



Wheeling Historical
Society and Museum
Newsletter

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The Wheeling Historical Society and Museum celebrates the link between the past and the present. The museum is a cooperative effort of the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Park District, Indian Trails Public Library.

Village Views

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Motorcycle Cops: Hidden in Plain Sight

Wheeling Police Department has launched the first motorcycle patrols in the department's 100-year history. They began after the Village took delivery on two units as part of a special police program from the dealer, Woodstock Harley-Davidson.

The department leases the motorcycles for \$100 each. The only additional cost to the Village is for equipping them and training officers. The program calls for the dealer to exchange the motorcycles each year for two new units.

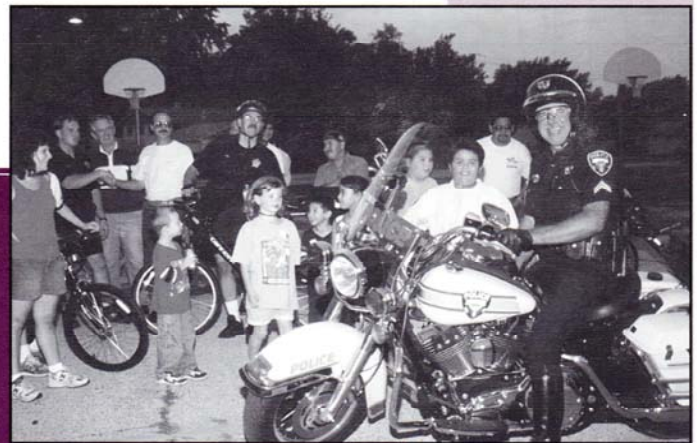
The motorcycle officers, Cpl. Mike Rompala and Jeremy Hoffman, have extensive motorcycle experience, a requirement for the positions. Both officers also received special police motorcycle training provided by the Northwestern Traffic Institute and Harley-Davidson. The motorcycles provide a "stealth approach" to traffic enforcement, able to go where no patrol car has gone before.

"We can use the growing network of Village foot paths to access places that most people don't associate with police patrols," said Rompala.

Neighborhood Celebrates National Family Night Out

Cpl. Michael Rompala, foreground, with Bicycle Patrol Officers Michael Kirby and Jeremy Hoffman, in the background, joined Wheeling residents celebrating National Night Out. The event is a community-outreach program, bringing neighbors together to meet with representatives of the Police and Fire Departments.

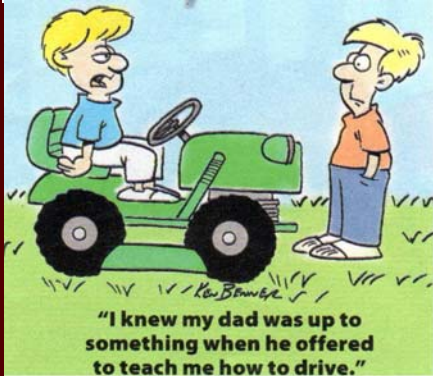
Cpl. Rompala sits astride one of two motorcycles the Police Department recently received as part of a special police program from a Harley Davidson dealer. The motorcycles are leased to the department for \$100 each. The only cost to the Village is for equipping the "bikes" and officer training.



"The motorcycles provide a 'stealth approach' to traffic enforcement, able to go where no patrol car has gone before."

The motorcycles also provide a low profile. Police can observe – and ticket – drivers who effectively don't see an officer on a motorcycle. "It's like being hidden in plain sight," Rompala added.

The cycles, valued at about \$18,000 each, are usable up to eight months a year. Only rain and snow keep them off the roads.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Jimmy Grass

Mike Barth

Mark and Vivian Smith

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bill Hein



Message From The President

Dear Members & Friends;

I hope you all are enjoying this summer weather.

Beer, Brats, German Potato salad & Bavarian Style Sauerkraut with European Style music will once again return to Wheeling. That's right the Wheeling Historical Society is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary by bring back the "Beer & Brat Fest", September 27th Sunday 1pm- 7pm at the new Heritage Park Performance Pavilion at 333 West Dundee Road Wheeling.

Live music by the Hirsch German Band. Put on your dancing shoes and enjoy some good old time fun.

The Brats will be made the old world method by first grilling them then soaking them in a mixture of Beer, Butter, Onions Bill's secret spices.

Hot Dogs for those who have a taste for them. Cold Draft Beer. Pop & Water. All this for a very reasonable price.

No outside food or beverages will be allowed.

We need volunteers for this event to help serve the food & pour the beer .Members & Friends can sign up at the next general meeting August 26 6:30 pm or call Joan Wiener at 847-650-0144 or Bill Hein 847- 650-8985. Need a poster, flyer or special needs for this event? email Bill Hein at bhein1402@att.net.

Regards

Bill Hein
President Wheeling Historical Society



WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Chamber Park
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Wheeling Illinois

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The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen



We are going to be re-doing the files in the basement.

The park district has supplied new file folders which are

multi colored so we can

more easily find any information needed.

We are hoping to get the Carriage House cleaned up. It's been about five years since it had a thorough clean up.

From the 1956 Wheeling Independent Newspaper
Old Farmer's Almanac
Weather Forecast Aug. 8 - 15
 The hot, humid weather will be with us for a while. Nights are sluggish, days are torpid. If you can't make it to the North Woods, drop in here and cool off. "Sultry spell, goes pell mell before a warm storm."
KEEP COOL AT —
Pearl & Walter Myers Hartmann House
 Established 1901
Lunch or Dinner — Large or Small Groups Invited
 Catering To:
 • WEDDINGS • CLUB AFFAIRS
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 Phone Wheeling 6 Routes 21 & 45
 Wheeling 173 Open Seven Days Milwaukee Ave.
 A Week, Year Around Wheeling, Ill.

COOKS CORNER

Cook's Kitchen

Tex-Mex Pasta Salad



3/4 cup bottled Italian salad dressing
 2 Tbs. + 1 tsp. fajita seasoning, from 1.87-oz. env.
 1 tsp. hot sauce
 1 lb. boneless beef sirloin steak, about 1 1/2 thick
 8 oz. wagon wheel pasta
 1 can (16 oz.) kidney beans, rinsed, drained
 1/2 cup drained canned sliced black olives
 1/2 cup Mexican shredded cheese blend
 Tortilla chips, salsa, sour cream and guacamole, optional

In large plastic food storage bag, combine 1/4 cup salad dressing,

2 Tbs. seasoning and hot sauce. Add steak; seal and turn over several times to coat. Let stand at room temperature 1 hour. Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions; rinse under cold water. Drain; pat dry. Position broiler rack so that top of steak on rack in pan will be 4 from heat source: preheat broiler. Line broiler pan with foil; top with rack. Remove steak from marinade; pat steak dry with paper towels. Place steak on rack in pan. Broil, turning once, about 5 minutes per side from medium-rare. Let meat rest 5 minutes before cutting into thin slices. Combine remaining salad dressing and 1 tsp. seasoning; add pasta, steak, beans, olives and cheese. Toss until combined..



Items From The WEB Site

Entry: 126 **Time:** Tue Jun 9, 2015 02:12pm

Name: Cathy Ficht

Message: Looking for information on the house that is standing between what used to be Cole Taylor Bank and the entrance to Potawatomi Woods. It is gated off from Dundee Rd and there is a wood stockade fence around the sides and back. It is an old victorian house and most of the windows are boarded up. Who's home was this?

Entry: 125 **Time:** Sat Jun 6, 2015 09:27pm

Name: Nita (juanita) Paulson Hallmann

City: Rockford, Il

Message: Recently moved back to Illinois and am anxious to visit my hometown soon. I have read both Syke's book and the Historical Society's book on Wheeling, and enjoyed both. Seems info on my generation is lacking, so I'll have to get with some of my classmates and fill in the blanks. We graduated from the old Wheeling Public School and went to Prospect High because Wheeling had no high school at that time.

A COUPLE visiting the big city found themselves arguing in the back of a cab over places to visit.

"I want to go to Neiman Marcus," the wife said.

"And where am I supposed to go?" the husband asked.

The cab driver leaned back and offered,
 "There are several lovely banks in the area."

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**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27TH**

1P.M - 7 P.M



Heritage Park Performance
Pavilion

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT
333 WEST DUNDEE ROAD
WHEELING, IL

FREE ADMISSION