

Village Views

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

MAY/JUNE 1999

Four More Years



Patrick Horcher

Three incumbent candidates for the Wheeling Board of Trustees were reelected to new four-year terms on Election Day 1999.

- Patrick Horcher was the top vote getter with 24 percent of the ballots cast.
- Judy Abruscato garnered 22 percent.

- Bob Heer came in third at 19 percent.

Other candidates included Plan Commissioner Dean Argiris, retired fire fighter Don Malin, and resident Steven Telow. More than six thousand votes were cast for all candidates.

By a margin of 953-1150, voters defeated a referendum measure that would have changed the position of Village Clerk from an elected to an appointed position. A similar referendum was proposed in 1988.



Judy Abruscato



Bob Heer

Election Results:

%	Votes	Candidate
24	1,497	Patrick Horcher
22	1,377	Judy Abruscato
19	1,234	Bob Heer
18	1,135	Dean Argiris
14	869	Don Malin
4	251	Steven Telow

6,363
BALLOTS
CAST

Festivities to Mark Official Milwaukee Avenue Completion, Sunday, May 2

The Milwaukee Avenue reconstruction and improvement project is officially finished, and it's time to party. A ribbon-cutting ceremony Sunday, May 2, at 8:45 a.m., will herald the official end of the \$11.6 million project. The ceremony will take place at Cole Taylor Park, at the corner of Milwaukee Ave. and Dundee Rd. The ribbon cutting will be the first of a morning of activities marking the event. It will be followed at 9 a.m. by a 5K run and two-mile family walk. More than 500 people are expected to participate. When the run-walk is over, residents are invited

to attend an outdoor breakfast at the Cole Taylor corner, hosted by a number of local businesses.

Part of Milwaukee Ave. will be closed for about two hours to give runners and walkers a safe route. The closure will affect the area from Wolf Rd. south to Manchester Dr.

Registration fee for the 5K run is \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event. Fee for the family walk is \$8 in advance, \$10 that day. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Building Bridge to Tomorrow on July 4th

It's called "Bridge to Tomorrow" to reflect the changing face of the Village. That theme will course through the 1999 4th of July bonanza. The day's festivities will reprise last year's festivities with a Taste of Wheeling, lots of entertainment, a parade and the night-topping fireworks in Heritage Park.

There will be more clowns for the kids. And balloons galore. Face painters will be there again. The Special Events Committee is still finalizing the roster of local

restaurants planning to prepare and serve their fare "under the tent."

Performers will punctuate the day's activities. Paul Nielsen's Blues Band and Larry Benben's Big Band Orchestra, featuring vocalist Carol Bennett, will be on the main stage.

They will be followed by the traditional holiday parade. A bridge of balloons will lead the procession. Co-Grand Marshals

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Meet the Human Rights Commission

The Wheeling Human Rights Commission was born three years ago to combat public displays of bigotry.

Given the diverse nature of Wheeling, the then Board of Trustees named a panel of five residents to "pro-

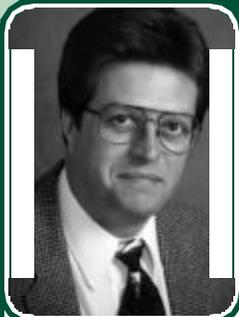
note and encourage mutual respect, cooperation and understanding between the diverse peoples living within the Village of Wheeling; and to safeguard the lawful preservation of the human rights of all citizens."

Since then, the commission has been following the recommendations of the Wheeling 2000

Committee to develop a campaign based on the message, "That's not right." The commission plans to take that message to groups and organizations in the Village.

The commission has researched and developed a speech for delivery by commissioners that points to the long ethnic tradition of Wheeling, starting with the arrival of German immigrants in 1864. Those arrivals were eventually joined by people from 44 nations whose languages can be heard echoing in the halls of Wheeling High School.

According to the 1990 census, the most common ancestries in Wheeling are German, Polish and Irish. A 1994 local census revealed a population consisting of 88.7% white, 10.2% Hispanic, 5.1% Asian/Pacific, and 1.8% black.



Working for Wheeling

Trustee William "Bill" Spangenberg

Length of service ...since May 5, 1997.

Birthplace...Evanston.

Family...wife: Sharon; daughters: Allison (15);

Charlotte (12); Rachel (10).

Occupation...Lawyer.

Education...B.A., University of Illinois, 1977; J.D., The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, 1981.

I've lived in Wheeling...14 years.

I ran for public office to...make my community a better place to live.

My political aspiration is...I am satisfied where I am now.

Before I was a trustee I...just read about Village government. Now I am a part of it.

The most important thing I do as a trustee is...work to streamline Village government and keep the Village code up-to-date with current lifestyles and business trends.

The thing I like best about Wheeling is...it has never lost its small-town friendliness despite growing to 30,000 residents.

The accomplishment I'm most proud of is... restructuring Village procedures so government can act more quickly for development and redevelopment.

The most aggravating thing about serving as a trustee is...the time lag between the board making a decision and the decision actually being carried out.

My favorite Village event is...the Fourth of July Parade.

My favorite place in Wheeling is...my house.

When I'm not working, I like to...read the encyclopedia and maps.

The one thing few people know about me is...I rarely eat cookies, candy, ice cream or cake.

I wish I had more time to... play the trumpet.

My favorite charity is...the American Cancer Society.

People who know me well say I'm...persistent.

The last good book I read was...a biography about Clarence Darrow, a famous lawyer.

My favorite quotation is... "Be Prepared," the Boy Scout motto.

With its push for greater understanding among residents, the commission is striving in the words of its Chairman, Bill Maloney, "to make bigotry or bigoted remarks socially unacceptable."

In addition to Maloney, other commissioners include:

● Paul Safyan, vice chairman;

● Scott Kozlov, secretary;

● Gary Hittlenar; and

● Judy Bechaud

All are residents of the Village.

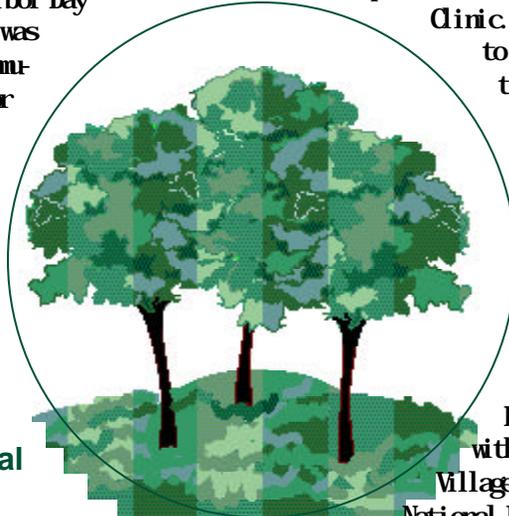
Awards and Honors

Wheeling A Tree City Once More

For the ninth year in a row, the Village of Wheeling has become a Tree City USA.

Sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the recognition was based on four criteria. A community must have: a tree board or department; a tree-care ordinance; a community forestry program; and an Arbor Day observance.

Arbor Day this year was marked on April 30 with a tree-planting ceremony at Eugene Field Elementary School.



the National Infant Immunization Week reception in mid-April. He was cited for working to preserve the Wheeling Immunization Clinic. The recognition pointed to his "significant contribution to the clinic remaining in operation at Wheeling High School."

Flood-Control Efforts Praised

The Federal Insurance Administration presented Wheeling Community Development Director Michael Klitzke with a certificate for the Village's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The award pointed to activities that reduce flood losses, facilitate accurate flood insurance rating and promote the awareness of flood insurance.

Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has recognized the Village for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement, the organization's highest honor, was bestowed for the Village's annual financial report.

Finance Director Robert Fialkowski received the award.

Boyle Lauded

Village Health Officer Michael Boyle was recognized at

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Wheeling Welcomes New Businesses

Nick Drivas Gyros — 1057-59 Lake-Cook Rd., 808-1599

Meadowbrook LLC doing business as The Land of Nod — Scott Eirinberg, 1110-B Larkin Dr., 459-9900 mail order children's furniture

White Leaf Printing — Robert Grusin, 92 Messner Dr., 279-8830

Win Stuff, LLC — Jon Lambert, 618 Wheeling Rd., 800-466-6553, route collections of coin operated amusement machines

Vari-Lite Inc. — Rusty Brutsche, 31 Marquardt Dr., 808-9800 automatic Lighting Service

Digi-Cell — Sandro Sanchez, 98 E. Dundee Rd., 361-0359, cellular phones and pagers

Shoe Action — Hackyoon Lee, 16 W. Dundee Rd., family shoe store

Slide Products Inc. — Erica Young, 440 Mercantile Ct., 541-7220, mfr. of industrial aerosol products

Savin Corporation — James W. Ivy-CEO, 9915 Capitol Dr., 215-8855, sales office

Interpac Corporation — Thomas A. Westman-Pres., 290 W. Palatine Rd., 520-9550

Engineering Consulting Services Inc — Henry Lucas-Pres, 583 N. Wolf Rd., 279-0366

Universal Structures Ltd. — Michael Hughes, 555 North Wolf Rd., 520-8400 construction office

White Hen Pantry — Robert J. Boone, 11 W. Dundee Rd., 520-7976

Motivation Marketing Inc. — Chuck Marcus, 401 S. Milwaukee Ave. #180, 808-0719 sales incentive co.

Command Service Center — Robert Milliken, 600 Northgate Pkwy #11, 215-988, heating & air conditioning

IL Sicilian — Rosario Abbinanti, 733 W. Dundee Rd., 541-6931, pizza

"Flowers will once again be planted at designated locations along Milwaukee Avenue, Dundee Road and at other sites in the Village."

Briefs and Announcements

May is Cleanup Month

Village residents are urged to "clean up and toss out" during May. This special cleanup effort is aimed at emptying yards, garages and basements of debris and unwanted items. Residents can discard as many cans of trash and smaller items as they wish at no extra charge beyond basic trash collection rates.

The Wheeling Plan Commission's second annual Brooms and Blooms beautification and cleanup event is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 1999 from 9 a.m. to noon. A rain date has been set for June 5.

Volunteers will start from the north and south ends of Milwaukee Avenue and work toward Dundee Road picking up loose trash and debris. Flowers will once again be planted at designated locations along Milwaukee Avenue, Dundee Road and at other sites in the Village. At noon, volunteers will assemble at the Cole Taylor Millennium Plaza where a light lunch and refreshments provided by local businesses will be available. A rendering of the winner of the Plaza's design competition will also be on display.

About 100 volunteers participated last year. Organizers hope to increase that number this year. Call Jim Grabowski, Assistant Village Manager at 459-2600 or Ken Brady, Chairman of the Plan Commission at 537-8642 to volunteer. Bring a pair of work gloves and meet at the Cole Taylor Millennium Plaza at 9 a.m.

sponse to the change in the Village's recently enacted ordinance, which allows one person to care for up to eight children alone and up to 12 children with an assistant.

The orientation will be held May 12, from 7-9:30 p.m., in the Council Room at Village Hall. To register for the orientation, call Child Care Resource and Referral at 847-640-9590.

Health Screenings

Lifeline Screening Corporation will conduct low-cost ultrasound vascular and osteoporosis screenings on May 22 at the Pavilion Senior Citizen Center, 199 N. First Street. The tests are early-detection devices for vascular disease or bone degeneration. The screenings will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information is available at 800-364-0457.

1999 Street-Improvement Program

A dozen streets have been scheduled for maintenance or repair this year. The areas targeted include:

Street	Section
Abbot Dr.	Holbrook Dr. to Palatine Rd.
Alice St.	Wheeling Rd. to Willis Ave.
Gilman Ave.	Wheeling Rd. to Willis Ave.
Holbrook Dr.	Wheeling Rd. to Palatine Rd.
Kenilworth Dr.	Sarasota Dr. to St. Amard Ln.
Noel Ave.	Alice St. to Hintz Rd.
Pebble Dr.	Wiltshire Dr. to Cedar Dr.
St. Amard Ct.	St. Amard Ln. to cul-de-sac
2nd St.	Strong Ave. to dead end
12th St.	New cul-de-sac south of Strong Ave.
Willis Ave.	Gilman Ave. to Alice St.
Wiltshire Dr.	Valley Stream Dr. to Cedar Dr.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

Just one hazardous waste collection day will be held in the Northwest Suburbs this year. The collection is scheduled for May 1, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Schaumburg Commuter Rail Facility Collection Site on Springenguth Rd., south of the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway. About 20 types of hazardous items will be accepted, ex-

MOTORIST ALERT



Construction at Dundee & Wolf

Installation of new traffic signals and reconfiguration of the Dundee and Wolf

Rds. intersection has begun. The project includes resurfacing the intersection and configuring the Wolf Rd. approaches into left turn only, right turn only, and through traffic only lanes. The work is to be completed by June 30, depending on conditions.

Child Care Licensing Orientation

Cook County Child Care Resource and Referral is holding a licensing orientation to familiarize those interested in starting a home-based child-care service. The orientation is in re-

cluding explosives, fireworks, smoke detectors, tires and business and school waste. For information, call 312-751-6633.

Health Fair

The Wheeling Board of Health will host a health fair on May 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Village Hall. Police, Fire and Public Works Departments will hold an open house at the same time and place. There will be vehicles on display, and the Fire and Police Departments will conduct demonstrations. Fight for Life, Sparky and McGruff will appear.

Family Fun Faire

The Pavilion Senior Citizen Center will hold its 9th annual Family Fun Faire, June 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The center's major fund raiser, the Fun Faire will feature a silent and live auction, home bakery, luncheon bar, rummage sale, raffles and an arts and crafts fair. The center is seeking appropriate donations or services from local businesses for the auction. Dollar donations from residents are also being solicited for the Senior Program Fund, which supports activities and services. Contact Nancy Janssen, Senior Citizen Coordinator, at 459-2670.

SWANCC Open House

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is holding its annual open house on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors will view garbage-processing operations and the 1999 "Art of Garbage" exhibit consisting of more than 60 collages and drawings by area children. Also on display will be SWANCC's Recycle House exhibit and stationary plastic and steel-can recycling displays. The Wheeling

The Last Barrier: History!

Northwest Corner of Milwaukee and Dundee Is Finally Ready

Going...

equipment stands ready to take down the former Sportmart.



Going...

backhoe destroys the old shell.



Gone...

cleaning up the debris. Making way for stores, restaurants and condominiums at One Milwaukee Place.



Township Transfer Station is at Three Providence Drive, Glenview

Summer Water Conservation

The Village's annual summer water-conservation program begins May 15. Lawn sprinkling, filling swimming pools and noncommercial car washing is prohibited every day from noon until 6 p.m. through September 15. A pamphlet, "Good Watering Practices," is available from the Department of Public Works at 459-2624.

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Design of Diversionary Channel Begins

The Village has begun designing the 8800-foot Wheeling Diversionary Channel, originally proposed as part of the Lower Des Plaines Tributary Watershed Management Plan. The channel is intended to divert excess water flows from the Wheeling Drainage Ditch. While initial brush clearing began in late 1998, major construction won't start until early in 2000.

The Village had to acquire the rights-of-way for the channel, but the Natural Resource Conservation Service will pay all other costs. The Department of Public Works will handle maintenance when it is finished. The project is part of a long-term effort to reduce flooding, an effort that dates back to 1907, when the drainage ditch was built to siphon off inundated farm fields.

The Village is relatively flat and lies at the lower end of the Buffalo Creek/Wheeling Drainage Ditch and the McDonald Creek tributary of the Des Plaines River. That's why 30 percent of the Village has been designated as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), or flood plains.

More than 1200 buildings are located within these areas. The Village's Flood Insurance Rate Map, available without charge at Village Hall and Indian Trails Public Library, delineates the SFHAs. However, other low-lying areas sometimes experience high water, including some streets and even backyards.

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

Mortgage lenders usually require flood insurance for buildings within flood zones. If that's your situation, the Community Development Department will do a written floodplain determination. You'll need to supply: the applicant's name; property address and survey; legal description; PIN number; topographic survey, if available; and a \$25 fee.

Your Personal Plan

- Relocate movable buildings, or at least raise them above flood hazard level. Build walls around these structures, and install floodproofing.
- 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 on the way, 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 can't reach you once the water becomes two feet deep.
- Don't drive across flooded roads, where your vehicle could stall. If you get caught anyway, forget the vehicle and save yourself.
- Flowing water above your knees can generate dangerous currents. You should avoid walking through it.

Auto Emission Testing Station Now Open

Envirotest Illinois' Wheeling auto-emission inspection station is open for business on Northgate Parkway. The new facility makes it convenient for residents to have their cars tested without leaving the area.



Blood Drive A Success

Forty-one units of blood were donated during the March 10 blood drive. LifeSource, which conducts all Village blood drives, said the collection will help about 125 people in need of blood. LifeSource called the effort successful.

Pencil in the Date

Community Calendar

Residents are invited to attend public meetings of the following Village boards and commissions . Most meet in the Village Hall Council Chambers (unless otherwise noted).

Village Board – Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

Plan Commission – Second and Fourth Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m.

Board of Health - Fourth Tuesday, every other month, 7 p.m.

Human Rights Commission – Second Tuesday of the month, Village Hall lunch room, 7:15 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens Commission – Third Monday of the month, Pavilion Senior Center, 10 a.m.

Fire and Police Commission – Third Tuesday of the month, Fire Department Conference Room, 7 p.m.

Palwaukee Airport Commission – Third Wednesday of the month, Committee of the Whole meeting, 7 p.m., regular meeting, 8 p.m., Airport offices, 1020 South Plant Rd.

Economic Development Commission– Second Tuesday of each month, 8 a.m. , Village Hall lunchroom.

May

(entire month) - Village Cleanup Month

1 - Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Schaumburg Commuter Rail Facility, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

2 - Milwaukee Ave. grand opening, 5K run and public display of design competition winners for Millennium Plaza, Cole Taylor Bank, Milwaukee Ave. & Dundee Rd., 8:30-11 a.m.

8 - Open House (Fire, Police and Public Works Depts.) and Health Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

12 - Day Care Licensing Orientation, Village Hall Council Room, 7-9:30 p.m.

22 - Vascular and osteoporosis screening, Pavilion Senior Center, 199 N. First St., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

22 - "Brooms and Blooms" cleanup, Cole Taylor Millennium Plaza (northeast corner, Milwaukee Ave. and Dundee Rd.), 9 a.m.

31 - Memorial Day Parade, Elmhurst Rd. to Old McHenry Rd. to Weiland Rd., 10 a.m.

June

5 - Family Fun Faire, Pavilion Senior Citizen Center, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

5 - SWANCC Open House, Wheeling Township Transfer Station, Three Providence Dr., Glenview, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

5 - "Blooms and Brooms" rain date (if needed)

AMVETS

Post No. 66

will hold a

Memorial

Day Parade

on May 31,

beginning

at 10 a.m.

Rte. 83

between

Dundee Rd.

and Weiland

Rd. will be

closed

during that

period.

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this year are Fire Chief Keith McIsaac and Public Works Director Bob Gray. The honor guard will have people carrying flags of all 50 states that now belong to the Village.

Corus Bank, Hoyle Savings, Bill Stasek Chevrolet, and Waste Management are this year's Golden event sponsors.

The Special Events Committee has budgeted \$15,000 for this year's fireworks extravaganza. Interested residents are invited to donate \$1 each to defray costs. For information contact Trustee Judy Abruscato, who heads the Special Events Committee, at 541-8783.

SPEAK OUT

Communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive response. Please complete this form, detach and return to: Village Manager, Village of Wheeling, 255 W Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Comment _____

Fix-Up Time Means Permit Time

The arrival of warm weather is accompanied with the sounds of spring birds singing, children playing outside, and hammers and saws engaged in home remodeling and repair. Many of the fix-up projects call for permits from the Community Development Department.

The permits are designed to protect homeowners' best interests by ensuring quality workmanship. The professionals in the department's Building, Housing and Zoning Division review plans for compliance with the Village code and inspect work at various stages for structural safety.

All structural and some nonstructural work requires a permit. Call the Department at 459-2620 to find out whether your next project requires a permit.

Avoid Home Repair, Sweepstakes Fraud

When someone stops by to offer home repairs, how do you know they're qualified? Is that sweepstakes person on the phone legitimate? Recently, two Wheeling residents were victims of common schemes: one involved home-repair fraud, while the other was a sweepstakes scam.

Common Projects that Require Permits

- Any electrical work
- Building or home additions
- Central air conditioning (new or replace)
- Concrete/pave patio
- Detached garage
- Fencing
- Finished basement
- Fireplace
- Furnace installation
- Lawn sprinkler system
- Plumbing work, including water heater and sewer repair
- Roofing
- Screen porch
- Shed
- Siding
- Swimming pool
- Wood deck

Evasive moves

Although there are different variations of these scams, there are several steps that can be taken to avoid becoming a victim.

Sweepstakes Scams:

- Never give your credit card or bank account number over the phone unless you initiate the phone call or you are absolutely sure the company is legitimate.
- Always take your time when making decisions.

● Insist on getting written information about the organization. However, don't assume the organization is legitimate based on impressive

looking brochures.

- If the caller is uncooperative in answering your questions, hang up the phone.

Home repair fraud:

- If someone comes to the door claiming that they are there to "check on cable connections, phone lines, power lines, water or electric motors," request identification. Call the utility company to verify the repair person's presence. Do not let them in until you can verify that they are legitimate.
- Beware of the repair men who offer to pave the driveway, repair the roof or paint the house with supplies "left over from another job in the neighborhood."
- Never pay in cash or pay repair men in advance. Always pay by check or money order.
- Deal only with contractors that have established places of business or those whom a friend or family member has recommended.

Report any suspicious behavior to the Wheeling Police Department immediately at 459-2632.

VILLAGE OF WHEELING

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 WEB SITE: WWW.WHEELINGIL.ORG

Fire/Police/Paramedics	911
Non-emergency Fire	459-2662
Non-emergency Police	459-2632
Community Development	459-2620
Economic Development	459-2978
Pavilion Senior Center	459-2670
Public Works	459-2624
Water Billing	459-2607
Village President: Greg Klatecki	459-8116
Village Clerk: Elaine Simpson	541-8692
Village Manager: Craig Anderson	459-2617

Trustees

Judy Abruscato	541-8783	Trevor Lehmann	541-6700
Robert Heer	541-4274	William Spangenberg	520-1019
Patrick Horcher	419-1956	Wayne Wisinski	394-3432

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