine), Hintz Road, Buffalo Grove Road, Weiland Road (83 to Lake Cook)

The Village utilizes 38 trucks and pieces of equipment to plow and salt. Should a Village-owned piece of equipment damage your property, mailbox etc., please contact the Public Works Department at 847-229-4600.

Additional snow removal information is available on our website, [www.vi.wheeling.il.us](http://www.vi.wheeling.il.us).

## Yes of Wheeling Photo Contest

### Capturing the unique diversity of the Village of Wheeling

**WHO:** All high school-age residents of Wheeling

**WHAT:** Grab a camera and take a picture capturing the unique diversity of Wheeling and provide a caption for the photo.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** How does this picture value Wheeling's many faces? Why did you choose this specific picture to describe Wheeling?

**RULES:** The picture must be a 5x7 or smaller size (color or black and white) and the caption must be typed or hand written clearly on blank paper with black ink. The picture and caption should answer one or more of the 'Food for Thought' questions above.

Drop off your picture, caption, entrant information and contract terms in an envelope to:

Indian Trails Public Library - "Ask Here Desk"  
355 Schoenbeck Road  
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Photos will be accepted from November 7 to December 8.



CASH  
PRIZES

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8



Pavilion  
Senior Center  
199 N. First St.  
847-459-2670

*The staff and volunteers at the Wheeling Pavilion Center are committed to providing Wheeling-area seniors with quality programs and services designed to enhance their quality-of-lives.*

**November 2nd & 9th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - "AARP Defensive Driving" course. This is a two-part course directed by AARP volunteers. Successful completion will make you eligible for rate reduction on your care insurance depending upon you insurance carrier. You must attend both sessions to receive certification. Registration is limited. Call 459-2670 and send a \$10 check payable to AARP, 199 N. First St., Wheeling, IL 60090, in advance to guarantee your place in the class.

**November 9th - 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** - "Marriott Theater and Luncheon Trip" - Enjoy a delicious lunch at the Lincolnshire Marriott's Kings Wharf Restaurant; then cut loose with "Footloose" and put on your dancin' shoes! The kinetic, frenetic battle for rock and souls is here. With a top-ten hit score like "Almost Paradise," "Let's Hear it for the Boy," "Holding Out for a Hero," and famous "Footloose," who wouldn't put on those dancin' shoes? Please meet at the Pavilion Center and we will car pool to the Marriott. All this for a fee of \$45. Code #707.

**November 10th - 9:30 a.m. to noon** - Flu Shots for seniors and chronically ill individuals to be given at the senior center. There is no charge for persons possessing a Medicare B card. Others will be charged \$20 for a flu shot and \$30 for a pneumonia shot without a Medicare Card. Payment must be made by exact cash or check. Credit cards will not be accepted.

**November 17th - noon to 2:30 p.m.** - November is known as the month to give thanks. In our usual fashion we will celebrate our "Let's Give Thanks" luncheon with all the traditional trimmings and the superb entertainment presented by "The Profiles" a singing ensemble of show tunes, specialty numbers and lively humor. Put on a smile, sit back, relax and let them entertain you with "The Magic of Music."

**November 19th - 1 p.m.** - "Senior Net Annual Meeting" - Come, hear the Director of the Pavilion Senior Center, Nancy Janssen, Harley Halleck, SeniorNet Coordinator, and board members as they report on a very good year. This year was especially successful as Wheeling SeniorNet was given a grant to help further the education of our seniors. Nominations, elections of the Board members and refreshments will be available to all. For information regarding the Annual Meeting visit our web site at [www.seniornet.org/usa/wheeling](http://www.seniornet.org/usa/wheeling) or call the SeniorNet Hotline at 847-459-2666 ext 4131.

**November 29th - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** - "Route 66 Holiday Shopping Trip" - Get your kicks on Route 66....with this extravaganza tour! Enjoy a complete and entertaining history of Route 66. We'll shop 'til we drop as we cruise 72 miles of historic Route 66 from Joliet to Pontiac. Meet people and visit the shops and restaurants that made Route 66 the main road to travel. A \$50 fee includes motor-coach transportation, narrated tour, all you can eat lunch and two snack stops. Code #710.

**December 7th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** - SeniorNet Registration begins for the first quarter of 2006 and continues through January 7th. Classes start January 16th and end March 16th.

**December 14th - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** - "Holiday Party" at the elegant Chevy Chase Country Club. Celebrate the holiday season with friends and neighbors as you enjoy an entertaining afternoon that includes lunch, dancing, raffles and door prizes. The fee is \$24; Code # 706. Registration deadline is December 7th.

**December 21st - 7 p.m.** - The Pavilion Senior Center invites our entire community to celebrate the upcoming holidays in concert with the "Mood Swings," a fantastic Chicago Trio who perform jazz, swing, harmony and more for everyone's entertainment. Everyone in the community is invited to join the festivities of the holiday season. Following this stellar performance, refreshments will be served. This event is free to everyone.

**December 30th - noon** - Join one of our favorite, friendly, fun get-togethers, the last of this year, as we bid farewell to 2005 and welcome the New Year with a blast! Hats, tiaras, noisemakers, streamers, balloons, games, music, singing and surprises will highlight the entertainment for this spectacular event. Don Reitsma on the keyboard and Lisa Hunter, singer and dancer will entertain us with a special "Tribute to Steve & Edie" show. You won't want to miss all the glitter of this joyous occasion as "Happy New Year" wishes will celebrate the beginning of 2006.

# Wheeling, Lifesource host community blood drive

The recent disasters, both in the south and around the world, serve as a reminder that an emergency blood supply is a precious commodity. The Village of Wheeling realizes this and asks everyone to help us contribute to the

The Village of Wheeling will be hosting a blood drive from 1:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at the Main Fire Station behind Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.



The blood you donate today may be the gift of life for someone tomorrow. Please plan on coming to our drive to donate. Appointments are greatly appreciated and aid us in anticipating the number of people that will attend so that we can properly staff the event. Appointments start at 2:00 pm. If you are not able to set an appointment, walk-in donors are always accepted and appreciated. Please contact Beverly Slaby at (847) 459-2675 or e-mail her at [bslaby@vi.wheeling.il.us](mailto:bslaby@vi.wheeling.il.us). to make an appointment.

There will be a chance for all donors to win gift certificates to such area restaurants as Bob Chinn's CrabHouse, Hackney's in Wheeling or Don Roth's. In addition, everyone participating in the drive will receive a coupon for pizza from Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza in Wheeling.

We hope to see you at the blood drive.

## Village conducts special census; jobs available

Due to annexations and numerous residential development projects, the Village of Wheeling will be conducting a partial special census this fall. The Village's next official census was not scheduled until 2011 resulting in the decision to contact the United States Census Bureau to conduct this special count.

According to Village officials, numerous employment positions will need to be filled including crew leaders, enumerators and clerical staff. Applicant criteria includes:

- ❑ Prospective applicants should be at least 18-years-old; persons may be hired at age 16 or 17-years-old if they meet the conditions of employment set by state and local laws, and driving is not a function of the job.
- ❑ Prospective enumerators and crew leaders must have a valid drivers license and a vehicle available for their use, have the ability to hear responses and to read questionnaires, be able to work several hours per day (minimum of 20 hours per week) which often includes a lot of walking and climbing stairs, be available for day, evening and weekend work,

as needed, and be available to attend a three-day training session. In addition, they must have a private, corded home telephone. Applicants can pick up applications at Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, and register for position testing.

Each applicant will need to register with him or her name, mailing address and telephone number. Applicants will receive a 'Notice to Report for Testing' postcard if they meet all criteria and be given a date/location where they will take the U.S. Census Bureau exam.

"Enumerators will be physically walking from door-to-door counting residents, clerical positions will be tabulating results and crew leaders will be scheduling shifts for enumerators and ensuring they are in the right neighborhoods," said Ken Bonder, Assistant Village Manager. "We anticipate that the special census of the newly annexed areas should mean that our population will increase between 3,000 to 4,000 persons which will result in increased revenue sharing for the Village."

# Be Counted!



# 'Lollipop Lane'

The Wheeling Historical Society presents its annual 'Lollipop Lane' from Saturday, December 3 to Sunday, December 11 at Chamber Park Community Center, 251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling. Mr. and Mrs. Clause usher in the holiday season at 1:30 p.m. December 3, leading a parade from Dundee Road/Route 83 to Chamber Park. Kids can visit with Santa, take photos and take home a special surprise.

Hours are: Monday-Friday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m.

## Speak ouT

This is your opportunity to communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators.

Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response if desired. Please complete this form, detach and return to:

Village Manager  
Village of Wheeling  
255 W. Dundee Road  
Wheeling, IL 60090

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Residents are invited to attend public meetings of Village Boards and Commissions. Most meet in the Village Hall Councilroom unless otherwise noted here.

## Regularly Scheduled Meetings

**Village Board -**  
Every Monday, 7:30 p.m.

**Plan Commission -**  
2nd & 4th Thursdays  
of the month, 7 p.m.

**Board of Health -**  
4th Tuesday, every other  
month, 7 p.m.

**Human Rights Commission -**  
1st Tuesday of the month,  
7:15 p.m., south half of  
Village Hall lunchroom.

**Senior Citizens Commission -**  
3rd Monday of the month,  
10 a.m., south half of Village  
Hall lunchroom

**Fire and Police Commission -**  
3rd Wednesday of the Month,  
2 p.m., Fire Department  
Training Room

**Palwaukee Airport Commission -**  
3rd Wednesday each month,  
Committee of the Whole, 7 p.m.;  
Regular meeting, 8 p.m., Airport  
Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road.

**Economic Development  
Commission -**  
1st Tuesday of the month, 7:30 a.m.,  
south half of Village Hall  
lunchroom

**Palwaukee Airport Community  
Engagement Council (PACE) -**  
1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.,  
Airport Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road.



## ~ In Memoriam ~

*Amidst all of our triumphs, the Village also experienced sadness this past year as we mourned the passing of too many individuals who worked to make Wheeling a better place.*

*We fondly remember our friends and colleagues who left us all too soon ~*

Larry Brooks -  
Retired Public Works - Building Services & Grounds

Chris Brown -  
Public Works - Water Division

Ellen Butor -  
Former Plan Commission Member

Bill Herrmann -  
Village Engineer

Marvin Horcher -  
Retired Police Chief

Jack Koenig -  
Retired Police Sergeant

Bernie Koeppen -  
Retired Fire Chief

Trevor Lehmann -  
Village Trustee

Sabre -  
K-9 Officer

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Klatecki revisits 2005

2005 saw Route 83 through our Village become a Blue-Star Memorial Highway, very fitting as our own assistant village manager, Mark Rooney, a Lt. Col. in the United States Army Reserve was called to duty and deployed to Iraq.

We expanded our celebration of America's freedom and called the two-day festival 'Freedom Fest.' Thousands braved the winds and rain to enjoy the music, food, parade and fireworks.

Sadly, we will remember this past year as one in which we said goodbye to many individuals who worked tirelessly

to make our Village a better place - a community of choice. But even in our sadness, we thank them for their passion; their efforts and honor their memories by vowing to build on our successes and continually strive to make Wheeling the best it can be. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Clerk and Village staff, we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season and a blessed 2006.



### Village of Wheeling

255 W. Dundee Road ~ Wheeling, IL 60090

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

[www.vi.wheeling.il.us](http://www.vi.wheeling.il.us)

#### Fire/Police/Paramedics

Non-emergency Fire	847-459-2662
Non-emergency Police	847-459-2632
Community Development	847-459-2620
Economic Development	847-459-2978
Pavilion Senior Center	847-459-2670
Public Works	847-459-2624
Water Billing	847-459-2607
Code Enforcement Hotline	847-459-CODE
Palwaukee Municipal Airport Noise Hotline	847-537-2580, ext. 159
Village President: Greg Klatecki	847-459-2988
Village Clerk: Elaine Simpson	847-541-8692
Village Manager: F. Wallace Douthwaite	847-459-2617

#### Trustees

Judy Abruscato: 847-541-8783	Robert Heer: 847-541-4274
Dean Argiris: 847-845-6990	Michael Horcher: 847-541-3276
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