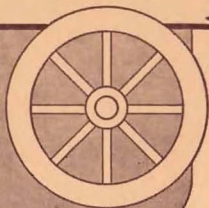


# VILLAGE OF **WHEELING**

WHERE  
PROGRESS IS BY  
THE PEOPLE



**1966**

**TED SCANLON**  
MAYOR  
VILLAGE OF WHEELING



I welcome this opportunity to greet you and express my gratitude in being able to serve you as village president.

Just as you were welcomed as a resident to the Village of Wheeling, you are also welcome to partake of the many varied activities of the Village listed herein.

This brochure is an outgrowth of, as well as an introduction to, the many opportunities that are here in the Village of Wheeling to be an integral member of the community.

The Village of Wheeling, this year, adopted the slogan:

"Wheeling - Where Progress Is By The People"

I encourage each and everyone to be a part of this slogan and your village - make it a reality in every word.

*Ted C. Scanlon*  
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President,  
Village of Wheeling

July 1, 1966

# Village Officials

<i>President</i> .....	Ted C. Scanlon .....	537-1695
<i>Trustees</i> .....	Ira A. Bird .....	537-2609
	Peter Egan .....	537-0587
	Richard Frederick .....	537-5857
	John Koeppen .....	537-1928
	Wm. B. McRae .....	537-6758
	Frank Wojek .....	537-4887
<i>Police Department</i> .....		537-2131
<i>Fire Department</i> .....		537-2121
<i>Clerk-Collector</i> .....	Evelyn R. Diens .....	537-2141
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	George Passolt .....	537-2145
<i>Attorney</i> .....	Paul Hamer .....	CR 2-1800
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<i>Engineer</i> .....	Thomas Moody .....	392-5960
<i>Police Chief</i> .....	M. D. Horcher .....	537-2323
<i>Fire Chief</i> .....	Bernhardt Koeppen .....	537-0323
<i>Civil Defense</i> .....	Robert Buerger .....	537-1976
<i>Health Inspector</i> .....	Mrs. Jane Terbell .....	537-2141
<i>Village Fire Inspector</i> .....	Roger Waters .....	537-2141
<i>Zoning Board</i> .....	Douglas Cargill .....	537-0437
<i>Police Pension Board</i> .....	Walter Diens .....	537-2270
<i>Plan Commission</i> .....	Michael Valenza .....	537-5515
<i>Police and Fire Commission</i> .....	Lloyd Kelm .....	537-0500
<i>Tree Commission</i> .....	Ruth Wieder .....	537-2105
<i>Public Relations Commission</i> .....	Larry Sampson .....	537-2361
<i>Youth Commission</i> .....	Mary Christie .....	537-5209
<i>Industrial Commission</i> .....	Ray Roach .....	537-2871
<i>Human Relations Commission</i> .....	Elic Nekimken .....	537-0842

## Federal Officials

Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen (R)

204 Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

Senator Paul H. Douglas (D)

109 Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

*Member of the United States House of Representatives*

Donald Rumsfeld (R)

House Office Building, Room 241, Washington 25, D.C.

## State Officials

Governor Otto J. Kerner (D), 207 State House, Springfield, Illinois

Secretary Paul Powell (D), 208 State House, Springfield, Illinois

## Voting Regulations

**Registration Requirements:** You must be a U.S. citizen, 21 years of age by day, and a resident of Illinois for one year, of the county for 90 days, and precinct for 30 days.

**When to Register:** 3rd Thursday of June until 3rd Monday of September and the 3rd Tuesday of November to the 3rd Tuesday of January each and every year; and on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of March in each odd numbered year; and on the 2nd, and 3rd of May in each even numbered year.

**Where to Register:** At the Village Hall, 312 E. Dundee Road, Wheeling. You also register at the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark, Chicago, any time the year except for 28 days before and two days following an election.

**New Residents:** If you are a U.S. citizen, who will be 21 or older on election day and have not lived in Illinois long enough to qualify as a voter but were a voter in your former hometown, you may still register to vote for president in a presidential election year.

Procedure: Apply for a special ballot in person at the county building not more than 90 days nor less than 30 days before an election. When verification of your former registration has been received by the Department of Elections you are notified. At the county building, cast your ballot between 15 and 30 days before the presidential election.

All registrations must be made in person.

**Renewing Registrations:** This is necessary if you change your name or address or have not voted for four years.

**Servicemen:** Absentee voting is permitted without registration. Apply for an absentee ballot not more than 100 days nor less than five days before an election.

**Ex-servicemen:** If you are discharged within 60 days of an election and appear in person at your polling place, you need not be registered if otherwise qualified.

**Absentee Voting:** Absentee ballots are applied for in case of absence from the polls on election day or due to physical incapacitation. Apply for your absentee ballot in person or by mail, contacting the county clerk's office not more than 30 days before the election. If applied for in person, the ballot may be returned between 30 and 3 days before the election.

**Paper Ballots:** Mark an "X" in the square before candidates' names or initials at the top of the party column. The "X" must cross within the square or Erasures or corrections render the ballot void. If you make an error, return the ballot to an election judge, who will exchange it for a new one.

**Voting Machine Instructions:** Pull the red handle to the right to close the machine. Mark your ballot by turning the appropriate levers, making certain the "X" is made before each candidate's name. To register your votes and open the curtains, pull the red handle to the left.

You may request that the election judges demonstrate the machine, if you wish. If you have any questions about registration, renewing your registration, or calling your township or village hall and ask for the clerk.

# Community Organizations

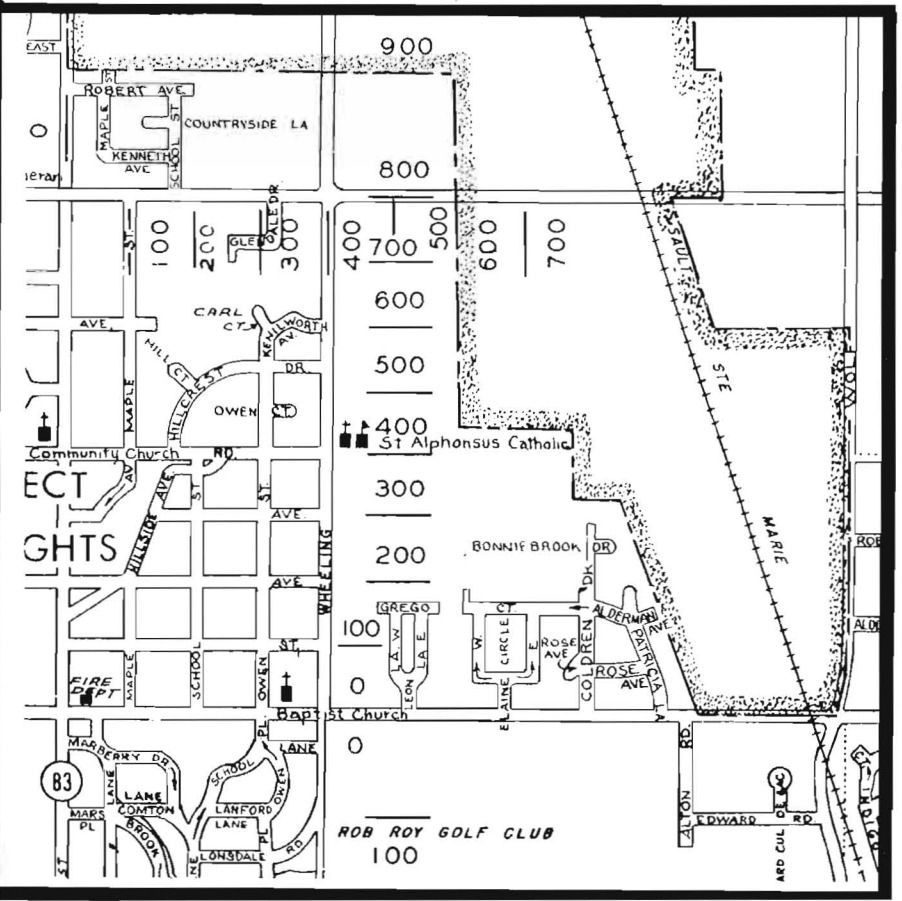
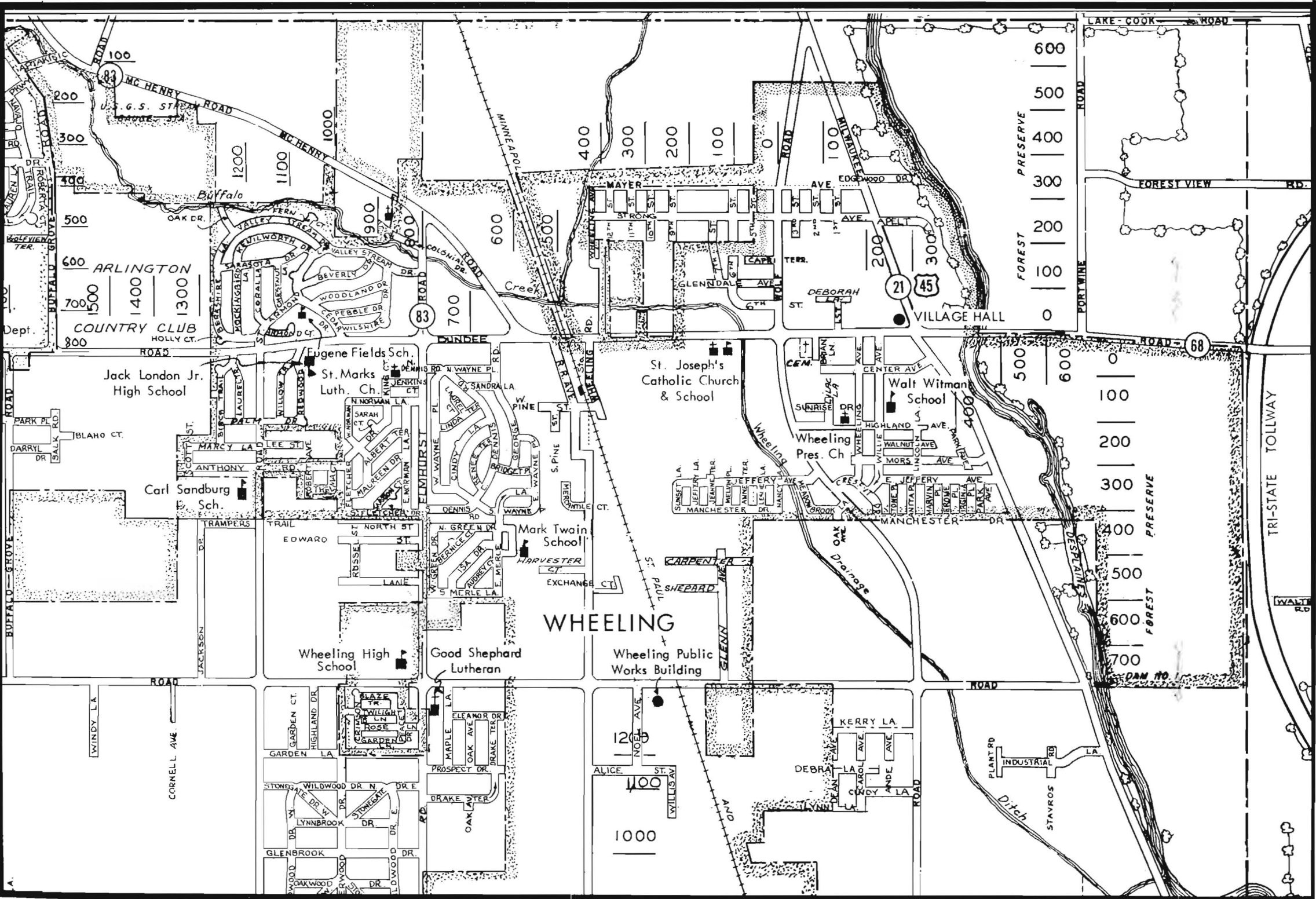
- AMVETS — Meets 2nd Monday at Amvets Hall
- AMVETS AUXILIARY — Meets 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. at Amvets Hall
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE — Meets 3rd Wednesday at Village Hall
- COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Meets 1st Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. at School Administration Building.
- DOOR, INC. —
- EASTERN STAR — Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m. at Masonic Temple
- NORTHWEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF WHEELING — Meets 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m. at Jack London Junior High School
- JAYCEE JILLS — Meets 2nd Tuesday, Members' Homes
- JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE — Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m. at Union Hotel
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 8:15 p.m. at St. Mary's, Buffalo Grove
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUXILIARY — Meets 3rd Tuesday at Members' Homes
- LADIES OF THE LIONS — Meets 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Local Restaurants
- LIBRARY BOARD — Meets 1st Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. at the Library
- LIONS CLUB — Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. at Chuck's Restaurant
- MEADOWBROOK WOMEN'S CLUB — Meets 2nd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. at Members' Homes
- OVER FIFTY CLUB — Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 8 p.m. at the Park Building
- PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION — Meets 1st Friday, 8:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
- RAINBOW GIRLS — Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
- ROTARY CLUB — Meets Every Friday, 12:15 p.m., Borchardt's Restaurant
- ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA — Meets 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m. at Masonic Temple
- SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 21 — Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 8:15 p.m. at the Administration Building
- TOPS - WHEELING WEIGHT WATCHERS — Meets Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at Buffalo Grove Ranch Mart
- V.F.W. — Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at 316 Mors Avenue
- V.F.W. AUXILIARY — Meets 1st Wednesday, 8 p.m. at 316 Mors Avenue
- VITRUVIUS LODGE — Meets 4th Saturday, 8 p.m. at Masonic Temple

## Community Organizations (cont'd)

- WHEELING ARCHERY CLUB — Meets 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m. at Amvets Hall
- WHEELING ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION — Meets 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m. at the Village Hall
- WHEELING ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY — Meets 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m. at the Park Building
- WHEELING BOARD OF HEALTH — Harry Garber, M.D., Wheeling Medical Center
- WHEELING-BUFFALO GROVE MENTAL HEALTH CHAPTER — Meets 1st Thursday, Jan., Mar., May., June, Sept., and Nov. at Jack London Junior High School
- WHEELING-BUFFALO GROVE NURSES ASSOCIATION — Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at Carl Sandburg School
- WHEELING COMMUNITY POOL — L. M. Woods, Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank
- WHEELING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT — Meets 2nd Thursday, 3rd and 4th Mondays. (2nd and 4th, Practice Drills) at the Fire Station
- WHEELING GOP ACTION COMMITTEE — Meets 4th Tuesday, 8:15 p.m. at Hartmann House
- WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Meets 4th Wednesday, 8 p.m. at the Village Hall
- WHEELING INFANT WELFARE — Meets 2nd Monday, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
- WHEELING JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB — 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m. at Eugene Field School
- WHEELING PARK DISTRICT & RECREATION FACILITIES — Meets 1st Thursday, special on 3rd Thursdays, 8 p.m. at Park Building
- WHEELING PLANNING COMMISSION — Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Village Hall
- WHEELING POLICE DEPT. — No Meetings. Phone 537-2131.
- WHEELING TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC MEN'S CLUB — Meets 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m. at 735 W. Dundee Road
- WHEELING TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB — Meets Last Tuesday, 8 p.m. at 735 W. Dundee Road
- WHEELING TOWNSHIP REGULAR REPUBLICANS CLUB — Meets 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m. at the V.F.W., N.W. Highway, Arlington Heights
- WHEELING TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB — Meets 4th Thursday, 8:30 p.m. at Republican Headquarters
- WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD — Meets 1st four Mondays of the month, 8:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

# Village of **WHEELING**

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# Village Services

- WHEELING PUBLIC LIBRARY — 24 S. Milwaukee . . . . . 537-4011
- VILLAGE HALL — 312 E. Dundee Road . . . . . 537-2141  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday . . . . 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday . . . . . 8 a.m. - 12 noon
- POST OFFICE — 277 E. Dundee Road . . . . . 537-0700  
Monday through Friday . . . . . 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday . . . . . 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- EMERGENCY VEHICLE
- POLICE DEPARTMENT — 312 E. Dundee Road . . . . . 537-2131
- FIRE DEPARTMENT — 312 E. Dundee Road . . . . . 537-2121
- POISON CONTROL CENTER — Holy Family Hospital . . . . . 299-2281  
Ext. 856 or 899
- BOY SCOUTS — Mr. Franklin . . . . . 537-4033
- GIRL SCOUTS — Mrs. William Maddock . . . . . 537-1312
- GIRL SCOUT UNIFORM EXCHANGE —  
Mrs. William Bieber . . . . . 537-0767



## Public Schools

Alcott School	530 Bernard, Buffalo Gr.	537-4042
Carl Sandburg School	Schoenbeck Road	537-2090
Eugene Field School	51 St. Armand	537-2110
Frost School	305 Aspen Dr., PH	824-5181
Holmes Junior High School	221 S. Wolf Rd.	
Jack London Junior High School	1001 W. Dundee	537-5930
Kilmer School	Raupp & Golfview, B.G.	537-5150
Mark Twain School	515 E. Merle	537-6030
Wheeling High School	900 S Elmhurst Rd	537-6500
Walt Whitman School	133 S. Wille	537-0781

## Churches

Community Presbyterian Church	196 E. Highland, Wheeling	537-4449
Congregation Beth Or	623 Dcerfield, Deerfield	945-0477
First Baptist Church	Elmhurst & Edward, Wheeling	537-6263
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	1111 N. Elmhurst, Prospect Hts.	537-4353 537-2310
Methodist Church	813 E. Dundec, Arlington Hts.	537-4696
North Northfield Church	Sanders & Dundee, Northbrook	CR 2-2250
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	304 W. Palatine Prospect Hts	537-4430 CL 9-2071
St. Hilary's Episcopal Church	St. Mark United Church of Christ 852 Jenkins Court Wheeling	537-6977
St. John Evangelical Luth. Church	3020 Milwaukee, Northbrook	827-3332
St. Joseph the Worker Church	181 W. Dundee, Wheeling	537-2740
St. Mark United Church of Christ	852 Jenkins Court, Wheeling	537-1791
St. Mary's Catholic Church	Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove	537-0029
Wheeling Evangelical Free Church	Carl Sandburg School, Schoenbeck Road	537-1180

## Village History

1818 — As preparations were being made to admit Illinois to statehood, settlement in Wheeling was better than a decade away. The territory around Wheeling had been charted centuries earlier, as noted in the journals of Joliet and Father Marquette in 1673.

The constant struggle for imperialism and wealth by French, English and Spanish, gave rise to settlement in southern Illinois. The American Revolution brought with it a fourth contender, and through the efforts of George Rogers Clark, the creation of Illinois as a county of Virginia was made in 1778. A year later the first Americans came to make their homes in Illinois. In 1790, the "Illinois Country" became part of the Northwest Territory, and later, Indiana Territory.

The struggle between nations, and later, states (it took political maneuvering to bring present day Cook and Lake counties into Illinois), had little bearing on those living in Wheeling Township at the time. The Miami Confederacy, occupants at the time of LaSalle, relinquished their land to the Pottawatomic during the 18th century. The latter remained until 1833, when the treaty terminating the Black Hawk War drove them beyond the Mississippi.

The earliest settler of record to come to Wheeling Township was a Mr. Sweet, who arrived in March, 1833. He sold his cabin and claim (on section 13) to George Strong the following September. Under present village boundaries Wheeling's first actual resident was Joseph Filkins. Mr. Filkins staked his claim in 1834 (Section 12, Milwaukee and Dundee) and moved his family to Wheeling a year later. Filkins played an important role in early Wheeling. With the first post office in 1836, Filkins became postmaster and the following year he opened a hotel.

The following decade brought Wheeling its first building boom. 1837 — a store operated by Charles Daniels and Russell Wheeler. 1838 — two blacksmith shops, and shortly thereafter, a second hotel, two additional stores, a third blacksmith shop, and a public school, erected in 1845.

The early years were turbulent years. No longer required to cope with Indians as Sweet and Strong had done, the early residents had, instead, the claim jumper. The result was the first minor attempt at law and order, an Inferior Court. There was also a Court of Appeals (or Superior Court) where the ultimate decisions were made by S. M. Salisbury, George Strong and Joseph Filkins. Apparently, their judgment was considered sound, for when organization of the town officially took place on April 2, 1850, Salisbury was elected supervisor, succeeded by Filkins in 1851, and by Strong in 1858. (The election took place at the hotel of James Parker, and Wheeling's present Precinct J became the first voting area in the township.)

If the treaty with the Pottawatomic was significant in bringing the early settlers, it was the trails of the tribe which played a more lasting role in local development. Milwaukee Avenue, as we know it, was formerly Milwaukee Road, and the first mail and stage coach route between Chicago and Green Bay. Surveyed in 1835, under the direction of the War Department, it served its purpose — if weather conditions were good. Unfortunately this was so seldom that in 1849 county officials decided to "pave" the road with planks and pay for the "Chicago to Wheeling" improvement by

## Village History (cont'd)

charging tolls. The toll road never did reach Wheeling, but the stage line continued its half-day run, bringing customers to the hotels for a mid-day meal and rest.

The mid-century was significant in that it brought a slight feeling of permanence to the community. A physician, Dr. Julius Purmann, arrived, as did Dr. John G. Schneider, a veterinarian. The Vitruvius Lodge, A.F. & A.M., organized in Niles, moved to Wheeling where it has remained ever since.

1861 — Wheeling's volunteers, 14 strong, marched to Chicago to join the Union Rifle Guards at Camp Fry. The first school gave way to a larger one. And before the Civil War had ended, the Congregational Church was organized, and a place to worship erected in 1866.

We can assume that a somewhat leisurely pace continued in Wheeling for according to Andreas' "History of Cook County" (written 1884) the following description was given.

"This village attained its present size quite a number of years ago, and not being near a railroad, is not likely to grow very materially in the near future . . . The village now contains two general stores, three hotels, two blacksmith shops, one wagon shop, two shoe shops, one brewery, one physician, a Lutheran Church and about 200 inhabitants."

The climate of Wheeling was far from serene. "Lawless" strangers began frequenting local establishments, often intimidating the townspeople, civic improvements were neglected, and "foreign elements" introduced occupations that thoroughly dismayed the German-Alsatian residents. As a result a petition was signed by 42 legal voters, requesting village incorporation. On June 19, 1894, a special election was held with 43 votes for, and 3 votes against a village organization. (The boundary extended as far west as the Wisconsin Central Railroad.) A second election on July 17 gave Wheeling its first elected officials: Henry Boehmer, president; John Forke, Jacob Schwingel, Emil Sigwalt, Reinhold Schneider, William Fassbender, J. A. Schminke, trustees; Louis Fischer, police magistrate; and W. R. Mundhenke, village clerk.

Incorporation gave rise to new problems, primarily, finding and keeping marshalls and obtaining funds to operate the village. The latter was quickly resolved (three weeks after the first village board took office) with the passage of village ordinance #1, licencing the various hotels and dram shops which sold alcoholic beverages. The fee was set at \$500 per year, and with six applicants, the entire village budget was easily met.

## Village History (cont'd)

It was several years later, and after numerous citizens and the village board had taken "turns at being marshal" that an official was found, at a salary of \$360 per year.

Of course, the 1896 budget of \$1,870 had other important items. A street and bridge fund, \$350; street lighting, \$60; officers, including the village clerk, \$200. And, new ordinances. Dog licensing, health and clean-up, and the forerunner of the building code, specifications for wooden sidewalks. The village required additional facilities. A village hall and jail received an appropriation of \$750, and the fire department, organized in 1896, was granted a sum of \$700 for the purchase of hand-operated fire extinguishing equipment.

All seemed well for Wheeling's 331 residents at the turn of the century. The turbulence of early years was replaced by local band concerts, the Fire Department's annual 4th of July picnics, Saturday night dances, the telephone and business prosperity. The automobile brought families to dine at the Milwaukee Road restaurants, electricity arrived before World War I.

Almost like "history repeating itself," Milwaukee Avenue returned to prominence in the '20's. With the highway paved from Chicago to Dundee Road, Wheeling's citizenry swelled with pride as they saw their new gasoline fire engine speeding down the street. Or were awakened at night by the trucks carrying contraband cargoes.

Another war came, and the now 550 residents were affected by the call to service. Many left, but more returned. The 1950 census revealed 916 residents, a second building boom. There were homes with yards for growing children and a population which had increased ten times over in as many years.

Milwaukee Avenue has quieted down; no competition for the super highways and tollways. Pottawatomie — only the name of a forest preserve. The Fire Department well (Milwaukee and Dundee) and the first storm sewer of the '20's have given way to a vast network of lines and pipes. A shopping center exists for each store of the past century. The one room school, a lone church, replaced by hundreds of classrooms, places to worship for many faiths. Building codes and ordinances undreamed of by a Filkins, a Strong, or a Boehmer.

With each influx of population, comes a stronger desire to learn more of Wheeling heritage. Perhaps, a future citizen will determine how Wheeling was named — in honor of storekeeper, Russell Wheeler, the wagon wheels which once traversed Milwaukee Road, or the Indian derivative, "place of the head," "before the fork of the river."

This directory was prepared for  
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