



## Historical Society Newsletter

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### Calendar of Events

October 12 - Columbus Day

October 24:

6:30 pm Historical Society board meeting. 7:00pm Regular Meeting

October 31 - Halloween

November 12 - Veterans Day

November 22 - Thanksgiving

December 1 - Santa arrives at Lollipop Lane

December 1-9 Lollipop Lane

December 25 - Christmas

## Columbus Day



Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in 1937, though people have celebrated Columbus' voyage since the colonial period. In 1792, New York City and other U.S. cities celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World. President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to celebrate Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event. During the four hundredth anniversary in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These patriotic rituals were framed around themes such as support for war, citizenship boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation, and celebrating social progress.

## Computer Humor Anyone?

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"THE COMPUTER SAYS I NEED TO UPGRADE MY BRAIN TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH ITS NEW SOFTWARE."

## Halloween



Halloween has its origins in the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain (pronounced "sah-win"). The festival of Samhain is a celebration of the end of the harvest season in Gaelic culture. Samhain was a time used by the ancient pagans to take stock of supplies and prepare for winter. The ancient Gaels believed that on October 31, the boundaries between the worlds of the living and the dead overlapped and the deceased would come back to life and cause havoc such as sickness or damaged crops. The festival would frequently involve bonfires. It is believed that the fires attracted insects to the area which attracted bats to the area. These are additional attributes of the history of Halloween. Masks and costumes were worn in an attempt to mimic the evil spirits or appease them.

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## Perfume



"I want my husband to pay more attention to me. Got any perfume that smells like a computer?"

## Message From The President

Presidents Message:

Welcome to Fall everyone. So far I have no complaints about the weather. Hope all of you are enjoying it as well.

In the past two months we have had two programs at the Historical Society Meeting. Rick Pickern who sang Cowboy Songs and gave the history of each song. In September Bill Kiddie came back to give us a talk on Life in Wheeling in 1940. Both programs were very good. We hope that more people will come to our meetings. I want to welcome four new members. Two Ladies who work at Indian Trails Library and the two Maclsaac sisters.

October and November we will be discussing Lollipop Lane. Please come if you can and sign up to make cookies. The next meeting is Wednesday October 24th the Board Meeting at 6:30 and the general meeting at 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see all of you there and bring a friend.

Historically Yours,

Joan Wiener

## The Curator's Corner

This has been a really busy month in the museum. Our usual helpers have been great and we have received help from



Kaitlyn from the Buffalo Grove Museum about maintaining artifacts and Lisa and Celeste from Indian Trails are in to give some help with updating our filing system.

We truly appreciate all the help we get from our Thursday morning helpers and the outside information as well.

We have received requests for private tours of the museum which we are trying to accommodate. We really want to get more residents interested in our museum.

Bill Hein, Joan Wiener Terry Steilen and myself were invited to give a talk about the museum to the Wheeling Senior Center Members. We gave a 45 minute presentation to approximately 25 seniors.

We're hoping to do more presentations and get more members in the museum. We're hoping to interview some seniors as they had many memories to share.

At Septembers board meeting Bill Hein mentioned the Village is going to turn the Old Meat Market on Milwaukee Ave. into a parking lot. He suggested the Historical Society consider trying to preserve this building. We're hoping to look into this more in the near future.

We'll be starting our planning for Lollipop Lane in October and look forward to Elaine Simpson chairing this event again.

Think COOKIES!

## HOME REMEDIES — RECIPE FOR WHITER WHITES



The following is a recipe we received from the ladies who presented the Decades of Dresses to help get white clothes whiter.

- ½C Clorox 2 (liquid) (DON'T SUBSTITUTE)
- ¼C Cascade Granules (dishwasher detergent)
- 1Gal Hot water or cool water if washing silk
- Soak for 2 hours
- Wash as usual



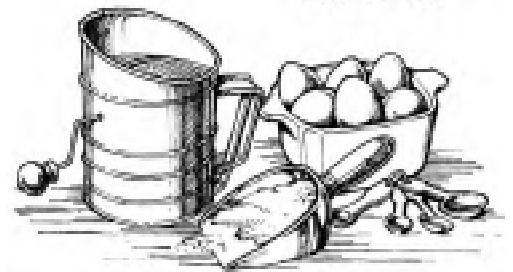
# Cook's Kitchen

## Recipe of the Month

### Corn Bread Loaf

1/2 cup cornmeal	1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar	2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt	1 egg, beaten
1/2 cup milk	2 tablespoons shortening, Melted.

In a bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, blend egg, milk and shortening; stir into dry ingredients. Pour into a greased 8-in. x 4-in. x 2-in. loaf pan. Bake at 425° for 15-18 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from the pan and serve warm. Yields 1 loaf.



## Filkins Tavern 1837-1918 The Start Of Wheeling's Restaurant Row



Not too many years ago, a reporter from one of the Chicago newspapers was assigned to do a story on a small village near Wheeling. In stirring around looking for local color he interviewed the owner of a tavern that was the social center of the place. When asked to describe the village, he uttered a phrase that was talked about for some time: "This Village is not a place, it's a state of mind!" The phrase had a fascination, and the Village became an important center for the sale of arts, crafts and antiques.

This bit of color has been related here simply to illustrate an analogous summation of Wheeling's early history. It would be fairly accurate to say that "Wheeling is not a place primarily, but a state of the stomach."

Wheeling came into existence and survived since the 1830s largely because it was on one of the earliest roads leading north from Chicago, and was about five hours away from breakfast by horse and wagon or by stagecoach. The first tavern, built by Joseph Filkins, on the northwest corner of what is now Milwaukee Ave. and Dundee Rd. People traveling from Chicago to the Northwest had to eat at noontime, and so eating places were built along Milwaukee Ave. in the place known as Wheeling. Providing food for travelers became Wheeling's most important business when Joseph Filkins opened his Stagecoach Tavern in 1837. This soon became Wheeling's most important business. This was the start of Wheeling's "Restaurant Row".

When Filkins rang the dinner bell, his customers rushed from the washing trough to the table, to eat all they could hold for 25 cents. Whiskey was 5 cents extra.

FILKINS TAVERN building survived through a long transition from bustling stage coach stop to common residence. This photograph was taken not long before it was torn down in 1918 to make way for commercial development where it stood, and eventually became the site for Walgreens.

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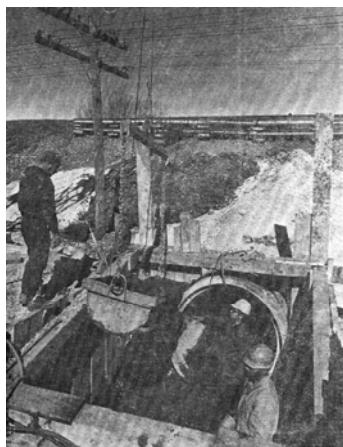
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**Back in History: Flood Projects Underway - March 1973**



Two major Wheeling flood control projects, designed to alleviate flooding in the Dunhurst area, are under way now that the spring weather has arrived, according to Larry Oppenheimer, director of public works. Construction crews have nearly completed the installation of new sewer lines at the intersection of S. Wayne Place and S. Dennis Road. Oppenheimer explained that the new larger pipes are replacing smaller lines that previously could not handle the run-off from the area. One 12-inch line is being replaced with a 24-inch pipe, while the second 12-inch pipe is being replaced with one 27 inches. Oppenheimer said this will increase the capacities of these lines by four and five times, respectively. He explained that the pipes are fed by eight smaller 10-inch lines. In the past the pipes were just not large enough to handle *this amount of water*, he said. According to Oppenheimer, the pipes that are being installed, are the largest the village could put in. "If we made it any larger, it would be out of the ground," he said. "Everything is so shallow there." In order to get rid of that bottleneck, the angle of the pipe has been... changed and the line has been

extended. Both 48-inch pipes now empty into a ditch that leads to the 60-inch pipe, under the Son Line tracks. Oppenheimer said. These two projects reportedly should take care of the flooding problems in Dunhurst area. "This should make water run out a lot faster," said Oppenheimer. "But you really can't tell 'til it rains heavily, which I hope: doesn't. Let's say I hope we never to really test this."

**Back in History: Flooding Passes First Test - April 1973**

Heavy rains last weekend were the first test of Wheeling's new flood control programs, and village officials said yesterday, they were pleased with the results. Village Mgr. George Passolt said the most significant difference in flooding patterns was in the Anthony Road area where new storm sewer lines have just been installed. "Anthony Road did beautifully," he said. Passolt added that without the new sewer lines, the area would probably have had considerable flooding. The manager said other flood control programs also seemed to help reduce the amount of flooding, but not as significantly as in the Anthony Road area. "The ones that usually do get it, got it," he said. "It went over Wolf Road again. Dunhurst had water, although not as bad as it usually does. It went down much faster than in the past." "I'm very pleased with the results in the Anthony Road area," he said. "I'm pleased, but not as pleased, with work in the Dunhurst area. There obviously remains more to be done."

**Back in History: Flooding Committee Comes out of Hibernation - April 1973**

Several flood control projects have also been proposed that will be particularly beneficial to downstream communities such as Buffalo Grove and Wheeling. On March 16 Larson announced that an agreement by the Metro-politan Sanitary District (MSD) to build a 100-acre retention lake on Buffalo Creek was forthcoming. "This is a major regional flood control project," Larson said. "It will control all the water that that flows into the village from the west." The \$2.8 million project will have a capacity of 2 million gallons of water. The retention lake, to be located at the south-west corner of Arlington Heights and Checker roads, will catch and retain the water so it cannot run downstream. This will give the sewer systpis less water to handle t the time of a heavy rainstorm, Larson explained. After the storm is over, and the sewers are better equipped to handle the additional water, the water will he released from the lake under controlled conditions. The water will then run through the downstream communities without creating flooding, he added. A much smaller retention lake is also planned in the Arlington golf course. The lake will benefit residents in the old section of Buffalo Grove. It will function much like the other retention lake.