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the railroad would have stopped in Wheeling since our fares benefit them. The work on Milwaukee Ave.? I believe this is a state road, and Wheeling is the last part to be worked on, like Rt. 83 which has been widened in every other town except ours. What happened there? And finally, they state all our new industry. Excuse me! We still do not have a full-service grocery store and businesses have been chased out like Dreiskes, Tein Tsin, Heinz Pub, etc.

I hope everyone gets out and votes this time around. We need help.

Barb Abraham

We could have had a Target store that would have generated thousands of tax dollars and jobs instead of new homes that overcrowd our schools, since some of our high school kids now go to BGHS. Shocking!

The next paragraph states new candidates only have single issue, personal agenda and other disturbing motives. As my father would have said, "What a bunch of bunk!"

The candidates I've talked to only want Wheeling to prosper as our surrounding communities. Look around at all of our rundown buildings and empty stores, not pretty! They state they have a vision for the future, but Sheila Shultz and Co. have been there 16 years to create a better Wheeling. As I remember, 16 years ago Wheeling looked much better. I've been here 33 years. You are right, Miss Dogopol, I'm also embarrassed to say I live in Wheeling, but not for what's being said, but for what has been done.

Look around

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Wheeling/ Recently my friend received a letter to inform her of our upcoming election and a fund-raiser for Sheila Shultz, Elizabeth Hartman and Wayne Wisinski. The letter stated we now enjoy honest government. I know myself and others who have filled out freedom of information requests and have never received information.

Our new train they have got in Wheeling? I'm sure

the impression that the village wasn't responsible for the majority of the tax bite residents feel.

- Miscellaneous 1%
- County 12%
- Sewer 5.6%
- Harper College 3.2%
- Dist. 214 24.5%
- Park district 6.3%
- Library 3.3%
- District 21 35%
- Village 9.1%

Schools, libraries and park districts are all separate taxing bodies. So when the village says something won't affect their taxes or operating expenses, they're probably, technically, telling the truth. However, please note you will seldom hear at a village meeting how any new development or zoning change would affect any other taxing body.

Consider that for a minute.

Think about what percentages of your tax debt the library, schools and park districts are responsible for compared to the village.

Now remember the only local regulatory body that collects taxes that can substantially affect the burdens of other branches is the village. Only the village can increase densities or change zonings to residential from commercial and in so doing remove tax benefits to all branches and increase tax burdens to the property being changed and the entire village.

Is it fair for the village to allow a staff member to point a finger at the library or park or school district and

try to convince the public that these other branches are the ones who are really costing the tax payers of Wheeling so much, or is it just bold-faced bureaucratic . . . well . . . fertilizer?

The village needs money to run. So do the library, park and school district.

Wheeling does not need politicians who hide behind a bureaucrat trying to misdirect the public as to where the expenses come from. Nor do we need politicians who do not understand how far-reaching their actions are.

It's tax time. It's election time. Get informed; get involved. Your elected officials are your employees. You hire us; you fire us.

Vote April 1. It's easy to remember, think politics and April Fools Day a perfect match. Don't be the fools. Vote!

**Patrick Horcher,
Wheeling Trustee**

Get informed

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Wheeling/Wheeling is working on next year's budget, and the cost of running the village is expected to go up again. Mr. (Robert) Fialkowski, the finance manager, presented a pie graph at a recent meeting showing what portion of the taxes Wheeling residents actually pay to the village. It gave

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Dear Grace Mary:

Congratulations on receiving the plush donkey award from the conservatives Republicans. Sorry there wasn't any press coverage of your acceptance speech.

Back in February, I sent you a copy of the Herald's report on the two retirement homes scheduled to be built in Wheeling this summer and questioned the "certificate of need" awarded Leisure Care "in spite of the fact that this area is overbedded" by 100 beds.

The original concept for the senior campus was a part of the Harlan Bartholomew plan for the redevelopment of Milwaukee Ave. and was accepted by the Village Board in 1978. This plan included the Holy Family Ambulatory Center and HUD financed senior housing which were built in 1983 and the HUD financed recreation center (Pavilion) in 1985.

There was no mention of the for-profit Leisure Care until 1985 when TIF came into being and Barbara Hansen was appointed Coordinator of the Pavilion. Barbara Hansen has proven to be a disaster and as she has been a big promoter of Leisure Care since her arrival, I am suspicious of the whole operation.

If you have discovered who greased the

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wheels for Leisure Care and are at liberty to tell me, I would really appreciate the information.

Here's hoping your Republican benefactors don't find a candidate to oppose you in Nov., ~~but if they do, the car top sign is ready.~~

Luv,

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