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Happy New Year from the Village of Wheeling!

Be Counted in the 2010 Census

A new decade has begun – and that means it's time for the Decennial Census. Every ten years, the Census Bureau conducts a complete count of every person living in the United States. Because the information gathered in the Census will be used to help make a wide range of important decisions at the local, state, and national level – decisions which will affect disaster planning, public works projects, job training and healthcare programs, and our representation in Congress, just for a start – it is very important that the count be complete and accurate.



Sometime during March, your household will receive a 2010 Census form in the mail. All you have to do is answer the ten short questions on the form and mail it back in its prepaid envelope, a process which will probably take no more than ten minutes. If the Census Bureau

IT'S IN OUR HANDS

United States
**Census
2010**

The Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds for things like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

doesn't receive a form from you, you may be visited by a census taker, who will ask you the questions on the form. The information you provide to the Census Bureau is completely confidential – and your participation is required by federal law.

If you have questions about the 2010 Census, visit www.census.gov or call the Village Manager's office at 847.499.9098.

911 Emergency Telephone System Fund

The Wheeling ballot for the February 2, 2010 primary election will include an important referendum question about the Village of Wheeling's 911 Emergency Telephone System Fund. Please see the Clerk's Corner on Page 3 and the Police & Fire Department section on Page 4 for more information!

Recycling in Wheeling

On the Public Works news page (Page 5), you will find useful information about recycling in Wheeling. Through cooperation with Waste Management and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, the Village hopes to encourage the recycling of as much waste as possible. When materials are reused, everyone benefits.

Visit the Village Website

The Village of Wheeling's website has been completely redesigned, with an updated look and new features to make it more user-friendly. Look for our newly designed website as of January 4, 2010. Learn more about it on Page 7, and pay us a visit us at www.wheelingil.gov!

The Village President, Clerk and Board of Trustees wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

WELCOME TO WHEELING

Village Board Highlights

Recent Village Board Actions

View Board meetings on Comcast Channel 17, AT&T (U-Verse) Channel 99

Proclaimed

- Wheeling High School Student Daniel Malsom - Perfect ACT Score
- Mike Burns Day - November 17, 2009
- Wheeling/Prospect Heights Football Association Congratulations
- December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month

Watch all Village Board meetings as well as Plan Commission meetings on demand at www.wheelingil.gov

Approved/Authorized

- Amending Chapter 15.10 of the Wheeling Municipal Code Regarding Registration, Bond and Insurance Requirements for Contractors
- Special Use to Allow a Private Vocational School with Nursing and Allied Health Programs at 1400 S. Wolf Road, Suite 100 (within Wi-Fi Corporate Square)
- Variations from Title 21, Signs, of the Wheeling Municipal Code, to Permit a Rotating Pylon Sign and Freestanding Directional Signs for Superdawg Drive-In Restaurant, 333 South Milwaukee Avenue
- Special Use and Site Plan Approval for Operation of Light Motor Vehicle Sales Facility (Millbrook Auto) at 516 North Milwaukee Avenue
- Amending Title 4, Taxes, Business Regulations, and Licenses, and Title 1, General Provisions, of the Wheeling Municipal Code, Relating to Garage Sale Regulations
- An Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Chicago Executive Airport
- A Referendum Question to Increase the Monthly 911 Emergency Telephone System Surcharge
- Amending Title 2, Chapter 2.98, of the Wheeling Municipal Code Regarding the Chicago Executive Airport
- Amending Section 1.26 of the Wheeling Municipal Code Regarding a Schedule of Fees and Charges for Village Services
- Amending Title 8, Chapter 8.12, Section 8.12.050 of the Wheeling Municipal Code
- An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County
- Special Use, Site Plan, Appearance Approval for Construction and Operation of a Contractor's Shop with Contractor's Yard – Vacant Property at 555 Exchange Court

Welcome new Wheeling businesses!

Badger Molding, Inc.
2041 Foster Avenue
Plastic injection molding

BT Auto Body Shop, Inc.
1044 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Auto body repair & refinishing

Codes Inc.
1040 S. Milwaukee Ave. #250
Accounting

Handy Button Machine Co.
29 E. Hintz Road
Home furnishings wholesale

Masonry Company Inc.
236 Egid Drive, Unit A
Masonry work

Nutribodyplus
735 W. Dundee Road
Retailer of Herbalife

Omega Aquatics Inc.
225 Larkin, #7
Scuba equipment

Synergy Press, Inc.
662 Wheeling Road
Printing

Total Therapy & Medical Center
47 W. Dundee Road #1S
Massage therapy & medical services

These businesses have relocated:

HV Manufacturing
to 1175 N. Wheeling Road

Lupitaz Boutique
to 90 E. Dundee Road



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The Village of Wheeling President and Board of Trustees

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The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk,
Elaine E. Simpson

REMEMBER - WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Important Referendum!

At the February 2, 2010 election, an important referendum will be coming before the Village residents. This referendum will help to maintain and improve the Village's 911 emergency system. If the referendum passes, the fee to your land line phone will go from \$0.75 cents a month to \$1.45 a month. The Village has not increased the 911 Emergency Telephone System Fund since 1989. In the event this referendum fails, it will put a burden on the General Fund which could result in higher property taxes. Please vote on this important referendum.



If you are not registered to vote and would like to register, you can do this at the Village Hall during regular business hours: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bring in two forms of identification, one with your current address. Voter registration is open until January 5, 2010 and then resumes again after the February 2nd election.

If you have questions or concerns about this important referendum please call me and I will answer your questions or obtain the answer for you. My phone number is 847.541.8692 or you can e-mail me at esimpson@wheelingil.gov. Additional information is also listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

A final note: Now that winter is upon us, please check on your neighbors to see if they may need any assistance.

Health Happenings



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

The Village of Wheeling Board of Health is very pleased to inform you that beginning January 2010 we will be presenting monthly health care seminars. These seminars will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall in the first floor conference room. A wide range of topics will be covered.

Our first and second seminars will be conducted by Mr. Anatoliy Pac, L.Ac. from Healing Arts of Oriental Medicine. Mr. Pac is a licensed acupuncturist and Chinese herbal medicine specialist. He will be discussing Causes, Symptoms and Solutions of Stress on January 12th and will discuss How to Prevent the Cold and Flu Naturally on February 9th.

Please feel free to contact the Board of Health or call Health Officer Beverly Slaby at 847.499.9045 with any questions or suggestions for our presentations.

The 2010 Wheeling Community Blood Drive dates are as follows: March 10th, July 14th, November 10th.

The blood drives run from 1:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and are held in the back of Fire Station 24 on Dundee Road. Please share the gift of life and donate! Call the Village Health Officer to schedule an appointment.

The Village of Wheeling Prescription Drug & Sharps Disposal Program will be held again in 2010. It will be held every third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The drop off is behind Fire Station 24 on Dundee Road. We accept prescription and over the counter medications in their original containers. We can not accept any controlled substances such as Oxycontin and Percocet. Also accepted are sharps (needles & syringes) in rigid containers with a sealed lid. Sharps that are not in a rigid container will not be collected. Sharps containers are available through the Community Development Department, located at 2 Community Blvd. You can also get a new container when you drop off your full sharps container.

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS



911 Emergency Response System Referendum

Wheeling has placed a referendum on the February 2, 2010 ballot requesting voter approval to increase the monthly 911 surcharge on hardwired telephone lines from seventy-five cents (\$0.75) to one-dollar and forty-five cents (\$1.45) per line. The following “Frequently Asked Questions” are provided to help answer many of the commonly asked questions you may have.

What does the current seventy-five cent (\$0.75) monthly surcharge pay for?

The current 911 surcharge is used to pay the cost of police, fire, and emergency medical service dispatching services in the Village. Over the past 20+ years, the cost of providing this service has risen with inflation and the seventy-five cent (\$0.75) surcharge is no longer sufficient to cover the cost of providing this service.

Why is the Village asking to increase the 911 Surcharge paid on hard-wired phones from the current rate of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per telephone line to one-dollar and forty-five cents (\$1.45)?

The Village has not increased the 911 surcharge since 1989 and the cost of providing police, fire, and emergency medical dispatching service has increased substantially since then. The increase is necessary to ensure that the 911 Fund will not face significant deficits in the future and to avoid the need for large property tax increases to pay for this service.

Will this increase in the 911 Surcharge impact users of cellular (i.e. wireless) phones?

No, the 911 surcharge applies only to traditional hard-wired or “land-line” phones.

How did the Village of Wheeling determine that the surcharge should increase from seventy-five cents (\$0.75) to one-dollar and forty-five cents (\$1.45)?

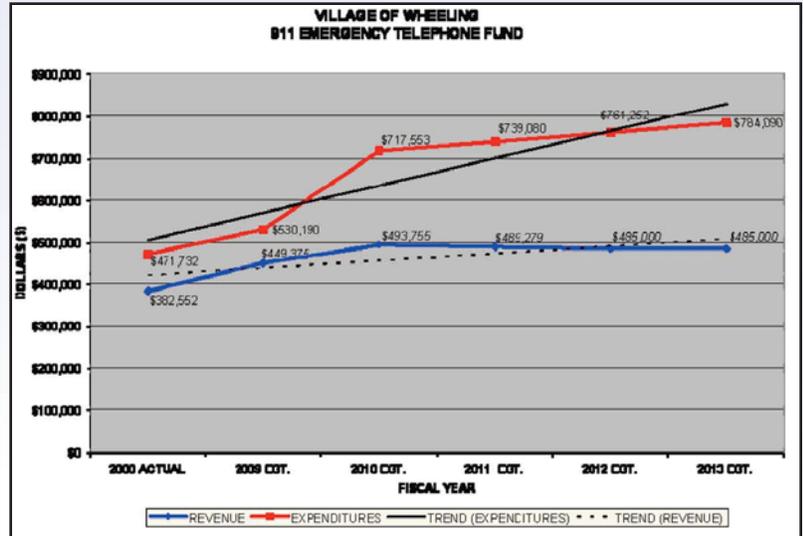
The \$1.45 rate represents the amount the Village would be collecting if the original surcharge of \$0.75 per line had been increased by the rate of inflation each year since 1989. The increase will pay for the cost of dispatcher’s salaries and benefits as well as the cost of purchasing and maintaining dispatching equipment. All monies collected from the 911 surcharge are directly used to provide emergency dispatching services to the citizens of the Village of Wheeling.

If approved by the voters, when would the surcharge increase go into effect?

Fall 2010.

What will happen if the referendum is not approved?

Wheeling will continue to provide emergency 911 dispatching service without disruption. However, the Village’s 911 Fund will no longer be able to support all costs associated with providing this service to the community. As a result, the cost of providing this service will shift to the Village’s General Fund and a property tax increase will be necessary to pay for this service. The chart shows the funding status of the Emergency 911 Fund if the referendum is approved (i.e. the blue line) compared to the status of the fund (i.e. the red line) if the referendum is not successful.



What question will appear on the ballot on February 2, 2010?

Voters will be asked to vote “YES” or “NO” to the following question:

Shall the Village of Wheeling impose an increase of seventy cents (\$0.70) per month to raise the monthly surcharge to one-dollar and forty-five cents (\$1.45) per month per telephone and network connection, which surcharge will be added to the monthly bill you receive for telephone or telecommunications charges, for the purpose of improving and maintaining the 911 Emergency Telephone System?

_____ YES _____ NO

The Village of Wheeling appreciates your time and consideration of this important referendum. Please remember to vote on **Tuesday, February 2, 2010**. If you have any questions about the referendum, please feel free to contact any of the following individuals:

Michael Mondschain, Finance Director, at 847.499.9020

John Stone, Police Chief, at 847.459.2632

Keith MacIsaac, Fire Chief, at 847.459.2662

Learn How to Recycle

Recycling is the separation, collection and processing of discarded materials for reuse. It has a positive and important impact on the environment by conserving natural resources, reducing energy usage, reducing air and water pollution, and decreasing the amount of refuse sent to landfills. The Village of Wheeling highly encourages residents to recycle and to utilize their 96-gal recycling carts.

All recyclable containers should be rinsed free of food with caps/lids removed. Please do not mix refuse with recyclables in the recycling cart. Mixed refuse will not be collected. Also, please do not place recyclable materials in plastic bags.

Items eligible for recycling are as follows:

Metals

- Aluminum cans, foil, formed containers
- Steel or tin cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- NO scrap metals

Glass

- Bottles and jars only
- Brown, green and clear glass
- NO mirrors, window glass, Pyrex dishes, or light bulbs

Plastics (All recycling codes can be numerically identified in a triangle on containers.)

- #1 (PET, PETE)
- #2 (HDPE)
- #3 (PVC)
- #4 (LDPE)
- #5 (PP)
- #6 (PS)
- #7 (Other)

Such codes apply to: plastic soft drink, water, and sports drink bottles; milk, water, juice, cosmetic, shampoo or laundry detergent bottles; yogurt or margarine tubs; peanut butter, pickle, jelly or jam containers; plastic flower pots; plastic plates and trays; deli containers, egg cartons, six and twelve pack rings; empty baby wipe containers; plastic cups; cosmetic containers; empty medicine bottles; compact disc jackets; etc.

Paper (No food or contaminated paper)

- Newspapers – all inserts accepted
- Magazines & catalogs (glossy and non-glossy)
- Telephone directories
- Brown paper bags
- Paperboard (chipboard): cereal boxes, tissue boxes, pasta boxes, clothing boxes, frozen food boxes, beverage carriers
- Junk mail: flyers, post cards, brochures, greeting cards, window envelopes, advertisements
- Mixed paper: stationery, Post-It notes, typing paper, notebook paper, computer paper, bond paper
- Cardboard: corrugated cardboard must be flattened into 2' x 2' squares.

Commercial establishments are also encouraged to recycle. Through the Village's agreement with Waste Management, commercial establishments in the Village are eligible to receive one (1) 96-gallon recycling cart collected once per week free of charge. With the use of a 96-gallon recycling cart, commercial establishments may begin to observe a decrease in their amount of refuse which, in effect, may cause a decrease in size or collection times of current refuse containers. Items collected for recycling are similar to the residential program. If an establishment would like to receive one (1) free 96-gallon recycling cart, collected once a week at no charge, please contact Waste Management (WM) at 800.796.9696.

Facts on Recycling:*

- It takes 500,000 trees to produce Sunday papers each week in the U.S.
- Every ton of paper recycled saves more than 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- Plastics in the U.S. are made primarily (70%) from domestic natural gas.
- Recycling one ton of plastic saves 7.4 cubic yards of landfill space.
- An estimated 80% of recovered glass containers are made into new glass bottles.
- The aluminum can is 100% recyclable and can be used to make new cans indefinitely!

**Earth911.com and EPA*



In observance of New Years Day January 1, 2010, refuse and recycling collections will be delayed by one day. When a holiday falls on a weekday, the regularly scheduled collection for that day (and the remainder of that week) will be delayed by one day. For example, Thursday collections will be completed on Friday, and Friday collections will be completed on Saturday.

SENIOR SERVICES



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

The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center, part of the Department of Senior Services, announces the following programs to be offered to area older adults. Anyone 55 years and better is welcome to join the activities or volunteer services to share their talents with others.

Dining with Diabetes

Dining with Diabetes is a four session (2 ½ hours per session) program for anyone interested in preventing or managing diabetes. The program will include information on managing carbohydrate and fat portions, weight control, planning meals, reading labels, and using artificial sweeteners, low-fat products, and herbs and spices. Participants will receive recipes, watch and participate in cooking demonstrations, and taste foods made with less fat, sugar, and salt. There is a \$20 fee per person for all four sessions. Sessions will be held at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center on January 7, 14, 21, and February 4, 2010. Space is limited so enroll now. Pre-registration is required by calling 847.459.2670.

Presented by: Lynnette Mensah, Nutrition and Wellness Educator, University of Illinois Extension
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
United States Department of Agriculture /Local Extension Councils Cooperating
University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment



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Will You Be a Sno Angel?



As we begin this New Year, helping our neighbors just seems right. With the snowfalls of winter come challenges for some Wheeling residents to keep their sidewalks clear and avoid falls. Some of our

seniors in particular need extra help in the winter keeping their driveways and sidewalks shoveled, ice-free and safe.

Sno Angels is an international campaign to be good neighbors and help seniors and other neighbors in need with snow removal this winter. All you have to do to be a **Sno Angel** is simply adopt a senior's driveway and sidewalk this winter and keep it clear. Watch for people in your neighborhood who could use help and ask if you can lend a hand. Care for each other this winter season! If you or your community group would like to volunteer to help others even outside your neighborhood, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask to be part of the **Sno Angel Snow Removal Program**.

Congregate Dining at the Pavilion!

The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center hosts a congregate dining program for older adults 60 years and better. The program highlights the diversity of Wheeling by offering a variety of ethnic favorites as well as American standards. Services and information will be available in many languages



including Spanish, Russian, Polish, Korean, and others as needed. A nutritionally balanced lunch will be served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to registered participants. Social activities and informational programs will be a part of this program as well. Each participant receives written information regarding the cost of the meal and has the opportunity to contribute to part or all of the cost of the meal. This program runs from October 2009 through September 2010. Funds for this program are provided through an award from AgeOptions under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, through the Illinois Department on Aging and Federal Administration on Aging. For more information regarding how to register or volunteer, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask for Shari.

Wheeling Rolls Out New Website



View of new www.wheelingil.gov home page

The overall navigation of the site was optimized to give our visitors a more pleasing Internet experience. The already-established services such as allowing residents and businesses to pay their water bills online and the on-demand videos of specific Village meetings will remain on the new site. In addition, the new site contains more graphics, more pictures, more online fillable forms and new online services like a GIS (Geographic Information System) section providing access to digital maps of the Village through the new MapOffice application. All these new features are part of the Village's eGov campaign to make government more transparent and easily available beyond the typical workday. MapOffice offers access to parcel information, aerial photography and other useful tools, making it all available at any time of the day. The Village's goal is to provide our residents and businesses as much information as possible at their fingertips 24 hours a day through a few mouse clicks. The new website is certainly a step in that direction and we plan to continue adding new features as they become available. The rollout of the new site is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2010. You can check it out by visiting www.wheelingil.gov.

The Village of Wheeling website has long been overdue for a face-lift. Since our logo was revamped this year we felt we should also give the website a fresh new look. Along with the cosmetic improvements we also focused on reorganizing the site to make it more user-friendly.

Capital Improvement Projects

The Capital Projects & Design Division is preparing two new projects and one continuing project for next year: Water Main Replacement; Sidewalk Removal and Replacement; and the Hawthorne School Bridge Replacement.

Our 2010 Water Main Replacement Program will take place in the Hollywood Ridge Subdivision. The project involves replacement of existing thin-wall cast iron water mains with 8" diameter ductile iron water mains. Additionally, every single-family residence within the project limits will be furnished with a new 1½" individual copper water service line that will replace their existing ¾" water service line. Residents that will be affected are those residing on the following streets: Beverly Drive, Pebble Drive, Wilshire Drive and possibly Woodland Drive.

The 2010 Storm and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Programs address repairs of damaged and/or failing sanitary and storm sewers. These improvements are provided if necessary in conjunction with the Water Main Replacement Program project.

The 2010 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program is scheduled to commence in the Spring. Staff is currently compiling a list of locations that qualify for this work. If you feel that you have a public sidewalk that is in need of repair, please call the Capital Projects & Design Division at 847.279.6900 and we will evaluate to see if it qualifies for replacement as funding becomes available.

The Hawthorne School Bridge Replacement is now unlikely to be completed until next Spring due to the arrival of colder weather. The project completion will most likely be delayed until next Spring unless we encounter some unseasonably favorable weather after the bridge superstructure is placed.

Dine Global, Give Local

The Village of Wheeling, in collaboration with Chicago's North Suburbs Convention and Visitors Bureau, is pleased to introduce the Dine Global, Give Local program coming soon. Participating Wheeling restaurateurs will be presenting special culinary events for the month of March 2010, as part of a food drive to benefit the local food pantry at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Participating restaurants include Bob Chinn's Crabhouse and Buca di Beppo! Please watch for more information coming soon: www.dineglobalgivelocal.com.



Dine Global, Give Local
March 2010
www.dineglobalgivelocal.com

Village offices will be closed New Years Day - Friday, January 1st and President's Day - Monday, February 15th.

Reminders for the Snow Season



The Public Works Department is responsible for clearing seventy-five (75) miles of Village streets as quickly as possible after the snow has fallen. Here are some quick, helpful ways residents can assist them:

- Do not park vehicles on any street in the Village at any time within eight hours after a snowfall of two inches or more (per Village Code 9.10.103). This allows streets to be plowed accordingly by Public Works.
- Please maintain a safe distance (100 feet or more) when driving behind a snow plow or salt truck.
- When shoveling driveways, place the snow on the right side of the driveway as you face the street. This does not allow for the plows to push the snow back into the driveway.
- Do not shovel or blow snow into the street and please do not place refuse or recycling containers in the street.
- If a contractor plows the driveway, it must be stored on the resident's property or parkway, not the neighbor's!

The Village is not responsible for State roadways. These include Lake Cook Road, Dundee Road, Milwaukee Avenue, Palatine Road, Schoenbeck Road, Hintz Road, Aptakisic Road, Elmhurst Road, McHenry Road, and Wolf Road (Manchester North to Milwaukee Ave. and South of Marquardt to Camp McDonald.)

Mailbox Damage

Damage done to a mailbox by snow being discharged from a snow plow will be the responsibility of the property owner. If, however, a snow plow comes in physical contact with a mailbox, then the Village will replace the mailbox per Village standard. Public Works recommends that residents ensure that their mailboxes are sturdy and follow Village code.

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

77 W. Hintz Road (new address)
Phone: 847.279-6900 (new number)
Open 7:00am to 3:30pm M - F

Community Development

2 Community Boulevard
Phone 847.459.2620
Open 7:00am to 5:00pm M - F

Senior Services

199 N. First Street
847.459.2670

Police Department

255 W. Dundee Road
847.459.2632

Fire Department

255 W. Dundee Road
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
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to report code violations