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WELCOME TO WHEELING



From the Desk of President Abruscato

I am excited to have plenty of news to share regarding the economic vitality of the Village of Wheeling. As you drive around town you may notice new businesses opening and new construction happening all over this great Village. I have said throughout the last couple of years that I am continually optimistic about our community's ability to rise to the challenge of a tough economy, and I firmly believe that now seems to be our time of growth.

*President
Judy Abruscato*

The Village's industrial vacancy rate for the second quarter of 2012 was down to 6.58%. This represents a continued steady decline from the 14% vacancy rates experienced in 2010. Recently, Cano Packaging closed on the purchase of a formerly vacant building at 230 West Palatine Road. This 170,000 sq ft building was the largest vacant industrial building in Wheeling.

On Restaurant Row, Wheeling's own Bob Chinn's Crab House was recently named the highest grossing restaurant in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine, with \$24 million in annual revenue. Bob Chinn's is one of our top job providers with 375 employees. Congratulations to owner Bob Chinn and the whole staff on this great accomplishment!

The grand opening of the newly renovated Super Walmart took place on August 15. The renovation and construction of this facility consisted of a 40,000 square foot addition as well as interior renovations. Also newly opened is Marco's Pizza, a joint venture with Family Video, located at 1990 S. Wolf Road.

Candlewood Suites in Wheeling has officially announced its sale to the Wyndham Hotel Group; Wyndham will be converting the hotel into a Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham. The company will begin the \$2.5 million dollar renovation in October 2012, targeting early Spring 2013 for completion, and will remain open during construction.

Additional construction includes Children's Land daycare center on McHenry Road which is on schedule to be completed this fall. At 755 W. Dundee, the new owner of the former Ace Hardware building is renovating the property for new retail users, and approximately half is already leased to a national retail business. Finally, at the property block of 213-255 E. Dundee, construction has begun on a Dunkin' Donuts store as the first phase of redevelopment.

As you can see, we are experiencing great growth in Wheeling, and I look forward to sharing more good news with you going forward!

Welcome new businesses!

Chodae Bible Institute
728 S. Milwaukee Avenue
Bible Studies

Holmes Testing, Inc.
170 Shepard Avenue
Materials Testing & Engineering Lab

International Laser Products
190 Carpenter Avenue
Toner & Cartridge Distributor

Nuvohaus Home Improvement, Inc.
1004 & 1042 S. Milwaukee Avenue
Self Storage Facility

Service Master Disaster Clean-up Service
551 Glenn Avenue
Restoration Service

Smile Dental Design
282 McHenry Road
Dental Office

Sperry Van Ness
724 S. Milwaukee Avenue
Commercial Real Estate Office

Vomark Technologies
1680 S. Wolf Road
Ultrasound Equipment Service & Repair

Village Offices will be closed:
Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.
All regular Waste Management pick-ups will be delayed by one day.



Dean Argiris



Ken Brady



Bob Heer



Bill Hein



Ray Lang



Dave Vogel



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The Clerk's Corner



Village Clerk
Elaine E. Simpson

REMEMBER: WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

November U.S. Presidential Election

Voter Registration – Saturday Registration

The last day to register to vote for the November 6 Presidential Election will be Tuesday, October 9. If you are not registered to vote but would like to be, please come to the Village Hall during regular business hours, 7 a.m.–5p.m., to register. We will also be holding a voter registration opportunity on Saturday, September 29 at Village Hall from 10a.m.–12p.m. for those who cannot make it to Village Hall during regular business hours.

Early Voting

Early Voting will begin on Monday, October 22 and run through Saturday, November 3. Voters do not need to provide an excuse or reason why they cannot make it to the polls on Election Day, but need only to fill out an application at the early voting site. Voters who participate must vote in person and bring valid photo identification. The Wheeling Village Hall is not an early voting site, but as early voting approaches, you can find the nearest sites by visiting www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Vote by Mail

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may apply for a mail ballot; it is not necessary to provide a reason. To obtain an absentee mail application, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com or the Wheeling Village Hall. Once an application has been submitted to Cook County, a ballot will be mailed to your designated address. Mail-in applications will be accepted September 27 – November 1. Completed ballots must be postmarked by November 5.

Verifying Voter Registration & Polling Place

To verify your registration, find out where your polling place is, and see a sample ballot, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com and enter your home address or birthday under “Your Voter Information.”



Brought to you
by the
Wheeling Board
of Health

Wheeling Community Health Fair & Open House

Saturday, October 20, 2012

9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Wheeling Park District Recreation Center

333 W. Dundee Road

The Wheeling Board of Health will be holding its annual Health Fair again this year!

Please join us!

~Health Screenings~

~Flu Shots~

~Health and Nutrition Information~

~Community Service Information~

~School District 21 Coat Closet~

And much more!

For more information, please contact Health Officer Beverly Slaby: 847.499.9045 or email bslaby@wheelingil.gov.



POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS



Social Service Outreach

The Village of Wheeling Social Services Division offers outreach to the residents of various multi-family areas each month at their clubhouses or common areas. Social Workers will be available to answer questions regarding possible public benefits (Circuit Breaker, food assistance, etc.), and to provide information, forms and other resources regarding services available through the Social Services

Division. No appointment is necessary while Social Services is onsite, but confidential appointments can be arranged if needed. Please stop by to learn more about how we can assist your needs. Our current schedule for outreach includes Whippletree Village on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, Woodland Creek Apartments on the 2nd Thursday of the month, and VIP Apartments on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. For further information regarding when a Social Worker will be at your location (those listed above), please call the Social Services Division number at 847.459.2606 and leave a message for a return call. All other residents are welcome to call 847.459.2606 for other opportunities or to schedule a confidential appointment with a Social Worker.

Wheeling Special Needs Resident List

The Village of Wheeling Special Needs Resident Notification (Illinois Premise Alert Program Public Act 96-0788) is available to Wheeling residents. 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 individual.

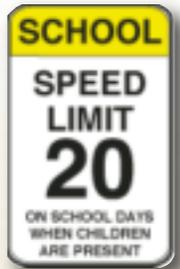
To let emergency personnel know about your or your family members' special needs, pick up a form from the Wheeling Police Department or Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center. Forms may be completed immediately or sent to: Wheeling Police Department Communications Supervisor, 1 Community Blvd., Wheeling, IL 60090. Your information will not be shared with anyone but Wheeling emergency personnel or other agencies needed to provide emergency response. The information provided will not result in preferential treatment or change the response of trained emergency personnel, but will result in emergency responders being better prepared to assist individual residents with special needs. Please contact the Human Services Department at 847.459.2606 or the Wheeling Police Department Communications Supervisor at 847.459.2632 for more information.

School Zone Safety Reminder

School is officially in session in Wheeling, which means children are now walking to and from school. The Wheeling Police Department wants YOU to be aware of the following:

School Zones:

The speed limit in all Wheeling school zones is 20 miles per hour. "School Days" are defined as 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. on days when school is in session and children are present on the sidewalks or in the area. First offenses carry a minimum fine of \$150. A court appearance by the violator is required. Court supervision cannot be given to drivers cited for speeding in a school zone.



Stopping for loading and unloading school buses:

Illinois law requires that drivers stop and not pass school buses that have their red lights flashing with the stop sign arm extended. Vehicles that are in oncoming traffic in relation to a stopped school bus on a four lane roadway are not required to stop under the law. A court appearance by violators is required. First offenders are subject to a mandatory minimum fine of \$150, are not eligible for court supervision, and will have their driver's license suspended for a period of 3 months.

Disobeying a Crossing Guard:

Illinois law makes disobeying a Crossing Guard a moving violation. A court appearance by violators is required. The minimum fine is \$150.

Cellular phone use in a School Zone:

Cellular phone use when driving in school zones is prohibited by state law, except in emergencies (for example when calling the police, fire or ambulance). Cellular phones may be used in "hands-free" mode in school zones. Cellular phone use is also prohibited in construction work zones.



Texting while driving:

Texting while driving is prohibited at all times throughout the state of Illinois. The law defines texting as "electronic mail, a text message, an instant message or a command or request to access an internet site."

Last Chance! Free Spay/Neuter for Domestic and Feral Cats



Thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities and the ASPCA, Feral Feline Project—a Wheeling-based non-profit organization specializing in adoptions, low-cost pet cat sterilization and the Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) of feral stray cats and kittens—has been offering Wheeling residents the opportunity to spay or neuter household and outdoor feral cats (must be

eight weeks of age or older) free of charge at the Wheeling Animal Hospital. The Spay/Neuter Program includes surgical sterilization, vaccinations, and parasite treatments, but the grants are ending soon and the price will return to \$75 per cat or kitten.

The next round of kittens is expected to be born in September/October and by spaying/neutering feral cats in your area, you can help prevent the proliferation of unwanted kittens. Spayed/neutered indoor cats are more content to stay at home, helping to prevent undesirable pet behaviors and overpopulation. If you are interested, please visit www.feralfelineproject.org and select “Documents” to find the Caretaker Application. Only pages 2 and 5 are needed for domestic cats (please note no ear tip will be given to pet cats) and pages 1-5 are needed for outdoor feral cats. Please either fax applications to 847.546.1477, email to feralfelineproject@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 1, Wheeling IL, 60090. If you have further questions, please leave a message at 847.800.0095 and someone will return your call.

Capital Improvement Projects

Village-wide Water Meter System Upgrade: This project consists of upgrading all residential, commercial, and industrial water meters throughout the entire Village. A pilot program area will be targeted for replacement of existing meters and meter transmitters. Once the pilot program has been evaluated, the remainder of the meters in the Village will be replaced. Water customers will be mailed letters regarding their meter replacement in advance of the scheduled work.

Seal Coating of METRA and Village Hall Parking Lots: This project consists of crack filling, seal coating, and restriping of parking stalls at all three METRA commuter parking lots and the Village Hall parking lot. This project is anticipated to be completed in late September/early October.

Recoating of Elevated Tank 1 (ET1): ET1 is located at the corner of Center and Milwaukee Avenues and requires miscellaneous repairs and safety improvements, along with complete sandblasting of its exterior. Due to the tank’s proximity to the downtown area, full containment (enclosure) of the tank area will be installed and remain in place during this work.

Leaf Disposal Guidelines

With the arrival of autumn, the Department of Public Works reminds residents that Village Code 11.08.100 prohibits the deposit of leaves into streets, roads, or highways and along the shoulder, curb or edge of any street, road, or highway. Leaves intentionally raked into such areas have a clear and immediate effect on the Village’s storm sewer system; this can result in clogged storm sewer inlets and subsequent flooding.

The Village’s contract with Waste Management provides an alternate, convenient method to dispose of leaves and other forms of yard waste. In addition to biodegradable paper yard waste bags (2-ply Kraft), residents may use rigid 32-gallon containers clearly marked with a red “X” around the body of the container. Containers and biodegradable bags may not exceed 45 pounds in weight when filled. 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.

Brush and branches/limbs must not exceed three inches in diameter or four inches in length and must be tied in bundles with biodegradable twine or string. Bundles must not exceed two feet in diameter or weigh over 45 pounds. There is no limit to the number of bundled brush. Loose or larger brush or logs will not be collected by Waste Management.

Yard waste collections conclude on November 30th.

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 29. The event will take place at the Public Works Department, 77 W. Hintz Road, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. rain or shine. The collection is for SWANCC members; Wheeling is a member of SWANCC. There is no cost to attend.

Residents may bring for shredding residentially generated paper, such as medical forms, bank statements, personal files, retired tax records and receipts. There is a limit of six banker-size boxes or grocery bags per vehicle. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed. Binders, however, will need to be removed. Documents will be placed in a toter and loaded into a shredding truck onsite. The paper will be cross-shredded, baled and recycled. No business or institutional waste will be accepted.

Please contact Public Works at 847.279.6903 with any questions, or for additional document destruction events scheduled by SWANCC for the fall. Residents may also visit swancc.org for more recycling event information.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pavilion Senior Center

The Pavilion Senior Center—part of the Department of Human Services—is open to area adults 55 years or better. Call 847.459.2670 for more information.

Social Services Division

The Social Services Division has three social workers to serve all residents of the Village of Wheeling. Call 847.459.2606 for more information.

Celebrate National Senior Center Month with Friends

Be a part of the fun at the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center!

If you haven't been to the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center lately, then you haven't been to the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center! We have an expanded calendar of programs, trips, speakers, interest groups and special events; there is something for everybody. September is *Senior Center Month*. Join us for cake and coffee and find out what we have in store for this month and beyond. Receive coupons for trips and programs at the Senior Center.

Opening Event: September 4, 2012 1–2 p.m.

This event is FREE, but reservations are requested in order to have enough cake for everyone.

Pavilion Senior Center Events

Fireside Christmas - Thursday, October 25

Get in the Christmas Spirit early! Travel with us on a coach bus to Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin for a performance of *Scrooge*. Dine on shrimp, scallops, breaded chicken breast, sweet potato soufflé with pecan crust, and chocolate cake for dessert. You will also have the opportunity to browse the unique shops in the venue. What a great way to get a jump start on your holiday shopping! Please call for member/non-member and early bird pricing by September 4, 2012.

How to Utilize the RTA - September 26, 10 a.m.

This presentation will describe the accessibility features offered by the RTA, safety concerns, trip planning, the RTA *Reduced Fare* and *Circuit Ride Free* programs. Please call the Senior Center at 847.459.2670 for more information and to register.

Lunch Around Wheeling

Each month the Senior Center will have a special lunch catered by one of the many restaurants in town. Join us for a fun meal followed by either a speaker or some other type of entertainment. Contact the Senior Center for a restaurant and entertainment schedule.

Wheeling Computer Learning Center for Older Adults (50+) has Brand New Computers!



- *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?*
- *Have you never used a computer, but would like to try?*

○ *Do you want to learn how to really get the most out of your smartphone or iPhone?*

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. NEW SESSIONS BEGIN MONTHLY! Call the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 for the latest information regarding class offerings and schedules.

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 12:30 p.m. Reservations are needed. Social activities and informational programs are included as part of this program. Diners will receive 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 Federal Administration on Aging. Meals are provided by the Catholic Charities. For more information regarding how to register or volunteer, please contact the Wheeling Pavilion Senior Center at 847.459.2670 and ask for Alysia.

Cell Phones for Seniors During Lunch at Pavilion

September 21, 2012 at 12:15 p.m.

Register for this program and you will receive a cell phone (including a charger) that is programmed to dial 9-1-1 only. You will also be given instructions on how to use the phone. There is no charge for this presentation, but if you will NOT be joining us for lunch, reservations for the program are requested in order to have adequate seating for all in attendance.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Access to Care Program

Access to Care® is a model primary health care program serving low-income, uninsured individuals in suburban Cook County and northwest Chicago (west of Pulaski Road and north of North Avenue). The Wheeling Human Services Department is now a registration site for Access to Care.

The Access to Care program is a unique public/private partnership which makes primary health care and ancillary pharmacy, laboratory, and radiology services available to individuals caught in the gap between eligibility for public health insurance programs (All Kids, FamilyCare, Medicaid, Medicare) and having private insurance. The program provides affordable diagnosis and treatment to individuals and families for a small co-payment per visit, procedure, or prescription medication.

Eligibility screening is determined by the following criteria: family income below 200% of the federal poverty level with no health insurance (or a deductible of \$500 or more per person); ineligible for All Kids, FamilyCare, Medicaid, or Medicare; and residence in suburban Cook County or northwest Chicago.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Access to Care, please contact the Human Services Department at 847.459.2606 to set up an appointment.

Intel Corporation Selects Wheeling for Technology Pilot Program

At the August 6 meeting of the Village Board, representatives from Intel and HP announced their selection of Wheeling as the host community for an initiative to introduce area manufacturing businesses to advanced design technology. This technology, known as High Performance Computing, will help to optimize product design, bring new products to market faster, and offer a competitive edge to Wheeling-based businesses. Intel represents a consortium of technology vendors who plan to educate U.S. manufacturers on new technologies that until recently were only available to the largest manufacturing corporations. The Wheeling pilot will be a demonstration project to develop best practices in linking manufacturing businesses with area education institutions, local governments, and technology vendors, and is intended so serve as a model for other communities across the nation.

Wheeling was chosen for its concentration of manufacturing businesses, central location in the nation, proven ability to work cooperatively among local businesses, and proximity to highly-ranked educational institutions locally and regionally.

Wheeling manufacturers are invited to attend upcoming workshops to learn more about this High Performance Computing initiative, and should contact Peter Vadopalas, Director of Economic Development, at 847.459.2605. Informational presentations will be coordinated in the near future, and a schedule of workshops will be posted on the Village website once available.

Housing Program for Employers

When working families are not able to live near their jobs, long commutes contribute to both area traffic congestion and worksite instability. Unstable and unaffordable housing markets affect employers with increased stress levels and reduced worker productivity.

Employer-Assisted Housing (EAH), a program administered by the Metropolitan Planning Council, is a cost-effective, easy-to-administer, hassle-free way for employers to help their employees buy or rent homes close to work. EAH refers to a number of ways employers help employees with housing, including providing access to homeownership education, assisting with down payments, rent, savings, or investing in real estate development. Participating in the EAH program may qualify the employer for a 50 cent credit on state income tax liability for every \$1 invested in an EAH program.

At its most basic level, an EAH program is a win for employees who are able to buy or rent near work, thanks to financial support and confidential credit and housing counseling arranged by the employer. The employer also benefits by gaining an edge in their industry by offering a unique benefit which results in reduced turnover, training, and recruitment costs. The community which the employee relocates to also benefits from having residents who live, work, and shop close to home.

The Metropolitan Planning Council is available to answer questions and evaluate whether an EAH program would be beneficial to a particular business. Please direct questions to Lillie Sellers, Project Manager, Metropolitan Planning Council, at 312.863.6005. Program information can also be found online at www.reachillinois.org.



Halloween Trick or Treat Hours are
Wednesday, October 31 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

CARRIER ROUTE PRE-SORT

Local Postal Patron
Wheeling, IL 60090

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



The Village of Wheeling recently installed two dual Level II Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in the west Metra Commuter Lot located at Wheeling Road and Town Street.

These stations will allow commuters or any EV owners to charge their electrically powered vehicles while riding the train from, or traveling through, Wheeling. The charging stations are part of a network of stations located in hundreds of cities across the country. EV owners can log onto <http://www.chargepoint.net> to find stations along their route, get directions to these stations, determine the type of power and hook-up available, what the cost is (if any) to charge their vehicle, and whether or not the station is currently occupied.

Funding for this project came in part from the Illinois Public/Commercial Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Rebate Program, through the Renewable Fuels Development Program at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The purpose of this program is to encourage the installation and utilization of Level II EV charging units at non-residential, multi-vehicle locations such as parking lots and parking garages for retail centers, businesses, units of local government, educational institutions, and non-profits.

More information about electric vehicles can be found at the U.S. Department of Energy's website, www.fueleconomy.gov.

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 7:00 am to 5:00 pm M - F

Public Works Department

77 W. Hintz Road
Phone: 847.279.6900
Open 7:00 am to 3:30 pm M - F

Community Development

2 Community Blvd.
Phone 847.459.2620
Open 7:00 am to 5:00 pm 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

Wheeling Park District

333 W. Dundee Road
847.465.3333

Indian Trails Public Library

355 S. Schoenbeck Road
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