Community Update from the Village President

Wheeling Signs Intergovernmental Agreement with MWRDGC and Park District
A first-of-its-kind agreement was recently signed by the Village of Wheeling, the Wheeling Park District and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago. This intergovernmental agreement will help initiate the Levee 37 project which will create compensatory water storage and flood control for homes and businesses along the Des Plaines River without giving up recreational space for the Heritage Park Master Plan. Land currently owned by the Park District and the Village of Wheeling will be given to MWRD for compensatory storage, and in exchange for the use of the land, MWRD has agreed to develop portions of Heritage Park in keeping with the Master Plan and to provide compensatory water storage space for the Village. Both Levee 37 and the renovated Heritage Park will be celebrated assets to our Village. We look forward with great anticipation to the future Heritage Park as well as long-awaited flood control for our residents along the river. Construction for these projects is slated to begin in 2012.

New Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief Appointed
At the Board meeting of April 12th, Village Clerk Elaine Simpson swore in new Police Chief Bill Benson and new Deputy Police Chief John Teevans. As a Board we are extremely pleased to be able to promote two hard-working, dedicated employees from within our own ranks. Each of these men has dedicated over 20 years in the Wheeling Police Department to serving the Village’s residents and it seems only right that they now lead all of our police officers in serving and protecting our community. We congratulate them on their new roles and have full confidence in their abilities.

Police Station Renovation on Schedule
The Police Station renovation is now approximately 50% complete. Completion of the center of the building including carpeting, final paint, and furniture is expected to be in mid-May. Completion of the west side of the building, which now only requires carpeting and final paint, is expected in to be in early June. Police personnel have adjusted well to continuous construction over the past eight months, the project is progressing smoothly, and expenditures are within budget. We are all looking forward to the completion of this project!

New Fire Station Nearly Open for Business
The new fire station located at 499 S. Milwaukee Avenue is nearing completion and is expected to go into operation at the end of June. Once open, the new fire station will house several fire suppression and emergency medical units staffed by up to eleven emergency responders per day, as well as the Fire Department’s administrative offices. The approximately 20,000 square foot building was originally projected to cost $7 million. Due to a highly competitive construction market combined with value engineering in both design and construction methods, the completed project will cost approximately $5.9 million; approximately 20% under its original budget. A formal dedication and open house is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2010—the beginning of National Fire Prevention Week—and all residents are welcome to attend. Additional information will be forthcoming in the next Village Newsletter.

Economic Development Promotion through Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds
Each calendar year, the Village of Wheeling receives private activity bonding authority from the State of Illinois. The purpose of this bonding authority is to encourage economic development within Wheeling by enabling manufacturing companies to finance, through the issuance of tax-exempt Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs), the acquisition of fixed assets such as land, buildings and equipment. In some cases, bond proceeds may also be used for new construction or renovation. Qualified IRB projects include facilities that are primarily used to manufacture or process tangible products.

Final determination of project eligibility is subject to a legal opinion from a recognized municipal bond attorney. If you have a project you believe may qualify for private activity bond financing and would like more information about this program, please contact the Village’s Director of Finance, Michael Mondschain, at 847.499.9020. This is a great tool for our Industrial businesses.
Welcome new Wheeling businesses!

**Village Board Highlights**

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

**Proclaimed**
- Charles (Jay) Gallant Day - February 24, 2010
- Nancy Rottman Day - March 18, 2010
- John Stone Day - April 13, 2010
- Robert Leipzig Day - May 11, 2010
- April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Week of the Young Child, April 11-17, 2010
- National Telecommunicator’s Week, April 11-17, 2010
- Law Enforcement Training Week, April 18-24, 2010
- National Crime Victims’ Rights Week - April 18-24, 2010
- Arbor Day - April 30, 2010
- Silver Star Banner Day - May 1, 2010
- May as Building Safety Month
- Senior Celebration Day - May 13, 2010

**Approved/Authorized**
- Special Use and Associated Site Plan Approval for Installation of a 100’ Unipole Tower and Ground Equipment Shelter on a Portion of the Property at 900 S. Elmhurst Road
- Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Dundee Road Subarea of the Village of Wheeling
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance for Fire Training Simulator
- An Illinois Clean Diesel Grant in the Amount of $44,470 Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and Administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Spanning Buffalo Creek designated as the Sharon S. Ball Memorial Bridge
- Special Use to Allow a Private Vocational School with Programs in Information Technology, Healthcare Support Services, and Business Administration including ESL (English as a Second Language) at 1400 South Wolf Road, Suite 101
- An Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Wheeling and the Cook County Assessor’s Office for Access to the Cook County Geographic Information System Data
- Memorial Day Parade from Weiland and Illinois Route 83 (McHenry Road) Traveling South Bound to Lexington Drive and Terminating at Amvets
- Special Use and Associated Site Plan Approval to Operate an Adult Day Service (Forever Young ADS) at 818 Chaddick Drive
- Special Use to Allow a Cultural Center and Community Center at 9610–9945 Capitol Drive

**Welcome new Wheeling businesses!**

- **Bravo Ballroom Dance Studio**
  583 N. Wolf Road
  Ballroom dance studio

- **Dynomax Inc.**
  1535-1537 Abbott Drive
  Machine shop

- **Eastman Kodak Co.**
  760 S. Wolf Road
  Manufacturer Photographic equipment

- **Lea Networks, LLC**
  1712 S. Wolf Road
  Electronics parts distributor

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

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Get involved in Wheeling!

Summer is not far off so spend some time outside enjoying the weather and getting to know your neighbors!

The Wheeling Garden Club will be having their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 15th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will be held at the northeast corner of Dundee Road and Northgate Pkwy. The plants are reasonably priced and a majority of the plants are hand grown by the garden club members. Last year I purchased an heirloom tomato plant; we put the plant in a Topsy Turvy hangar and it was easy to grow with little maintenance. The tomatoes were excellent with tons of flavor.

Do you want to get involved? The Village is looking for residents who are interested in joining one of our many commissions. Share your knowledge and expertise with other members on commissions. To fill out an application call Lisa at 847.499.9085 or visit www.wheelingil.gov to print out an application and return it to the Village. If you would like more information about what commissions are available please feel free to call me at 847.541.8692 to discuss the details further.

If you are not registered to vote and would like to register, you can do this at the Village Hall during regular business hours. In the event you can’t do this please call me and I will arrange to have you fill out a Voter Registration form at your convenience. Voter registration is open until October 5, 2010.

March Blood Drive a Success!

The Wheeling Community Blood Drive was held on March 10, 2010. It was a great success! Forty-eight units were collected from the 51 people who attended. We exceeded our goal of 40 units. The 48 units collected will help save 144 lives!

Wheeling community restaurants were especially generous in donating gift certificates, coupons or food for the event. Recognition goes to the following establishments that participated: Bob Chinn’s Crabhouse, Hackney’s, Edwardo’s Pizza, TGI Fridays, Jets Pizza and Pita Inn. Thank you to Brighten Gardens for providing donor goodie bags.

The next Wheeling Community Blood Drive is scheduled for July 14th.
Rain barrels are containers that collect and store rainwater from rooftops via downspouts. Because it does not contain minerals, chlorine, fluoride or other chemicals, the stored rainwater in barrels provides a supply of water that is ideal for gardens, potted plants/flowers, lawns, and even bicycle and car washing. Rain barrels reduce storm water pollution and conserve water.

As part of their ongoing water conservation program, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has rain barrels for sale for $50.00 each. There is a limit of two (2) barrels per household. MWRD only accepts orders that are placed on their website and purchased with a credit card—no cash or check sales at pick-up locations. There are also no returns or exchanges. Rain barrels are 55 gallons with a diameter of 21 inches and a height of 34 inches.

Residents are required to print their receipt when purchasing their rain barrel online. Please bring your receipt and a vehicle that will accommodate the barrel. Rain barrel distribution takes place during the first Saturday, Tuesday or Thursday of each month only at:

- **North Side Plant**, 3500 W. Howard, Skokie: Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & Tuesday 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
- **Stickney Plant**, 6001 W. Pershing, Cicero: Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Calumet Plant**, 400 East 130th Street, Chicago: Thursday 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

To order a rain barrel or for more information, please go to [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org) and follow the link for rain barrels. Please keep barrels hidden or camouflaged (behind bushes, etc.) if possible and keep them along the side or rear of lots.

### Property Maintenance Time

Community Development Property Maintenance Staff will be out in force this summer ensuring properties in our community are observing the following property maintenance guidelines:

- **Grass/Weeds maintained (Maximum height for grass is 8”) 12.04.010.**
- **Bushes/Trees properly maintained including removal of dead, and trimming of overgrown and improperly maintained 12.20.025**
- **Exterior free of cracking and peeling paint**
- **Fences, sheds and other accessory structures in good repair**
- **Garbage cans stowed in the garage or adjacent to the house in a side or rear yard between pick-up days. 5.32.040 (e).**

You take pride in your home and keep it ship-shape inside and out, but you notice a home or two in the neighborhood is having trouble doing the same. What do you do to keep your neighborhood looking neat? If you notice ill-kept properties in your neighborhood, please contact Community Development at 847.459.2620, so that our staff can investigate the status of the property and take steps to re-establish maintenance at the site.

### New LED Streetlights Coming

New energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures will be replacing existing metal halide streetlight fixtures in the Hollywood Ridge, Poplar Grove, Dunhurst, Old Town and Meadowbrook residential neighborhoods. Benefits of LED fixtures include durability, long life expectancy, energy efficiency and ultimately cost savings. This program is primarily funded through a federal grant. Installations by the Village of Wheeling Public Works Street Division staff will begin soon. Additional information will be available on the Village’s website ([www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov)) and on Channels 17 (Comcast) and 99 (AT&T).

Once installed in Hollywood Ridge, Poplar Grove, Dunhurst, Old Town and Meadowbrook, residents are encouraged to provide feedback or comments on the new LED light fixtures via email to LEDSTREETLIGHTING@wheelingil.gov or by phone at 847.279.6912.

### Wheeling Tapping Team Wins 4th Place!

On March 17th the Public Works Utility Division won 4th place in the Annual Illinois Section American Water Works Association Water Tapping Competition in Springfield, Illinois. In this state competition, various teams contend to install a ¼ inch tap for the quickest time possible. The Village team began participating in this aggressive competition in 2007. The first year the Village won 4th place; in 2008 the Village won 2nd place and in 2009, the Village won 3rd place. Way to go guys!!
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 28-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 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 homeowner’s 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 waterways to ensure they are clear of debris and potential obstructions. The Village recently completed a streambank stabilization and erosion control project along a portion of Buffalo Creek west of Route 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 the Reference tab 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 floor 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 on 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.
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.

**Tuesdays at the Pavilion**

~Do you work during the day?~
~Are you looking for something to do in the evenings?~
~Do you feel lucky, creative, or inquisitive?~

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, and registration for programming, as well as our crafting & jewelry making classes, movies, cooking classes, computer classes, open computer access, card games and Wii bowling. Please call us for the most up-to-date information on Tuesday evenings!

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**Lunch at Pavilion**

Join us for a great meal and great friends at the newly re-opened LUNCH AT PAVILION. New menu selections, restaurant atmosphere, table service—you can’t beat it! The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center hosts service for anyone 60 years and better. A nutritionally balanced lunch is served to participants Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Reservations needed. Social activities and informational programs are included as part of this program. Each diner will receive written information regarding the cost of the meal and will have the opportunity to contribute to part or all of the cost. This program runs 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.

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**Wheeling Computer Learning Center for Seniors**

Do you have a digital camera but don’t know how to get the pictures off of it?

Do you want to keep in touch with your grandchildren through Facebook or email, but don’t know where to start?

Does banking online sound like something you might want to try…..but you don’t want to bother your kids?

Have you never touched a computer, but would like to try?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then the Wheeling Computer Learning Center for Seniors is just the place for you. Our new session of classes will begin soon. All of our volunteer teachers and coaches have years of experience teaching and helping older adults…because they are seniors too! Call the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center for the latest information regarding class offerings and schedules: 847.459.2670.

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**Senior Celebration Day**

will be held this year at Arlington Park Racecourse on May 13th from 11:15 a.m. - 3:13 p.m. Admission is free but you will need a ticket. You can pick up your free ticket at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center. All seniors are invited to this fun and educational event! For more information call 847.459.2670.
Stay Informed with the Help of the Police Department

The Wheeling Police Department wants you to be “in the know.” How would you like to receive critical information about upcoming severe weather? Information about street closings? Missing child/adult alerts? How about receiving this info as a cell phone text message and/or email?

Wheeling has partnered with CodeRED to send residents up-to-date information about activities they need to know about in Wheeling. Information concerning crime prevention, severe weather advisories, public safety concerns (evacuation notices, water main breaks, etc.) and more can all be sent to interested village residents via email and/or through cell phone text messaging (your local cell phone service provider text messaging rates may apply).

If you wish to take advantage of this free public service, please visit the Village of Wheeling homepage at www.wheelingil.gov and click “CODE RED Emergency Enrollment” under the Quick Links column.

Please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 847.459.2994 with any questions.

Sugar Hills Bakery Cuts Ribbon

Sugar Hills Bakery recently celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by Village President Judy Abruscato. Attendees included the Wheeling/Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Cook County Economic Development team. Sugar Hills Bakery specializes in European style pastries and high-end cakes. They are located in Lynn Plaza at 532 W. Dundee Road. Phone: 847.541.4800; Hours: Tue - Fri: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sat: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Got Mail?

Did you know... the Village of Wheeling has standards for residential mail boxes which have been approved by the U.S. Postal Service? All mailbox supports and any variation to the standard must be approved by the Village of Wheeling prior to installation. If you would like a copy of the standards for mailboxes and proper installation, it is available on the Village of Wheeling web site or call Community Development at 847.459.2600 to have a copy mailed to you.

Metra Parking Fees Increase

On April 1, 2010, the Metra Parking Fee increased from $1.50 per day per vehicle to $1.75 per day per vehicle. Monthly parking passes increased from $30.00 to $35.00 per vehicle per month. This is the first increase since 1996.

For additional information, please contact the Village of Wheeling at 847.459.2600 or visit http://www.wheelingil.gov/Community/Transportation/Metra.asp.

Local Event a Success!

Congratulations to all who participated in Dine Global Give Local! Your efforts resulted in more than 1400 lbs of food and $800.00 in donations to St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry. This amount of food will feed one family for 150 weeks or 150 families for one week.

With close competition, Eduardo's Natural Pizza took first place with 190 lbs. in food donations. Nibbles Play Cafe ran a close second at 175 lbs.

According to the pantry's Dave Vogel, "All the restaurants had an excellent response and we are thankful for their participation and contributions to our community. Their patrons should be congratulated for their unselfish assistance to those in need and, while unable to thank all of them personally, the recipients of their generosity are grateful."

Many thanks to every one of you who took part in this community effort: Bob Chinn's Crab House, Buca di Beppo, Chicago Bagel & Bialy II, Classic China, Eduardo's Natural Pizza, El Famous Burrito, Golden Chef Restaurant, Hackney's in Wheeling, Lana's Dazzling Desserts, Las Islas Marias, Market Square Restaurant, Nibbles Play Cafe, Pete Miller's Steakhouse, The RAM Restaurant & Brewery, Rise n' Dine Pancake House, Sushi Gallery, TGI Friday's, Tuscany – Wheeling, Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza

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Electronics Recycling

In September 2009 Illinois adopted an electronics recycling law which will ban certain electronic items, mainly computers, monitors, televisions and printers, from Illinois landfills beginning in January 2012. To assist residents with environmentally safe recycling, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is currently offering drop-off locations to SWANCC residents. (SWANCC services Wheeling residents).

Below are the current drop-off locations and times:

**Glenview Public Works** (starting May 4)
1333 Shermer Road
Tuesdays: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursdays: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Morton Grove Public Works**
7840 Nagle Avenue
Wednesdays: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Fridays: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Hoffman Estates Village Hall**
1900 Hassel Road
Mondays: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wednesdays: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Winnetka Public Works**
1390 Willow Road
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Thursdays: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Acceptable items include: computers (PCs, laptops, computer monitors, DVD players, fax machines, mobile phones, MP3 players, PDAs, peripherals (mouse, keyboard, drives), printers, scanners, TVs, VHS players, and video game consoles.

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**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
Phone: 847.279.6900
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**
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