

Wheeling Illustrated

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The Health Corner



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

Village of Wheeling Prescription Drug & Sharps Disposal Program

Items collected:

*Prescription & over the counter medications in original containers

*Sharps (needles & syringes) in rigid containers with sealed lid & cover packed in a zipped plastic bag. Will not accept sharps not in a rigid container.

Drop off Dates & Time

Dates:

Third (3rd) Saturday of each month

Time:

10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Location:

Fire station 24 – 255 W. Dundee Road (Village hall complex). Drive through the back of the Fire Bay.

** Sharps containers are now available through the Village of Wheeling. You can pick one up at the Community Development Dept, located at 233 W. Hintz Road and at the Wheeling Fire Department located at 255 W. Dundee Road.



Christine Brady, Deputy Village Clerk,
and Elaine Simpson, Village Clerk

The Clerk's Corner

Voter Registration

The general election will soon be upon us. If you have not yet registered to vote and are a U.S. citizen, are or will be at least 18 years old by Election Day and have been a resident of your precinct for at least 30 days, you can register at Village Hall during regular business hours. Bring in two forms of identification - one with your current address on it - and we will assist you. **The deadline to register is Tuesday, October 7th.**

The village hall will be open **Saturday October 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon** for any last minute residents that wish to register.

Holiday Village Hall Hours

Village offices will be closed **Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day**. All regular Waste Management pick-ups will be delayed by one day.

Village offices will be closed **Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day**. Waste Management pick-ups will NOT be delayed.

Trick or Treat Hours

The Village has designated 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. as trick-or-treat hours on Friday October 31st. The Wheeling Police Department suggests that parents limit children's trick-or-treating to the homes of friends, relatives and trusted neighbors. Only go to a house with the front porch light on.

Halloween Safety Tips

- Younger children need to be supervised by an adult.
- Trick or Treaters should cross the street only at corners.
- Make sure costumes are fire proof, reflective and that the eye holes are large enough for good peripheral vision or use face paint instead of masks.
- If your child is carrying a prop, such as a sword, pitchfork, etc. make sure that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- Adults should examine all candy before it is eaten.



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The Village of Wheeling President, Board of Trustees and Village Clerk



Wheeling Receives Top Mention by Magazine

Family Circle Magazine has recently listed Wheeling as one of the top ten towns in the country to live and raise kids. The magazine ran a special section in their August edition which listed the best towns for families based on certain criteria. The magazine looked for towns which have an affordable cost of living, good jobs and good schools. "The people in our best towns know and care about their neighbors and have pride of place. What could be better places for families to call home?" stated Linda Fears, Editor in Chief of Family Circle.

Other traits which made Wheeling stand out were the diverse population and environmentally friendly initiatives that have been made. Wheeling's five 'pocket parks' which the village transformed from vacant lots into green spaces with benches, waterfalls, flag poles and flowers received a mention by the magazine as well. Acting Village President Patrick Horcher agrees that Wheeling is a great town for families, "We have a nice little community where you can start a family and grow into retirement. It's a place that we hope feels as much like home to people who arrived yesterday as it does to families like mine, which has been here for 160 years."

Wheeling Welcomes New Restaurant



Wheeling's newest eatery, Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant, opened their doors to the public July 21st after a ceremonial ribbon cutting at their newest location at 583 N. Milwaukee Ave, located just in front of the Westin Hotel. The new Wheeling location is the third for Cooper's Hawk. This newest location

features the same staples that the first two locations showcase: a 300 seat upscale casual dining restaurant, a full working winery, a wine tasting room with retail gift store, and a full service bar. Cooper's Hawk is currently one of only a small handful of "winery-restaurants" in the entire United States, and we gladly welcome them to Wheeling!

Police Department Needs Your Help!

The Wheeling PD needs your help in combating suspicious behavior in order to tackle potential acts of terrorism. Report suspicious behavior by dialing 911, provide the who, what, where, when with an accurate description. Most importantly, do not take action, please just report your observations!

Tips for a person

1. Gender
2. Race
3. Approximate age
4. Height, weight
5. Hair color and length
6. Clothing

Tips for Vehicles

1. Year, make and model
2. Body type
3. Passengers
4. License plate
5. Color



Blue Star Veterans' Memorial Park

Thanks to the efforts of the Department of Public Works, the Blue Star Veterans' Memorial Park was completed at the intersection of Milwaukee and Dundee in time for Flag Day on June 14.



In addition to the day-to-day maintenance of Wheeling's streets, green spaces, public buildings, and water supply, Public Works is responsible for creating pocket parks in the Village, and for keeping them beautiful throughout the year. Construction of the Blue Star Veterans' Memorial Park involved the cooperation of staff from the Utility, Forestry, Building Services, Fleet Services, and Engineering Divisions of Public Works. The Blue Star Veterans'



Memorial Park was envisioned by the Wheeling Board of Trustees, which has consistently emphasized the importance of maintaining attractive public spaces in the heart of the Village which can be enjoyed by all. In naming Wheeling one of the "10

Best Towns for Families", Family Circle magazine singled out Wheeling's pocket parks for particular praise.

Citizens with suggestions of other ways we might beautify our community are encouraged to share them with Village staff by using the "Speak Out" form in this issue of Wheeling Illustrated.

Police Traffic Program Wins Safety Award

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) recently awarded the Wheeling Police Department first place honors for its Teen Driver Safety programs and second place overall recognition for Wheeling's traffic enforcement and educational initiatives in this year's Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge competition. The Traffic Safety Challenge is an annual IACP competition that requires law enforcement agencies to document the effectiveness of their traffic enforcement and public information/education traffic safety initiatives. Law enforcement agencies compete against other similar size departments for overall traffic safety programs as well as application of projects to address specific areas of concern such as impaired driving, speeding, safety belt and child safety seats, commercial motor vehicle safety, pedestrian/bike safety and teen driving. The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge Awards were presented at a recognition breakfast on August 13th as part of the IACP sponsored Police/Security Expo in Rosemont.



Is the Most Important Appliance in your Home Working Properly?

Which appliance in your home works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, never takes a holiday, is often overlooked, usually quiet, and you and your family may not live without it? The answer is your smoke detectors. National statistics have shown over and over again that a properly functioning smoke detector increases your chances of surviving a fire in your home by more than 50 percent. Approximately 10 years ago, it was not uncommon for the Fire Department to respond to a structure fire and find that the home did not have a smoke detector. Fortunately, due to increased awareness, ready availability, and relatively low purchase prices, smoke detectors are a very common feature in most homes. Unfortunately, a new problem has arisen – lack of maintenance or improper installation.

Smoke detectors should be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions which are usually on the smoke detector packaging or on a separate instruction sheet inside the packaging.



Take the time to read it completely. As a minimum, smoke detectors should be installed on each level of your home, as well as outside each sleeping area and in particularly large rooms (ex. family and living rooms.) While smoke detectors can be mounted on the wall, they have been shown to be more effective when mounted on the ceiling. Do not place smoke detectors directly outside of bathrooms since they can falsely activate due to steam and humidity. Also do not place smoke detectors directly in the kitchen since cooking fumes can cause false activations resulting in people likely to remove the battery from the smoke detector and forgetting to put it back in afterwards.

Several times a year, each smoke detector should be vacuumed to remove cobwebs, spider nests, and dust from the smoke detector's sensors. Finally, change each smoke detector's batteries at least annually. Pick a date and think of that date as the smoke detector's birthday by giving it a present – a new battery. Easy dates to remember are when we change our clocks due to daylight savings, your birthday, your children's birthday, your anniversary, or an annual special holiday (ex. Thanksgiving.)

Citizen's Police Academy - Corrected Dates

The Wheeling Police Department's next Citizen's Police Academy is scheduled for **September 4, 2008 to November 13, 2008**. These FREE classes will meet Thursday evenings from 7:00p.m. to 9:30p.m. and will cover just about everything of interest concerning Law Enforcement in Wheeling. Residents wanting more information should contact the Crime Prevention unit at 847-459-2994.

Nosy Neighbors in Demand

How many of us get up in the morning, go to work for 8 hours, come home, eat dinner, watch a little TV and go to bed, only to do it all over again the next day, leaving crime fighting to "others"?

Officer Laverd of the Wheeling Police Department Crime Prevention Unit says that's not enough. "Crime prevention is a team effort; it's not something police can do alone. We absolutely need the help of residents in order to accomplish our mission. It's well known in law enforcement that police officers get paid to do full time what every person should be doing all the time: being on the lookout for anything or anyone suspicious and reporting it immediately."

Officer Laverd says having nosy neighbors is great. "Nosy neighbors are great because they know what's happening in the neighborhood. When a burglar checks out a prospective neighborhood for criminal opportunities, he's on the lookout for people that are active and aware on the block." Burglars call neighborhoods where people pay attention to what's going on, "hot." They avoid hot neighborhoods where their risk of being spotted and caught is higher. Officer Laverd explained further, "I tell people, leave a notepad and a pen by your favorite window to 'spy' out of. When you see unusual things going on, take notes.

You never know when police will need that information, and of course, if it's something that requires immediate attention, dial 9-1-1."

"We conduct monthly Beat Meetings in Wheeling where we talk about what's going on crime-wise in the community, and month after month I'm telling people about GPS devices that were stolen out of parked cars, some of them unlocked. We try to get the word out not to leave items of value in plain view, but more is needed."

Police suggest that people spread crime prevention tips to their friends and families. "If enough people tell enough people, maybe these criminal 'fishermen' will run out of fish to catch," said Officer Laverd.

One way to get the word out is through community groups. "Neighborhood Watch is a great way to get together to talk about crime prevention," said Officer Laverd.

"Together, we can help to take the demand away. If we could just stop 1% of crime from occurring, that would be a lot of crime prevented," said Officer Laverd.

To learn more about Wheeling Police Beat Meetings, Neighborhood Watch or how to protect yourself from becoming a victim, contact Officer Laverd at 847-459-2994.



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 Standard for mailboxes and proper installation, it is available on the Village of Wheeling web site or call Community Development at 847-229-4750.

One-Day Document Destruction Event

The Village of Wheeling is hosting a one-day document destruction event (DDE), sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), on Saturday, September 27th. The event will take place at the Wheeling Metra Station East Commuter Lot located at Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. - rain or shine.



The collection is for SWANCC-member residents at no charge. Proof of residency will be required. Wheeling is a member of SWANCC.

Residents may bring residentially generated paper, such as medical forms, bank statements, personal files, retired tax forms and receipts for shredding. Place paper documents into a bag or box for easy removal. It is not necessary to remove paper clips and staples. Binders will need to be removed. No materials from businesses, schools or other institutions will be accepted. Documents will be placed in a toter and loaded to a shredder on site. The documents will be cross-shredded, baled and recycled. Please contact 847-229-4626 with any questions.

SWANCC At Home Pick-Up Program

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) sponsors an At Home Pick-Up Program to assist residents with reusing, recycling and disposing of waste in an environmentally friendly manner. The program is available to all SWANCC-member residents. Wheeling is a member of SWANCC.

SWANCC will collect up to six (6) items for \$25.00 on a resident's front porch or steps. Items that are accepted include personal computer systems (desktop or notebook), monitors, CPUs, printers, scanners, fax machines, typewriters, answering machines and telephones, shredders, postage machines, TVs (max 27"- no wood consoles), VHS/DVD players, radios/boom boxes, stereo equipment, microwaves, cell phones and calculators. Cell phones and calculators are the only items not counted as an item. Items not accepted include TVs over 27" or wood consoles, air conditioners, copy machines, humidifiers/dehumidifiers, small/large home appliances, power tools, software, disks, CDs or DVDs.



To participate in this pick-up program and schedule a collection, please contact SWANCC directly at 847-724-9205 or by email at athome@swancc.org. For more information on the At Home Pick-Up Program, visit www.swancc.org/recycling/computerelectronicshome.html, or contact 847-724-9205.

Reminder to Landlords and Property Owners

With the imminent arrival of cooler weather, our Municipal Inspectors would like to remind all landlords and residential property owners that per Property Maintenance Ordinance 15.16.001 (d), heat must be supplied to your building from September 15th – May 15th and kept at a temperature no lower than 68 degrees. If you have any questions regarding this Ordinance please contact our Community Development Department at 847-229-4750.

Leaves, leaves, leaves....

With the arrival of the autumn season, the Department of Public Works reminds residents that Village Code 11.08.100 prohibits the deposit of leaves into streets and gutters. Leaves intentionally raked into streets and gutters have a clear and immediate effect on the Village's storm sewer system. It can result in clogged storm sewer inlets and subsequent flooding.



The Village's contract with Waste Management provides an alternate, convenient method to dispose leaves and other forms of landscape waste. In addition to biodegradable paper landscape waste bags, residents may use 32-33 gallon containers (marked with a red "X" around the body of the container) that are emptied and returned to the resident. Containers, when filled, may not exceed 45 pounds in weight. There is no limit to the amount of landscape waste paper bags or containers. Landscape collections will continue until mid- December.



199 N. First St. * 847-459-2670

Pavilion Senior Center is Wheeling's activity center for active adults age 55+. Access a complete listing of all our programs/activities on the village's website in Our Community/Senior Services.

Jaycees' Oktoberfest

We'll be partying at the Pavilion on Saturday, October 11th at 12:00 noon. The Jaycees have donated a Wii video game system to the Pavilion Senior Center and we'll be trying it out at the party so be sure you come by and bring the grandkids/great-grandkids! We'll have delicious food and entertainment as well. This is one party you don't want to miss! This event is for members only. Not a member? Come in and sign up today!

Telephone Reassurance

The Pavilion offers a telephone reassurance program for those 55+. Pavilion staff and volunteers call in the morning to check on you. If they do not reach you, they follow up to make sure everything is all right. If you know of someone who might be in need of this beneficial service please let them know. This service is free. For more information please contact Jan Christiansen at 847-459-2670.

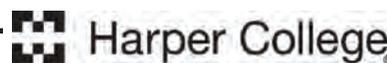
Save the dates for the following programs:

Tuesday, November 4th "Slavery and the Founding Fathers"

Examine the kind of society into which the founding fathers were born and how they viewed slavery and themselves as slaveholders.

Tuesday, November 11th "Sweet Home Chicago"

Learn some of the history behind the candies made and/or invented here in Chicago. This seminar is delicious!



Wheeling Park District Programs for all Seniors

Register at the Pavilion or the Park District

Horseshoe Casino Trip

Thursday, October 2
8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.
Fee is \$35



Includes transportation, buffet lunch, casino entry, and a five dollar coin rebate.

Are you interested in finding out more about what is offered at the Pavilion Senior Center? Call us and we'll send you a complimentary newsletter! (847) 459-2670

Operation Safe Bus Ride

A bright new look on the streets around school will welcome students and warn drivers when classes resume the week of August 25th. High tech LED lighted signs at school speed zones and student crossings will be operational at that time to increase visibility and awareness along the high traffic areas adjacent to the schools. The new signage is capable of being switched on at times when students are present and off during times when students are not present. Also, at the intersections of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road and Elmhurst Road and Hintz Road there will be new LED lighted pedestrian countdown timers. The cooperative effort is the result of extensive meetings this school year between the Police Department and School Administration to address recurring safety concerns that included pedestrian crossing safety, school speed zone violations and pedestrian jay-walking violations. Wheeling Police will also conduct increased enforcement as part of this back-to-school project.

The increased enforcement will be a comprehensive project dubbed "Operation Safe Bus Ride" targeting drivers speeding in school zones, disregarding school crossing guards, and illegally passing stopped school buses as well as students who illegally and dangerously cross streets at non-crossing locations. The enforcement portion of the project is funded through a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety.

The 4th Annual Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp Fundraiser will be held in the parking lot of Market Square September 6, 2008 from 11a.m. to 5p.m. All monies raised will provide for a child who is a burn survivor to attend Camp I Am Me to spend time with other children having common experiences. Please come and have fun while helping these children.

Speak
Out

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

This is your opportunity to communicate with Wheeling elected officials and administrators. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive a response if desired. Please complete this form, detach and return to:

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

Village Board -
 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Village Board Workshop-
 2nd & 4th Monday of the month

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

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

Human Rights Commission -
 1st Tuesday of every fourth month, 7:15 p.m., south half of Village Hall lunchroom.
 Jan. 2, May 1, Sept. 4

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

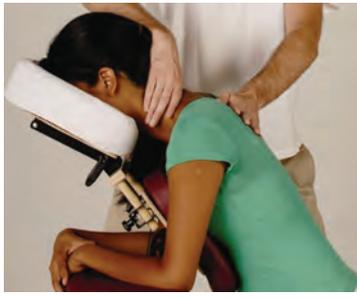
Fire and Police Commission -
 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 2 p.m., Fire Department Training Room

Chicago Executive Airport-
 3rd Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m., Airport Offices, 1020 S. Plant Road.

Chicago Executive Airport PACE Committee
 Last Thursday of each month 7pm, Airport Offices 1020 S. Plant Rd

Beat Meetings -
 East Meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
 West Meeting will be the 4th Wednesday of each month.

The Wheeling Board of Health Presents: Community Health Fair & Open House



Saturday, October 18, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**** Free Admission****

Wheeling Park District Recreation Center
333 W. Dundee Road

Health Services:

- Flu Shots - \$25.00
- Glucose Test - \$5.00
- Anemia Test - \$25.00
- Free Bone Density Screening
- Free Spine & Stress Evaluations
- Free Chair Massages
- Free Blood Pressure Screening
- Free Carbon Monoxide Screening
- Home Health & Hospital Services
- Acupuncture, Nutrition Info.
- Children's Services
- And much more!!

Informational Services:

- Crime Prevention
- Fire Prevention
- Dash for Cash
- Financial Education
- Property Tax
- Senior Housing
- Library Services
- Chamber of Commerce
- Wheeling Park District
- Senior Services
- Social Security
- And much more!!

**** For more information call 847-229-4768 ****

**** Co-sponsored by the Wheeling Senior Commission & the Wheeling Park District**

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www.wheelingil.gov

Fire/Police/Paramedics

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| | 911 |
| Non-emergency Fire | 847-459-2662 |
| Non-emergency Police | 847-459-2632 |
| Community Development | 847-459-2620 |
| Economic Development | 847-229-4719 |
| Pavilion Senior Center | 847-459-2670 |
| Public Works | 847-229-4600 |
| Water Billing | 847-459-2607 |
| Code Enforcement Hotline | 847-459-CODE |
| Chicago Executive Airport Noise Hotline | 847-537-2580, ext. 159 |
| Acting Village President Patrick Horcher | 847-331-4234 |
| Village Clerk Elaine Simpson | 847-541-8692 |
| Village Manager Mark Rooney | 847-459-2606 |

Trustees

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| Robert Heer: 847-541-4274 | Michael Horcher: 847-541-3276 |
| Dean Argiris: 847-845-6990 | Patrick Horcher: 847-331-4234 |
| Ken Brady: 847-537-8642 | Judy Abruscato: 847-541-8783 |

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