



# NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY      DECEMBER, 2007



## Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

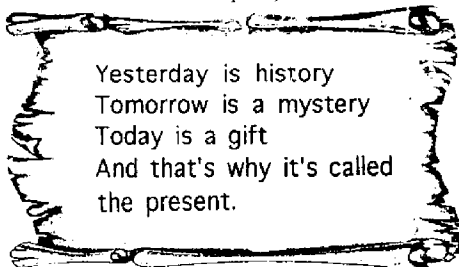
Seems like we just flew through the month of October and here we are now in November and looking forward to the holidays.

Our main thoughts right now are making plans for "Lollipop Lane". They are now underway and will be discussed with our members at our November meeting, which by the way is going to be held a week earlier on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please **MARK THAT DATE**.

Again, the maintenance staff and office staff of the Wheeling Park District will come to our aid in helping us get ready for this event. For this we are very grateful. Thank you all.

The Also another event you might like to attend is the "Lighting of Lights" which will be held November 25<sup>th</sup> at Friendship Park at the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue. This will take place at 6 p.m., and there will be cookies and hot chocolate for everyone to enjoy. Hope to see you there

Elaine Simpson, President



## CURATOR'S REPORT

Marilyn, Beverly and I went to the Northbrook "Sight Appraisal" program November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Northbrook Library. This program was cancelled and will be re-scheduled. We were taking our child rocking chair for appraisal and will do so in the future. The fee for appraisal is \$5.00.

I have talked with Roxanne Stec (nee Grant) about sending her the Grant family personal data sheets as she has requested. She was happy to hear from us and will send us a check covering the costs. Her dad is eager to see all the info on his family.

Beverly & I are working on preserving our 4 x 6 pictures by labeling and putting them in acid-free sleeves. She has sent a sample of "Temporary Custody Receipt" to be used if someone has an offer to donate and the museum needs a committee approval for donation. We will have this form if is needed. We are working on a grant form from IAM to help cover the cost of the above stated materials.

I sent Louise Greene by e-mail, our list of old newspapers for the University of Illinois project in preserving old newspaper information. Have not heard back.

A **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped keep the museum open on Sundays of this year. They are: Patti & Wedge, Marilyn, Barbara LaHay, Lorraine, Fran, Bill & Elaine Shirley, Joan & Dolly, Keith & Kim Pecka and Chris & Ken Brady.

The museum is now closed for the season and will reopen next March. Thanks again volunteers.

Linda Reading, Curator



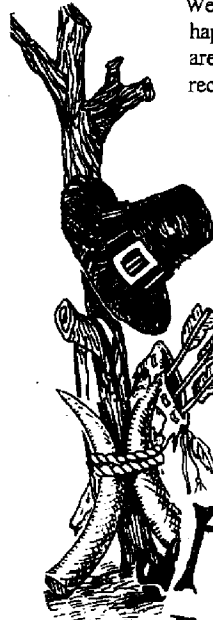
JOE LEVNARD/DAILY HERALD  
Santa and Mrs. Claus ride a sleigh float down Dundee Road

# SICK LIST

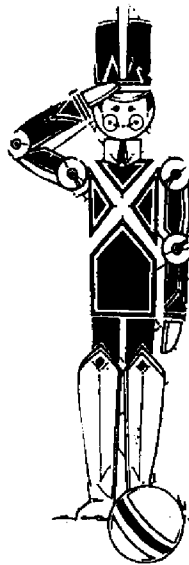


TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBER WHO HAVE BEEN ILL OR IN THE HOSPITAL,

We wish you all health and happiness and hope you are are well or on the road to recovery.



# Happy Holidays!



## COMING SOON LOLLIPOP LANE

December 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Chamber Park  
251 N. Wolf Road

Mon-Fri... 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Sat-Sun... 2:00- 5:00 pm

Members are always asked to volunteer your time. Calls for members to bake and sell cookies will be made by Shirley Koeppen

Let us know at the November meeting if you can help!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COME TO THE AID OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE COMING EVENT!!!!



*WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS*

# **LOLLIPOP LANE**

SATURDAY **DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
THROUGH  
SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AT**

Chamber Community Center  
251 N. Wolf Road  
Wheeling, Illinois

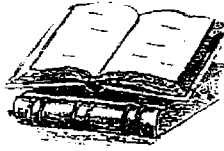
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 6:30 P.M. TIL 8:30 P.M.  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY 2:00 P.M. TIL 5:00 P.M.

MR. AND MRS. SANTA CLAUS ARRIVING IN  
WHEELING ON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
AT 1:30 P.M.

THE PARADE WILL START ON DUNDEE AND 83 AND PROCEED TO CHAMBER PARK

- VISIT WITH MR AND MRS CLAUS AT NO CHARGE
- PICTURE TAKEN WITH MR AND MRS SANTA COURTESY OF BILL STASEK CHEVROLET
- BRING A CAMERA AND TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR CHILDREN WITH MR AND MRS. SANTA
- SUPRISES FOR THE CHILDREN
- COOKIES TO PURCHASE (WHILE THEY LAST) DONATION TO THE SOCIETY

## A Bit of History



### Residents put Wheeling Parks On Top

By Martha Allen  
Chicago Tribune, April 24, 1985

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To aid the park district in acquiring land, the village passed a land dedication ordinance requiring residential and industrial developers to contribute specific amounts of land or cash to the park district. The park district's newest facility is the Horizon

Park, 375 Schoenbeck Rd., which will open later this spring.

Horizon Park will offer baseball, softball, soccer and ice skating. It also will have a small pavilion, a picnic shelter and concession stand, according to John Muno Jr., the park district's director of leisure services.

"Dave Phillips has taken what used to be a very small agency with one building, and expanded it into one of the best park districts in Illinois," Muno says.

Along with its community support programs, the Wheeling Park District offers more than 100 programs for all age groups. A most unusual offering is the baby swim class, where infants as young as 6 months are taught to swim.

"It's a beautiful program," Phillips says. With their moms and dads in the water, infants are relieved of their fear of water. The parents and kids are super, and we have one instructor to each parent and child."

Seventeen swim activities for all ages are offered at the Neptune Aquatic and Fitness Center, 900 S. Elmhurst Rd.

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## ON THE FUNNY SIDE.....

Andy: I've hired a carpenter who hammers like lightning.

Mandy: He's that fast?

Andy: No, he never hits the same spot twice!

Employer: Your resume says you've worked about 45 years, but you say you're only 38 years old! How do you explain?

Employee: Overtime!



### Santa's Cake

I saved my cake for Santa Claus  
One Christmas Eve at tea.  
'Cause if riding makes one hungry,  
How hungry he must be!  
I put it on the chimney shelf  
Where he'd be sure to go.  
It surely makes a person proud  
To be remembered so.  
When everyone was fast asleep,  
Everyone but me,  
I tiptoed down the stairs,  
Oh, just as still, to see  
If he had been here yet—  
Dear me! It made my feelings ache!  
There sat a miserable little mouse  
Eating Santa's cake!

—Author Unknown

### FUDGY PEANUT BUTTER BUTTONS

Cook's Kitchen

Prep Time: 20 minutes • Total Time: 1 hour 20 minutes • Makes: 6 dozen (1 button each)

#### Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup hot water
- 1 box (10 oz. each) Swiss Miss® Milk Chocolate Hot Cocoa Mix (10 packets per box)
- 1 jar Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 3 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, divided
- 4 cups crushed vanilla wafers
- PKS® Fine Baking Spray
- 72 bittersweet chocolate morsels

#### Directions:

1. Combine water and cocoa mix in large bowl; whisk together until smooth. Stir in peanut butter and corn syrup. Add 2 cups confectioners' sugar; blend. Stir in crushed vanilla wafers.
2. Spray large piece of waxed paper with baking spray. Drop heaping teaspoonfuls of chocolate mixture onto paper; set aside. Place remaining 1 cup confectioners' sugar in shallow dish. Roll each piece of chocolate in sugar; shape into balls. Press thumb into the center of each ball until slightly indented; place chocolate morsel in middle (tip side up).
3. Chill at least 1 hour before serving. Store refrigerated in airtight container.

