

JOIN US FOR THE LIGHTING
OF THE LIGHTS ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 20TH!

details inside....



November/December 2011

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WELCOME TO WHEELING

From the Desk of President Abruscato

Development Continues in Wheeling

The Village of Wheeling is happy to have Saranello's now open at the Westin: a visible sign of increased business interest along Restaurant Row and what we hope to be the first of several new businesses to open on Milwaukee over the coming year.

The new Fresh Farms Shopping Center is finalizing construction and is almost 100% leased, with one retail space remaining available on Milwaukee Avenue. If you haven't had a chance to visit this beautiful center I encourage you to do so; I am certain you will be impressed with the transformation.

In addition, we are looking forward to receiving a visiting delegation in early November from the prominent Gangnam District of Seoul, South Korea, hosted by our own Korean Cultural Center. This delegation, which includes the District Governor and her staff, is interested in establishing new educational, cultural and business exchanges with our community. These establishments would be a welcome addition to our Village, and we are very proud that the Korean Cultural Center chose Wheeling as its home.

Annual Lighting of the Lights Ceremony

Every year it seems the holiday season sneaks up on us faster and faster, and this year is no different. Already we're preparing to kick off the season with our annual Lighting of the Lights Ceremony. This year the event will take place outdoors at Friendship Park (northeast corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue) on Sunday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. As in years past, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for picture opportunities and to take your holiday wishes. We hope you'll stop by to visit with Santa and your Village Board during this fun-filled family event!

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 2012.

Village Offices will be closed:

Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th
and Monday, December 26th



President
Judy Abruscato

Welcome new Wheeling businesses!

Accurate Group, Inc.
157 Wheeling Road
Construction Material Testing Lab

Anna's Sunny Day Spa
765-C W. Dundee Road
Massage Therapy

Eastern Express
88 S. Milwaukee Avenue
Travel Services and Money Transfers

Goodman Partners
2048 Foster Avenue
Wholesale Distributor of Clothing/Merchandise

Great Clips
263 E. Dundee Road
Hair Salon

Intertrade USA Co.
152 Messner Drive
Warehouse/Distributor of Wine & Spirits

K Automotive
84 McHenry Road
Automotive, Lube, Repair Shop

MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System)
233 W. Hintz Road
Intergovernmental Public Safety Support

Mutiviajes Gutierrez
790 W. Dundee Road
Travel Agency

Protecta Services, Inc.
47 W. Dundee Road
Insurance Mortgage Broker

SMA Trucking, Inc.
1033 Noel Ave.
Transportation and Warehousing



Dean
Argiris



Ken
Brady



Bob
Heer



Bill
Hein



Ray
Lang



Dave
Vogel

WELCOME TO WHEELING

The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk
Elaine E. Simpson

REMEMBER: WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Wheeling Fashion Show

The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Foundation (WPSF) will be sponsoring a fashion show on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center located at 333 West Dundee Road. The show will include fashions that appeal to a wide range of ages. This is a perfect opportunity to start your holiday shopping or to pick up something special for yourself. Tickets are \$10 per person which includes light refreshments. Contact Mary Papantos at WPSFOUNDATION@gmail.com to make your reservation or write WPSF at 199 North First Street, Wheeling, IL.

Holiday Season Events

The holiday season is quickly approaching and some fun activities are planned for residents. The Village will have its annual holiday lighting ceremony at Friendship Park (on the northeast corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Ave.) on Sunday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. with an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus. This event is sponsored by MB Financial and Market Square.

Have your picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Lollipop Lane, courtesy of Stasek Chevrolet! Lollipop Lane is happening at Chamber Park beginning on Saturday, December 3rd through Sunday, December 11th. Lollipop Lane is open Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Wheeling Historical Society, Wheeling Park District, Stasek Chevrolet and many more businesses in the Wheeling area. This is a free event.

Remember to shop at local Wheeling businesses during this holiday season. A great gift would be a gift card from one of the mouthwatering restaurants on Restaurant Row. Happy Holidays!

Health Happenings

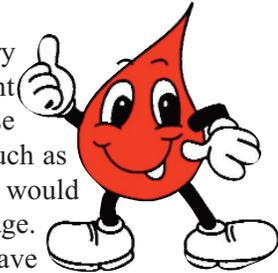


...brought to you by
the Wheeling Board of Health

Wheeling Community Blood Drive

The Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Board of Health will be hosting a blood drive from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9th at the Village Hall located at 2 Community Boulevard.

Blood donors of all types are needed every day for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those patients suffering from chronic diseases such as cancer and leukemia. If all eligible people would donate, there would never be a blood shortage. Every pint of blood donated will help save three lives!



Appointments are appreciated. To schedule an appointment, please contact Health Officer Beverly Slaby by phone at 847.499.9045 or by e-mail at bslaby@wheelingil.gov.

There will be door prizes of gift certificates from Wheeling restaurants. Please donate. Walk-ins are always welcome!



Join the Great American Smokeout on November 17, 2011, and give up smoking and chewing tobacco or support others in their efforts to quit tobacco. For more information on quitting the use of tobacco, call the American Cancer Society at 800.ACS.2345 or go to the You Can Quit website at www.ucasquit2.org.



POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

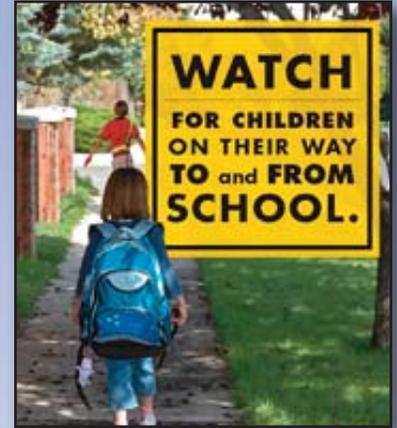


Driver and Pedestrian Safety

School is now in session so drivers need to remain aware of their surroundings as the school year brings an increase in the number of pedestrians in or near the roadways. Drivers should take every precaution while traveling in residential and school areas where pedestrians cross the street or walk along the roadway. Pedestrians, especially children, may dart into traffic from unexpected places like between parked cars. Always monitor your speed, be prepared to take evasive action, and show that you care by setting a good example.

Parents need to reiterate to their children some basic safe tips for walking. The National Safe Kids Campaign recommends the following walking safety tips for children:

- Do not cross the street alone if you're younger than ten years old
- Stop at the curb before crossing the street
- Walk—do not run—across the street
- Cross at corners using traffic signals, crossing guards, and crosswalks
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing
- Walk facing traffic
- Make sure drivers see you before crossing in front of them
- Do not play in driveways, streets, or parking lots
- Wear white clothing or reflectors when walking at night
- Cross at least ten feet in front of a stopped school bus



In addition, the Wheeling Police Department takes a zero tolerance approach to vehicles speeding within 20 MPH school zones. If drivers exceed the posted 20 MPH school zone speed limit, they can expect to be stopped and cited. A citation for speeding in a school zone brings with it a mandatory court appearance, a conviction against your driving record, and a minimum fine of \$285.

Motorists need to stay vigilant and obey the law when approaching a school bus stopped to load or unload children. When approaching a stopped school bus that has its stop arm extended and red lights flashing, drivers are required to stop and remain stopped until the bus driver retracts the stop arm and turns off the red flashing lights. Receiving a ticket for failing to stop appropriately for a stopped school bus can result in a three month suspension of the violator's driving privileges. Additionally, if the owner of the vehicle is not driving the vehicle at the time of the violation, the owner is required to identify the driver or face the suspension of the vehicle's registration. Because our children are precious and their safety is paramount, the Wheeling Police Department will aggressively enforce this statute.

Also, please be reminded that the vehicular phone use in school zones ban states "A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone." The ban carries a fine and can adversely impact your driving record. The ban is intended to reduce accidents in the school zones and increase the driver's vigilance. The desired end is safe driving without using a cell phone to dial, redial, talk or otherwise take the driver's mind and eyes away from the road.

With both pedestrians and drivers being more aware of their surroundings, we can all enjoy the school year without incident.

Wheeling Special Needs Resident List

The Village of Wheeling Special Needs Resident Notification (Illinois Premise Alert Program Public Act 96-0788) is now available. The Illinois Premise Alert allows people with special needs to provide information to police, fire, and EMS personnel to be kept in a database. This information will be provided to responders dealing with situations involving the special needs individuals.

To let emergency personnel know about you or your family members' special needs, pick up a form at the Wheeling Police Department or Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center. Forms may be completed immediately or you may send them to the Wheeling Police Department at 1 Community Boulevard, Wheeling, IL. Your information will not be shared with anyone outside of the emergency personnel of the Village of Wheeling and any other agency needed to provide emergency response. The information provided on the list will not result in preferential treatment or change the response of trained emergency personnel. Inclusion on the list will result in emergency responders being better prepared to assist the individual residents with special needs.

Please contact either the Human Services Department at 847.459.2606 or the Wheeling Police Department Communications Supervisor at 847.459.2632 for further information.

Snow Season Procedures

As winter approaches, the Public Works Department prepares for snow. The department is responsible for clearing and de-icing arterial roads and residential streets as well as public sidewalks, bus stop shelters, the Metra train station, and Village-owned buildings.

Public Works is not responsible for County or State roadways. These include County roads: Lake Cook Road, Buffalo Grove Road, Schoenbeck Road, Hintz Road, and Aptakisic Road (call 847.827.1164 with issues); State roads: Elmhurst Road (Route 83), Dundee Road, Milwaukee Avenue, Palatine Road, McHenry Road, and Wolf Road - Manchester North to Milwaukee Avenue and South of Marquardt to Camp McDonald Road (call 847-705-4222 with issues).

Residents are advised of the following during the snow season:

- For driving safety, please maintain a safe distance (100 feet or more) when driving behind a snow plow or salt truck.
- Please shovel snow away from fire hydrants on or near properties so that they can be accessible in case of emergencies.
- Please do not place refuse or recycling containers or any other items in the street.

Parking Restrictions

•Do not park vehicles on any street within the Village at any time within eight hours after a snowfall of 2 inches or more (per Village Code 9.10.103). This allows streets to be plowed accordingly by Public Works. Vehicles in violation of this code will be towed.

Sidewalk Requirements

- Residents and property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks adjoining or adjacent to their property of snow and ice whenever there is a snowfall and by 10:00 a.m. on every morning thereafter. If the snow and ice is frozen, owners are responsible for spreading the areas with sand, sawdust, salt or other substance made for the purpose of melting snow and ice (Village Code 11.16.010).
- Residents and property owners shall not deposit snow or ice into any street, road and highway or along the shoulder or edge of any street, road and highway within the Village (Village Code 11.16.040). Please deposit snow and ice from sidewalks and driveways onto the parkway.
- Residents and property owners in violation of these codes may be penalized.

Residents may contact the Public Works Department at 847.279.6900 with any questions or concerns.

Protect Water Lines From Freezing

Water expands as it freezes, placing great pressure on anything that contains it such as metal or plastic pipes. Expanding water can cause pipes found in basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages, and kitchen cabinets to rupture. Also, pipes running against exterior walls with little or no insulation are vulnerable to freezing.

Residents can take measures to protect water lines from freezing and prevent water pipes from rupturing in homes during extreme cold conditions.

- If going away during the cold months, keep home temperatures no lower than 55F.
- Allow cold water to drip or trickle through faucets. Dripping water prevents pipes from freezing since the temperature of the water running through is above freezing.
- Open cabinets and closets that contain water lines to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing.
- Consider installing pipe insulations.
- Check pipe insulation periodically to make sure it is dry.
- Seal cracks in doors, windows and foundations. Small openings that consistently bring cold air can quickly freeze pipes.

If residents know that a property has been unoccupied for several days, Public Works requests you contact the Utility Division at 847.279.6900 to verify that water services are shut off at the property. This can prevent costly damage to the unoccupied property.

Holiday Tree Collections

Non-artificial holiday trees are collected at residential curbsides during the first two weeks in January of each year at no additional charge. All decorations, stands, etc. must be removed from trees. Please do not place trees in plastic bags. Trees that have decorations or are in stands or plastic bags will not be collected.

HUMAN SERVICES



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

The Pavilion Senior Center, part of the Department of Senior Services, announces the following programs to be offered to area adults 55 years or better.

Lunch at Pavilion

Join us for a great meal and great friends at LUNCH AT PAVILION. Excellent NEW menu selections, restaurant atmosphere, table service—you can't beat it!! The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center hosts meal service for anyone 60 years and better. A nutritionally balanced lunch is served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Reservations are 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. Funds for this program are provided by an award from AgeOptions through the Illinois Department on Aging and the Federal Administration on Aging. Meals are provided by the Catholic Charities. For more information about how to register or volunteer, please contact the Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask for Alysia.

National Memory Screening Day

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center

Appointments available beginning at 9:30 a.m.

To make an appointment please call 847.459.2671

Who Should be Screened?

Memory screenings make sense for anyone concerned about memory loss, experiencing warning signs of dementia, whose family and friends have noticed changes in them, or who believes they are at risk due to a family history of Alzheimer's disease or a related illness. Screenings also are appropriate for anyone who does not have a concern right now, but who wants to establish a baseline score for comparison in the future. These questions might help you decide. If you answer "yes" to any of them, you might benefit from a memory screening.

- Am I becoming more forgetful?
- Do I have trouble concentrating?
- Do I have difficulty performing familiar tasks?
- Do I have trouble recalling words or names in conversation?
- Have I been told I am repeating questions or statements?
- Have I become lost while in a familiar neighborhood?
- Have my family or friends noticed changes in my mood, behavior, personality, or desire to do things?

Note: A memory screening is not used to diagnose any particular illness and does not replace consultation with a qualified physician or other healthcare professional.

Senior Ride Free & Reduced Fare RTA Passes

New legislation now requires seniors to enroll in the Circuit Breaker program in order to participate in the Senior Ride Free program. The Senior Ride Free program allows individuals 65 and older to ride at no cost on fixed transit routes on Metra, Pace and the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA). The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has worked with the Illinois Department on Aging to identify all individuals who are currently in the Circuit Breaker program. Those verified in the Circuit Breaker program should have received a new free fare permit.

Those who are not currently enrolled in the Circuit Breaker program or simply do not qualify for the program will no longer be able to ride for free, will be required to pay a reduced fare, and will receive a new reduced fare card. There are no changes for the Disabilities Ride Free program.

Seniors who wish to apply for the Circuit Breaker program can visit www.cbrx.il.gov or schedule an appointment with a Social Services Division staff member at 847.459.2670. Applications can be filled out until December 31, 2011 for tax year 2010. The Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center will continue to be an RTA site and will continue to accept applications for new participants. Please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center with questions and for qualifications on the Circuit Breaker program or enrollment in the Senior Ride Free program.

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

Do you have questions about Medicare? SHIP can help! SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) is a free counseling service provided by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance. SHIP does not sell or solicit insurance and is not an insurance plan. SHIP-trained volunteer counselors can answer questions about Medicare, Medicare supplement insurance, and Medicare Advantage plans with HMOs, PPOs, and PFFS; prescription drug coverage through Medicare and other sources; long-term care insurance; Medicare claims and appeals; Medicare beneficiary rights and guarantees, etc.

The SHIP representative in Wheeling is available by appointment at the Senior Center. Call for an appointment at 847.459.2670. You may also call the state toll free number at 1.800.548.9034. Don't wait to get your questions answered! Give SHIP a call.

Leaves, Leaves, Leaves...

Public Works reminds residents that Village Code 11.08.100 prohibits the deposit of leaves upon any street, road or highway or along the shoulder, curb or edge of any street, road or highway within the Village. Leaves intentionally deposited into such areas have a clear and immediate effect on the Village's storm sewer system; it can result in clogged storm sewer inlets and subsequent flooding. To allow the best possible storm water drainage and reduce the risk of flooding, residents are reminded to remove debris from around the storm grates closest to their homes.

The Village's contract with Waste Management provides an alternate, convenient method to dispose of leaves and other yard waste. In addition to biodegradable paper (2-ply Kraft) yard waste bags, residents may use rigid 32-gallon containers clearly marked with a red "X" around the body of the container. Containers and biodegradable bags, when filled, may not exceed 45 pounds in weight. There is no limit to the number of yard waste bags or containers. Yard waste in plastic bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected. Yard waste collections conclude on November 30, 2011.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Wheeling Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association is having their 2nd annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on November 6 at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$6 at the door and children 5 and under eat for free. The menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, orange juice, and sweets. The Wheeling Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association is a not-for-profit organization 501(c)(3). Its mission is to raise money for the Police Department to purchase items they would not normally be able to afford due to budget constraints.

AARP Driver Safety Class

**ATTENTION ALL VETERANS (and their spouses):
NOVEMBER IS VETERANS MONTH!
TAKE THE COURSE AT NO CHARGE!**

*Driver Safety Program Class
Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center
199 North First Street, Wheeling, IL
November 2nd & 9th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day*

This is a two-day course; participants must attend both classes. Under Illinois law, those above 55—whether AARP members or not—may qualify for a multi-year auto insurance discount by completing this course. Please check with your insurance company for the exact discount and the correct procedure to obtain it. All participants must pre-register. The class fee for non-veterans is \$14 (AARP members get a \$2 discount). To register or for more information, please contact Judy at 847.459.2670.



Village Sells Bonds, Saves Thousands



The Village of Wheeling recently sold \$8,445,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds in order to refund some of its existing debt and realize long term savings. The process of refunding municipal bonds is not dissimilar to the mortgage refinancing process in that it provides an opportunity for the Village to pay off higher interest rate bonds by selling new bonds at a lower interest rate. On Monday, October 3, 2011, the Village competitively sold the refunding bonds at a true interest cost of 2.41%, resulting in \$612,000 in present value savings. The savings will be realized over the life of the new bonds, which mature in 2023. Residents or businesses interested in purchasing the Village's bonds as a potential investment may be able to do so by contacting an investment broker.



Veteran's Day, November 11th, is not observed by WM. Collections will remain on schedule.

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, refuse, recycling and yard waste collections will be delayed by one day.

Waste Management will be observing Christmas Day on Monday, December 26. Therefore, refuse and recycling will be delayed by one day.

Wille Avenue Open to Two-Way Traffic

Beginning Monday, November 7th at 7:00 a.m., Wille Ave. between Dundee Rd. and Center Ave. will be opened to two-way traffic. In addition, northbound traffic on Wille Ave. will only be allowed to turn right onto eastbound Dundee Rd. and truck traffic will be allowed on Wille Ave. only as far south as the service access driveway at the south end of Fresh Farms Plaza. Wille Ave. has been a southbound one-way street for many years due to the configuration of the parking lot entrance to Fresh Farms plaza. With the new configuration of the Fresh Farms plaza, the traffic pattern has been altered to allow for two-way traffic to flow smoothly on Wille Ave. This will allow for easier access to the shopping plaza and also make it more convenient for residents in the area to drive to and from their homes. If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Paul Hardt of the Police Department Traffic Unit at 847.459.264.

The Wheeling Food Pantry Is Open!

The Wheeling Food Pantry located at 101 N. Wolf Road (next to the Wheeling Police Department substation at 99 N. Wolf) has opened its doors to the public. The Wheeling Food Pantry is an initiative of the Wheeling Rotary Club and is supported by several community organizations including the Village of Wheeling, OMNI Youth Services, St. Joseph the Worker Church, Wheeling High School and Wheeling Elementary School District 21. Social services staff from Wheeling's Human Services Department as well as from OMNI Youth Services are available during pantry hours to provide visitors with additional services as needed.

Hours of Operation

Mondays: 1pm – 5pm, Tuesdays: 1pm – 5pm, Wednesdays: 9am – 1pm
Thursdays: 1pm – 5pm, Fridays: 1pm – 5pm



Requirements for utilizing the Food Pantry: Patrons must either be Wheeling residents or have children in School District 21 or Wheeling High School. Patrons must bring proof of residency (driver's license or other official ID, utility bill, lease, mortgage, or a letter from School Dist. 21 or Wheeling High School). Qualifying patrons may utilize the Food Pantry once every 30 days. Donations are badly needed. The pantry is in need of non-perishable food items such as peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti noodles and sauce, tuna and tuna helper, pancake mix and syrup, oatmeal, cream of wheat, cereal, granola bars, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, rice, beans (pinto, black, or red in dried or canned form), macaroni & cheese, etc. Collection bins for these donations may be found at Village Hall, the Police Department, Wheeling Pavilion Sr. Center, and Fire Station 24. Donations may also be brought directly to the pantry during regular business hours.

For more information regarding the pantry, please contact the Village of Wheeling Human Services Department at 847.459.2606.

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Village Hall

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Wheeling, IL 60090
Phone: 847.459.2600
Fax: 847.459.9692
Website: www.wheelingil.gov
Open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M - F

Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road
Phone: 847.279.6900
Open 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M - F

Community Development

2 Community Blvd.
Phone 847.459.2620
Open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M -F

Human Services/Senior Ctr.

199 N. First Street
847.459.2670

Police Department

1 Community Blvd.
847.459.2632

Fire Department

499 S. Milwaukee Ave.
847.459.2662

Wheeling Local TV

Comcast: Channel 17
A T & T: Channel 99

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