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THE WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD WISHES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
A JOYFUL AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

2010 State of the Village Address

Delivered by President Abruscato on January 26, 2011



Village President Judy Abruscato presents at the annual State of the Village luncheon held at the Village Community Center in Wheeling on January 26, 2011

In last year's address, I said that although these are tough times for the Village—tough times for everyone—I am optimistic about our future. While many challenges remain, I am happy to say that my optimism was justified. Despite the continued weakness in the economy, Wheeling is seeing clear signs of a gradual recovery.

By now you have all noticed the new construction at the Fresh Farms center. This redevelopment has been in the works for some time, and we are excited to see this key intersection beautified and modernized. You may also have seen improvements to the Walgreens store across the street; this location is one of the first to model a new look that they plan to roll out company-wide. An even more ambitious undertaking will soon be underway at our Walmart store, which will be expanded into a Super Walmart during the next year.

New businesses continue to arrive at a growing pace. In the past year we have welcomed new neighbors like Jet's Pizza, Krystyna's Market, Fannie May Candies, and Family Video, and we have seen vacated spaces quickly filled by others, such as Jimmy John's in the old Quizno's Subs location, Advanced Auto Parts at the former Blockbuster site, and a festive

Mexican restaurant, Cinco de Mayo, where Arby's used to be. Although several businesses on Restaurant Row have closed over the past months, the former Claim Jumper, Don Roth's, and Le Francais sites are attracting a lot of attention from restaurant developers, as is the vacant parcel north of Tuscany. On a different and exciting note, the Village is honored to be the location of the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago, a major cultural and educational institution that will establish itself as the heart of the Korean-American community in Northern Illinois, one that will draw thousands of new visitors to Wheeling from around the region, the nation, and the world.

The Village has long envisioned the comprehensive redevelopment of our town center in the area around the Wheeling Metra Station, and since the Village acquired the Wickes property literally dozens of development groups have toured the site and presented their ideas. After a long and thorough evaluation process, we recently announced Urban R2 as our chosen developer, and they will now move forward with detailed planning. There will be numerous public meetings on this important project over the next year, and we invite the community to participate and offer input.

The Village also remains committed to supporting local manufacturers, and to bringing new industries to town. We promote Wheeling in national trade publications and actively engage with industrial brokerage groups to remind them of the benefits of locating here. Furthermore, I and other members of the Board of Trustees have been taking monthly tours of Wheeling manufacturing plants to find out more about the businesses and to hear directly what their needs are, and I've been pleased to learn personally about significant expansions planned by major industrial employers. I am also excited to announce the relocation of Protect-a-Bed to Wheeling, a business that will bring 100 workers to an over-200,000-square-foot facility.

The Village works in a number of creative ways to encourage business retention and smart new development—but the most important thing we do is simply to provide the basic services and infrastructure improvements that our residents and businesses rely on. In that respect, 2010 was also a very successful year. Using funds provided through the federal stimulus, we replaced the Hawthorne School footbridge with the new Sharon S. Ball Memorial Bridge, maintaining a safe link between neighborhoods north of Buffalo Creek and businesses and facilities on Dundee Road. We were also approved for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant to construct a bicycle / pedestrian path along Dundee Road between the river and the tollway. Last year, Village staff designed and managed asphalt resurfacing and drainage improvements on Industrial Drive, and installed a new manhole structure to improve drainage on Jackson Drive. We also continue to work closely with the Wheeling Park District and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District on the Lake Heritage / Levee 37 stormwater storage project.



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A photograph of a stone fountain with two water jets. The fountain is made of stacked stones and has a dark, possibly black, material draped over its left side. The background shows green trees and a clear sky. In the foreground, there are red and white flowers.

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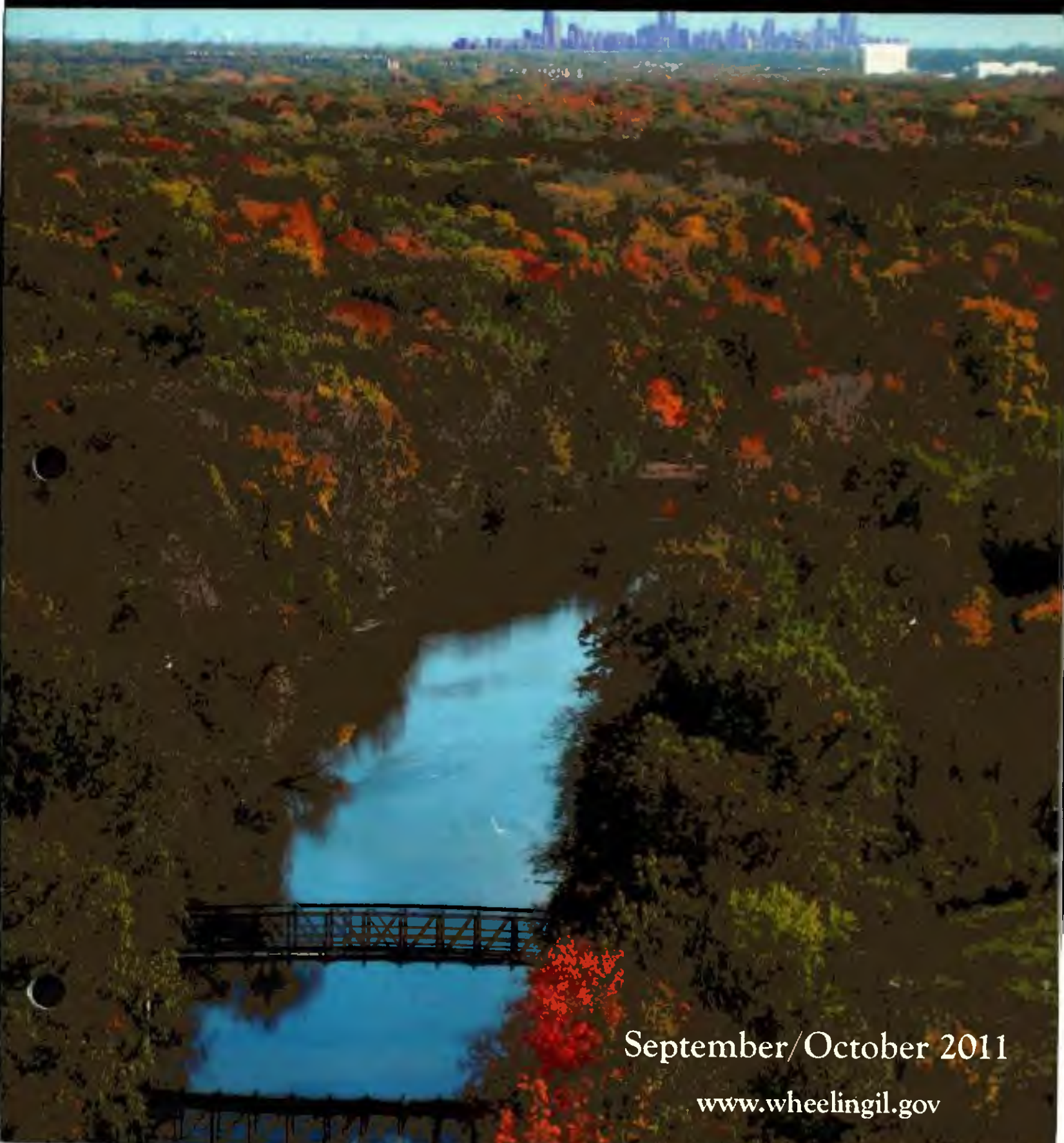
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2012 State of the Village Address

Delivered by President Abruscato on January 25, 2012

Friends and neighbors, it is my honor and my pleasure to speak to you about the state of the Village of Wheeling. The short version of the story is: we're getting there. Of course nothing ever happens as fast as we'd like, but we've continued to see steady improvement in the health of our community, and I believe Wheeling is well-positioned to benefit as the economy heats up again.

We at the Village will always remember 2011 as a year when Wheeling businesses really demonstrated their good citizenship and pride in our community. Of course Wheeling is blessed to have many generous entrepreneurs who show their civic spirit year after year, but the recent downturn in the economy has presented an opportunity to work harder, to give a little more, and to step up for all the things that our community really values.

I am so proud to say that our businesses really rose to the occasion this year. The most visible example of this was our Independence Day fireworks, which were brought to the community thanks to the generous contributions of a whole range of businesses. There were many other inspiring examples of business involvement in 2011, from support for the Wheeling Wonderland shop-local promotion, to participation in ventures like the Restaurant Row Hospitality Group and the Wheeling Industrial Network. I am proud to be president of a village whose stakeholders—despite a diversity of interests—can recognize areas of common concern and work together for everyone's betterment. This is what it means to be a community.

In terms of providing core municipal services, 2011 was a very successful year. Our staff oversaw the reconstruction of Lexington Drive and the replacement of a water main in the Hollywood Ridge subdivision, and also completed the rehabilitation of a key component of the Village's back-up system of drinking water wells. In coming years we're also looking forward to working with state and other agencies on the reconstruction of Wolf Road, an expansion of the Lake Cook corridor, and—most immediately—the major flood-control project in Heritage Park, for which construction is scheduled to begin in spring. We're also using state grants to help improve bicycle and pedestrian travel in Wheeling by conducting a comprehensive study of the community's needs and doing preliminary engineering for a bicycle path on Dundee Road between the river and the tollway.

In July, the renovation of our Police Department headquarters was completed—substantially under budget—and the new facilities there have expanded our capacity to train police officers while reducing associated costs. The fire station adjoining the Police building reopened early last year, just in time for the February blizzard, and having three operational stations has helped reduce emergency response time by 45 seconds—seconds which can make a huge difference for people in desperate need of help. In addition to performing their day-to-day maintenance of Wheeling's infrastructure, Public Works staff designed and built the Village's first liquid anti-icing system, which you may already have seen in action.

The Village always seeks not only to provide consistent services, but also to minimize the tax burden we impose. To this end, the Village recently took advantage of current low interest rates to refund a portion of our debt, thereby realizing \$612,000 in present-value savings; the Village's excellent bond ratings were reaffirmed in the course of this process. Both the Finance and the Human Services Departments have recently adopted new software that helps streamline their operations. Human Services—which was recently formed from the merger of senior services and police social services—has also completed cross-training to improve its capacity to efficiently handle our residents' needs, and has expanded the Senior Center's programming to reach a broader spectrum of the community. Our Community Development Department has increased the number of code violations that are handled through administrative abatement, thereby reducing court costs for both the Village and our residents. As you know, the Board of Trustees recently voted for a zero-percent tax levy in the coming year; we will seek to continue our practice of doing more with less.

That's the first major aspect of what we do to support our residents and businesses: we tighten all the nuts and bolts, and otherwise keep mostly out of sight. Our second major role is more public: to serve as facilitators and cheerleaders for our outstanding business community—and 2011 has been an excellent year in this area, as well.



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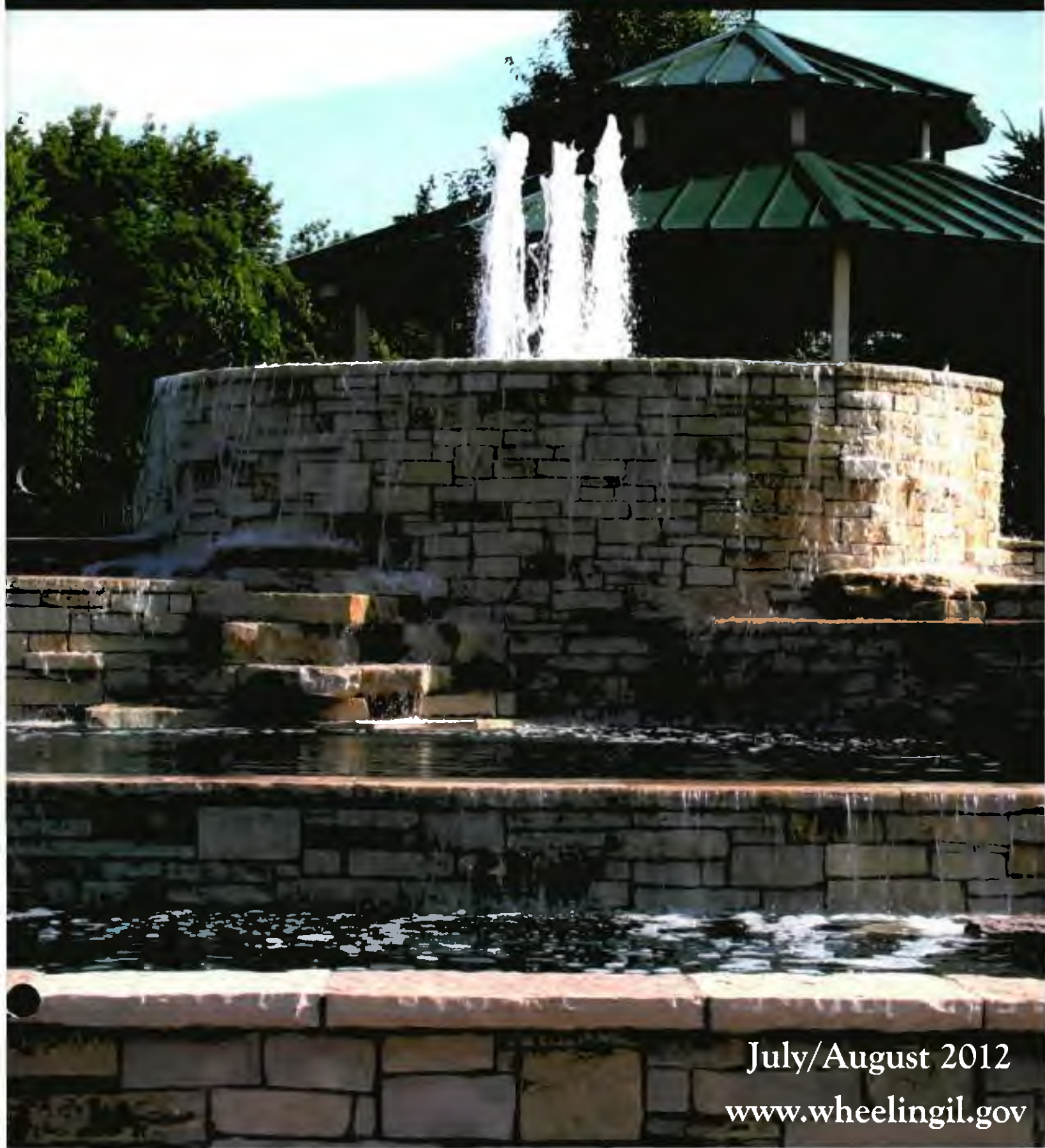
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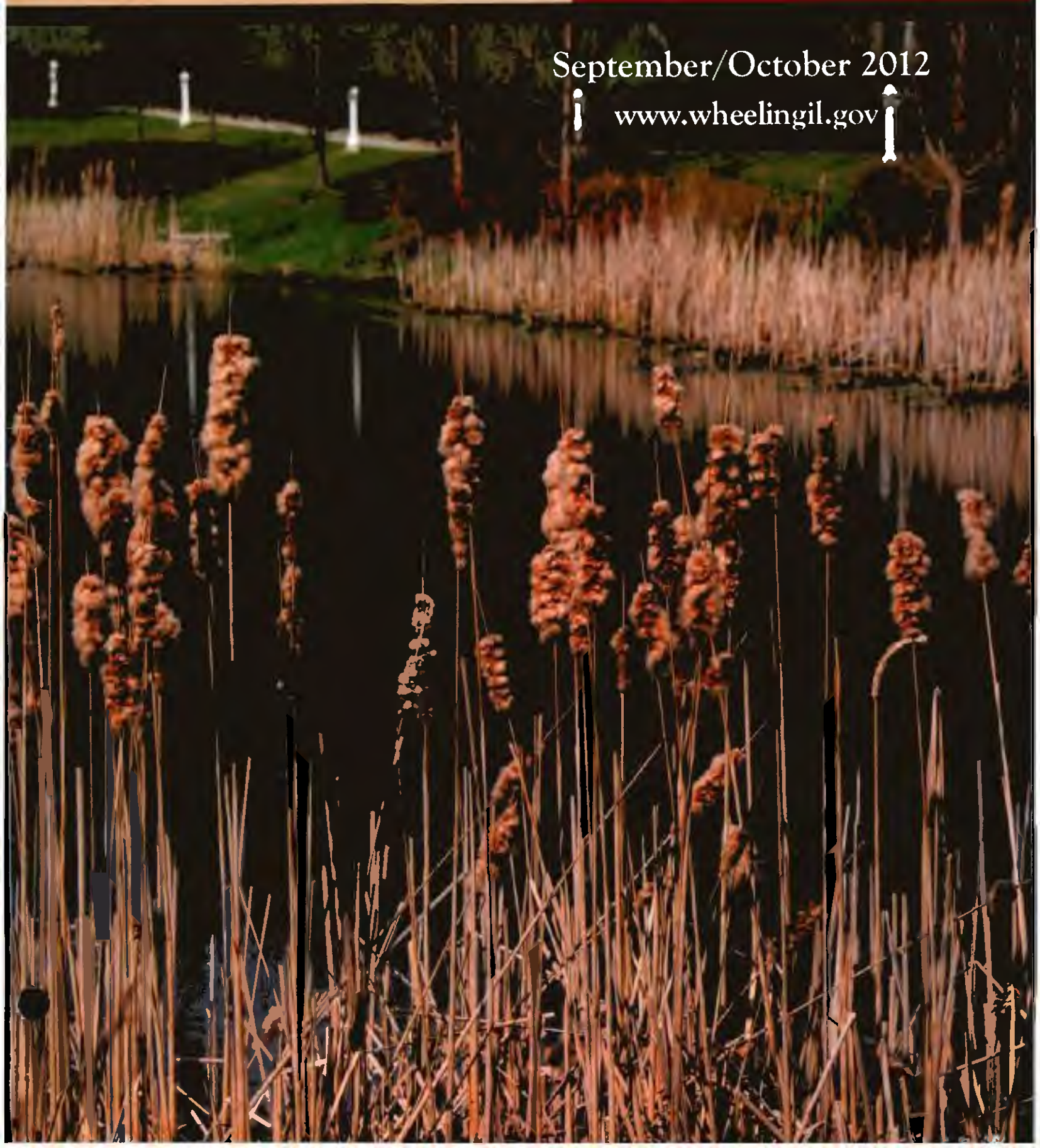


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2013 State of the Village Address

Delivered by President Abruscato on January 29, 2013

Friends and neighbors, I am honored to provide an update on the state of the Village of Wheeling. For three years, I have delivered a similar message: times are tough, but we are up to the challenge, and things are getting better. This year is no different.

In 2012, the Village issued construction permits valued at over \$51 million, a \$4 million increase over 2011. Wheeling's industrial vacancy rate is now below 6%, among the lowest in the region. Last year, two vacant properties on Palatine Road found buyers, including a 170,000-square-foot building sold to Cano Packaging. Aargus Plastics also undertook a major expansion of its facility. We've even been getting inquiries for new industrial construction, something hard to imagine not too long ago.

The Heritage Park project is now well underway. The Village is proud to assist our friends at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the Wheeling Park District with this important flood control initiative, which includes six stormwater storage areas with a total capacity of more than 49 million gallons, some of which can be used to promote future redevelopment. The project will also completely remake the park, with improvements including new walkways, a pavilion by the lake, a band shell, soccer fields, and baseball diamonds.

At Chicago Executive Airport, we've seen a new facility at International Aviation and the renovation of the Atlantic Aviation terminal, and we expect more development in the near future. The success of the airport and the redevelopment of the area around it continue to be top priorities, and we're in the process of preparing a strategy to move forward.

This year we've seen the expansion and renovation of our Walmart store, and we've welcomed new businesses like Advance Auto, Marco's Pizza, and Children's Land Learning Center to town. On Restaurant Row, we've seen the much-anticipated opening of D'Agostino's Pizzeria, as well as the ongoing success of old favorites like Bob Chinn's Crab House, which *Forbes* magazine recently named the top-grossing restaurant in America.

And Wheeling continues to benefit from being home to the Korean Cultural Center, which in the last year has made substantial contributions to the civic and cultural life of our community, including exhibits, events, and performances. The center recently opened a beautiful traditional pavilion, a gift from the City of Busan in the Republic of Korea. I'm confident that the relationships the Village has forged with the Korean and Korean-American communities will continue to be productive and profitable.

So things are pretty good in Wheeling. But while it's clear that we're on the right path, it's also clear that the free and easy days enjoyed prior to the Great Recession won't be coming back soon. Local governments simply don't have the option to hunker down and wait for the weather to improve so they can go back to business as usual. They have to be bold and creative in seeking out new ideas, new partnerships, and new opportunities to help their residents. Wheeling has done this in a number of ways.

Last year our voters authorized us to partner with six other municipalities to aggregate the purchase of electricity. By pooling the buying power of residents and businesses, we've been able to lock in a much lower electric supply rate, putting money back in the pockets of Wheeling families with the stroke of a pen.

In conversations with our industrial community, we've heard a common complaint: despite the high unemployment rate, they can't find the skilled help they need to run their high-tech manufacturing operations. Therefore, Wheeling has worked hard to connect local businesses, workforce development agencies, and educational institutions to help prepare future workers.

We recently partnered with the Intel and HP corporations, District 214, and local manufacturers to introduce a Hire Performance Computing pilot program, which helps our local industrial businesses access powerful tools that will aid the designing products and bringing them to market, thereby becoming more competitive internationally. *Continued on p. 7*

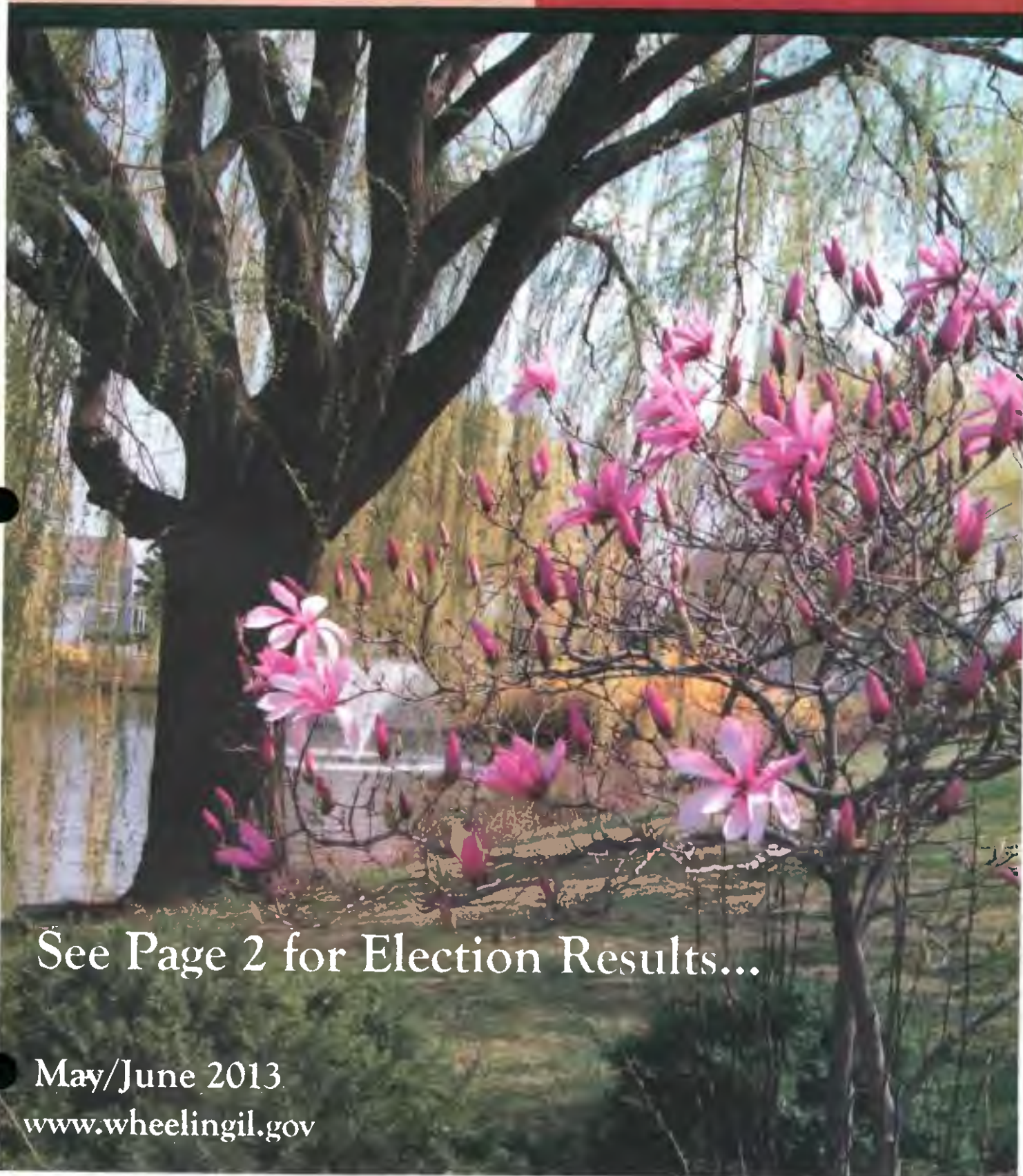


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WELCOME TO WHEELING



*President
Dean S. Argiris*

From the Desk of President Argiris

I'd like to begin by expressing my gratitude to Wheeling residents for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Village President. I was deeply honored to be sworn in on May 6 by Cook County Clerk David Orr, along with new Trustee Mary Krueger, returning Trustees Ken Brady and Bill Hein, and returning Clerk Elaine Simpson. I would like to thank my predecessor, Judy Abruscato, who served this Village well for 26 years. It is community leaders like her who have helped shape Wheeling into what it is today, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

I am thrilled to announce that fireworks will once again be returning to Wheeling! Please join the Village Board as we host "An Evening Under the Stars" on Wednesday, July 3. This year's event will be held at the southeast corner of Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway. This location is the perfect spot for a picnic, so pack a meal, bring your lawnchairs, and join us at 6 p.m. to hear live music by Wheeling's own "Midnight," to be followed by the fireworks show at 9:15 p.m. We hope you can join us for this fun-filled family evening!

Fireworks were cancelled last year due to ongoing construction at Heritage Park, but I'm proud that we've found a work-around this year. We are all eagerly awaiting the complete renovation of Heritage Park into a regional athletic and recreation destination. The Village is assisting the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the Wheeling Park District with this much-needed flood control initiative, which will also be used to promote future redevelopment. The project will completely remake the park, with improvements including new walkways, a pavilion by the lake, a band shell, soccer fields, and baseball diamonds. Once completed, this project will be a boon to the entire community.

Commercial and industrial growth in Wheeling also continues at a steady pace. Annual retail sales in the Village increased over 6% to more than \$503 million. Recently, Starbucks Coffee signed a lease for a drive-thru store in a reconstructed outlet building in the Lexington Commons shopping center at Lake-Cook Road and Lexington Drive. Dunkin Donuts is also on track to open on Dundee Road soon. Earlier this year, Sav-A-Lot opened a 14,000 square-foot store in Dunhurst Plaza, and Bargains in A Box celebrated its opening in Lynn Plaza with a ribbon-cutting event in May. In the industrial sector, Precision Zone has begun to invest more than \$1 million to rehabilitate a vacant 72,000-square-foot facility; the project will result in the addition of 50 new jobs over the next two years. Overall industrial vacancy remains low, and construction activity continues at the airport as well, with the recent groundbreaking of the 30,000 square-foot Tin Goose hangar facility.

Finally, Wheeling continues to benefit from being home to the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago, which recently celebrated its second anniversary. We wish them many more years of success and happiness in Wheeling.

I know I speak for the entire Board when I say I'm excited to continue meeting challenges and creating opportunities to make Wheeling an even greater place to live and work.

Village Board Highlights — Recent Village Board Actions

Previously recorded Village Board meetings can be viewed on our website, www.wheelingil.gov

- Approved a Site Plan and Appearance Approval for Little Caesar's Pizza at 534B W. Dundee Rd
- Approved a Special Use and Site Plan for Stella's Place at 255 E. Dundee Rd
- Approved a Special Use for an Indoor Sports Facility at 7150 Capitol Drive
- Renewed a Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Illinois XI, LLC
- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Electrical Aggregation
- Approved a Contract with Industria, Inc. for the Northgate Parkway Bridge Repair
- Approved a Contract with Michels Corporation for the Jointly Bid 2013 Sewer Lining Project
- Accepted a Bid and Contract with Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the 2013 Street Improvement Program
- Accepted a Bid and Contract with City Construction Company for the 2013 Water Main Replacement Program
- Amended Chapter 9.10 "Stopping Standing and Parking," Section 9.10.22 "Parking Restrictions on Center Avenue," of the Village of Wheeling Code Regarding Parking Restrictions on Center Avenue for Residences
- Held a Joint Meeting with the Plan Commission

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FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 4:30PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH
AT FRIENDSHIP PARK (NORTHEAST CORNER OF DUNDEE & MILWAUKEE)

VISIT WITH SANTA!



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COCOA AND COOKIES!

The Wheeling
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you a happy, healthy,
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2014 State of the Village Address

Delivered by President Argiris on February 21, 2014

Members of the Wheeling community, I am honored to share with you the first State of the Village message since I was elected as Village President last April. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I'd like to offer a brief overview of where we've been over the past several months and what we have to look forward to in the near future.

Wheeling's economic outlook continues to improve, with retail sales up 11% over last year and metro area sales trending upward by over 4.09%, the industrial vacancy rate at 7.1% which is below the regional average of 8.5%, and an employment rate which has declined from 7% in August of 2013 to 6.3% in November of 2013. The Village understands that commerce depends on reliable infrastructure, so we've made investments to keep up with the community's needs. Over the past year we've completed \$8.8 million worth of substantial capital improvement investments which included improving every aspect of our water infrastructure, including water mains, elevated tanks, and the control system that makes it all run. Our Village-wide \$3.5 million upgrade of water meters is also nearly complete, which will help keep rates low by giving us accurate usage data and making it easier for us to spot problems when they occur. We're grateful to our residents and businesses for their cooperation during this upgrade.



President Argiris at the annual State of the Village luncheon held at the Hilton Chicago Northbrook on February 21.

We've also made it easier to get around Wheeling by foot and bike. In October we dedicated the 1.16 mile Phyllis Harmon Path along Dundee Road, which creates a badly-needed pedestrian route across the river and the tollway, and will make traveling to and from the east without a car easier and safer. Last year the Board adopted an Active Transportation Plan to help identify more opportunities to make Wheeling safer for walkers and bikers, and also set policies to fund the construction of sidewalks. We've also begun creating a stormwater master plan for the Village, a project you'll hear more about as it takes shape.

Perhaps most exciting of all is the dawn of a new era at Chicago Executive Airport. The Village and its airport partner, the City of Prospect Heights, recently adopted changes to our Intergovernmental Agreement that resolve longstanding administrative issues and give the Airport Board more tools to manage effectively under the leadership of its newly appointed Chairman, Robert McKenzie. Governor Quinn and IDOT just announced an investment of \$5.3 million for runway improvements at the airport, and I'm confident that more good news is on the horizon. Chairman McKenzie and the Airport Board, Mayor Helmer and the Prospect Heights City Council, the Wheeling Board of Trustees, and Manager Jon Sfondilis all deserve much praise for their continued leadership. I look forward to many more good things from this shared community asset.

The Village's aim in the months ahead is to encourage a business-friendly environment in which enterprises of all kinds can operate, collaborate, and prosper. We're excited to see progress on two major development projects in the Dundee Road corridor: Wheeling Town Center, a \$100 million transit-oriented mixed-use project to be built between the Community Campus and the Metra Station, and Northgate Crossings, which will bring 288 high-end apartments to Wheeling. Together these projects will add nearly 600 new residential units to the center of town. We're also looking forward to improvements at the Westin Hotel site: the hotel's new owners plan to invest \$6-7 million in hotel renovations, and several new businesses will be opening soon on the adjacent properties. We are also excited about new infrastructure and additional economic opportunities in the Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue corridor.

It's important to note that all of these developments are made possible directly or indirectly through Tax Increment Financing (TIF), which is by far the Village's most effective tool for fulfilling its responsibility to promote Wheeling's long-term prosperity. In response to the collapse in property values during the recent recession, the Village is now in the process of resetting two of our TIF Districts, specifically intended to promote much-needed development in the town center and in the area by the airport. We encourage everyone in the Wheeling community to learn about TIF and its many benefits, and we're happy to answer any questions you have about it.

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8:15 - 10:30pm 7TH Heaven

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Wheeling Town Center

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View south on Northgate Parkway
provided by Urban R2



Northgate Crossing

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2015 State of the Village Address

Delivered by President Argiris on February 25, 2015

This is a very exciting time in the Village of Wheeling. Since I took office two years ago, I've worked with the Village Board and staff to come together as a team with creative ideas about how to move forward, and our efforts are really starting to pay off. The business climate in Wheeling has shown strong improvement, with rising sales, low vacancies, and several major projects on the horizon. A great number of new retail and restaurant businesses have opened—at Lexington Commons, the Westin, and elsewhere in town—and we're proud to welcome them all. In a major development for the industrial sector, Federal Express is moving into the 150,000-square-foot former Rexnord facility following a \$3 million renovation by the property owner, who is also making improvements to a nearby site for the FedEx fleet—investments totaling \$14 million that will create jobs and increase property values. In general, industrial growth resulted in 644,000 square feet of business openings and expansions last year, and brought over 250 new jobs.



President Argiris at the annual State of the Village luncheon held at Saranello's Banquets in Wheeling on February 25.

Wheeling's existing businesses also had a great year. Some of our longest-standing businesses are still going strong: last year we celebrated the 75th anniversary of Engis Corporation and the 100th anniversary of Taylor Plumbing. Several landmark facilities have seen notable upgrades, from \$6-7 million in improvements made by the new owners of the Westin hotel, to a \$375,000 renovation at Route 21 Auto Wash & Detail (formerly America's Car Wash), to a new drive-through at Superdawg that increases the flexibility of this much-loved restaurant. Precision Zone has completed an over \$1 million rehabilitation of its new 72,000-square-foot facility, and continues to distinguish itself as a leader in the industrial community, committed to investing in both equipment and people. The biggest improvement project of the past few years has been the \$38 million reconstruction of Heritage Park, which is scheduled to open all of its upgraded facilities on June 7. These include amenities like the Sports Complex and the brand-new Performance Pavilion which will transform the park into a major regional attraction bringing in thousands of visitors per year. The renovation is also a major flood control project, and includes stormwater detention that will enable future development. With the \$50 million, 288-unit Northgate Crossings project breaking ground last October, that development is already underway, and will soon be followed by Wheeling Town Center, a \$100 million mixed-use development by the Metra station that will include 300 apartments and 100,000 square feet of retail anchored by Flix Brewhouse, a first-run movie theater.

A few facts and figures help tell the story of Wheeling's successful year: our retail vacancy rate is below the regional average, and our retail sales have increased by more than 12%. Hotel occupancy is over 72%, while our industrial vacancy is under 6%—particularly impressive when you consider that Wheeling has 275 industrial buildings totaling 14 million square feet. Overall, the Village issued permits for \$40.4 million of construction projects in 2014, a \$4.25 million increase over 2013. This growth is a testimony to the hard work of Wheeling's business community, and they deserve praise for an outstanding year.

The Village has also had an important role to play in the community's prosperity. Last year we made over \$8.9 million in capital improvements to benefit our residents and businesses, including nearly \$1 million in TIF-related improvements. We also negotiated with the other taxing districts to create two new TIFs: the Town Center-II TIF, which will help transform the Dundee Road corridor and surrounding area, and the Southeast-II TIF, which will encourage development around the airport. Speaking of which, another important initiative currently underway is the Chicago Executive Airport Master Plan, a long-overdue study to maximize the value of this key resource, which will consider noise abatement and layout improvements among other issues; the study will be transparent and include opportunities for community input. The Village went through its own strategic planning process last year, a very rewarding exercise with many short- and long-term benefits; the Strategic Plan—the first the Village has formally adopted—declares our values, priorities, and specific goals, and serves as a guide to everything we do. The plan is available on our website, and it emphasizes being accessible to our residents. With this in mind, we've recently expanded our social media presence; we encourage residents to "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter.

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Waste Management pick-ups will
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ROCK THE RUNWAY

*** **EVENT SCHEDULE** ***

5:00 pm..... Gates open
5:30-6:30pm..... DJ Dan Neilson
6:45-7:45pm... live music by Midnight
8:15-10:30pm... live music by And Beyond
And Beyond will break at 9:15 for fireworks

RUN THE RUNWAY

8:00 am Race begins



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FOOD AVAILABLE FROM THESE VENDORS:

- Cupcakes for Courage
- Grill Chasers
- Pika Street Kitchen
- Best Truckin' BBQ
- Pop-A-Harrys Gourmet Popcorn
- Toasty Cheese
- Swirl Cafe

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WWW.ROCKNRUN.THERUNWAY.COM

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES



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September / October 2015

Village offices will be closed
September 7 for Labor Day.

Waste Management pick-ups will
be delayed by one day.

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November, December 2015

THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES INVITE YOU TO
 USHER IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH

LIGHTS AROUND
 WHEELING



FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 4:30PM
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

AT FRIENDSHIP PARK (NORTHEAST CORNER OF DUNDEE & MILWAUKEE)

VISIT WITH SANTA! 🎅 KIDDIE TRAIN! 🚂 LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC! 🎵 COCOA AND SNACKS!

See page 10 of this newsletter for important information on a Stormwater Utility Program beginning in 2016.



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Congressman Dold and President Argiris welcome delegates from the Village of Wheeling to Suncheon, South Korea. The Village of Wheeling is pleased to have Congressman Dold and President Argiris visit the Village of Wheeling.



The Wheeling Village Board wishes you a happy and healthy New Year!

Congressman Dold and President Argiris presented a gift from the Village of Wheeling to City of Suncheon Mayor Cho Cheong-hoon.



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March/April 2016



Northgate Crossing
apartment complex on
Northgate
Parkway
officially opens to
residents!



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May/June 2016

Village offices will be closed
May 30 in honor of Memorial Day.
Waste Management pick-ups will
be delayed by one day.

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THE RUNWAY
AT **CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT**
7-3-16



JULY 3RD 2016

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8:00 am Race begins

ROCK THE RUNWAY

5:00 pm Gates open
Food trucks, balloon artists, and face painters
5:30-7:45pm live music by **Midnight**
8:15-10:30pm live music by **Hifi Supersta**
Hifi Superstar will break at 9:15 for fireworks.



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Best Truckin' BBQ
Chicago Pizza Boss
Cupcakes for Courage
Grill Chasers
Market Square Restaurant
Pars Ice Cream
Piko Street Kitchen
Swirl Café
Tasty Cheese



Corona Light
Modelo Especial

WINE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE



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September/October 2016

The Wings of Freedom tour,
presented by the Collings
Foundation, visited Wheeling's own
Chicago Executive Airport!



Visit us at our newly redesigned website: www.wheelingil.gov

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ALL NEW HOLIDAY
LIGHTS SHINED
THROUGHOUT
WHEELING THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON!



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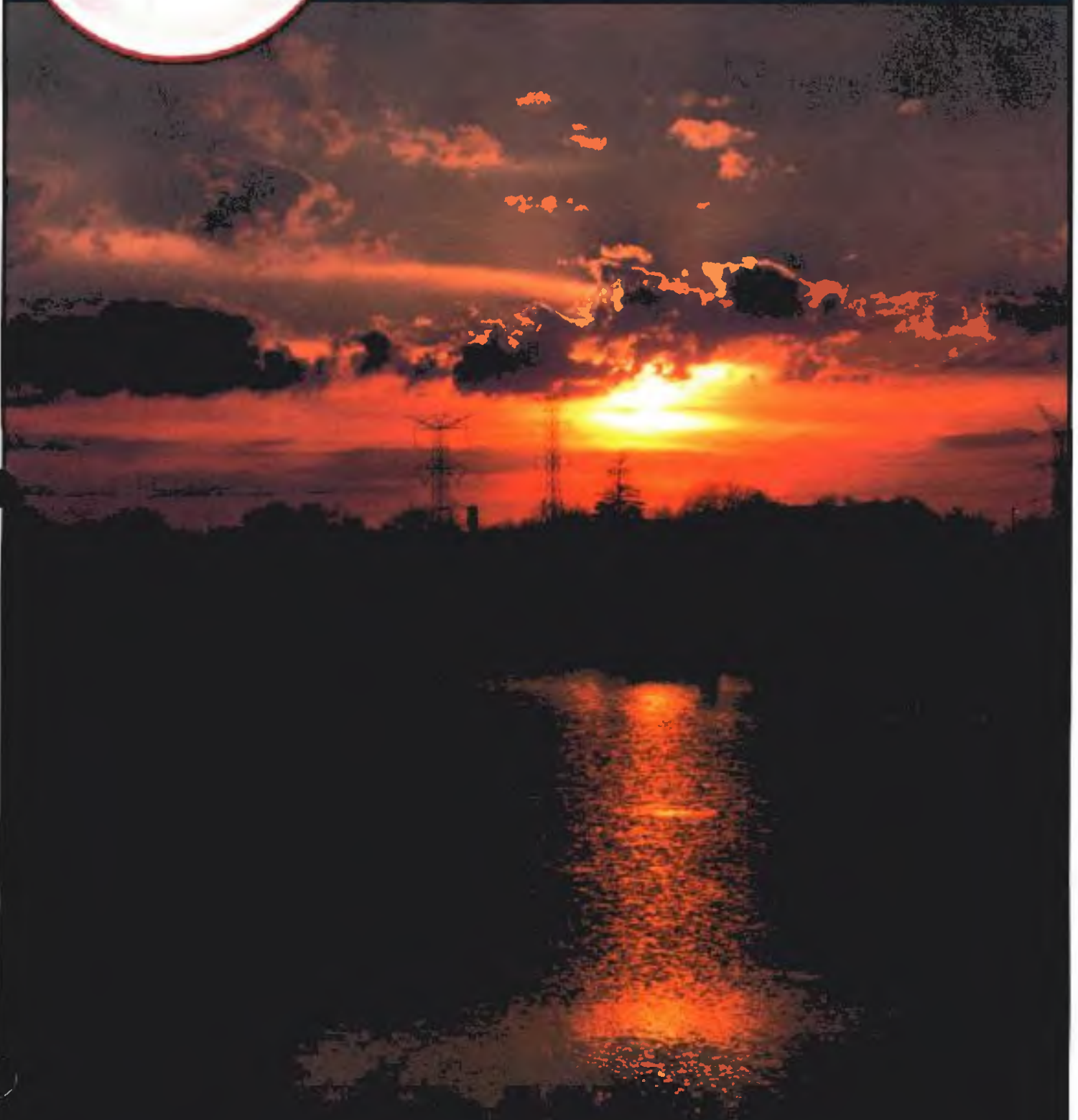


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