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# THEN...

Incorporated in 1894, the Village of Wheeling originated as an overnight rest stop for travelers journeying from Chicago to the Wisconsin Territory via the overland trail known today as Milwaukee Avenue. The inns, taverns, and eateries

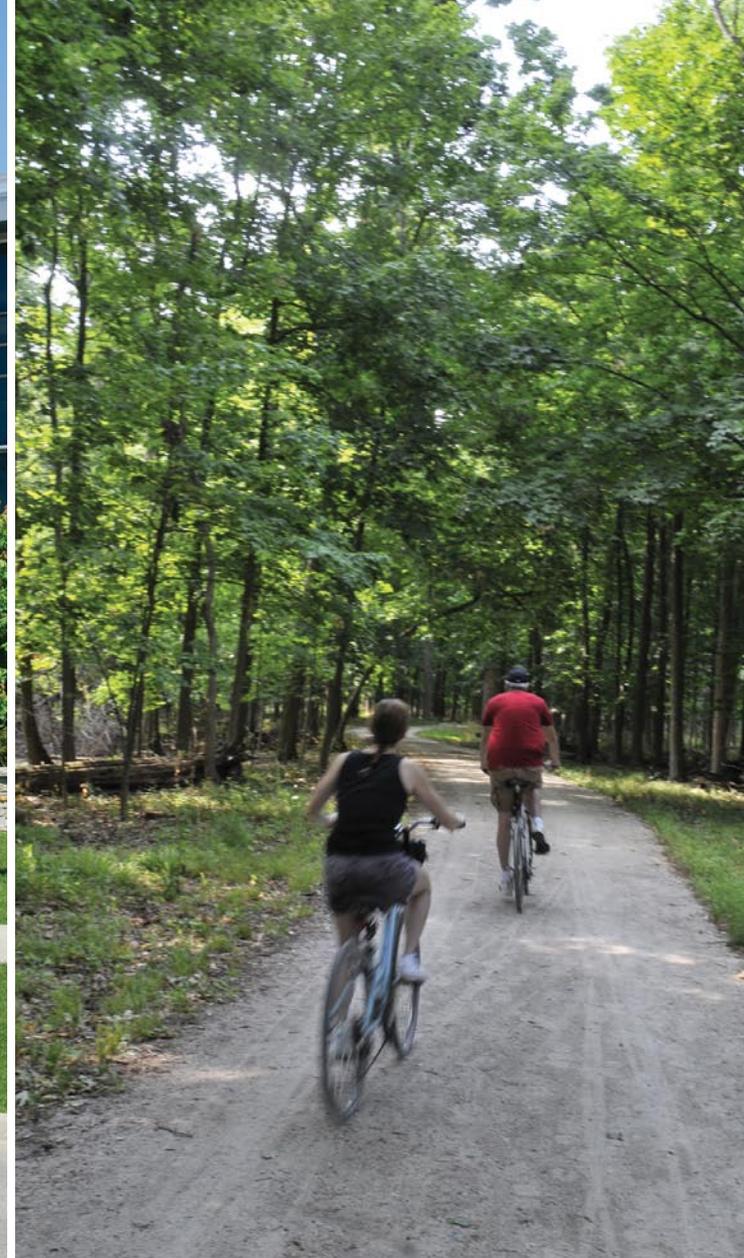
established in the 1830's on this major corridor developed into Wheeling's Restaurant Row. In step with the growth of Metro Chicago, Wheeling emerged as a center for industry and commerce in the 1960's. Today, Wheeling residents

and business owners enjoy the vibrant neighborhoods, public amenities, and community spirit fostered by this rich heritage.



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# ...AND NOW

Located in the heart of the prestigious north suburbs of Chicago, and with a diverse population of 40,000 people, Wheeling has shared in the area's tremendous economic and population growth over the past

three decades. Cultured, industrious and creative, Wheeling is home to the renowned Restaurant Row, award-winning schools and a flourishing business community. Wheeling's municipal government is structured in the Council-

Manager form: a professional Village Manager directs day-to-day operations, while policymaking is the task of an elected Village President and Board of Trustees. Residents are encouraged to take an active role

in community affairs. The Village of Wheeling has a dedicated professional staff which has kept Wheeling at the forefront of municipal enhancement and modernization.





# THE HEART OF CHICAGO'S NORTH SUBURBS



## North Central Line

- Antioch
- Lake Villa
- Round Lake Beach
- Washington St.
- Mundelein
- Vernon Hills
- Prairie View
- Buffalo Grove
- **Wheeling**
- Prospect Heights
- O'Hare Transfer
- Rosemont
- Schiller Park
- Belmont Ave. (Franklin Park)
- River Grove
- Western Ave.
- Chicago Union Station

Transportation and accessibility remain among the Village's best assets. Interstate 294 runs along the eastern boundary of the Village with interchanges at Lake Cook and Palatine Roads. I-294 allows quick access to O'Hare International Airport, Chicago's Loop, and the regional interstate system. Illinois 53, just west of Wheeling via Lake Cook and Dundee Roads, also leads to the interstate system. Routes U.S. 45

and Illinois 83 offer easy north-south access to other Chicago communities. Wheeling is also home to and co-owner of Chicago Executive Airport, the third-busiest airport in Chicagoland after O'Hare and Midway, which serves the general and business aviation sector. Approximately 250 aircraft are based on the field, with 80,000 takeoffs and landings annually. Commuter rail is also available

to those who live in, work in, and visit Wheeling via the Metra North Central Line at the Wheeling Metra Station. The North Central Line has regular service to and from Chicago's Union Station, O'Hare Airport, and suburban communities farther north. Public transportation within the Village and to nearby communities is provided by Pace buses.




**Metra North Central Line**  
[wheelingil.gov/Community/Transportation/Metra.asp](http://wheelingil.gov/Community/Transportation/Metra.asp)  
**Pace Bus**  
[pacebus.com](http://pacebus.com)  
**Chicago Executive Airport**  
[chiexec.com](http://chiexec.com)

Downtown Chicago  
**23**  
 miles

O'Hare Airport  
**10**  
 miles

Midway Airport  
**26**  
 miles



# LIVING IN WHEELING

Wheeling's residents enjoy a high standard of living in the wide selection of housing the community offers. Young parents find suitable and affordable single-family homes in Wheeling's established, tree-lined neighborhoods. Active homeowners and empty-nesters appreciate the well-maintained condominium and townhome developments in the Village. In addition, a wealth of rental apartment complexes accommodates families of all sizes. Overall, a great selection of existing and newly

constructed homes, townhomes, condominiums, and apartments are available in a variety of size and price ranges.

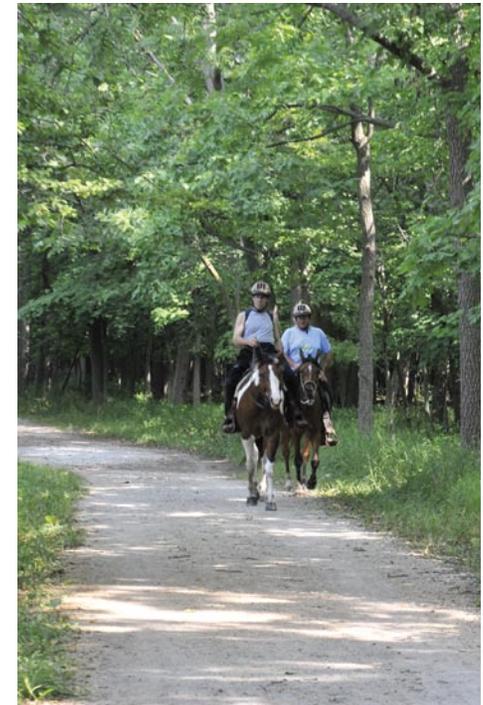
The community is served by a number of shopping centers. These centers provide a variety of convenient retail and consumer services to Wheeling residents, and to families in particular. Local businesses servicing family needs include a number of children's daycare centers, adult daycare centers, preschools, and hobby shops. Wheeling offers large national chain stores including

Target, Sam's Club, and Walmart. The Wheeling area also provides a broad array of places of worship.



Recently, *Family Circle* magazine named Wheeling as one of Ten Best Places in the

USA to Raise a Family. It was so named for its schools, parks, and diversity.





### Aquatic Center

An award-winning outdoor summer swim/activity center with a zero-depth pool, water slides, playgrounds, an adult spa, picnic shelters, and sand volleyball courts.

### Chevy Chase Country Club

Built in 1920 and recently renovated, the Country Club continues to be a community landmark. The Club's 18-hole championship golf course, ballroom, restaurant, and three banquet rooms have been a gathering place for social activities, dances, and sporting events for eighty years.



### Korean Cultural Center of Chicago

Headquartered in Wheeling since 2009, the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago attracts tens of thousands annually with its art gallery, museum, cultural and educational programming, and special events.

## LEARNING IN WHEELING



From primary through secondary grade levels, Wheeling's schools consistently exceed state averages in reading and math. Wheeling's secondary education students attend either Wheeling or Buffalo Grove High Schools.

Wheeling High School is ranked consistently in the top 3% of high schools nationally by *US News and World Report*, and 96% of its students go on to college after graduation. Wheeling High School has become a leader in expanding options for post-secondary educational opportunities for its graduates, and has developed into a model math and science academy offering a unique combination of theory and hands-on application. Established to prepare students for the 21st Century workforce, the Wheeling High School Math, Science and

Technology Academy offers Advanced Placement courses and focused programming in engineering fields, biomedical science, automation and robotics, architecture, digital photography, professional certifications and more.

Wheeling residents also benefit from quality higher education options. William Rainey Harper College, a leading two-year community college, serves Wheeling, offering certificate and associate degree programs as well as college transfer programs.

National Louis University has a campus in Wheeling offering graduate-level courses in business and education.

### Other Points of Interest:

Wheeling Historical Society Museum  
Pavilion Senior Center  
Community Recreation Center  
Indian Trails Public Library  
Korean Cultural Center of Chicago



Wheeling Park District  
[wheelingparkdistrict.com](http://wheelingparkdistrict.com)

Wheeling High School  
[whs.d214.org](http://whs.d214.org)

Golden Chef

Tuscany

Bob Chiinn's Crab House

Superdawg Drive-In

Chicago Bagel & Bialy II

D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub

Rise n' Dine Pancake House

Sushi Gallery

Lana's Dazzling Desserts

Shtram's Deli

# Home of... WHEELING'S R



### World class dining and live entertainment in the Near North Suburbs

The finest dining in the northern suburbs is found on Wheeling's Restaurant Row along the west bank of the Des Plaines River.

This stretch of Milwaukee Avenue is home to some of the best-known restaurants in the Chicago area. Restaurant Row attracts Chicago-area connoisseurs to sample culinary delights from cultures around the world.

Benihana

Starbucks Coffee Company

Kilcoyne's Redwood Inn, Inc.

Pete Miller's Seafood & Prime Steak

Buca di Beppo

Cooper's Hawk Winery

The Westin Chicago North Shore

Ram Restaurant & Brewery

Twin Peaks Restaurant

Saranello's Ristorante Italiano

Lynfred Winery

# ESTAURANT ROW



**Congratulations to Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, honored by Forbes as the nation's Highest-Grossing Restaurant!**

### Live Music, Shopping & More

Shopping and entertainment in and around Wheeling offers countless choices for families and visitors. Wheeling is within minutes of regional shopping destinations, 35 minutes from downtown Chicago,

and 15 minutes from the Chicago Botanic Garden and the famous outdoor music venue Ravinia.

 Wheeling/Prospect Heights Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
[www.wphchamber.com](http://www.wphchamber.com)



### Principal Employers

- Allstate Insurance
- Argon Medical
- Artistic Framing
- Block and Company
- Chicago Manifold Products
- Glenbrook Security Services
- Greek American Rehabilitation and Care
- Handi-Foil
- Healthcare Laundry Systems
- Industrial Motion Control
- National Louis University
- Potomac Corporation
- Suburban Surgical
- Target Corporation

## MADE IN WHEELING

Wheeling is the center of commerce and industry in the northern suburbs.

The Village has over 14 million square feet of industrial space, and continually leads nearby communities with its low vacancy rate in that category. Wheeling is also home to over 800 licensed businesses. Every year for the past decade, Wheeling's unemployment rate has been lower than the Chicago Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area and State of Illinois rates per Illinois

Department of Employment Security statistics. Employment growth continues to be the rule in the Wheeling marketplace.

- Immediate highway access to I-294, I-355 and regional highways
- Co-owner of Chicago Executive Airport, the third-busiest in Chicagoland and seven miles north of O'Hare
- Freight rail service
- Passenger service at the Wheeling Metra train station

offers easy commuter options for our diverse, skilled, professional workforce

- Industrial parks housing over 14 million square feet under roof
- 50+ industries/business sectors represented



Licensed Wheeling business owners are invited to join the Wheeling Business Network (WBN) LinkedIn group. WBN was established to create additional opportunities for business-to-business relations, and to further enhance the Village's ability to communicate with the Wheeling business community and support Wheeling businesses.



Wheeling/Prospect Heights Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
[www.wphchamber.com](http://www.wphchamber.com)



A US Customs Office is located onsite at Chicago Executive Airport.

## INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY

Like most airports across our nation, Chicago Executive Airport was once a modest grass strip created by early aviation enthusiasts when airplanes were a novelty and travel by air was an uncommon luxury. The airport was purchased in 1953 by George Priester, who expanded and developed the facility until 1986, when it was purchased by the neighboring communities of Wheeling and Prospect Heights. The airport is a key building block and powerful economic engine for both communities, and for

the surrounding area. Chicago Executive Airport produces direct and indirect economic benefits such as sales tax revenue and increased business activity for local industry and retail operations across a wide range of enterprises, including hotels and restaurants.

Chicago Executive Airport serves the general and business aviation sector and is the third-busiest airport in Chicagoland, after O'Hare and Midway. Approximately 250 aircraft are based on the field, and approximately 80,000 take-offs and landings occur annually.

The airport operates 24 hours a day year-round. The air traffic control tower is staffed by the Federal Aviation Administration and operates daily from 6 AM (7 AM on weekends) to 10 PM. The primary users of Chicago Executive Airport include private airplane owners, flight schools, businesses who maintain corporate aircraft at the airport, and major national and international corporations.

Located just north of Chicago, Chicago Executive Airport provides travelers with the convenience of being within easy reach of one

of the most dynamic and vibrant cities in America. With easy access to Interstate 94, Chicago's famous Magnificent Mile and bustling financial district are only minutes away and many Fortune 500 companies are closer yet.

In 2012, the Illinois Department of Transportation named Chicago Executive Airport the Reliever Airport of the Year.

 Chicago Executive Airport  
[www.chiexec.com](http://www.chiexec.com)



Heritage Park Plan

Town Center Rendering

# STRATEGIC PLANNING

Today, as the area destination for dining and entertainment and as a major job center, the Village of Wheeling is focusing on the community's future by leveraging its continued growth to develop a transit-oriented Town Center as reflected in the Village's master plan. The 50 acres of land surrounding the Wheeling Metra Station are progressing through the various stages of planning to realize this vision.

The Village is guiding the process of creating additional development opportunities in this unique neighborhood—which now includes a master redevelopment plan for the 85-acre Heritage Park—to create a bustling destination for future residents, shoppers, and business owners to populate a contemporary transit-oriented center. For information on participating in this long-range development effort, please contact the Department of Economic Development.

1 Mile Radius	Population	Average Household Income
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**13,612**      **\$78,467**

3 Mile Radius	Population	Average Household Income
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**97,476**      **\$93,761**



# GROWING TOGETHER

The Department of Economic Development lends a hand to existing businesses to manage future growth and space needs, answer questions about Village business services, and assist in promoting our business community. Recruitment of new businesses and industries is managed by this office as well.

The Village continues to attract new business growth and retain existing businesses in Wheeling consistent with the Village

Comprehensive Plan. While Wheeling is an established suburb of Chicago, a considerable amount of property remains available for infill commercial and industrial development and redevelopment. The Village continues to promote such opportunities for the right types of business as part of its goal to encourage growth and stabilize its economic base.

Contact Economic Development staff for information regarding:

- Locating a business
- Land development opportunities throughout Wheeling
- Industrial relocation incentives
- TIF incentives within the Village's five TIF Districts
- Façade Improvement Grants for TIF district commercial property owners
- Up-to-date inventory of available land and buildings for sale or lease
- Assistance with identifying state and regional business development programs

## Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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