

Price no object [well, almost] to master chef

By Vincent J. Schodolski

IT IS EARLY morning, and the trucks are barreling along Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling, past the auto showrooms, the antique shop, a few decaying motels, Pal-Waukee Airport and Hackney's cocktail lounge and restaurant.

Inside the frame building next to Hackney's, Jean Banchet is huddled on the phone in his tiny office in the corner of the kitchen discussing the price of fresh truffles with his vegetable broker at the Rangis wholesale market just outside Paris.

The broker tells Banchet he can buy the 44 pounds he needs to tide him over until next

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season for \$5,500. Without a moment's hesitation, Banchet agrees, and the conversation quickly turns to the day's availability of turbot.

That is the way most days begin for Banchet, proprietor and "chef de cuisine" of Le Français, consistently ranked as one of the greatest French restaurants in the United States.

"CHEF DE CUISINE" means head cook, but "chef" can also be translated as commander, and in many ways that is a far more accurate description of Banchet, an autocrat in his kitchen who admits his only real relaxation comes from racing his Ferrari in Wisconsin.

For Banchet, running one of America's greatest restaurants in the middle of a Chicago suburb is a business, a consuming challenge, a life's work and an art.

"I am a slave to this place," the 42-year-old Banchet said as he slumped into a chair in the dining room explaining to a visitor that he could spare 15 minutes before he had to get back to the kitchen. "If you want to talk, you can follow me around. I rarely sit."

From before 9 in the morning until nearly midnight six days a week, Banchet is on his feet consulting with meat and vegetable salesmen on three continents, taking inventory of his well-stocked food cooler, racing through his kitchen giving orders, tasting sauces, advising his young assistant chefs and finding the time to whip up a salmon mousse, prepare a pheasant stock and, as the first customers arrive, join in the fray of final preparation.

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Jean Banchet, proprietor and "chef de cuisine" of Le Français in Wheeling, a restaurant ranked one of the greatest French restaurants in the United States.

AT THE CENTER of Banchet's work is his quest for the best ingredients available, and it is here that art often takes precedence over business sense. He operates without a food budget and says he spends what he has to secure the best—and often most difficult to

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Village appointing four to fill commission posts

Four people have been appointed to fill vacancies on the Wheeling Zoning Board of Appeals and the Wheeling Board of Health.

Arthur Kaplan and Berry Fieldsteel will join the zoning board to fill unexpired terms of Leonard Scaturro and David A. Di Vita, Village President Sheila Shultz said. Scaturro said he resigned because of an increased demand on the time he needs for his business and Di Vita moved out of the village, making him ineligible to

complete his term. Herald 2/29/84

Kaplan's term runs through June 1985 and Fieldsteel's is through June 1986.

Robert L. Rhoda will join the board of health to fill the remaining year-and-a-half term vacated when Fieldsteel moved to the zoning board.

Joel S. Shoolin will also join the board of health through June 1987 to fill a vacancy left by the expiration of Ida V. O'Reilly's term. O'Reilly asked not to be reappointed.

Le Français

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obtain—goods for his kitchen. He says his average monthly outlay for food is \$55,000 and that food costs account for approximately 45 percent of the prices on the menu.

Thus, the brokers in Paris and Chicago, the contacts from California to Norway, to Australia and New Zealand. "The price is not important to me," Banchet said.

He does not hesitate to pay \$720 for all of the fresh raspberries available in Chicago on a winter's day. "If I hear this, I buy them all," Banchet said. "I don't want anyone else to have it." He uses 60 pounds of butter every day.

Almost all of the fish at Le Français comes from France, shipped by air in ice-packed containers along with green beans, frisee lettuce, frogs legs, oysters and wild mushrooms. The ducks come from Canada, since Banchet finds American ducks too fatty. His veal, with which he is very pleased, comes from Joe Baumgardner in the Randolph Street market.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS prevent Banchet from importing fresh meat, although he admits there have been occasions when he has tried to circumvent the rules. There was the time he buried 25 fresh duck livers in ice beneath some truffles he was bringing back from Paris in his carry-on luggage.

"I got up at 2 a.m. and bought them in the market in Paris," he said. "They were beautiful. The customs man let me pass, but an inspector from the Agriculture Department asked me what I had in the bag. I said truffles, but he insisted I open it. Not only did he take the liver, but

he threw it in the garbage in front of me. That was \$1,700 worth of liver."

Banchet is never far from his restaurant, even when he is in Paris. "When I am there, I call my vegetable man in Chicago, decide what will be served that night and then tell the people in the kitchen. I buy all the food, all the time."

He also works as a consultant to several restaurants around the country and recently flew to Houston along with a number of other chefs to prepare a charity dinner. Banchet's job was to prepare the squab.

THE RESTAURANT serves an average of 120 customers a night in two sittings, each of which give people three hours to eat. To break even, he needs at least 100 people a night, and it is a rare evening that he does not break even. Banchet contends that that large a number forces him to do certain things that take away from quality, but he insists that economy leaves him no other choice.

"If I had my way, I would serve 40 people a night in one sitting between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.," he said. "Unfortunately, I would have to charge everyone \$120 for dinner."

Banchet and his wife, Doris, came to the U.S. in 1968 to work at the Playboy Club resort in Lake Geneva, but Banchet, who trained under the great French chef Fernand Point in Vienne, wanted to run his own restaurant. With an initial investment of just \$7,000, the Banchets wound up in Wheeling because that was the only place they could afford. They have never regretted the decision.

"We figured that people drive from the suburbs to Chicago for dinner," Doris Banchet said. "We figured they would drive from the suburbs to the suburbs, or from the city to the suburbs as well."

They do. Banchet's regular local customers are augmented by those who come from all over the country.

Some fly into Pal-Waukee Airport in their private planes for dinner.

THE DAY BEGINS in the kitchen of Le Français at about 8 a.m. when the first of the 20-member kitchen staff arrive. They set about chopping vegetables, boning fish and meat, simmering stocks and preparing the elaborate desserts. This is a slow beat that grows to a crescendo as the day goes on.

By 1 p.m. more cooks have arrived. Dominique Fortin, a 26-year-old Frenchman, is Banchet's right-hand man. Despite his youth, Banchet says, he is highly experienced and needs little supervision.

AS THE FIRST customers arrive, Banchet scurries through the kitchen giving the waiters details of the night's special dishes and marking the final prices he has computed on a small blackboard that hangs on the kitchen wall. As he runs through the new offerings, he takes one waiter to task for having mentioned only one of the three sauces available for the duck the night before.

The real action starts about 6:30 when the customers, nestled into the plush, wood-paneled dining room, have had time to go over the vast menu and consider the dozens of specials Banchet offers each night.

"I KNOW I COOK too much," Banchet admits as he changes into a fresh apron and took his place in what the chefs call "the line."

"You know," he said, "I don't want to be behind the stove when I am 55, but what is there to do? I have to find someone, maybe Dominique, who is interested in this, and then I will say goodbye."

But as he turns back to the stove amid flying arms, bubbling sauces and sizzling fish, he looks like a man thinking only about the next day's menu.



Herald photo by Bob Ringham

WHEELING'S DEPUTY Chief James Roche settles into his new job at the Wheeling Police Department. Roche, from Nebraska, was appointed to the position by Village Manager Thomas Markus.

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New deputy police chief is settling in

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

James Roche's first week on the Wheeling police force wasn't quite like his first week on the job in Crete, Neb. There, three men robbed the local bank.

But Wheeling's new deputy police chief said he nevertheless is finding his new job exciting.

With 60 staff members — four times more than he managed as police chief in Crete, a community of 5,000 — Roche said he has plenty to do. He has taken over the support services division. That puts him in charge of the investigations team, dispatchers, records and other internal work.

"I know my business and I think that I can offer something here by bringing in new blood," he said. "I think I really needed the career change and I wanted to get into Illinois law enforcement."

Taking the Wheeling job was a ticket back to Illinois for Roche, who was born in the small Illinois farm town of Emington. Early on, Roche said, he knew he wanted to get into law enforcement simply because he thought it would be a challenging career.

AFTER HIGH school, he took a clerical job in Washington with the FBI.

"I had an idea and that was that I really wanted to be in law enforcement," he said. But a year of clerical work wasn't too inspiring, so Roche decided to go back to school.

His first real taste of law enforcement came in college as a Southern Illinois University patrolman.

"That was during the Vietnam era," he said. "Those were more harried times than we have now. I learned to keep control of the situation back then because I had to."

After three years in the army as an

officer in training, Roche returned to school and received his master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Nebraska.

The move to Wheeling is a further step in his education, he says. Some goals have already been set for his new job, including standardizing procedures for filing and other administration duties.

"THE DEPARTMENT needs a new approach from an outside voice," he said, although he admits some apprehension about coming into a new job as one of the department's top officials.

"I'm still in the process of meeting people but I'm starting to feel comfortable and I think that will continue as time goes by," he said.

One former colleague, Sgt. Howard Campbell of the Crete Police Dept., said the new deputy chief is a "nice guy" who should have no trouble fitting in.

"He had an open door policy," said Campbell, now Crete's acting chief. "You could go in and talk to him for the most part about anything at all."

"When we heard he was moving to the Chicago area, we all kidded him about going up to see the mafia. But we knew he was looking and knew it would be a good move."

Roche made his first trip back to Nebraska recently where his wife, Janet, and his nine- and six-year-old children, Michelle and Julia, are living until the family's home is sold.

Janet, from Pontiac, "isn't too thrilled" about the move, Roche said, "but she'll adjust." And in the meantime, Roche is looking for a home in Wheeling once the family arrives.

"I'd prefer to live in the community where I work," he said, although he admits he's had little time to look for a house and has spent most of his time learning his new job.

Liquor license OK'd for restaurant

The village board approved a liquor license for a proposed Italian restaurant on the site of the burned-down Delta Queen Restaurant, 600 S. Milwaukee Ave.

The owners of Il Nido restaurant requested a beer and wine license so they could serve wine with meals.

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Burger King wins sign OK

3-7-84

A fast food restaurant on Wheeling's main east-west road is expected to open in April or May despite continued opposition by one member of the village board.

Trustee William Rogers continued to show his opposition this week, voting against a sign change Prospect Heights businessman Sheldon T. Friedman said he needs to open a Burger King restaurant at the corner of Dundee Road and Boehmer Avenue.

But other trustees provided the votes needed to allow Friedman to install larger-than-code signs to direct drivers to the parking lot.

"I'm a little dismayed again over this Burger King facility," Rogers said. "We start with a vacant piece of

land and all of a sudden we can't even come up with a sign that meets the village codes. It's hard to believe Burger King can't make a sign to meet our code."

Rogers opposed construction of the fast-food restaurant saying its construction on the main road is not the "image" the village needs to foster.

HE ALSO pointed to traffic problems he said were created by allowing traffic from another business to enter and exit on Dundee Road.

The restaurant, already partially constructed, has been proposed by Friedman since 1979. At the time, Friedman wanted to build the restaurant on Dundee Road at First Street, just down the street from a McDonald's Restaurant.

The village opposed the plan saying the restaurant would create more traffic hazards on the already congested road.

The board reversed that opinion last year when Friedman, along with Wickes Corporation, agreed to allow reconstruction of Boehmer Avenue to align it with Northgate Parkway, a northbound road about 100 feet further east.

With the intersection "straightened," Burger King and Wickes traffic will empty out onto a road where stop signs or a traffic light will better control the crossing traffic.

Friedman, who also owns restaurants in Prospect Heights and Buffalo Grove, said he expects to hire about 50 or 60 employees.

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Repairs to ensure all's well

WHEELING—Emergency repair work is scheduled to begin this week on a well system considered "essential" to consumers in the southern portion of the village.

Trustees have approved a \$20,327 contract with Mileager Well & Pump Co. of Brookfield, Wis., to repair the well, serving the industrial areas south of Palatine Road.

Problems with the well first surfaced several months ago when users experienced "cloudy water" for a few days, said Bob Gray, director of operations and maintenance.

The difficulty was caused by an electrical current 850 feet below

ground level that damaged a pump and some piping.

Although the temporary problem with water quality cleared up shortly, Gray said repairs must be done now to "avoid a real critical situation" during the peak-use period next summer.

"It is essential that this well be returned to operational status to adequately supply water during the summer period," said Gray.

DELIVERY OF Lake Michigan water is expected to begin during the summer months, but Gray explained that the village cannot afford to be caught off guard in the event of unforeseen delays.

"There is no guarantee that Lake Michigan water will be here in the summer," said Gray. "We can't put ourselves in a gambling position."

Although the Lake Michigan water project is still considered to be on schedule, much of the work remains unfinished.

Construction has yet to be completed on the 24 million gallon reservoir in Prospect Heights, which will act as the main reservoir for the Northwest suburbs participating in the project. In addition, "receiving reservoirs" and elevated tanks located in Wheeling have not been completed, Gray said.

Village eyes 'free market' for taxis

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Finance Director Greg Peters is proposing the village board let "free enterprise" take its course in regulating taxi companies that work in the village.

Two companies currently share eight licenses to work in the village and are required to have their rates registered with the village. A 1956 ordinance still governing taxis also requires the company to get the village board's permission for any rate changes.

But Peters said "nobody" registers rates and the village hasn't enforced the ordinance for years.

Peters is recommending the board eliminate any authority it would have over rates and allow an unlimited number of taxis to operate in the village.

"WE FEEL an open market will cause a proper number of taxis to service the village," he said. "I don't think we should get involved in setting prices either, because companies

might not like the idea if one town has one rate and a neighboring town sets another."

"Let's just make sure the taxi cabs are safe and let's not get into the rate market," he said.

Rates would have to be filed with the village, he said, but could be changed without village approval when the company comes in to file them.

Peters said the village will still require each meter and taxi to be inspected by either the village or an

other authorized inspector.

Wheeling Cab, a subsidiary of Birks Transportation, holds five taxi licenses from the village and American Taxi Company hold three.

Under the proposed changes, Peters said, the village also would require livery services to go through a similar process of filing rates, licensing and inspections.

The board is expected to update the ordinance at its 8 p.m. meeting Monday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

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Buying Pal-Waukee is on 2 towns' ballots

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By Dori Meinert

PROSPECT HEIGHTS and Wheeling voters will get a chance March 20 to tell their elected officials what they think about the proposed joint purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport.

Both municipalities will have advisory referendums on the controversial issue, which has been debated for five years.

Prospect Heights voters will see the following two questions on their ballots:

Should the City of Prospect Heights participate in the purchase of the Pal-Waukee Airport with the following conditions:

- no city taxes involved;
- no runways lengthened;

• with city control of airport noise and operations?

Should the City of Prospect Heights participate in the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport?

The first question was proposed by city officials after a group opposed to the airport purchase circulated a petition to force the issue (in the form of the second question) on the ballot.

The first question addresses some of the opponents' concerns and is intended to make the purchase more palatable than the simpler question proposed by residents.

IN WHEELING, voters will be asked:

Shall the Village of Wheeling

purchase the Pal-Waukee Airport?

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan said the issue of whether the municipalities should get involved is academic because the Illinois Department of Transportation already has promised to buy the airport if the municipalities don't. The state took the unusual step because of Pal-Waukee's importance as a back-up to O'Hare International Airport.

The transportation department's commitment "has changed the whole ball game," Gilligan said after the department's announcement in January. "A lot of people wanted the airport to go away, and now that will never happen."

Gilligan is opposed to holding the advisory referendums, espe-

cially the question proposed by opponents, because it is "irresponsible and not at all accurate. Even our question raises just a few of the many issues," he said.

"I DON'T THINK it's a good idea because I don't think we have enough time to inform people of all the consequences. It isn't a question of whether the public can understand it. It's a question of whether we can get the information to them," he said.

The two municipalities have applied for \$35 million in federal funds for the acquisition and short-term improvements of the 253-acre airport, but they haven't decided whether to go through with the purchase.

And there has been no word from the Federal Aviation Administration on whether the funding is approved. The proposal calls for 90 percent of the cost to be covered by the federal government and 10 percent by the state and local governments. The municipalities would apply later for \$20 million for long-range improvements.

The airport's owner, George Priester, has said increases in operating costs in recent years make it difficult to compete with publicly owned airports, which are eligible for government funds. A consulting firm hired by the municipalities in 1982 recommended the purchase to ensure the airport's continued operation.

Towns may seek cable fee rule waivers

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by Laura Carlson

Herald staff writer

Ten towns in the Cablenet Inc. system may file for a federal waiver to enable them to collect 5 percent in franchise fees now that a federal agency has announced a crackdown on those who don't file.

Eric Anderson, cable coordinator for the Northwest Municipal Conference, said the conference is recommending that the communities file an application with the Federal Communications Commission asking permission to collect the maximum 5 percent fees.

So far, none of the 10 Cablenet towns has filed for the waiver, and they technically are violating FCC regulations, Anderson said.

The FCC requires communities with cable franchises issued after

1972 to request a waiver if they are collecting more than 3 percent in franchise fees. A town may collect 3 percent or less of gross revenue and spend the money any way it pleases, but if the maximum 5 percent is taken, the town must demonstrate in the waiver application that all the money will be used for "cable-related" activities.

TWO WEEKS ago, the FCC announced it is cracking down on violators. The Cablenet towns are: Arlington Heights, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Schaumburg, Streamwood and Wheeling.

Angela Green, senior supervising attorney for the cable television branch of the FCC, said at least 67 towns around the country are being investigated, but she would not identify them or say whether any are lo-

cated in the Northwest suburbs.

She said she does not know what penalties might be issued to towns found to be in violation. The FCC will announce more information "once we conclude our investigation," Green said, probably sometime this month.

The Northwest Municipal Conference will help officials list their planned expenses so that all 5 percent can be tied to cable-related activities, Anderson said.

"The issue came up because we heard the FCC was looking for people," he said. "We always knew that sooner or later we'd have to do this."

THE MUNICIPALITIES did not file previously because they had only projections of the cable revenue, which turned out to be far off in 1983, and officials thought federal legislation might be passed that would abol-

ish the waiver rule, Anderson said.

Gregory Peters, finance director for Wheeling, said, "Maybe we should have done it right from the start. I don't know. Maybe part of it was the fact that Cablenet had no qualms about giving the 5 percent."

Arlington Heights Trustee Martin Agran, who represents the village board on the Northwest Municipal Conference Cable Consortium, said, "It was explained to me that in the past nobody ever bothered about the waiver but now they're starting to crack down on it."

Anderson said the towns should have no problem demonstrating that the entire 5 percent would go to cable activities because the franchise fees so far have been lower than projected and expenses can include salaries for people working with cable, as well as cable equipment.

Developer eyes village site for retail complex

An Arlington Heights developer is planning to build a strip-shopping center and day-care center on Lake-Cook Road near Lexington Drive in Wheeling.

Lexington Development Corp., the same company that developed the neighboring Lexington Commons coach house complex, plans to start construction this spring on the center.

"We'll be building as soon as we have the OKs from the village," said Rick Piggott, the land development director.

The company wants to build a shopping center with as many as 18 stores in it and a separate day-care center on 4½ acres of land at the southeast corner of Lake-Cook Road and Lexington Drive.

Future plans call for two restaurants on the north corners of the property, one for fast food. "But those are future plans and we aren't working on those right now, just the shopping center and day-care center," Piggott said.

PIGGOTT WOULD not release names of companies considering leasing space in either building, but said there were "firm offers" for both.

Tom Fennell, Wheeling's building director, said the intersection has no signal lights but will probably have traffic controls installed as develop-



ment continues in the area.

Fennell said a half-dozen residents living south of the proposed site showed up at an appearance commission meeting Wednesday with "minor concerns" about how clean the center will be kept and how much of a "buffer" there will be between the center and the homes.

"I think they went away happy," Fennell said. Additional evergreen trees and landscaping will be added between residents and the shopping center.

Lexington is also developing the Buffalo Grove industrial center directly north on Lake-Cook Drive

Village board wrapup 3/8/84

Board to take loan for street repairs

The Wheeling Village Board approved borrowing \$3.4 million to pay for street repaving and replacement, and to relocate Boehmer Avenue and Northgate Parkway where they meet Dundee Road.

Road crews should be out by May starting repaving and minor curb work on 57 streets in the village. Last year, nearly \$1 million was spent to repave 38 streets.

The village also will use money from the loan to pay 5 to 10 percent of the \$990,000 cost of "straightening" Northgate Parkway and Boehmer Avenue so the roads meet across from each other at Dundee Road.

'Shop and share' to boost seniors' recreation center

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The Wheeling Senior Citizen Commission will hold a "shop and share" Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to raise funds for the village senior citizen recreation center slated for construction this spring.

Dominick's Finer Foods, 550 W. Dundee Road, and other participating stores from the chain, have agreed to donate 5 percent of sales when shoppers turn in a special slip with their purchase.

Those donation slips are available at the village hall, park district offices and from any member of the senior citizen commission. Slips will not be available at Dominick's.

The \$480,000 center will be on Strong Street and Milwaukee Avenue, completing the senior complex that includes the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center and the Cook County senior citizen housing complex.

Garbage pickup, rates may be deregulated

3-10-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village trustees are considering eliminating their control over garbage rates and the number of licenses the village issues to waste disposal companies.

The village currently licenses three companies and allows one, the lowest bidder, to pick up residential garbage in addition to commercial waste.

But in response to a Barrington company's request for a garbage license, the board is now considering allowing an unlimited number of licenses and letting competition in the open market control the rates.

"The more competition we have the better chance we are going to have of the rate staying low," Trustee Charles Kerr said. "But when you are talking about garbage you also have to consider the quality. I've been very pleased with the garbage service we have now."

Kerr said trustees will also have to consider if they want a number of garbage trucks roaming the village.

WHEELING DISPOSAL, 350 Sumac Road, provides curbside collection to village residents. Two other companies are licensed to pick up garbage from commercial firms in the village.

Browning-Ferris Industries, 541 N. Hough Street, Barrington, has asked

about obtaining a license to provide garbage service to the village.

The village manager has invited representatives from those and other companies to attend a Monday board meeting and discuss possible changes in the village scavenger law. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

"We don't have a set plan as to what we're going to do and we first want the views of the businesses involved," Wheeling Attorney James Rhodes said.

"We haven't decided if we will recommend opening it up to an unlimited number of companies to serve the village, dividing service for residential service or other proposals," he said.

RHODES SAID that might mean eliminating the board's job of determining whether rates are "fair and reasonable," but stressed that no recommendation has been made.

"Our proposal will be based on the information we already have and the information we get at the hearing Monday," he said.

Kerr said the board has considered, in the past, deregulating prices and opening up the number of licenses issued, but has never done so. "We're not getting any complaints and I think the board's concern has kept the prices at a competitive level with a high quality service," he said.

Two towns negotiate on zone-change query

3-12-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials are working on a compromise that would allow construction of a garden nursery at the corner of Hintz and Wolf roads.

The owner of the 2½-acre lot, Andrew P. Kolton, needs a zoning change allowing the nursery, but officials from both towns lodged a complaint with the Cook County Board objecting to a change from residential to commercial zoning.

Local officials would like the property to remain residential but Kolton's lawyer, Christopher Mullen, said Kolton will not consider building another house where one burned down several years ago.

"It would be unsafe to have a residential home at that location," he said. "It's right in the glide path for one of Pal-Waukee's runways. He would rather have a business in there that's only open from 9 to 5. Kids shouldn't be living there."

KOLTON IS asking the towns to consider allowing a special permit for a nursery, bike repair shop, furniture store, road-side stand, automotive garage or parking lot. The special permit would limit the type of business Kolton could allow on the

property unless he wanted to return to the county board for another review.

Prospect Heights officials agreed to the nursery and Wheeling officials say they would approve any of the compromise suggestions except an automotive garage or road-side stand.

Mullen said he has not discussed the town's answers with Kolton yet and could not say if he would agree to the suggestions. Kolton could not be reached for comment.

With town objections, Kolton must get a two-thirds majority vote from the county board. The board deferred action in January on the zoning request, pending results of Kolton's attempt to come up with a compromise.

Kolton has owned the property for eight years but was unsuccessful in past attempts to get a zoning change from the county, Mullen said. Since purchasing it, the land has been designated as a hazardous area because it is in the glide path of a runway at Pal-Waukee Airport.

"We were turned down before because he (Kolton) never got an FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) approval to build something right there," Mullen said. "We have that and now the towns are objecting."

But Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz cautioned voters against the simplistic wording of the question.

"Voters must weigh in all the factors of the purchase," Schultz said, like: the airport traffic, which is likely to increase in future years bringing with it more noise, flooding near the airport and how valuable the purchase would be to Wheeling, particularly its businesses.

The results of the referendum will be a large factor in the village board's decision to purchase the airport, Schultz said.

That decision must be forthcoming by Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year, or the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will purchase Pal-Waukee.

IDOT officials were fearful that federal funding for the purchase wouldn't be available next fiscal year if a decision wasn't reached by the communities by Sept. 30. That deadline was mutually agreed upon by Schultz, a Prospect Heights official and IDOT's director of aeronautics.

Charles Priester, whose father, George, has owned the airport since 1953, said he is pleased that the question will finally be put to residents. Although his patience has been repeatedly taxed by delays and he reportedly received offers from potential private owners, he has always maintained that he prefers public ownership of Pal-Waukee.

Center for autistic adults might move

3-13-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The head of a residential center for autistic adults is looking for a new home in Wheeling because she says the current building would cost too much to renovate.

Francine Bernstein, the founder of BLARE House Inc., Morton Grove, said homes in the 300 block of Manchester Drive and in the 200 block of Berkshire Drive are being considered to house four autistic men. Autism is characterized by withdrawal and a tendency to avoid contact with others.

The group planned to put the adults in a home it has been leasing for the past three years at 940 Pebble Drive. But now, Bernstein said, officials have found an estimated \$10,000 worth of work that will have to be done on the 25-year-old house — including finishing the basement — to bring it up to standards required by

the Illinois Department of Mental Health and local fire and building codes.

"IT'S STUPID TO put that amount of money into a house especially when (the owner) is asking so much," Bernstein said, but she refused to say how much the owner of the home is asking. "We don't really know where we are going to be, but I can say we are hoping to relocate."

Bernstein said about \$7,000 worth of work would be needed at the house on Manchester, but the house is only about 5 years old.

Although its Wheeling plans have been delayed, BLARE House will go through with plans to open a four-man home for autistic adults in Schaumburg. Bernstein's 26-year-old autistic son will be one of the residents in the Schaumburg home, slated to open April 1.

BLARE House also plans to build 12 town houses for 45 autistic adults off of Elmhurst Road in Wheeling.

By MARY ROWITZ

3-15-84

They don't have the spice of the Walter Mondale/Gary Hart slugfest, but Tuesday's local primaries promise some interesting results.

Of particular interest to Wheeling residents is the Pal-Waukee Airport referendum, which just might settle once and for all whether the village will purchase the Priesters' 256-acre airport.

An old rivalry was rekindled in District 58, where two candidates who sought the GOP nomination two years ago have conducted rather vigorous campaigns for the seat this year.

And in another, more quiet race, two relatively unknown candidates will compete for the Democratic nomination in U.S. House District 10.

Pal-Waukee referendum

After almost six years of environmental studies, financial reports and assurances that \$36 million in federal funding is available to purchase the second busiest airport in Illinois, Wheeling village officials will put the question to voters: Should the Village of Wheeling and the City of Prospect Heights purchase Pal-Waukee Airport?

Wheeling says its goodbyes to a friend

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by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

When friends and family paid their last respects to George T. Kringstad Wednesday, they in effect said goodbye to a man who has been Wheeling Township's most devoted volunteer.

"A George Kringstad doesn't come around every day, you know," township senior citizen director, Bette Olsen said. "Everytime we couldn't find a driver for the meals-on-wheels, I'd call George and he'd say, 'Sure'. He'd take the meals for the whole week and then offer to do something else."

An immigrant from Norway, Kringstad was "just that way," said his wife, Dagny. Kringstad died of cancer Sunday at age 61.

THE COUPLE LIVED in Wheeling's Sandpebble Apartments for 12 years, and Kringstad's charity truly began at home.

"People were always stopping by



George Kringstad

to either borrow a screw driver or borrow George," Mrs. Kringstad said.

Outside the home, Kringstad's volunteer list included membership on the township senior advisory council, the village senior citizen commission, helping with the annual village bikeathon, providing income tax

service for the elderly and delivering cheese and butter to the poor.

The people he had touched through his volunteer work filled the funeral home Tuesday. His funeral on Wednesday also was attended by many of those he served, Mrs. Kringstad said.

Kringstad was born in Norway, but came to the United States in 1947. He left behind two sisters and a brother, but joined his parents and two sisters in the U.S. A short time later Kringstad met Dagny, who was dancing with a group of Norwegian folk dancers. George was an accordion player, she explained, but he also did some dancing.

THE COUPLE eventually switched to square dancing, and twirled with nearly all the local groups. But not even the dancing kept George from spending time helping others.

His most recent contribution began last year after Cook County built a senior citizen apartment complex in Wheeling.

"Before he got sick he used to pick up the ladies there in his big mobile home and take them shopping," Wheeling Assistant Planner Julie Woods said. A former senior citizen coordinator, Woods had worked with Kringstad since he joined the newly formed Senior Citizen Commission four or five years ago.

"HE USED TO DO gardening in the corner park and offer his help all the time whenever we had a special request from a senior citizen who needed something done," she said.

"We were married for 33 years," Mrs. Kringstad said. "I remember we were married on Little Christmas, December 23, and we used to say we have been celebrating Christmas ever since."

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Ownership of Pal-Waukee at stake in vote

by Al Cabbage

Herald staff writer

Residents of Wheeling and Prospect Heights will go to the polls Tuesday to tell their leaders whether the two towns ought to buy Pal-Waukee airport, but in case they say "no", state and federal officials continue with plans to go it alone.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights both will have advisory referendums on the ballot on whether to join the state in purchasing the nation's busiest privately owned airport where more than 200,000 flights take off or land each year.

Prospect Heights will ask two questions: a city-sponsored referendum asking voters to decide on certain conditions on the purchase, including a prohibition on the use of city tax dollars; and a citizen-backed question simply asking whether the towns should buy the airport.

A lot is at stake for both the state and the two towns. Once the airport becomes public property, Prospect Heights, Wheeling and other local taxing units collectively will lose thousands of dollars in property taxes.

IF THE TWO TOWNS decided not to participate in the Pal-Waukee purchase, the state will move in and take over the airport. The state will set the rules for operation, noise levels and runway lengths, among other things, leaving Prospect Heights and Wheeling with little influence. Further, neither town will be able to use revenue the airport generates.

Should Wheeling and Prospect Heights take the plunge, the two suburbs will be able to control the level of operations, as well as take a cut of airport profits — possibly enough to cover or exceed the loss of property taxes. On the other hand, they will inherit the headaches of running a major airport.

Although neither town is bound to the results of the vote, an overwhelming defeat will be hard to swallow politically.

"I tell people they ought to vote 'yes' because it gives us the option of participating but it doesn't mean we'd have to. But politically, it would be very difficult to overcome a strong 'no' vote," said Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan.

IN THE MEANTIME, a "pre-application" for approximately \$34 million in federal funds that the two towns and the state submitted last year will be forwarded in April to the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C., said John Guidotti, a regional planner for the FAA.

The FAA is expected to approve the funding request this year with the airport purchase and improvements taking approximately four years to complete.

George Priester has owned the airport at Milwaukee Avenue and Wolf, Hintz and Palatine roads in Prospect Heights since 1953. He continues to operate the airport along with his son Charles. Facing increasing property taxes, the Priestesters have sought for six years to sell the airport to a governmental agency in order to keep it operating.

Although the two towns agreed to go along with the preliminary step of submitting a pre-application, they have balked at making a final commitment to purchase. Both towns have at times seemed in favor of public purchase to keep Pal-Waukee open while at other times, they leaned towards opposing it.

IN JANUARY, the Illinois Department of Transportation pushed the towns into making a decision when it



told the FAA that if the two towns back out on the plan to buy and run the airport, the state will put up the necessary 10 percent of the purchase price itself.

The agency backed up that commitment in a letter to the village of Wheeling received early in March in which IDOT Secretary John Kramer said: "In the event that the two local municipalities decide not to proceed with the public acquisition by Sept. 30, 1984, the state will proceed with the remainder of the grant process in the role of sole sponsor."

While that move puts Wheeling and Prospect Heights in the position of either joining the purchase or having a state-run airport in their back yards, it doesn't guarantee any "yes" votes on Tuesday's ballot.

"I don't know how many people are aware about IDOT. But it certainly ended the idea that the airport will stay privately owned, so it may be good," said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz. "It eliminates one option and may make the decision easier in that respect."

A CONSULTANT'S report published several years ago showed the two towns could break even or make money by running the airport, but no hard estimates of how much money they could stand to gain are available, because the Priestesters do not make public the airport's earnings.

Regardless of whether the state alone buys the airport or with the two towns, they are expected to hire a private company — possibly the Priestesters — to manage the airport. The towns and state would receive a percentage of the revenue from airport operations, along with the sales tax from airplane, equipment and aviation fuel sales.

The potential of the communities making money from Pal-Waukee fails to convince opponents of the buyout, who fear it may turn into a financial drain and oppose public ownership.

"If you can keep it (Pal-Waukee) in the private sector, that's the way to do it," said Warren Sunde, spokesman for the Citizens Airport Advisory Group, which has long opposed public purchase of Pal-Waukee.

Sunde said the organization has been meeting with homeowners and condominium associations in both towns and will distribute leaflets in both towns before Tuesday's elections.

With a good turnout expected in Tuesday's election because of the hot Democratic presidential primary, neither Sunde nor the town leaders would predict how the Pal-Waukee vote will go.

"I've had very little feedback, so it's hard to say" Schultz said. "We'll have to look at the number of votes compared to the (population of the) total community. But I feel more comfortable with a larger turnout that just a referendum on the airport."

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Buy Pal-Waukee

The question is simple: Should the Village of Wheeling and the City of Prospect Heights purchase Pal-Waukee Airport?

That's the issue facing voters in an advisory referendum on Tuesday's ballot. The answer is not so simple — as the years of debate and indecision attest — but we believe it should be, "yes."

The airport, the second largest in the state, is a vital transportation center for the northern suburbs. As such, it is an important support for Wheeling's industrial base.

Opponents point to the potential for increased traffic, increased noise and property condemnation. Yet, the airport has coexisted with the residential community for decades and, under public ownership, could be even more closely regulated.

A 'no' vote, too could mean the end of federal and state funding for the airport, funding which has been offered with a Sept. 30 commitment deadline. It's a good time to signal to the municipalities that public acquisition is the right course.

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Township funding sought by agencies that serve children

Three agencies providing help to poor or troubled children and their families in Wheeling are asking for \$60,000 in federal funds from the village.

Asking for the federal revenue sharing funds are Omni-House, a Wheeling-based youth and family counseling agency; Horizon Children's Center, a Wheeling day-care center for low-income families, and Shelter Inc., an Arlington Heights agency that provides temporary housing for children.

Village Finance Director Greg Peters said about \$190,000 of the federal money will be available. The village is likely to designate some of the money for village projects including construction of a senior citizen recreation center at Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street.

The board will hold a hearing on the requests when it meets Monday at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Omni House is requesting \$47,000, up 7 percent from last year, Executive Director Harry Wells said.

"Our main concern is just to maintain our services at the present level," Wells said. Omni House employees counsel children and their parents on problems including ne-

glect, child abuse, trouble with the law and trouble in school.

"We are also developing a new referral system in the municipal courts for youth," Wells said. "That way we can get immediate referrals for youth arrested for possession of marijuana and other drugs."

Trustees also will consider a \$4,400 request from Shelter Inc. A similar request was rejected last year.

Cindy Schalk, a social work supervisor for Shelter, said the agency provides a network of foster homes and a group home for boys in Arlington Heights and the Jennings Home for girls in Schaumburg, she said.

"We take in children for any reason, sexual abuse, child abuse, runaways," she said. "Any child who needs emergency shelter."

Horizon Children's Center is asking for \$9,000, the first time the agency has sought funds from the village. Executive Susan Sclove said the agency needs the money for scholarships for village children. "We have 10 Wheeling kids on the waiting list for scholarships and nine Wheeling kids going to school already," she said. "Funding for nine kids would be \$27,000 but we are just going to ask for some to see if maybe we can get some help."

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The week ahead

Trustees to discuss spending reduction

The Wheeling Village board will discuss a \$16.8 million proposed 1984 budget when it meets at 8 p.m. today in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The budget is 16 percent less than last year's spending, which included about \$11 million in expenses to bring Lake Michigan water to the village.

This year's budget includes more than \$3 million in additional water work, \$2 million in street resurfacing and repairs and about \$660,000 to build a senior citizen recreation center.

Trustees review budget drop today

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees are meeting today to consider a proposed \$16.8 million budget for 1984 — which represents a 16 percent decrease in spending from last year.

Most of the drop is related to the Lake Michigan water project, where the bulk of last year's expenses were one-time costs. More than \$11 million was budgeted last year to help build a pipeline from Evanston to the Northwest suburbs.

The proposed budget for 1984 calls for similar spending in the day-to-day operations of the village, Village

Manager Thomas Markus said.

He is recommending trustees hire three new employees. He suggests a part-time maintenance worker for the senior citizen recreation center scheduled for spring construction, a cable television coordinator to work as a liaison between community and village groups and the cable company and an additional community service officer for the police department who would handle the crime prevention program.

THE BUDGET includes no salary increases for village employees, but Markus has budgeted \$100,000 in a "contingency" fund that is for "unanticipated general fund expenditures

including salary adjustments."

Last year, trustees approved Markus' plan to give 4 percent raises to village clerks, administrators and other personnel at a cost of \$109,000 to the village. Police officers are to receive raises averaging 3½ percent starting May 1 under the second half of a two-year agreement.

Firefighters will have to negotiate a new contract as a two-year agreement ends this year, but public works employees will receive a 3½ percent hike to finish out a two-year contract.

The board meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, to review department budgets. Trustees also are expected

to discuss budget matters at an 8 p.m. board meeting Monday in the village hall.

MAJOR CAPITAL improvements would include \$2.7 million for water mains, towers and pumping stations that village officials say are needed to complete the lake water project.

The village expects to receive water this summer and has budgeted \$785,000 in estimated payments to the Northwest Water Commission for it.

About \$2 million also is budgeted for the second year of a four-year plan to resurface or replace about 95 percent of the roads in the village.

Fed funds for two agencies unlikely

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Citing priorities for a new senior citizen recreation center and other village equipment, Wheeling trustees are likely to turn down requests from two social service agencies for \$13,400 in federal funds.

The board has \$707,000 in its federal revenue sharing budget for 1984, but only \$47,000 will go to a social service agency — Omni House, a youth services agency that the board has traditionally supported.

Horizon Children's Center, a Wheeling day-care center helping low-income families, has asked the village for \$9,000. Shelter Inc., an Ar-

lington Heights agency that proves temporary housing for children, requested \$4,400.

But Village President Sheila Schultz said "a majority of the board has already ruled out funding (for Shelter and Horizon)."

Even though the village will not lend any financial assistance, she said she hoped the village can help the social service agencies publicize their need for funds or provide other support.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS have budgeted more than half the federal funds, \$376,200, toward construction this spring of a senior citizen recreation center. Another \$100,000 will be

deposited in the village's general fund, its main operating fund which covers most of the village's day-to-day expenses.

The federal revenue sharing budget also includes \$20,798 for two new patrol cars for the police department, \$27,000 to overhaul an ambulance and \$12,000 for fire department radio equipment.

Another \$166,000 will cover equipment expenses in most of the village departments. The top expenses include a \$24,000 dictaphone recorder, a \$24,000 payment for a street sweeper purchased in the 1983, \$17,000 in computer hardware and software, and an \$8,000 salt spreader.

"One of the real problems is the lack of funds available," Trustee Joseph Ratajczak said. "When we looked at the budget we were looking at things like debt retirement and street and water service. It's difficult to cut something like that and give money as a purely charitable contribution."

Ratajczak said the trustees are also concerned that if they provide for another agency, they will open themselves up to a question of funding many other local agencies. "There's no doubt about it and you have to be hard-nosed and draw the line somewhere even though I think there's a need for the agencies," he said.

I win, I loss for Pal-Waukeee buy

by Paul Gores and Ellen Schmid

Herald staff writers

Voters in Prospect Heights Tuesday gave city leaders their blessing to join the state in buying Pal-Waukeee Airport, but their neighbors in Wheeling narrowly voted down a similar proposal.

Although the vote is not binding on officials from either town, Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan said the show of support in his community, where voters favored the conditional purchase by more than 2-to-1, might mean the city will participate in the controversial airport buy even if Wheeling doesn't.

The question appeared in two forms on ballots in Prospect Heights, but in both cases, voters firmly sup-

ported the city's participation. On the question sponsored by the city council, voters favored city participation 1,233 to 561. On the citizens-sponsored question, the count was 1,053 in favor of city participation and 656 against.

IN WHEELING, however, where residents were asked the single question, "Shall the Village of Wheeling purchase the Pal-Waukeee Airport," voters were against the purchase 1,578 to 1,357. All figures are as yet unofficial.

Gilligan, who had been pushing for city participation in the airport buy, called the vote in Prospect Heights "a landslide" and attributed the support to the state's commitment in January to become the sole owner of the airport if the two towns opted out.

"The people voted on the basis that

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they didn't want the state there," Gilligan said. "With the state, it's decision time, folks."

State transportation officials said that if the two towns did not have plans to acquire the airport by Sept. 30, the state would become the sole owner with the help of a federal grant.

The airport, which has been owned by George Priester since 1953, is the nation's busiest privately owned airport, recording more than 200,000 takeoffs or landings each year.

Warren Sunde, a spokesman for the Citizens Airport Advisory Group, which campaigned against public

ownership of the airport, agreed Tuesday night that the prospect of state ownership prompted the support for local involvement.

"I think when the state stepped into the picture, that dramatically changed what people were feeling," Sunde said. "Rather than showing that people are in favor of a public airport, they are more in favor of the city owning that airport than the state."

CHARLES PRIESTER, the son of the owner and a partner in the airport, said Tuesday night, "I was very surprised. I don't know of a single airport referendum in the country —

especially in a small town — that has passed."

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said she didn't know why the numbers differed so drastically between the town communities.

Gilligan said he did not see the Wheeling vote as a setback for public ownership of the airport.

He said the difference in the votes between the two versions of the question indicates fewer people are interested in purchasing the airport without some kind of conditions. The conditional question, sponsored by the city council, asked whether the city should participate in the purchase of Pal-Waukeee if no city taxes are involved, no runways are lengthened and if the city has control over airport noise and operations.

Village weighs zoning pact

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

A COMPROMISE proposal that would allow commercial use of property at Hintz and Wolf roads is under consideration by Wheeling officials.

Andrew Kolton, owner of a 2½-acre lot, is seeking a special permit to expand the allowed uses of his land, which is now zoned residential.

The special use permit, as suggested by Kolton, would allow a garden nursery, bike repair shop, furniture store, road-side stand, automotive garage or a parking lot.

But Wheeling officials are opposed to commercial use for the property, which is located in

unincorporated Cook County.

Both Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials have filed a formal objection with the Cook County Board, which is hearing Kolton's request. Because a legal objection has been registered, a two-thirds majority of the board, rather than a simple majority is needed for passage.

The compromise plan calls for Kolton to drop his county zoning request, which would allow hundreds of possible uses, in exchange for the limited special use permit from the neighboring communities.

WHEELING ATTORNEY James Rhodes said the village wants the land to remain residential because

the property is located within the Pal-Waukeee Airport hazard area and is also part of a flood fringe area.

"We're concerned with uses that impact on these two conditions," said Rhodes.

The village wants to impose "certain restraints" on future development because commercial uses would increase traffic in the area, creating a greater hazard, he added.

But Kolton's lawyer, Christopher Mullen, said local officials' objections are "spurious" noting that the village itself is considering purchase of the airport. **BMULLEN CHARGES** the village with a "conflict of interest" in the case, saying

it is the intention of officials to eventually buy the property for future expansion of the airport.

"The bottom line is that he (Kolton) should be able to do with the land whatever he wants," said Mullen. "They are depriving the guy of the use of his property."

The property has not been used for six years, since a fire extensively damaged an existing structure. Mullen said Kolton only wants to rehabilitate the burned-out building, not start any new construction.

Kolton would not comment while his zoning petition is before the Cook County Board, which is expected to rule on the request within two months if a compromise is not reached.

'Pal-Waukee votes mirror two mayors'

by Jackie Koszczuk

Herald staff writer

The results of an advisory referendum on the long-debated plan for a public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, officials say, mirror the view of Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan, who made his support for a local takeover well known.

Those residents approved a conditional purchase by a 2-1 margin in Tuesday's election. But in neighboring Wheeling, where Village President Sheila Schultz has been far less enthusiastic about an airport buy, the proposal was defeated, but by a narrow vote.

Given the vehemence of residents who have campaigned against a public purchase of Pal-Waukee, Tuesday's vote came as a surprise to many. Aside from Gilligan's support, officials Wednesday offered other explanations for the vote, including the possibility that voters supported a purchase by the two towns to thwart state officials, who say they'll buy the airport if Wheeling and Prospect Heights bail out.

AS LOCAL leaders analyzed results from several other voter edicts Wednesday, some of them were pleased to find the message a bit clearer. Taxpayers, after enduring three years of recession, are willing to pay more on their property tax bills to buy new textbooks and ambulances.

In Carol Stream District 93 and in River Trails District 26, they said OK to average annual tax hikes of about \$100. And in the Prospect Heights Fire District, voters agreed to double their tax bills to start a paramedic program.

But the most bedazzling question put to voters was Pal-Waukee, the nation's busiest private airport. Airport owner George Priester, who has run Pal-Waukee for more than 20 years, says he wants to sell because increasing property taxes, encroaching development and other problems make it difficult to run the airport at a profit. Located in both Wheeling and Prospect Heights, the airport's future has been discussed by officials from both towns for more than five years.

But the vote, at least to some Wheeling officials, brought them no closer to a decision. Because the voting was so close, it was a weak rebuff at best.

"I FEEL it kind of throws it back in our face again so we are just making the decision anyway," Trustee Anthony Altieri said.

Despite the renewed state of indecision, Altieri said he believes Wheeling officials were right to stay out of the campaign, unlike Gilligan.

His views were contained in pamphlets circulated in condominium complexes, and in a newsletter that routinely goes out to all residents and businesses in the city.

"I definitely did not want a no vote, because this would close all of our options," Gilligan said.

The towns' dilemma sprang from what some say was a strategically-hatched plan by the Illinois Department of Transportation. State officials gave Prospect Heights and

Wheeling a fall deadline to make up their minds or step aside and let the state take control of the airport.

"The state is using a ploy and I don't like it," said Wheeling Trustee William Rogers. "I think it was a half-hearted attempt to force us to buy the airport with the state and it certainly worked in Prospect Heights."

IDOT would share in the \$32 million cost, but the federal government would pay 90 percent and the suburbs would operate the facility.

Village opts for earth tones in water tanks' color scheme

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

It was a colorful battle, but the earth tones won out.

Wheeling village trustees agreed this week to paint the town's four water tanks, currently under construction, beige and brown.

Older water towers in the village are blue with white lettering saying "Wheeling." But with new tanks going in, some trustees were looking for a change.

Wheeling, like many other towns in the Northwest suburbs, is expecting to receive Lake Michigan water sometime this summer. The village has put about \$7 million worth of improvements into its water system, including four water tanks that can hold more than 6 million gallons of water.

But planning for the finishing touches came to a halt in January when trustees were stalemated over

a decision on the colors.

Trustee Nicholas Fanella liked the earth tones, saying the blue was too "gaudy." But Trustee William Rogers complained of consistency and held steadfast to his preference of blue.

The board was split down the middle, but village workers seemed to favor the earth tones.

Trustees finally came to an agreement after a half-hour of discussion, deciding the earth tones would "look nice."

AT THE same time, the board decided to pay about \$6,360 to have the name of the village painted on the two 130-foot towers that are being built near the edge of the village.

Old-style lettering will be used. To the left of "Wheeling," trustees approved the drawing of an old-fashioned wagon wheel — the traditional sign of the village.

The taller towers being built on Wolf Road near Hines Lumber Co.

and on McHenry Road near the Fairway Greens apartment complex will have the lettering on them. Two other tanks being built close to the ground will be painted beige but will not have "Wheeling" painted on them.

The towers will be chocolate brown with a beige band around the top where the darker lettering will be. Village Manager Thomas Markus and other village employees agreed that the lettering would help to "advertise" the village to outsiders passing by.

"If you're going to put your name on it, why make it subtle," Village President Sheila Schultz said.

Markus said the color combination and Wheeling and wheel symbol could be incorporated into other village signs in the future. "We are looking at expanding this as much as we can and see how it can help with the promotion of industrial development in the village," he said.

Suburbs plan more talks on buying of Palwaukee

By Lynn Sweet and Hugh Hough

Officials from Prospect Heights and Wheeling said yesterday talks will continue on a joint purchase of the privately owned Palwaukee Airport despite the split outcome of advisory referendums.

Referendums on the joint local purchase of the northwest suburban airport passed in Prospect Heights, but failed in Wheeling.

Officials from the suburbs said they will look to the state to buy Palwaukee if a joint purchase fails. The federal government is expected to provide 90 percent of the funds if the two municipalities decide to buy the airport.

In Prospect Heights, a City Council-backed referendum proposal on whether the city should buy the airport passed 1,233 to 561. A different measure on the same question offered by a citizens group passed 1,053 to 656. In Wheeling, 1,578 voters were against the village buying the airport, and 1,357 voters approved.

In some other suburban elections, the pattern of voter rejection of school fund pleas was reversed.

After saying "no" 15 times in 17 years, South Holland School District

151 voters said "yes" to an increase in the system's education fund.

By just two votes, 1,577 to 1,575, voters approved a 35-cent increase in taxes that will bring the rate up to \$1.63 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The new rate is expected to raise an extra \$400,000 for the district, which faces a \$600,000 deficit.

Residents of River Trails School District 26 approved a 50-cent tax increase. It was the fourth time in three years the district sought more money.

But voters in three other Cook County school districts rejected proposals for educational tax rate hikes: In Ridgeland Elementary School District in Oak Lawn; in Atwood Heights Elementary District 125, also in Oak Lawn, and in North Palos Elementary District 117 in Hickory Hills and Palos Hills.

In Thornton Community College District 510, an increase in the educational tax rate was defeated 20,766 to 10,815, and in Bloom High School District 206 a building and maintenance tax boost was rejected 5,210 to 2,083.

In Du Page County, Indiana Prairie Unit District 204 voters authorized nearly \$13.4 million in bonds to

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build a junior high and two elementary schools over five years.

Naperville Unit District 203 voters approved \$9.5 million in bonds to expand one high school, upgrade another and build a junior high school. In Palisades School District 180 in Du Page County, voters passed a 34-cent tax increase.

In Carol Stream Community District 93, an increase in the educational tax rate was approved. Voters in District 15 in Glendale Heights narrowly passed an educational tax rate hike.

But at Queen Bee District 16 in Glendale Heights, voters rejected increases in the educational tax rate, and in building maintenance funds.

In Lake County, three proposals for educational tax increases were approved and three were rejected. Approval came in Big Hollow Elementary District 38, Mundelein Elementary District 75 and Lake Zurich Unit District 95. Rejections were in Grayslake Elementary District 46, Avon Elementary District 47 and Woodland Community District 50.

Village to review town relations panel

The Wheeling Village Board will review the function of the municipal relations commission when it meets in committee tonight.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The commission has been relatively inactive for the past year, helping with the village newsletter but doing little else. Commission members have asked to meet with the board to discuss what else they can do for the village or if the commission should continue to exist.

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"Our aim: To fear God, tell the truth and make money."
H. C. PADDOCK, 1852-1905

Airport buy still good idea

Tuesday's referendums on whether Prospect Heights and Wheeling should participate in the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport sent somewhat different signals to officials of the two towns.

For Prospect Heights the 2-1 margin in favor of the buyout was a clear indication to the city council that residents want a voice in the future operation and control of Pal-Waukee rather than allow the state of Illinois to run the airport by itself. They showed this support despite strong opposition from citizens who had forced the question to be put to a vote. In response the city council also scheduled a referendum on airport purchase with conditions attached: it would not cost residents tax dollars, runways would not be lengthened and the city would exercise control over airport noise and operations. Residents voted a sound "yes" on both.

The answer was not so clear for Wheeling trustees. The referendum lost but by a margin of only 221 votes, 1,578 to 1,357. This close vote indicated that the community is not so decisively against purchase that the trustees could interpret it as a mandate to forget the idea. But neither is there the strong support that exists in Prospect Heights.

To some extent the votes may reflect the enthusiasm or lack of it expressed by city fathers. Mayor Jack Gilligan and other Prospect Heights officials have shown much more support for a publicly-owned airport than have Wheeling village trustees.

But the state's announced intention to buy Pal-Waukee regardless of whether the two towns join in the purchase probably was a bigger influence. The only way Prospect Heights and Wheeling can assure that they continue to benefit financially from airport operations and have a say in operations and controls is by sharing ownership with the state.

We have said we believe Prospect Heights and Wheeling have a stake in Pal-Waukee's future and should join in the purchase. We think Wheeling trustees now must convince themselves that buying Pal-Waukee is feasible and then sell residents on the idea.

Defeat won't end Pal-Waukee study

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By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

DESPITE A NARROW defeat at the polls, Wheeling officials will pursue their investigation on the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, Village President Sheila Schultz said.

The non-binding referendum on whether to buy Pal-Waukee Airport was turned back by Wheeling voters Tuesday. With 20 of 21 polling places reporting results by early Wednesday morning, 1,428 voted against the acquisition plan, while 1,269 supported the purchase of the airport by the municipality.

In neighboring Prospect Heights, a similar referendum was approved by a 934-615 margin.

Schultz pointed to the large voter turnout on the airport question as an indication of high public interest in the Pal-Waukee issue. But she said the slim difference in the vote totals from the two communities offer only "mixed results," declining to view the results as a firm mandate from the people.

"The vote was so close, I think it

reflects the attitude of our own board," said Schultz. "It is not an easy decision."

PRIOR TO THE referendum vote, Wheeling officials had adopted a hands-off policy, choosing not to voice either support or opposition to the purchase plan. In contrast, Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan blitzed his town with thousands of handbills the day before the election, urging passage of the referendum.

Schultz said Wheeling officials chose not to take a stand on the airport issue on the advice of the village attorney, who recommended against spending public funds to advance an opinion on the proposed referendum.

Schultz added that the Wheeling board still lacks unity on the acquisition of the airport, in part, due to new considerations that continue to surface. One of these factors is the recent offer by the state to buy the airport if local sponsors do not commit to the purchase by a Sept. 30 deadline.

Girl's abductor gets 30 years

CHGO TRIB

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By James Kane

A 28-YEAR-OLD Wheeling man who abducted a 13-year-old neighbor and held her captive in the crawl space of his home for 3½ days was sentenced to 30 years in prison Tuesday after pleading guilty to eight charges.

"I can't think of too many cases . . . that exceed the violence that was used here, the cruelty that was practiced on this young girl," said Judge Michael Toomin at a hearing in the Skokie branch of Circuit Court. He called the Nov. 4 attack a "totally disgusting episode that can only be met with a cry of outrage."

Thomas Dahm, of 33 Schoenbeck Rd., pleaded guilty to rape,

aggravated kidnaping, aggravated battery, three counts of indecent liberties with a child and two counts of deviate sexual assault.

The plea and sentence were negotiated in advance. Dahm will be eligible for parole in 15 years.

"I FEEL THAT it is a fair sentence," said Assistant State's Atty. Dennis Wolter, pointing out that the minimum sentence for murder is 20 years.

The victim and her parents were present, but left without comment. Wolter said that he previously had informed them of the plea and sentencing agreement and that they seemed satisfied with it.

The victim, now 14 and a junior

high student, missed a month of school. Wolter said in an interview after the hearing that her grades have dropped considerably and that she is undergoing counseling.

Wolter said the trauma was increased because Dahm was a neighbor, a person she trusted.

"HE THREATENED to spread her brains on the wall," Wolter said in the interview. "After he was arrested, he told us he was going to take her out in garbage bags, but he was afraid police would be watching. He kept bothering a neighbor the entire weekend for use of a chain saw."

"She was really traumatized by

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Wolter said that she appears to be recovering. "She's a bright girl," he said. "She's a charming little lady. But it's impossible to know what the future effect might be."

In the court hearing, Wolter gave this account of the kidnaping:

Dahm, an unemployed landscaper, accosted the girl with a knife on a Friday afternoon. He confronted her on the sidewalk in front of his house

as she walked home from her school bus stop. He forced her into the home where he lived with his mother, Dolores, a former Wheeling village trustee.

AFTER ASSAULTING her, he gagged her and forced her into a crawl space off the basement. He "hogtied" her, binding her hands and feet behind her back.

She was taken out that night and assaulted again. She was offered food late Saturday, but was unable to eat.

She was given no other food or water until she was discovered by police at about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, 3½ days after the kidnaping.

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AFTER FIVE years of negotiating to sell Pal-Waukee Airport to Prospect Heights or Wheeling, airport owner George Priester, above, may finally be closing in on a sale. Prospect Heights officials, buoyed by last week's voter support for a purchase, say they're ready to strike a

deal — with or without Wheeling's participation. Officials in Wheeling, where voters came out against the purchase, say Prospect Heights' plans may force them to participate to protect the village's interests.

Towns' stakes differ greatly in airport-purchase dispute

by Jackie Koszczuk and Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writers

Prospect Heights — barely 8 years old with a population of 12,000 and a storefront as its city hall — wants to buy the nation's busiest private airstrip, and city officials say that if that means going alone on the multimillion-dollar purchase, they're ready.

Prospect Heights can afford the price, they say, and the city's voters

backed the project in landslide proportions last week.

Neighboring Wheeling — older and more established with a population of 24,000 — would prefer to stay out of the deal. In fact, in an advisory referendum last week, voters turned down the purchase, 1,578 to 1,357. Despite that village officials say they may be forced now to participate.

Wheeling, they say, cannot afford to let Prospect Heights have Pal-Waukee Airport to itself.

THE RIVALRY BETWEEN the two communities has existed for years, and the airport is a good example. It has no singular address; part lies in Prospect Heights and part in Wheeling, the result of competing annexations several years ago.

It is a family owned operation that was put up for sale a decade ago. But state and federal aviation officials consider it too important to Chicago's air transportation network to fall into the hands of a de-

veloper who'd convert it to a shopping center. Each year, Pal-Waukee handles 330,000 small-craft business flights that cannot be served by crowded O'Hare Airport.

Five years ago, Prospect Heights and Wheeling were given options to buy.

Now that time is running out. By September, one or both of the municipalities must commit to a \$36 million purchase agreement. If not,

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the state of Illinois says it will.

While the pricetag sounds foreboding and is likely to increase, Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan says the real cost is not that high. The FAA has agreed to pay 90 percent and Illinois the remaining 5 percent. That leaves 5 percent for the municipalities.

IN ALL, GILLIGAN expects the local share of the project to total \$3 million, and a Prospect Heights study, completed in December, projects airport revenue would cover the bill.

That study says Pal-Waukee will generate \$1.4 million this year, and 2 percent more than that each subsequent year.

Expenses, including salaries, capital purchases, utilities and maintenance, are estimated at about \$1 million a year. That includes payments on revenue bonds to finance the 5 percent local share.

The airport would come off the property tax rolls, however, sapping \$400,000 a year from other taxing districts like schools. But Gilligan says Pal-Waukee accounts for 1 percent or less of the income in any one district and even that could be replaced by giving those districts a cut of the airport profits. Whatever the case, proponents of the purchase note that the property tax revenue will be lost anyway because of the state's intention to buy if the municipalities do not.

"THERE'S NO REASON why we can't go it alone," Gilligan said. "The referendum to me says continue, and if the numbers are right, buy it."

But that doesn't mean Wheeling is ready to throw its cards down quite yet. Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village may have a lot to lose, particularly if Prospect Heights starts sending noisy aircraft its way.

"If the state were to come in and run it, that would be fine," Markus said. "But maybe Prospect Heights will play their trump card.... Do we really want to allow the city of Pros-



pect Heights to run the airport over our village airspace? You can rely on good nature possibly, but you don't have any control."

The difference in enthusiasm for the purchase relates directly to the needs of the communities.

Wheeling has nothing to gain but the problems of running an airport, Markus said. Prospect Heights, on the other hand, has its future at stake. By the FAA rules of a takeover, all airport revenues must be sunk back into operations. But the rules are flexible.

A CITY LIKE Prospect Heights, without a city hall, police or fire department of its own, can use the money to build a fire house, as long as it serves the airport as well as neighborhoods, Gilligan said. And it can build a city hall, as long as it doubles as an airport administration center.

Airport revenues also could indefinitely postpone the politically unpopular step of creating a first-time property tax in the city.

But in Wheeling, a 90-year-old suburb with no need for major capital projects, "it would just be a tremendous time demand," Markus said.

At stake for both communities, however, is the power to regulate noise and other airplane encroachments on neighborhoods. Gilligan said the purchase would give the city power to place curfews on late-night flights and reroute flights away from houses and over forest preserve land.

Though the FAA reserves the ultimate say over flight changes, Gilligan said ownership still leaves the city with much more power than it has through its zoning.

WHEELING IS FEARFUL of that power. From the village's perspective, state ownership would be preferable because the state would have no reason to be unfair but Prospect Heights would be more apt to look out for its own interests. And those interests, Wheeling fears, could include sending more air traffic over Wheeling as a way of keeping it out of Prospect Heights' skies.

Airport owner George Priester summed it up this way: "Prospect Heights is real eager to buy the airport and I firmly believe they will get involved. And, I think that puts Wheeling in a position where they have to get involved just to protect their own interests."

When he bought the airport three decades ago, Priester had 40 acres, gravel runways, and a ground station for monitoring flights. Pal-Waukee — cashing in on traffic overloads at O'Hare — grew to 260 acres, five airstrips, and a radar tower.

But faced with rising property taxes and insurance costs, 76-year-old Priester says he would rather fly airplanes for recreation than endure the headaches of ownership.

Gilligan says he would not mind having those headaches, and that in fact, he'd probably rather not have Wheeling share them.

"IF YOU DON'T HAVE two entities with competing interest, it would be easier," he said. "Two municipalities can have very different ideas on management."

But Gilligan adds he has tried to get Wheeling involved in the years of airport planning Prospect Heights has done.

"The offer has been out there," he said. "We sent it to them in writing, in letters, we sent them copies of our minutes from meetings. We're not going to go and drag them down here. After all, we're all grown-ups."

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz's position is: "We've had a clear understanding of what each other is doing. We're just taking different paths."

Prospect Heights officials are scheduled to meet with the Illinois Department of Transportation to attempt to work out conditions of the sale, and one hurdle in particular: the city has a laundry list of conditions that could double the \$36 million price the state has set for the airport.

THAT INCLUDES SAFETY, noise and pollution studies, as well as major safety construction projects like a tap onto the Lake Michigan water pipeline and relocation of a drainage ditch that cuts through the center of the airport.

Wheeling, also involved in talks with the state, has set similar conditions.

But both state and FAA officials say many of the conditions tentatively were agreed on through the years.

"It's likely that most of what they want can be negotiated to a happy conclusion. I've got to believe the FAA, the city and the state can agree on a package that is reasonable," FAA regional planner John Guidotti said.

CONGRESS'S AIRPORT Improvement Program runs out in four years, and payments for such a large project must be spread at least that long, said Roger Barcus, chief aviation engineer for IDOT.

And though Wheeling is waiting to see what Prospect Heights does, Schultz said she expects the village could step in on time.

Guidotti and Barcus agree Prospect Heights looks more likely to become the local sponsor.

But after five years of waiting for the towns to move, Barcus said he's not altogether convinced. The state yet may take over the airport.

"There have been other times I thought they were close to making a decision, and then someone appoints a committee to study it some more," he said.

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But Wheeling officials ponder results

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Pal-Waukee vote gets owner all revved up

By MARY ROWITZ

Wheeling officials are no closer to making a decision on purchasing Pal-Waukee Airport than they were prior to last week's referendum, according to Village President Sheila Schultz.

According to an unofficial tally of the votes, 1,598 Wheeling residents oppose the village purchasing Pal-Waukee while 1,357 favor such a move.

But in Prospect Heights, where residents gave the nod on the purchase by more than a 2 to 1 margin, city officials are still surprised by, yet pleased with the results and appear ready to proceed with the purchase of Illinois' second busiest airport.

"I'm absolutely delighted it passed in Prospect Heights, it was almost a mandate. The citizens obviously believe the airport is valuable to the area," said Charles Priester, co-owner of the airport along with his father, George. "But I'm also surprised because I don't know of a single airport referendum that has passed in the country."

Although the referendums weren't binding, officials in both communities said prior to the vote that they would give the results weighty consideration in the final analysis.

But now, considering the disparity between the two communities' support for the purchase, the pact that was reached between Wheeling and Prospect Heights more than five years ago may be broken.

According to Steve Sturgell, a Prospect Heights city administrator, city officials may decide to purchase Pal-Waukee even if Wheeling decides not to. What's more, pending the outcome of several financial projections, they could make their decision by mid-summer, Sturgell said, a time when Wheeling officials may still be pondering the decision.

Wheeling officials will also pore over updated financial studies to assure the village can still afford its share of the purchase should the board decide to proceed, Schultz said. The present agreement stipulates that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will pay 90 percent, the state 5 per-

cent and Wheeling and Prospect Heights the other 5 percent of Pal-Waukee's \$36 million price tag.

In addition, the Wheeling board will host a public information session sometime in the near future to update residents on the decision process and to afford them the opportunity to ask questions.

The delays don't seem to disturb Priester as much as they did a few months ago, when he accused the two communities of "dragging their feet" on the issue—and there's good reason. Priester is resting easier these days because his dream of public ownership of his airport will come true: if Wheeling and Prospect Heights, separately or jointly, don't want to buy his airport, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will. The two communities have until September 30 to make a decision before IDOT assumes control of Pal-Waukee.

Still, IDOT officials hope one, if not both, of the communities agree to purchase the Priesters' 256-acre airport.

"I'm pleased the Prospect Heights constituency approved of the purchase because the airport is critical to the metropolitan area of Chicago," said Robert Donahue, IDOT's director of aeronautics. "But the issue will be best resolved if there is a local sponsor of the purchase."

Reflecting on the Wheeling results, Schultz said, "I'm pleased with the voter turnout because it shows residents cared about the outcome. But we haven't moved from our previous stance on the issue, which is dead-center. Our decision, which I don't foresee in the immediate future, will be very practical. It won't be a fun issue to settle because it's very complex."

Priester believes the complexity of the issue was reflected in the narrow margin in Wheeling.

"The results put the village right back where they started, but they were closer to my expectations because airports aren't very popular establishments and the issue of purchasing an airport is very, very complex," he added.

Close or not, it was no mandate in Wheeling as in

Prospect Heights, and now Wheeling village trustees will be forced to grapple with the same question they have tried to answer for the past five years, and the same question they put to Wheeling residents last week—should the village purchase Pal-Waukee?

Not surprisingly, the majority of the "no" votes were cast by people who reside in precincts near Pal-Waukee, with only one exception, while residents farther north and northwest of the airport tended to favor the purchase.

The largest percentage of dissenting votes came from precinct 49, just northwest of the Pal-Waukee. There, residents opposed the purchase by a 170 to 88 vote. Similarly, in precincts 76 and 30, which also border the airport, residents opposed the purchase by a 34 to 15 vote and a 72 to 35 vote, respectively.

Wheeling officials had an inkling the votes would go that way, Schultz said.

"It confirms what we already knew, that those residents near the airport suffer from the noise. They seem to wonder whether the village could control the noise better than the state. And those concerns echo the board's concerns," Schultz said.

Although Prospect Heights was unable to furnish the results of the referendum by precinct, residents there supported the purchase by a 1,233 to 561 vote.

Although Sturgell and Priester declined to speculate on the differing outcomes, Schultz reluctantly said that perhaps the additional question on the Prospect Heights ballot was influential.

The additional question was: Should the city of Prospect Heights participate in the purchase of Pal-Waukee with the condition that the city would control airport noise and operations, there will be no city taxes involved and no runways lengthened?

The additional question, which was placed on the ballot as the result of a citizens' petition, could have reassured Prospect Heights residents, Schultz said. Prospect Heights residents approved the proposal by a 1,053 to 656 vote,

Kidnapper of girl gets 30 years

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by Pat Doyle
Herald staff writer

Calling the crime a "totally disgusting episode," a judge Tuesday sentenced a Wheeling man to 30 years in prison for holding a 13-year-old girl prisoner in the crawl space of his house for 57 hours.

The crime "can only be met by a cry of outrage by the community and the system," said Associate Judge Michael Toomin in sentencing 28-year-old Thomas Dahm.

Dahm pleaded guilty to aggravated kidnapping and assault charges in Jennifer Monte's abduction from a school-bus stop a block from her home on Nov. 4, 1983.

The sentence was part of a plea bargain agreement that spared Dahm possible prison terms ranging from 60 to 110 years if he were convicted at a trial. Under Illinois law, Dahm will be eligible for parole in 15 years.

Toomin said he was accepting the deal to spare the victim from recounting her ordeal during a trial and because Dahm had no prior record of violence.

MONTE WAS HELD prisoner in the Dahm home at 33 S. Schoenbeck Road for 84 hours with only part of a sandwich and some fruit to eat. She spent about 57 hours tied and gagged in the house's dark crawl space.

"She was dehydrated when we found her," said Assistant State's Attorney Dennis Wolter. "The first thing she asked for was water."

Dahm "threatened to bash her head against the concrete pillars down there" if she tried yelling for help, Wolter said. "She was petrified."

An unemployed landscaper, Dahm lived two doors from the Monte home. He forced the girl inside his house after grabbing her at knife-point on the sidewalk shortly after she stepped off a school bus.

Her disappearance touched off a massive hunt by the FBI, Wheeling police, friends, neighbors and volunteers who spent part of five days combing fields and industrial parks in a 10-square-mile area in northern Cook and southern Lake counties. As many as 300 people participated in the search.

AT ONE POINT, neighbors said, Dahm went to the Monte home with his dog and offered to help look for the girl.

"He came strolling in drunk and said, 'My dog will get her scent — we'll find her,'" said neighbor Carol



THOMAS DAHM

Garon, who was present at the Monte home at the time.

A tip from two passing motorists led police to Dahm. They recalled seeing a man who resembled Dahm with his arm around a girl the day Monte disappeared. News reports about the missing girl alerted the motorists to the importance of what they had witnessed.

Police called Dahm in for questioning but he denied knowledge of Monte's whereabouts. Dahm's mother, Dolores, a former Wheeling village trustee who shared the house with her son, consented to a police search. She was gone when the abduction occurred and police said she didn't hear anything suspicious when she returned at the time Monte was in the crawl space.

IN THE EARLY morning hours of Nov. 8, investigators directed a flashlight around the crawl space but found nothing. Later, on the advice of a Wheeling police officer familiar with the house's layout, investigators returned to the crawl space and found the girl hidden in an alcove.

Jennifer's mother, Frances, dabbed her eyes Tuesday as Wolter recounted the episode in court. Afterward, Frances and the girl's father, Larry, hurried from the courtroom and reported the sentence to Jennifer, who waited in the state's attorney's office during the hearing.

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Up With Wheeling Day

THE SEASON is right and the village is ready for its annual spring cleaning effort, popularly known as "Up With Wheeling Day," scheduled for Saturday, May 12.

All residents, businesses, industries and citizens' groups are encouraged by officials to participate in this community-wide campaign aimed at beautifying public properties. The clean-up operation will take place rain or shine.

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Board sets limits

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WHEELING—Trustees heard requests totaling \$60,400 from three social service agencies Monday, March 19, but only one is likely to receive federal revenue sharing funds.

Omni House, a youth service agency, asked for \$47,000, a 7 percent increase over last year. The other agencies did not receive federal revenue sharing money from the village last year.

The village has \$707,000 in its federal revenue sharing budget for 1984, but Omni House is the only social service agency likely to receive funding, trustees say.

While some trustees express sympathy for social service needs, others say it is not appropriate for the village to fund individual projects. All agree funding is limited.

"I FEEL very strongly that the village is being asked to take care of the responsibility of parents,"

said Trustee Charles Kerr. "They should take care of their own kids."

"The village money should be used for the benefit of all of the people of Wheeling."

Omni House is a not-for-profit United Way agency that works with police to give first offenders an alternative choice, said director Harry Wells. Last year, Omni House responded to an all-time high 29 crisis calls, Wells said, with 42 percent of its services directly benefiting the Wheeling area.

Wells said the 12-year-old organization has exhausted its "seed money" from the federal government, explaining that 75 percent of its budget must now come from local sources.

Horizon Children's Center, a Wheeling-based day-care center aiding low-income families, requested \$9,000. Shelter, Inc., an

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Arlington Heights agency providing emergency housing for children, asked for \$4,400.

SHELTER INC., opened in 1975 and is the only service in the Northwest suburbs offering temporary housing for adolescents.

Cindy Schalk an administrative assistant for Shelter Inc., said the agency "helps children who are too young to help themselves" due to family problems beyond their control.

She said an average of seven

Wheeling children are served each year, with each child receiving about 150 days of care.

Horizon Children's Center recently moved from its Northbrook home to a new location at Hawthorne School in Wheeling. The move created financial problems for the day-care center, said executive director Susan Sclove, forcing staff members to take pay cuts.

The day-care facility, in operation 10 years, provides a "high-quality program" serving predominantly single working mothers.

Girl's kidnapper gets 30-year sentence

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Gevirtz told Toomin that the 30-year sentence was appropriate because Dahm had no record of violence and demonstrated "true contrition and remorse."

"It has never been his intent to

force this case to a trial" and require Monte to testify, Gevirtz said.

When asked if he wanted to speak in his behalf, Dahm told Toomin, "I have nothing to say, your honor."

Wolter acknowledged that prosecutors would have sought a much stiffer

sentence if Dahm had demanded a trial and lost.

Wolter said prosecutors could have recommended consecutive terms totaling 110 years or a 60-year sentence based on the heinous nature of the crime.

Village bows to cable ruling LIFE 3/29/84

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING OFFICIALS must request a federal waiver, allowing them to continue to receive a 5 percent cable franchise fee, or risk being penalized for violating Federal Communication Commission requirements.

An FCC regulation requires all towns to file a waiver if they receive more than 3 percent as a franchise fee. Wheeling, along with eight other northwest suburbs where Cablenet Inc. has franchises, receive 5 percent in franchise fees.

According to FCC regulations, any community that collects 3 per-

cent or less of the cable company's gross revenue may use the money for any purpose. If the franchise fee exceeds 3 percent, the town must apply for an FCC waiver to show the entire amount is being used for cable-related activities.

AT A MEETING Wednesday, March 21, the Northwest Municipal Conference recommended that all Cablenet communities approve a joint application requesting the change from 3 percent to 5 percent.

Eric Anderson, cable coordinator for the NWMC, explained that the Conference had not filed for a waiver because pending federal legislation could change the waiver requirement to 5 percent. In addition,

he said there existed "no track record of costs or fee receipts" when cable agreements were first originated in 1982.

But a crackdown by the FCC last month to enforce the regulation has spurred the Cablenet communities to submit the joint waiver.

"It is appropriate to file for the waiver now that we have a clearer idea of both fee levels and costs," Anderson said. "Although we can justify our delay in application, we will probably be found in violation if we continue to accept 5 percent without filing for a waiver."

GREG PETERS, Wheeling's cable representative, explained that

any conflict with the waiver requirement was "diffused in my mind" because Cablenet had offered the 5 percent franchise fee from the beginning.

He added that Wheeling has directed all franchise fee revenues toward cable-related activities such as developing local programming, equipment and legal services.

Although Cablenet has estimated Wheeling revenues to approach \$70,000 during the first year of operation, Peters said a more realistic annual figure will be about \$30,000.

Cablenet officials admit that actual receipts for the calendar year of 1983 were 48 percent of predicted receipts.

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Herald photo by Jon Kim

BUNDLES OF building materials for house construction are being used quickly in Wheeling's Kingsport North subdivision at Schoenbeck and Hintz roads, where all but five of 80 homes have been sold. The developer has bought another 20 acres and plans 70 more homes.

70 more houses planned for Kingsport

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The developer of a revived subdivision in Wheeling has sold nearly all of the available sites on a 45-acre tract on Wheeling's south side and has purchased an additional 20 acres to build 70 more houses.

Jerome Meister, an attorney for Meister-Neiberg Builders of Schaumburg, said the 70 houses will be added to the 80 under way on the north end of the former Longtree subdivision at Hintz and Schoenbeck roads — now called Kingsport Village North.

Meister's company started construction in 1978, but when sales slowed to a crawl during the recession, the two banks financing the project "called in" the loans Meister said.

Only 24 houses were completed before construction stopped. A year ago, several residents of the subdivision complained to village police that

the neighborhood was a haven for bikers and motorists. They said overgrown weeds and dust were a constant problem on the vacant land.

BUT IN June, Meister-Neiberg announced plans to start construction again and reinvest in the undeveloped property. Homes, all built on contract, began selling quickly after that, Meister said.

"All but five of the 80 homes are already sold," he said. "We must have about 30 being built and 12 or so already completed. We're practically starting a new house every day, so we've got a heck of a building season headed for us."

Meister attributed the positive response to lower interest rates. The subdivision is just south of the local library and next door to a 10-acre site where the Wheeling Park District plans to build four softball fields and add playground equipment this summer.

Ridgefield, a subdivision at Wheeling Road and Hintz and once called Woodcrest, also is growing. Only 27 of 224 houses were built in the subdivision — formerly called Woodcrest — before the developer gave up in 1981 because it couldn't sell enough homes.

C.A. Hemphill and Associates, a Northfield construction firm, announced in April that it would finish the 60-acre subdivision with one- and two-story houses.

TOM FENNEL, from the village community development department, said houses in both subdivisions are "selling like hot cakes."

"I think it's the interest situation and the fact that there is land available for immediate development," he said. "Right now there is just a glut of people interested in buying a home."

Kingsport North Village developers say they are anxious to take advantage of the hot sales and earlier in

the month purchased 20 acres to the north between a strip of park district land and the current construction. To start, Meister-Neiberg must petition the village to allow annexation of the strip currently in unincorporated Cook County.

The three- and four-bedroom homes in Kingsport North Village sell for \$90,000 to \$110,000. Extras can up the price to \$120,000.

"I think we caught the right market with second- and third-home buyers," Meister said. "A lot of the people we are seeing already live in Wheeling and are looking for another place to live."

Meister said the company "had its eye" on the 20 acres from the start but did not seriously consider purchasing it until contracts for home construction started to stack up.

Meister said he plans to have annexation by June 18 so construction crews can spend the summer building the rest of the homes.

Is America's greatest restaurant in Wheeling, Ill.?

Quite possibly



Staff Photo by Regene Radniecki

Jean Banchet, in the busy kitchen of Le Francais.

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March 31, 1984 Criminals may get village-work fine

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

People convicted of minor criminal offenses in Wheeling could be assigned to picking up trash on village parkways instead of sitting behind bars if the village board approves an alternative sentencing program designed by a Cook County judge.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus and Public Works Director Robert Gray are recommending the village put petty criminals to work as a way to free space in the county jails.

James Geocaris, presiding judge of the Third District branch of the Cook County Circuit Court, is pushing the program as a way to avoid overcrowding in county jails. Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect and park districts in Rolling meadows and Palatine already have agreed to the concept.

BUT IN Schaumburg, Elk Grove and Des Plaines, officials voted against the plans saying it would cost more to hire supervisors to watch over the prisoners than they would make up in manpower. Officials also worried about the liability of the village in case of injury.

Markus discounted those arguments, saying, "I don't think you know how it will affect the town until you administer the program. We've had similar programs here before for

people on probation and it will run just like our summer youth program," he said.

Only criminals convicted of minor crimes such as petty theft and drunken driving, and first-time offenders for crimes that don't affect other people would be eligible to work instead of paying a fine or doing time.

Most, if not all, of the workers would be placed in Gray's department to work, he said.

"I'D LIKE to have as many as possible but I think somewhere between five and 10," he said. "Any more than that and we would have to find supervisors for them and our guys have their own jobs to do, too."

Gray said workers would pick up litter on right-of-ways, mow grass, do manual labor work at construction sites, clean windows, vacuum floors, and wash and vacuum village equipment and vehicles.

"It gives them a chance to work off their debt to society and any assistance would be a help," he said. "We could put people on right-of-way cleanup every day and still need help."

Gray said a similar program worked well in Wheeling a few years ago when criminals on probation worked for his department when the village had its own courts system.

"I can't see how well it's going to work until we are implementing it but I'm willing to try anything once," he said.

By Karin Winegar
Staff Writer

Wheeling, Ill.

Jean Banchet is the George Lucas, the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the Luciano Pavarotti of the dining world. And Le Francais, his 11-year old restaurant in the Chicago suburb of Wheeling, is known among restaurant critics and food connoisseurs as one of the best in the United States.

A day in the kitchen of Le Francais reveals that it takes more than talent to create a world-class dining experience: An intensity of attention to detail, unremitting work, a chef who is literally passionate about food as well as staff who are knowledgeable, charming and unpretentious combine to justify Le Francais' reputation.

It is 10 a.m. on a Friday morning, and the kitchen of Le Francais is a blistering ballet in which somehow no one collides. Trays slam, floors are mopped as a dozen men move up and down four aisles of stainless steel equipment tending delicate sauces on a bank of gas burners, tasting, shaking, chopping and pounding beneath the hum of huge ventilators. Everyone runs between tasks, and there is little talk except the occasional "Oui, chef!" in response to commands and questions from Banchet.

Banchet, 42, stalks around his kitchen in white sabots, striped trousers and chef's jacket, perspiration popping up beneath his curly brown hair. The vapors of pheasant stock, venison, lobster and salmon fill the room, where young men in white are heads down at work on mousse and pastries, deboning meat

or scrubbing pots.

"I always worry about quality, so 98 percent of the food in this restaurant passes through my hands," says Banchet. "I have a professional conscience — I don't cut corners. Everything I make is fresh daily — duck, lamb, lobster stock from scratch. I use only fresh butter, fresh herbs."

Banchet tears outside implements from overhead racks among copper pots that would do a cannibal credit. He pours wine into several vats, then whisks a sauce and simultaneously pokes a blender into a pot opposite. In the midst of it all, a Robot Coupe goes mad and spews salmon mousse over ceilings, walls and bodies. A freezer door gives way and two cooks scurry to pop the hinge back in place.

Cookbook author and New York Times Food Editor Craig Claiborne, the first major critic to sniff out Le Francais, hailed it as "enormously innovative . . . it would rank on almost any account with the finest restaurants in America." And New York Times restaurant critic Mimi Sheraton, who once spent two days studying the Banchet kitchen for an Esquire magazine article, called it "a gastronomic miracle in the Midwest."

"It is hard to find better," says Jean Claude Tindillier, owner of Le Petit Chef and formerly head chef of the late Chouette. "The food is superb, meals are very well orchestrated, and it's not a stuffy place; the waiters, the busboys are very at ease. They are not tight like at lots of restaurants. To do what Jean Banchet does, you really have to love cooking — others cook like it's a job. And he's been on

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Village examining law restricting drug gear sale

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village trustees will consider tonight a law that would require all stores selling drug paraphernalia to carry a special \$150 license and take the names and addresses of anyone purchasing the merchandise.

The law is virtually the same as one passed in Hoffman Estates in 1978 that limits the sale of drug-re-

lated materials to adults and requires them to register in a log book that is open to police inspection.

The owner of a record store in Hoffman Estates, Flipside Records, challenged the ordinance, but in 1980 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the village. Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said board members have asked the village to put a similar law on Wheeling's books to regulate sales.

"With the success of the Hoffman Estates case at the Supreme Court level, I think the board is confident that it's a strong law," he said.

MARKUS SAID HE'S aware of one store in Wheeling selling drug paraphernalia, but that the ordinance is not aimed at that store, only to "preclude problems in the future."

Rock 'N Records in the Dunhurst Plaza sells some paraphernalia. The owner and manager could not be

reached for comment Friday.

"I don't think we are being impacted by any community problem, although we have had parents and adults complain about the record store and what they sell," Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said. "We have had no problem recently with that."

"The primary advantage is that we will be able to notify parents if their children are using drug parapher-

naliam," he said, even if the child is over the age of 18. "It would also give officers a way to know who is using drugs in town and where drugs might be found."

HAEGER SAID THE State of Illinois has a drug paraphernalia law but it does not include the obligation of store owners to obtain names of the purchasers.

Hoffman Estates Public Safety Director James Taylor said since the

law was enacted in his village Flipside has stopped selling drug paraphernalia and no other company has sought a license to sell it.

"It gave us the ability to legally check the stores," Taylor said, "and people who are purchasing that kind of stuff don't really want their names known."

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Liquor license, drain job OK'd in March

In its March meetings, the Wheeling Village Board created a new liquor license, hired a firm to install new drain and sewer lines and set the date for the annual "Up With Wheeling" day.

The liquor license, would allow the El Nido restaurant to serve beer and wine. Owner Maria Busillo asked for the liquor license that will allow her to serve wine with her Italian meals.

The village board must create additional licenses, but the village liquor commission has the right to issue, revoke and suspend licenses. No liquor commission meeting has been scheduled to discuss issuing the license to the restaurant.

The board also agreed to hire Gustafson Excavating, Inc., for a cost of \$335,615, to install a drain sewer and water main on Schoenbeck Road. The line will help to improve drainage and aid in handling water needs for future development to the north.

IN OTHER ACTION, trustees voted to hold Up with Wheeling Day on May 12 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The fifth annual event is a way for residents to help with a village spring cleaning. People in the village community development department are organizing the event which usually brings out about 200 volunteers.

March also marked the return of Trustee Charles Kerr who spent

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY						
Selections decisions from the village board meetings of March 5 and 19.						
To create an additional liquor license to serve beer and wine in restaurants. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
To sign a contract for construction of a water main and sanitary sewer extension on Schoenbeck Road. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
To hold "Up with Wheeling Day" on May 12. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
To hire a firm for \$38,000 to prevent corrosion in the new village water tanks. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To waive some requirements to allow the Wheeling Fourth of July committee to hold a drawing May 6. (Passed 6-0.)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

about six weeks recovering from heart-bypass surgery.

Kerr was among the yes votes when trustees agreed to hire Pittsburgh-Des Moines Corp. to devise a system to keep water inside village water tanks from freezing. Unique heating rods prevent ice from ripping

paint off the inside of the tanks during a thaw.

The rods could double the 5-year life of internal paint which cost \$130,000. The system will cost \$38,000 and will be installed at the village's four new water tanks being built to accommodate Lake Michigan

water, due to arrive this summer.

Also, trustees agreed to waive any fees the village Fourth of July committee might have to pay to hold a drawing for a television, microwave and \$100 savings bond. The drawing will be May 6 at a bingo fundraiser sponsored by the Wheeling AmVets.

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Village to watch drug gear sales

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board voted Monday to require all businesses selling drug paraphernalia to take the names and addresses of anyone purchasing the material.

Business owners must also purchase a \$150 license and, according to state statute, sell only to people 18 years and older.

The ordinance drew praise and a unanimous vote from trustees, but spokesmen for one store selling paraphernalia said they thought the law was pointless. "I can go into the Ace Hardware store and pick up items to put together to use as drug paraphernalia and all the drug stores sell papers and pipes," Nick Weber said. A Glenview resident, Weber's son, Bill, owns and operates Rock 'N' Records, 857 W. Dundee Road.

"We require a picture ID to prove they are 18 years old," Bill said. "We try to follow the rules; this makes it sound like they still don't trust us. They didn't even tell us this was going to come up tonight."

WEBER'S STORE sells smoking

accessories including pipes, but Nick Weber said: "If I sell a pipe to a man and he smokes tobacco or marijuana, it's up to him what he smokes."

But Trustee Nicholas Fanella discounted Weber's comments. "We're all dancing (around the issue) here," he said. "I really think both of us know what paraphernalia is."

And Trustee Joseph Ratajczak agreed. "I as a parent will look forward to passing this," he said.

The law is virtually the same as one passed in Hoffman Estates in 1978 that was upheld in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 1980. The owner of a Hoffman Estates record store, Flipside Records, had challenged the ordinance.

Village resident Judy Abruscato applauded the board's move, saying she was pleased that sales of drug paraphernalia were being discouraged.

But Nick Weber said his son will purchase a license and continue selling pipes and tobacco. "We'll just have to put in a book (for names and addresses), buy a license and conform to the laws."

Business growth is added to Fialkowski's duties

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski will take over duties as director of the Community Development Department and retain his present position, Village Manager Thomas Markus says.

He said the duties of two of the top positions in the village are being combined in a cost-saving measure. In all, the move is expected to save the village \$34,000 a year.

Fialkowski is to assume the position Monday with a raise in his annual salary to \$39,900 from \$34,500. He replaces 14-year employee Larry Oppenheimer, who Markus fired without explanation in December. Oppenheimer had been making \$39,600.

"It's just an attempt to save some money," Markus said of the plans. "We're trying to cut back, and I think



Robert Fialkowski

there can be some productivity improvements in community development too.

Markus said other employees including the finance and public works directors will help to pick up the

slack in the front office.

"WE'RE JUST going to try to redirect the staff, but we won't know until we try if it's going to work," he said. "If we have troubles, we can always come back to the board and say it just didn't work out."

Markus said he didn't want to eliminate the assistant village manager position because he "liked the idea of having a second in command around in my absence."

Fialkowski, 31, has worked in the village since November 1980 and was an engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation and deputy director of the Northwest Municipal Conference before then.

He recently received a master's degree in business administration from Roosevelt University and is working on a masters degree in engineering at Northwestern University.

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AS MARKUS' assistant, Fialkowski coordinated major capital improvement projects for the village including installation of cable television, the incoming Lake Michigan water project and a four-year street improvement plan.

Fialkowski will continue working on those kinds of projects but probably will do fewer special assignments, Markus said.

Fialkowski will oversee 16 employees including the village engineer, planner and housing director and

electrical, plumbing and engineering inspectors.

He also will become involved with the business community in an effort to streamline Wheeling's property development review process, Markus said.

The week ahead

4-2-84 HERALD

Hearing is tonight on village budget

The Wheeling Village Board will hold a public hearing tonight and is expected to approve a \$16.8 million budget for 1984-85.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The budget is 16 percent less than last year's, primarily because the village budgeted \$11 million last year to pay for the acquisition of Lake Michigan water. About \$3.4 million is budgeted this year to pay for the remaining water projects.

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Group of trustees to seek new ways to raise funds

Three Wheeling trustees will form an ad-hoc committee to find new sources of revenue for the village.

Wheeling Finance Director Greg Peters said the committee — with board members Charles Kerr, Roger Powers and Nicholas Fanella — will look for alternate revenue sources because capital projects in the past few years have reduced available surplus funds.

"What we've got going now is a balanced budget," Peters said, "but we've got to look toward the future. If alternative revenue sources aren't found, the only alternatives we will have is to cut expenses or increase taxes."

Among ideas for raising money are raising the prices of business licenses or liquor licenses, imposing utility taxes or amusement taxes and refinancing of village loans, Peters said.

Despite a budget that doubled this year, the board was able to maintain taxes at the same level as last year's by using up surpluses in various village accounts, Peters said.

The surplus in the general fund, the largest account that covers day-to-day operations in the village, is \$700,000. But that will drop to \$300,000 next year, Peters said.

The committee is expected to report back to the board in June, Fanella said, but has not met yet.

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THE DAILY HERALD

Kerr protests Omni funds; village OKs budget

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees approved a \$16.8 million budget over the objections of Trustee Charles Kerr who wanted to trim \$3,000 from \$47,000 targeted for Omni House.

The youth agency received \$40,000 last year and returned a month after the budgeting was finished to request another \$4,000.

At the time, Kerr and two other trustees objected to the additional request on the grounds that no money

should be allocated after the board has gone through the budgeting process. When the board subsequently approved the late request, Kerr blasted trustees Roger Powers, Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fanella.

This year, Kerr suggested the Omni House grant be maintained at \$44,000 because "some of the milquetoast members on this board voted to give them this additional money last year," he said.

"I think it's unfair to go ahead and give Omni House the raise they re-

quest," he said. "We spent a lot of time cutting out a lot of non-essential items this year and now we are going to give Omni House whatever it asks for."

WHEELING RESIDENT Len Renquin also asked the board to cut the amount penciled in for the agency.

"Is there some type of favoritism to this one agency?" he asked.

Altieri and Trustee William Rogers voted with Kerr to maintain Omni House funding at \$44,000 this year, but other trustees voted the idea

down and Village President Sheila Schultz broke the tie, leaving the allocation at \$47,000.

Meanwhile, the board turned down requests totaling \$13,400 from a day care center and a shelter for abused and neglected children.

"I think the village gave to Omni House in the beginning, making it special," Schultz said of the 12-year-old agency. She noted that the other agencies have never been funded by the village.

Basing his vote on the Omni House

issue, Kerr also voted against the entire budget.

THE BUDGET, 16 percent lower than the 1983-84 budget, includes more than \$3 million for water mains, towers, pumping stations and payments to the Northwest Water Commission for Lake Michigan water. Another \$2 million is budgeted for the second year of a four-year plan to resurface or replace about 95 percent of the town's roads.

Although the day-to-day operating expenses remain at about the same

level, most of the water project costs came last year — \$11 million — accounting for the drop in the new budget.

Despite the lower budget, Village Finance Director Greg Peters said the board may not be able to lower taxes or even maintain them at the same level because surplus funds available in the past years are diminishing. The budget calls for a 10 percent decrease in property tax revenues, down \$336,000 to \$3 million from taxes collected in 1983-84.

Deaths, injuries throw pall over Palatine Road

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By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

IT IS A SHORT three-mile stretch of road that sometimes tragically leads to a shortened life.

Palatine Road—a high-speed, limited access mini-expressway cutting east and west across the northwest suburbs—is a dangerous highway. State and local officials say it and statistics bear them out.

According to a computerized listing from the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety for the period January 1980 through November 1983, a consistent pattern of motorized mayhem firmly supports Palatine Road's notorious reputation.

From Schoenbeck Road to

Milwaukee Avenue, 437 reported accidents have occurred along Palatine Road in less than four years' time. These accidents caused 283 people to be injured, or between 66 and 77 injured each year.

IN ADDITION, five people have been killed, to date, in the last five years. The latest victim being a Wheeling woman who was killed near the Milwaukee Avenue exit in January.

But the single most tragic example of human loss occurred 11 years ago when five people died in a three-car collision at the Elmhurst Road overpass. Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey responded to that call.

"I could hear two small girls crying out for help, but we couldn't get to them in time. The cars were so pancaked together. It was a horrible situation," recalled Kimsey.

In an effort to improve the safety of Palatine Road, IDOT officials have announced plans to extend an existing three-foot high concrete barrier separating the flow of traffic.

Last year, IDOT installed the barrier from Sanders Road to Wheeling Road at a cost of \$336,500. This summer, state officials say they will spend another \$200,000 to extend the concrete divider west another mile to Schoenbeck Road.

Cesar Nepomuceno, IDOT programming bureau chief, said the barrier has "worked well" in keep-

ing cars from crossing over into oncoming lanes of traffic.

"Palatine Road has been a problem for us for some time and we're trying to correct the problem," said Nepomuceno.

BUT LOCAL law enforcement officials say additional improvements are needed.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said better lighting is required at access points and along frontage roads. He cited the west-bound exit for Milwaukee Avenue as "totally unlit," a situation further compounded when shrouded by fog from the Des Plaines River.

"Maybe speed reduction would possibly be an answer," he offered. He noted, however, that this ap-

proach is unlikely owing to the original purpose of the highway.

"The real problem is that they built Palatine Road as an expressway but with none of the safeguards built into it," Haeger said.

Sgt. Joe Pape, traffic supervisor for the Prospect Heights detail of the Cook County Sheriff's police, is even more critical in his assessment.

"I've been involved with more fatalities on Palatine Road than anywhere else I have ever worked," said the 21-year police veteran who has served 14 years in the Northwest suburbs. "It is probably one of the worst engineered highways around."

Pape said the poor lighting, combined with the confusing network of

frontage roads, add up to a high-stakes obstacle course for motorists.

To illustrate his point, Pape cited the recent instance of a "stone-cold sober man" who had been traveling at night on Palatine Road for more than a mile without realizing he was on the wrong side of the center line.

"It's a spooky highway," Pape said.

He suggested that limiting access to the highway would produce better results than constructing concrete barriers. Pape said he has seen drivers sometimes criss-crossing several lanes of traffic to go from frontage roads to express lanes and back again to avoid stop signs and red lights.

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Fialkowski named to head community development

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas M. Markus has announced the appointment of Assistant Manager Robert W. Fialkowski to the position of Community Development Director for the village of Wheeling. Fialkowski will continue with his duties of assistant manager and will assume the additional responsibilities of Community Development Director on April 9.

Fialkowski, 31, has a masters degree in Business Administration, post graduate work in Engineering at Northwestern University and is a Registered Professional Engineer.

As Assistant Manager for the village, Fialkowski has been responsible for the capital improvements program, coordinating special projects such as cable TV, Lake Michigan water improvements and the street improvement program.

In his new position of Community Development Director, Fialkowski will become involved with the business community in an effort to streamline Wheeling's property development review process. He will encourage greater commercial and industrial growth in Wheeling and will assume a more active role in local business organizations and various agencies in improving the economic development climate in Wheeling.

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Wheeling to put convicts to work

The Wheeling Village board voted to allow people convicted of petty crimes to serve their time doing maintenance work for the village instead of sitting behind bars.

The idea was inspired by James Geocaris, presiding judge of the Third District branch of the Cook County Circuit Court, who said it should help cut down on prison overcrowding.

Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect and park districts in Palatine and Rolling Meadows have followed Geocaris' lead, but in Des Plaines, Schaumburg and Elk Grove, officials voted against the plan saying supervisors would have to be hired to administer the program. The plan would call for "sentences" of washing village cars, vacuuming floors and other minor tasks.

Wheeling staff workers said they aren't worried about supervising the criminals because the village was involved in similar programs several years ago.

Taxi service fares deregulated

Trustees also voted to deregulate the taxi business, letting "free enterprise" among competing firms regulate the business.

Taxi companies still will be required to register with the village, post their rates in the taxi and village and appear for periodic car and meter maintenance checks, according to the original ordinance passed in 1956.

Two companies currently share eight licenses to work in the village, but Finance Director Greg Peters recommended the change saying the open market will determine the number of taxis that are needed in the village.

In the new ordinance, the board also added a provision requiring companies to give all senior citizens a 20 percent rate discount.

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Wheeling town houses for autistic rejected

THE ILLINOIS Health Facilities Planning Board has rejected plans for a Wheeling town house development that would have housed 45 autistic adults. Morton Grove-based BLARE House proposed to build three town houses on Elmhurst Road north of Hintz Road. The village objected because the area is zoned for single-family construction. BLARE House founder Francine Bernstein said she will attempt to work out a new plan with the village, although it may not be financially feasible to build single-family homes on the 7-acre site. BLARE House [Better Living for Autistics in Residential Environments] is preparing two single-family homes in Wheeling and Schaumburg to house eight autistic residents.

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smoke inhalation when fire swept through her bedroom in the two-story house where she lived with her parents and two brothers. Traci Glomb, of 21201 Tower Ave., was asleep when the fire broke out in her bedroom shortly after midnight.

Drug store to seek liquor license

The board gave permission to Tahoe Village Pharmacy, 1760 Hintz Road, to open a liquor store inside its pharmacy.

The owner, Steve Kravitz, still must obtain a liquor license from the village liquor commission before he can sell packaged liquor.

Kravitz asked the village for a license in October after customers from the neighborhood asked several times if the pharmacy could sell liquor, he said. People on the south side of town currently travel into neighboring towns to do their liquor shopping, he said, instead of driving to Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue where most of the stores with packaged liquor licenses are located.

Board members agreed, saying Wheeling instead of neighborhood towns should collect the sales tax revenues from the liquor business.

Post-pipeline costs dip 16%

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Spending flows downhill

WHEELING—The Village Board Monday, April 2, approved a \$16.8 million budget for 1984, reflecting a 16 percent decrease from last year's spending.

The reduction is primarily due to last year's one-time cost towards the Lake Michigan water project. The village budgeted \$8.6 million in 1983 for its share of building a pipeline from Lake Michigan to the northwest suburbs.

Spending priorities for 1984 also focus on capital improvement projects, which constitute 34 percent of the entire budget.

The village will spend \$2.7 million for construction of water mains, towers and pumping stations to

complete the water project. Another \$2 million is budgeted for the second year of a four-year street improvement program that will repair or replace virtually every road in the village.

Spending on the day-to-day operations of the village will remain basically the same as last year, said Finance Director Greg Peters.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES include \$785,000 earmarked for the Northwest Water Commission in payment for water services expected during the coming year.

Peters said there is also a contingency fund of \$125,000 for unexpected general fund expenses and "salary adjustments."

Contracts with firefighters, department heads and clerical workers will all be expiring this year, lending uncertainty to personnel costs, Peters said. Police and public works employees, who make up about half the work force, will both receive 3½ percent wage increases in the second year of a two-year agreement.

Much of the discussion on the budget, however, centered on this year's allocation of federal revenue-sharing money to Omni House, a youth service center.

Omni House had requested \$47,000, but trustees awarded \$44,000, the same amount given last year.

Trustee Charles Kerr argued

against the increase, saying it was "unfair" for the village to cut back on its own spending while giving more to Omni House.

Trustee William Rogers noted that although the need is greater than ever for all social service agencies, the village continues to fund only Omni House.

"We have made Omni House a special case in the village," said Rogers. "It is hard to say no, but somewhere down the line the taxpayers are going to rebel."

Village President Sheila Schultz agreed that the village views Omni House as a "special agency," but she said the organization provides a vital service in the community.

Police continue policy examination

4-5-84 LIFE

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

IT WAS EXACTLY one year and a month ago today that the Wheeling Police Department received a judge's reprimand allowing a murder suspect to go free. The court's decision also set in motion a reevaluation of police procedures that continues until this day.

On March 31, 1983, Circuit Court Judge Nicholas Pomaro ruled that a confession obtained by police while investigating the July, 1981 slaying of 14-year-old Mary Kosinski could not be used as admissible evidence in court.

The judge ruled that Wheeling police had acted improperly in acquiring the confession while the 14-year-old suspect was under hypnosis. As a result, the murder charges

were dropped, eventually leading to a suit alleging that the suspect's constitutional rights had been violated. The case is still pending.

The controversial episode also has prompted an internal review of police procedures in major crime cases.

POLICE CHIEF Michael Haeger, who took over the top post in Wheeling several months after the hypnosis incident, said his department has taken definite steps to avoid a recurrence.

"A situation like that could not happen again," said Haeger.

He stressed that "each case is different," and said police must adopt a flexible approach to the crime and the people involved. Haeger noted that one significant change has been imposed since last

year's incident. The Wheeling Police Department will no longer use hypnosis on a suspect of a major crime, he said.

While Haeger believes the process of hypnotic recall has its place in police investigations, he says it is more useful when working with the victim than with the offender. Though "not a real definitive science," Haeger said hypnosis can be a valuable tool to help victims recall minute details they may have repressed due to the traumatic nature of the crime.

For this purpose, Haeger would turn to a trained hypnotic investigator from outside the department, who would employ accepted professional practices.

IN ADDITION to reevaluating the

use of hypnosis the police department currently is reviewing its response procedures in major crime cases.

The department is trying to better define the responsibilities of officers at the crime scene, said Haeger. There also is a need for an immediate massive response in manpower for major crimes, he said.

Haeger credits his department's success in the recent kidnapping, and subsequent rescue, of a 13-year-old girl as the best evidence that an "all-out effort" is a necessity.

"The most critical part of any investigation is the first 24 hours," he said. "Instead of assigning just a few specialized officers, we should be using all the resources of the department."

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Shopping days to benefit village's senior center

The Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission will hold a "shop and share" Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to raise money for the senior recreation center scheduled for spring construction.

Jewel Food Store, 79 McHenry Road, will donate 5 percent of the sale when shoppers turn in a special slip with their purchase. The slips are available at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, and from many senior citizen residents.

The shopping fundraiser is the second for the commission, village officials said. Dominick's — the sponsor for a shopping spree in March — has not yet calculated

how much money will go towards the building.

Plans for the center were delayed last year when bids came in nearly twice the estimated \$470,000 cost. The architectural firm redesigned the plans at no cost, showing a scaled down version which still provided an office, conference room, arts and crafts room, and two multi-purpose rooms.

The center will be at Strong Street and Milwaukee Avenue, linking the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center to a third building in the senior citizen complex, a Cook County senior citizen apartment building.

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NORTHWEST WHEELING

Adult autistic group loses another round

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

A group trying to open a home for 45 autistic adults in Wheeling suffered another setback Thursday when the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board turned down their concept for a cluster of townhouses.

BLARE House — a Morton Grove agency helping to take autistic adults out of institutions and place them in a residential environment — had plans to build three townhouses for 45 autistic adults on Elmhurst Road north of Hintz Road.

But the health planning board turned down the idea, primarily because of objections filed by the Village of Wheeling, BLARE House Founder Francine Bernstein said.

"They're real uncomfortable with this kind of situation and the more they say that the more I think it's

true and we should just put in a second single-family home for four," she said.

BLARE House already has plans to refurbish a home for four autistic men in a neighborhood in Wheeling and another in Schaumburg. In October, Wheeling told the health planning board that it questioned the need for 45 more beds in town, especially if the concept behind BLARE House is to integrate the people into residential areas.

Village Attorney James Rhodes told the health planning board that the village has designated the area for single-family construction only, Bernstein said.

"That's the way they want it to go so I think that's the direction we will work in now," she said. "We're going to sit down with the village and see what can be developed on the land and if we can afford it."

Village eyes joint talks on airport

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Apparently unwilling to be left in the dust if neighboring Prospect Heights buys Pal-Waukee Airport, Wheeling trustees have proposed forming a two-town committee to determine how the airport should be run under dual ownership.

Both towns are considering buying the airport but Prospect Heights has been more aggressive in making plans after a referendum last month that saw residents support the purchase 2-1. A similar referendum in Wheeling was defeated by a slight margin.

"If I had to predict what was going to happen, I'd say Prospect Heights is going to be involved and Wheeling is going to have to follow suit," Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus told the village board Monday night. "But I don't think it has to be a knock-down, drag-out fight. That's what you'd be getting into ownership for — to solve problems."

The two towns face a state-im-

posed September deadline to act. Officials from the Illinois Department of Transportation, citing the importance of Pal-Waukee in the greater-Chicago transportation network, say they'll purchase the airport even if both towns bail out. Officials are counting on federal funds to provide 90 percent of the \$36 million purchase price.

THE SPECIAL committee would be assigned to investigate whether a management firm — as opposed to village or city employees — would be hired to run the airport and decide what type of governing agency would make decision on airport policy and operations.

"I'd like to get this thing going because we could find ourselves at such opposite ends that we couldn't resolve any differences (on running the airport)," said Trustee William Rogers.

Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said he thinks the council will be willing to join in a committee to work on running the airport.

Wheeling trustees will meet again April 23 to review the application they would be required to submit to the federal government if they actually seek the \$32 million loan to purchase and begin making improvements that will bring the airport up to Federal Aviation Administration safety standards.

While board members are still saying they have not agreed to the purchase, Markus urged the board to come up with a solid decision so that the village has time to prepare to run an airport.

"I FEEL we need to be involved with the airport if another community is going to be involved," Markus said. "It would be fine to have the State of Illinois run it but I don't think it's desirable to have the City of Prospect Heights operate that airport alone."

Markus said the ownership of the airport would be a "horrendous task" for the village staff but added that he thinks the sale would not burden taxpayers and that the airport can support itself.

4-11-84 Tribune
Wheeling prisoner found hanged

A 25-YEAR-OLD Wheeling man was found hanged early Tuesday in the Wheeling police lock-up after being charged with drunken driving. The victim was James Spikes, the son of John Spikes of Glen Ellyn, chief toxicologist for the Illinois Department of Public Health. He used a strip of material from a cell blanket to kill himself, said Dr. Lee Beamer, Cook County assistant medical examiner. Spikes' father directed the tests on cyanide-tainted capsules used in the 1982 Tylenol poisonings. Wheeling police arrested James Spikes at 9:30 p.m. Monday and charged him with improper lane usage and two counts of drunken driving. Wheeling Sgt. Jack Kimsey said Spikes called his parents to let them know what had happened and, unable to pay a \$300 bond, was placed in a cell at 11 p.m. He was the only prisoner in the lock-up, Kimsey said.

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CPR basic rescuer
Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center in Wheeling will teach two CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Basic Rescuer classes on two

Saturdays, May 5 or May 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Indian Trails Public Library, 355 Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling. Emergency rescue techniques that can help save the lives of victims of cardiac or respiratory arrest, heart attack, stroke or drowning are taught in the CPR course.

Before the first class, participants are mailed a comprehensive CPR manual which must be read in order to participate in class discussion. This CPR course is conducted according to American Heart Association guidelines. Participants who successfully complete the program are certified for one year.

Persons 14 and older may register by calling the center at 520-0100. There is a \$3 fee.

Check blood pressure

Free blood pressure screening and counseling is offered by Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

4-12-84 Reminder
Wheeling man hanged in cell

A 25-year-old Wheeling man was found hanged in his cell Tuesday, apparently a suicide victim, two hours after being placed in the Wheeling police lockup following a drunken-driving arrest.

Police said they found James M. Spikes, 575 Fairway View Drive, hanged in the lockup early Tuesday morning with a strip of material from the cell's blanket.

Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey said Spikes was arrested after police saw his car driving northbound in the wrong lane of Wolf Road near Milwaukee Avenue about 9:30 p.m. Monday. His car was stopped at Wolf and Milwaukee and he failed a field sobriety test, Kimsey said.

Spikes was taken to the Wheeling police station and was administered a Breathalyzer test, which he failed, Kimsey said. He was charged with improper lane usage, driving

under the influence of alcohol, and driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 per cent.

Spikes made calls to friends and family, but was unable to raise \$300 bond and was incarcerated in the police lockup at 11 p.m., Kimsey said.

Spikes' shoes and belt were taken from him, according to regulations, Kimsey said. State law mandates that prisoners be checked every hour. Spikes was sleeping when he was checked by the watch commander at midnight. However, when the watch commander checked at 1 a.m., he found Spikes hanged in the cell with a strip of material apparently torn from a blanket.

Kimsey said Spikes did not appear to be especially distraught or upset while he was being processed.

"It's a waste," Kimsey said. "He was so young."

4-11-84 HERALD
Accused of drunken driving, he hangs himself

by Debbe Nelson
Herald staff writer

Wheeling police said James M. Spikes did not appear unusually upset when they arrested him late Monday for drunken driving. So when they locked the 25-year-old Wheeling man in a jail cell, they took only the normal precautions of removing his belt and shoelaces, said Sgt. Jack Kimsey.

But at about 1 a.m. Tuesday, an hour after police last had made a routine check on him, Spikes was found hanging from a strip of cell blanket in an apparent suicide.

"There was no indication he was

going to do it," Kimsey said. "If there's any indication, we'll check (the cell) more often."

Close friends said Spikes, of 575 Fairway View Drive, did not seem depressed when they spoke to him earlier in the day, but added that Spikes had a drinking problem that made him a "changed man."

"HE WAS ALWAYS a strong man," said his fiancée, Laura Lynn Kowalczyk, 18, of Elk Grove Village. "He could deal with a lot of things but his drinking. Then his personality would change."

"I figure it was the alcohol," said Tom Short, 24, of Mount Prospect,

who considered Spikes his best friend.

The Wheeling Police Department and the Cook County medical examiner's office are looking into the incident to try to determine why it happened. Spikes' death is the third jail cell hanging in the Northwest suburbs in the past nine months.

Police checked on him hourly, Kimsey said. Spikes had been arrested at 9:30 p.m. Monday, after a police officer stopped his car on Wolf Road near Milwaukee Avenue. He was driving northbound in the southbound lanes, Kimsey said.

SPIKES CALLED friends and family from the jail, but could not post

bond. So police removed his belt and shoelaces and locked him in a cell at 11 p.m., Kimsey said.

When checked at midnight, he was sleeping. A check by the watch commander at about 1 a.m. April 10 found that Mr. Spikes had hung himself by using a strip of cloth from the cell blanket, he said.

Spikes had been discouraged about his indebtedness in recent months, friends said. He worked at a car rental business during the day and a restaurant at night to pay off bills he had accumulated, they said.

Spikes told Kowalczyk he was going to work Monday night. She

doesn't know where he went between the time they spoke and when police stopped him. He tried to call her after his arrest, but she wasn't home.

Kowalczyk said she wondered whether Wheeling police did all they could to prevent his death. She was angry at police and she was angry at Spikes.

"It upsets me that he'd do it that way. And it upsets me they would let this happen," she said. "I'm mad. I want to know the answers."

"If you've got the next day to think about it, things don't seem so bad," Short said. "He didn't have the next day."



LAURA KOWALCZYK and JAMES SPIKES

Fire calls *night*
Medics deliver
baby girl *4-12-84*
mom fine, too *7*

The best news from the Wheeling Fire Department was the safe delivery of a baby girl last week.

The baby arrived March 30, about five minutes after the paramedics came to help her mother. The baby was healthy and breathing as soon as it was delivered, although firefighters said her hands and feet were blue. The baby's color improved slightly by the time she and her mother arrived at the hospital. She was the second child for her mother, but she was not due until April 17.

Police close books on jail hanging

THE HANGING death of a 25-year-old Wheeling man in the Wheeling police lock-up early Tuesday, April 10, was not due to police negligence, according to an internal investigation.

According to Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger, the death of James Spikes, found hanged in his cell by the watch commander who checked on him around 1 a.m., has been ruled a suicide.

"All state and department procedures were followed by officers," according to Haeger, who added, "the prisoner was accorded all the

appropriate rights."

Spikes, the son of John Spikes of Glen Ellyn, chief toxicologist for the Illinois Department of Public Health, had been arrested more than three hours earlier on drunken driving and improper lane usage charges.

The entire cell block where he was being held usually is under electronic surveillance by TV monitors, including sound, but Haeger said Spikes was not visible on the screen because his cell was dark.

"He was asked if he wanted the light on or off," Haeger said. "He

(Spikes) said he didn't care, so they were turned off."

There were no indications of a problem, said Haeger, who added that although there was audio monitoring "nothing out of the ordinary occurred" to focus special attention on Spikes' cell.

"When we are concerned about a prisoner's well-being, frequent checks are made," Haeger said.

A strip of cloth torn from the cell blanket was used in the hanging, according to Sgt. Jack Kimsey, who said a midnight check found Spikes sleeping.

Police stopped Spikes at Milwaukee and Wolf roads where a sobriety test was given, according to Kimsey. The man was jailed after being unable to post \$200 bond. He was the only prisoner in the lock-up, Kimsey said.

Spikes' father, John, who directed the tests on cyanide-tainted capsules used in the 1982 Tylenol poisonings, has a major role in the state's driving-under-the-influence program. His department performs 90 percent of the state's tests on blood and urine in cases involving drunken driving suspects.

4-12-84 LIFE

Surplus food set to be distributed

April 24, 1984
The Community and Economic Development Association office in Arlington Heights will distribute about 14,000 pounds of surplus cheese, butter, dried milk, flour and honey to needy families Wednesday.

The federal surplus food will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 1 p.m. at the CEDA Northwest suburban offices at 111 N. Arlington Heights Road. The offices will be open until 5 or 6 p.m.

Recipients must meet income guidelines and reside in the seven-township area covered by CEDA Northwest.

Susie Stone, CEDA Northwest public information director, said the agency gave food to 860 families during a food giveaway last month, the highest number of recipients since the monthly program started last June.

People who are unemployed or receive food stamps or general assistance are eligible. The monthly income limits are \$488 for an individual, \$648 for a family of two, \$808 for three, \$969 for four, \$1,129 for five, \$1,290 for six, \$1,450 for seven, \$1,610 for eight and \$129 for each additional family member after eight.

The seven townships covered by CEDA Northwest are Wheeling, Elk Grove, Hanover, Maine, Palatine, Schaumburg and Barrington.

Teens can sell liquor, for now

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—Citing numerous violations by local businesses, village trustees have "temporarily" approved permitting 18-year-olds to sell liquor.

The board approved the change when restaurant and tavern owners said compliance with a law setting the age at 21 would hurt their businesses.

The age requirement was raised to 21 just a few months ago during a sweeping revision of the liquor control ordinance.

On April 2, however, trustees approved the change back to 18 on a temporary basis, they said, to have more time to study the issue without penalizing the community.

WITHOUT PRIOR announcement, Village Manager Thomas Markus presented the measure to the board for approval, noting the lack of compliance in the village. "We have a responsibility to address the issue as soon as we can," he said.

Trustee Charles Kerr, however, objected to the hurried approach, saying the issue "deserves more discussion," and moved to defer action. The motion to table was

defeated, however, leading to an open debate.

William Hein, president of the Wheeling Area Restaurant Association and former village president, charged that the age 21 requirement "would create a hardship for (liquor) license holders and the young people in the community" who need employment.

Jim Masterson, owner of Hackneys in Wheeling, 241 S. Milwaukee Ave., said he currently employs "seven or eight" young adults who serve liquor. He added that in the summer, when college students return home, he would be forced to deny jobs to up to 15 potential employees if the local ordinance were not changed.

State law prohibits the possession of liquor by those under 21, except under circumstances of employment. It does not establish an age limit for those selling liquor, but Illinois Liquor Control Commission rules ban liquor sales by those under 18 years.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY James Rhodes, however, said the village has good reason to raise the legal selling age at the local level.

"Our rationale was that people 21 years old have friends 21 years of

Village adopts new drug law

WHEELING—Village trustees have adopted a law requiring all stores selling drug paraphernalia to have a special \$150 license and to keep a listing of the names and addresses of all persons buying these items.

The law is virtually identical to a 1978 Hoffman Estates ordinance, which was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1980.

Currently, officials say the only business in the village directly affected by the new law is Rock 'N Records, which has been in operation for five years at 851 W. Dundee Road.

Although a state law regulating the sale of drug paraphernalia already exists, Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said the local ordinance hopefully will prove to be more of a deterrent.

"The primary difference is that the local paraphernalia law will enable us to require Rock 'N Records to provide written documentation of all transactions," said Haeger. "This is the backbone of the ordinance."

ROCK 'N RECORDS owner Bill Weber said the store will comply with the law and do "whatever they want," but added he may discontinue selling smoking devices, which are only a small part of overall sales.

"We're a record store," Weber said. We just offer these (smoking) items as an accommodation to our customers."

Village Attorney James Rhodes explained that the local ordinance describes drug paraphernalia as any device "designed or marketed for use" with marijuana, as defined by state statute.

age and that it is more likely that 18-year-olds might sell to their friends," said Rhodes. "We felt that 21 years of age was proper because the legal drinking age is 21."

Wheeling Police Chief Michael

Haeger also favors an age limit of 21. Noting that most packaged liquor stores already have policies requiring sellers to be 21, Haeger said he is more concerned with the operation of local pubs.

4-12-84 LIFE

4-12-84 LIFE Wheeling cleans up

THE Village of Wheeling will have a spring cleaning of parks, school yards, and street rights-of-way 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 12.

All scouting troops, community groups, church congregations, residents and business leaders are asked to join forces for the "attack on litter." Meet behind the Municipal Complex's Fire Station, 255 W. Dundee Road, at 9 a.m., armed with work clothes and work gloves.

Immediately following the clean-up activities, a complimentary lunch will be served at the Village Hall for all participants.

For more information, call Julie Woods, 459-2620.

Liquor commission singles out five trouble spots

4-12-84 HERALD

The Wheeling Liquor Commission renewed 23 liquor licenses and granted three new licenses, but not before issuing strong warnings to five establishments where police have responded to dozens of calls.

The harshest criticism was reserved for Billy and Company, a steak and seafood restaurant at 134 S. Milwaukee Ave. that holds the only village license allowing liquor sales until 4 a.m. Police were called to the restaurant 31 times in the last year.

New licenses were given to Tahoe Pharmacy, 1760 Hintz Road, My Pie Restaurant, 102 S. Milwaukee Ave., and Il Nedo Restaurant, 600 S.

Milwaukee Ave.

OTHER PLACES warned by the board were Smokey's, 322 N. Milwaukee Ave., where police responded to 20 calls; 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, 1070 S. Milwaukee Ave., with 12 calls; Kilcoyne Redwood Inn, 342 N. Milwaukee Ave. and AmVets, 700 Old McHenry Road, each with 11 calls.

The businesses required police help for incidents of assault, unwanted patrons, ambulance calls, fights in the parking lot and unfounded underage drinking charges, and village officials warned owners to take steps to prevent such incidents in the future.

Trustees, sitting as the commission, questioned Billy and Company owner-operator William Moss on the high number of incidents requiring police help and granted renewal of the license on the condition that Moss return July 1 to show a "considerable" reduction in such incidents.

A dozen calls came one night in August when Wheeling and Buffalo Grove police arrested 12 people for various charges of underage drinking, battery and possession of cocaine.

"WE WERE CONCERNED before because of the high number of incidents and I'm disappointed that you

haven't improved that situation since the fall," Commissioner Charles Kerr said. "I'm flexible and see that rather than have trouble, you call, but I think there has to be a reason why you have a greater number of calls than other businesses."

Moss defended the number of calls, saying that his restaurant does more business than many other establishments and that police watch over Billy and Company from 2 a.m. until it closes because there are no other bars to watch.

"A bar open until after 2 o'clock is naturally going to have more calls," he said.

"Since the trouble last fall, I have met with Police Chief (Michael) Haeger and have beefed up my security, adding to the number of security people," Moss said. "I also recently put up lights in the parking lot and have the lot patrolled. I think you can see a marked improvement."

All commissioners except William Rogers agreed with Kerr, who said Moss should get another chance to reduce the number of police calls. "I'd like them to have the opportunity to improve," Kerr said. "I know he met with the chief in the fall, but maybe he didn't know the chief can't remove his license and we can."

ROGERS, VOTING against renewal of the license, said the board should pull the establishment's 4 a.m. license and issue a 2 a.m. license instead. More than half of the Billy and Company calls to police came after 2 a.m., Haeger said.

But to make the change, the commission would have to have delayed issuing a license until the village board created another 2 a.m. license.

"I need my 4 o'clock license in there to support the food business I have," Moss said, adding that he will also begin enforcing a dress code this summer in an attempt to turn away problem patrons.

Village board wrapup

4-18-84

Club's development is topic of meeting

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said he would try to arrange a meeting between the proposed developer of the Arlington Country Club, disgruntled residents and the village board April 30.

Last week, Lexington Development Inc. approached the Wheeling Plan Commission with plans to build a 1,200-unit condominium complex on the 131-acre site in unincorporated Wheeling Township. But under pressure from about 35 residents who live in the adjoining single-family subdivision, the plan commission voted to recommend the club land be zoned exclusively for single-family homes.

Lexington proposed the plan two years ago, but representatives from the company said they delayed annexation and construction plans when interest rates rose and the new-home market dropped.

Bonds approved for street repairs

The board approved the sale of \$3.4 million in bonds to pay for street repaving and replacement, and to relocate Boehmer Avenue and Northgate Parkway where they meet at Dundee Road.

Road crews should be out in May to repave and make minor curb repairs to 57 streets in the village, primarily in neighborhoods where work was done last year. This year's work will finish the neighborhood streets that were not paved last year, but left as access roads during construction.

The village also will use part of the money to pay 5 to 10 percent of the \$990,000 cost to straighten two streets so that they will meet right across from each other on Dundee Road. The state and county will pick up the remaining cost of the project.

The loan will be repaid with future gas taxes and property taxes earmarked for street improvements.

Iser ousted from pension board

4-18-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Passing over a board member who sought reappointment, Wheeling trustees placed John Cole on the police pension board because Cole opposes a controversial plan to use pension money for low-cost home mortgages for police officers.

Michael Iser had asked to remain on the board, but Village President Sheila Schultz said Iser's views were "not in tune with the way the present board felt." Schultz said Iser's support for a low-interest home mortgage plan "was not appropriate" because he was appointed to "represent the village and the residents."

Schultz recommended Cole's appointment this week saying that it is

important to have a voice reflecting the village board and residents on the pension panel. By state law, the village board is allowed to appoint two members to the board, police officers elect another pair and a retired member collecting pension sits as the tie-breaker.

"He (Iser) had a different view of his role than the board did," Schultz said. "I do think this will help in that we'll have an appointee who sees the ramifications to the taxpayers that we see."

ISER AND FRANK Proietti were appointed by the village board, but when the village filed suit seeking to kill the mortgage program in January 1983, Iser stuck with other police pension board members. Proietti,

whose term will expire April 30, 1985, joined the village in the lawsuit. Cole, an eight-year member of the village board, was among the village officials who signed the lawsuit. He is no longer on the village board.

Iser told trustees at his reappointment interview that even if he did not remain on the board it "would still have the votes to put this (mortgage plan) through."

"I expected this to come up," he said. "If there is going to be a political reason to appoint me that's one thing, but if you appoint people to volunteer their time I think you have to remember I have to live with my choice."

Iser could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

THROUGH THE Combined Counties Police Association, the plan would make low-interest mortgages available to 40 police officers and the village's seven retired officers.

The village lawsuit contends the plan could cost taxpayers \$145,000 in the first year and \$2 million while the money is tied up through the life of the loans. But pension board members disagree, saying the cost to the village would be "minimal," only about \$4,000.

The pension board approved the plan in October 1983, but is not expected to sign the papers and make the program available until May or June. At that point, Village Attorney James Rhodes said, the village would actively pursue the lawsuit.

Village asks for waiver from FCC

4-18-84

The board gave its approval to ask for a joint waiver from the Federal Communications Commission that will allow the village to continue to collect 5 percent in franchise fees from Cablenet Inc., the cable service in the village.

The FCC requires communities to ask for a waiver if it collects more than 3 percent in fees, but nine Northwest suburban towns have been collecting 5 percent in fees without the waiver since Cablenet began operating in 1982.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the board is not worried about repercussions from the FCC because the waiver was filed late. "It was a decision made by a lot of communities because there was a question of whether it had to be done if the 5 percent was part of the franchise agreement," she said.

"Now we are asking for it and it is well documented that there was no intent to do wrong when we did not file for the waiver," she said.

Rosemont firm plans to build in village

April 19, 1984

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

A Rosemont company is planning to expand its office space at Wolf and Palatine roads with construction of a one-story building it will rent to businesses.

Podolsky and Associates now has a 120,000-square-foot building at the eight-acre location, built two years ago. The second phase calls for the one-story, 43,000-square-foot building.

"Wheeling offers an excellent labor source," said Joseph R. Krusinski, president of Padcor Construction Co. of Schiller Park, the company building the office complex for Podolsky and Associates.

Krusinski is not alone in his request to build in Wheeling with access to the tollway just east on Palatine Road. Four other businesses are seeking construction permits to build or add onto their existing buildings in the southern end of Wheeling.

WHEELING ASSISTANT Manager Robert Fialkowski said Podolsky's company alone could bring about 200 jobs to the area. "And there's quite a bit of land still empty around that area," he said, which is all zoned for industrial and corporate use.

Krusinski credited the state's addition of ramps to the I-294 tollway for the increased interest of construction in the Wheeling area.

"Wheeling has an excellent locale for business, particularly since there are new ramps on and off the tollway



AN ARTIST'S RENDERING shows the final look of Rosemont. The company is already in a one-story Corporate Square, a office building complex being building and is constructing a second this spring. Full built in Wheeling for Podolsky and Associates of ture plans call for another building next year.

just down the road," Krusinski said.

Podolsky has no tenants for the new building, but he said he expects it to be filled when it opens later in the year. The larger building is already filled with businesses that consolidated offices from all around Chicago and moved into Wheeling. The Wickes

Corp. leases half of the building, he said.

"I'm sure it will be the same type of businesses in the new building," he said.

Construction of the third phase, a

150,000-square-foot building standing four stories, will take place in 1985 or the following year, he said.

"A lot depends on the market and if there is a major tenant pursuing this now, then we would speed up our efforts," he said.

Lie detection OK'd for police, fire jobs

April 19, 1984

by Daniel McCann and Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writers

With one of three members abstaining, the Wheeling Police and Fire Commission has decided to include polygraph, psychological and medical tests in examinations for police sergeant and fire lieutenant promotions.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger said he recommended adding the tests because they are already used for promotions in other village departments and for all other levels of hiring in the fire and police departments.

"It's an effort to get the best candidate," Haeger said.

But Commissioner Stephen L. Caruso disagreed with adding polygraphs, stressing the unreliability of the tests. He said that while they're needed for entry-level candidates because "we're dealing with unknowns," for the veterans it was an unfair obstacle to promotion.

"IF I WAS part of the (police department) I'd be adamant about (eliminating) it," Caruso said. He abstained from voting on the measure.

Commission Chairman John A. Shelk and Commissioner Mary Ellen Westrich voted for the

changes.

Haeger, who recommended the additional tests with the approval of Fire Chief B.O. Koeppe, said all village management positions and all police department positions will now require the same series of testing, including the polygraph.

"It's the same for entry-level positions on up to the chief," Haeger said. "The polygraph is an appropriate tool to use because it will deal with specific things that have happened during their career."

IN THE PAST, Haeger said, promotions were primarily based on seniority, military background and written and oral testing with an established eligibility list good for three years.

The seniority element was eliminated and the other three items added to base all promotions on the same criteria, whether or not the candidate is from within the department, Haeger said.

There are no openings in either department for the supervisory positions, Haeger said. No members of the rank and file from either department attended the meeting and Haeger said he had heard no complaints from the officers since the proposed changes were posted.

The village invites residents to join in the spring cleaning of Wheeling's parks, school yards, and street rights-of-way on Saturday, May 12, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. All scout troops, community groups, church congregations, residents and business leaders are asked to join forces for the "attack on litter." Meet behind the Municipal Complex's Fire Station, 255 W. Dundee Rd., at 9 a.m., armed with work clothes and work gloves.

Immediately following the clean-up activities, a complimentary lunch will be served at the village hall for all participants. Please show your support for our community by bringing your family and friends out for Up With Wheeling Day — you'll be glad you did! For more information, call Julie Woods at 459-2620.

Public service

Board OKs shop plaza

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

April 19, 1984

WHEELING—The Village Board Monday, April 16 approved the construction of a convenience shopping center and a separate day-care facility on a 4½-acre site at Lake-Cook Road and Lexington Drive.

The Lexington Development Corporation of Arlington Heights, which also developed the neighboring Lexington Commons coach house complex, plans to begin building in May, said Richard Piggott, the land development director. Future plans, he said, include two restaurants along Lake-Cook Road, one a fast-food operation.

The Lexington Commons Plaza,

as the shopping center will be called, will house up to 19 different stores, covering 23,410-square feet. The day-care center will be operated by a national chain called Kinder Care. Piggott said no tenants have yet been contracted for the shopping center, pending the board's approval.

IN ENDORSING the plan, trustees granted a rezoning to a neighborhood commercial district, which does not allow outside storage. Officials deemed the zoning change as "more appropriate" because of the proximity of residents nearby.

Many of these residents had appeared at preliminary hearings to voice their concerns over the pro-

ject. As a result, changes in lighting, curbing, pedestrian access and location of dumpsters, along with a \$3,000 contribution by the developers for natural screening, were concessions gained by residents.

But Scott Pine, 1110 Scanlon Drive, told the board that \$3,000 for the purchase of trees would not be enough to screen the shopping center from residents. He also complained about the increase in traffic that would result.

"At 7:30 in the morning, Lake-Cook Road is a parking lot. You can't get out going east or west,"

said Pine. "I have been to all the previous meetings and have not received the answers I wanted to hear."

Trustee Roger Powers also expressed concern over the amount of late-night traffic that the restaurants may generate.

But Village Manager Thomas Markus countered that the land had been zoned commercial before the homes were built and that the developers "had an inherent right to use that property for commercial use."

Lexington is also developing the Buffalo Grove Industrial center directly north of Lake-Cook Road and Rob Roy Village on Lake Avenue in Mount Prospect.

Village renews all liquor licenses

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—The Village Liquor Control Commission granted renewal of all 26 liquor licenses at an April 9 hearing, but not before warning some operators to do a better job of policing their businesses.

Although the majority of liquor establishments conduct their business without a need for calling police, officials accused several others of having a history of trouble.

Among those businesses criticized by the commission was Billy & Company, 124 S. Milwaukee Ave., where 31 incidents requiring police assistance were recorded during the past year. On one occasion last July, police arrested eight people charged with various offenses, including possession of a controlled substance, underage drinking and battery.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus, citing police records, said this restaurant-bar has posed the "most serious problem" among local drinking emporiums. Last year, 26 percent of all police calls to liquor establishments originated at Billy & Company. In 1982, Billy &

Company accounted for 24 percent of such calls.

"It doesn't seem to be getting any better," said Markus.

"The incidents are constant," echoed Trustee Charles Kerr. "They don't seem to let up at all."

Another statistic—76 percent of the calls to Billy & Company occurred after 2 a.m.—suggests a main source of the problem, said Markus. Billy & Company is the only holder in the village of a 4 a.m. liquor license.

Officials noted that the late-night operating privilege often results in a "mixed crowd" which shows up after all other places have closed.

WILLIAM MOSS, the owner of Billy & Company, admitted there is a problem. "It is a late-night place that everyone filters into. Obviously there will be more calls at my business."

But Moss added that he has taken steps to alleviate the trouble. After discussions with Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger, Moss said he "beefed-up security," provided additional lighting in the parking lot and began enforcing a dress code.

Officials are also concerned that the problems will "intensify" if

Arlington Heights, currently reviewing its own liquor code, decides to withdraw its 4 a.m. licenses.

Another liquor establishment cited for a "high number" of police incidents by commissioners was Smokey's, 322 N. Milwaukee Ave. In explaining the 20 incidents re-

ported at his establishment, owner Gary Burke stated that many of the calls were an early attempt to avoid trouble.

Burke said police were often called as a preventative measure to keep potential problems from developing.

The week ahead April 23, 1984

Village to award bid for senior rec center

The Wheeling village board meets tonight in a special meeting to award a bid for construction of a senior citizen recreation center.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Jonlee Construction Co., Oak Lawn, submitted the lowest bid at \$621,000, about \$60,000 less than the architect's estimate. Other bids were submitted by Coath and Goss Inc., Elmhurst, \$634,224; Peter Schwabe Inc, Rolling Meadows, \$649,303; and J.W. Halm Construction Co., Burr Ridge, \$670,827.

THE BOARD will continue discussion of the possible purchase of Palwaukee Airport.

Trustees will review details of the written agreement the board would have to sign to be part of the purchase and will also discuss the 4-year purchase plan the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has recommended.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights have considered purchasing the airport since its owner Charles Priester put the land up for sale nearly a decade ago. IDOT has agreed go through with the purchase this year and has given each town until September to decide whether it wants to be part of the deal.

Wheeling to set project priorities

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees will set priorities Monday on a five-year plan to spend \$17 million to repave streets, build both new sidewalks and a senior recreation center and to begin several sewer and water rehabilitation projects.

The capital improvements project was "put together from old lists from the past four years," said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski.

Nearly all of the projects are scheduled to begin this year. Totalling more than \$16.2 million, they include:

- \$4 million in street repairs to be done during the next three years, including the repaving of 57 streets in the village, primarily in neighborhoods where work was done last summer

- \$3.1 million for sanitary sewer work in the next three years with 75 percent of the cost covered by a federal Environmental Protection Agency grant.

- \$2.5 million in water main and tank construction, primarily to prepare for the summer arrival of Lake Michigan water to be piped in from Evanston.

- \$1.8 million to widen Wheeling Road from Hintz to Palatine roads.

- \$1.6 million to install a relief sanitary sewer under Wheeling Road from Dundee to Hintz roads.

- \$1 million in storm water line improvements during the next two years. The work includes purchasing land rights through 1987 for a diversionary channel and improvements beginning this year on the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, both of which will

help ease flooding problems in the village.

- \$902,376 to build and furnish a senior recreation center at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street.

- \$790,000 to realign Boehmer Avenue and Northgate Parkway at Dundee Road.

- \$550,000 to install two railroad crossings — one in 1984-85 at the Soo Lines Railroad tracks at Old Willow Road and another in 1988-89 at Commercial Drive.

- \$416,000 to improve the intersection at Wheeling and Palatine roads.

- \$34,000 to align the village hall driveway with the post office driveway to alleviate traffic problems.

In addition to the delays in starting the second railroad-crossing project and in the purchase of land for the

diversionary channel, village workers are recommending sidewalks remain on the back burner for another year, Fialkowski said, because tight budgeting won't allow for the cost, set at \$550,000. Slated for work from 1985 through 1989 is more than four miles of sidewalk construction along Wheeling, Hintz, Wolf and Dundee roads and other main roads in the village.

About half of the \$17 million is expected to be come from federal, state and county grants. The village is considering borrowing \$6.6 million, primarily to pay for road, water mains and sewer lines. Another \$1.7 million is anticipated in future property, gas and license taxes and water and sewer fees.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Pal-Waukee purchase leaves nearby residents up in the air

by Kathy Waugh
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While state and local officials haggle over who will purchase Pal-Waukee Airport, residents and businesses located around the airport are still in the dark about future plans for their land.

"No one has ever confronted us with plans to move us out," said Dolores "Lorie" Grandt. She and her husband, Edward, live in a meticulously cared-for, one-story brick home at 14 E. Hintz Road some 500 feet from where corporate jets touch down each day.

Grandt built the home 24 years ago, long before the airport's owner built what the state calls the "bread and butter runway" — spanning 5,200 feet and ending 100 feet from the Hintz and Wolf roads intersection.

If the state, surrounding towns or any other public body purchase the airport, the new owner will have to abide by federal regulations not imposed on privately owned airports. Those guidelines call for the purchase of land too close to any runway.

THIS WEEK THE state met with Wheeling officials and detailed which land they would buy and when it would be purchased in the proposed four-year buyout.

The purchases would take place in two phases covering 1984 through 1986 and would guarantee a necessary "clear zone" to improve safety factors and a chance at future funding for airport improvements.

"No one ever came over and told us which I think is wrong," Mrs. Grandt said. "All of a sudden someone's going to be knocking on the door telling us that we have six or eight months to move. It will take longer than that because we won't be living in Wheeling. If they don't want us to stay, we won't."

Mrs. Grandt said they have deferred plans to buy carpeting and a new roof since talk of the airport sale started. "We don't want to do any repairs or put money into a home they are going to take down," she said.

"This house has a lot of good memories; we raised our four children here," she said. "When I think of it being bulldozed down it just breaks my heart."

MANY OF THE 15 residents who would be relocated have expressed similar fears during the five-year study to consider the purchase.

Some parcels are vacant and for sale signs sit in front of a few homes and businesses, including a closed-down used tire store. But the store's owner said it will not sell quickly.

"I've had a couple people look at it but now with all this (purchase) talk going on, no one's too interested," said Frank Chupich, the owner of two acres of land at 21 E. Hintz Road.

"I've got it up for sale anyway," he said. "We might as well get rid of it because I can't afford to keep paying the \$5,000 in taxes."

Although the state has said it would buy the airport this year no matter who else is interested, Roger Barkus, chief aviation engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said the state has no plans to contact anyone right now.

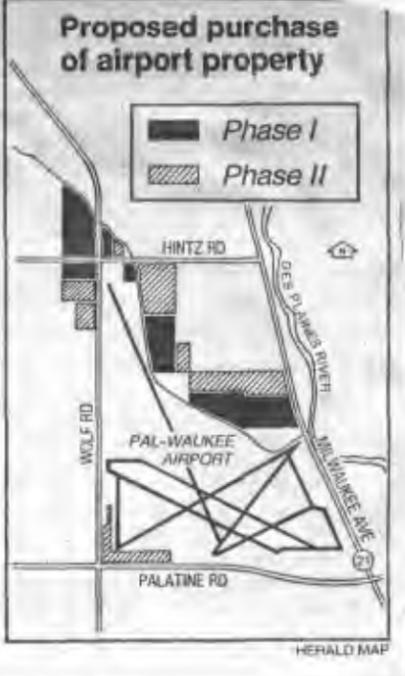
"WE WOULDN'T do that until we were given a grant and knew we were ready to go ahead," he said. "There's no point in going out there and stirring things up when we can't even buy the land yet."

Barkus said after the potential buyer is given a grant from the feder-

al government, the property owners would be contacted, the land appraised and then purchased. Residents and businesses would be relocated according to federal regulations which include guarantees similar mortgage rates, housing in the area and coverage for moving costs.

Barkus said the list of places to buy aren't set in stone but represent "our best plans" still subject to change as money is available.

"These were drawn up on the basis that the state would be the buyer," he said. Alterations requested by the towns would also be considered, he said.



Fate of roadway close to runway causes dispute

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

April 25, 1984

Wheeling officials say they disagree with a Prospect Heights and state opinion that the intersection of Wheeling and Hintz roads has to be relocated as part of the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport.

State, village and Federal Aviation Administration officials met Monday to answer questions trustees have about the purchase. But, Wheeling officials say they aren't convinced the relocation is necessary to provide continued use of the airport's longest runway.

"I don't think it's an absolute," Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said. Wheeling and Prospect Heights have considered buying the airport jointly with the state for the past five years.

"FROM THE very beginning one of the hardest things we have had to face has been relocating the road and the people around it that would also have to be moved. It was something we didn't want to do unless we had to."

Schultz and Trustee William Rogers are advocating the state delay a study involving the intersection, while a Prospect Heights airport committee says that examination should be started right away.

The study is needed before the road could be relocated in 1989, but Schultz said she agrees with Rogers' view of "buy it the way it is and then see how it operates."

"A lot of things can happen in five years," she said, pointing out that the future use of the airport could eliminate the need for the 5,200-foot runway.

But Jerry Svec, chairman of the Prospect Heights committee recommending the environmental and route studies, said a 1981 study both towns commissioned Ralph Burke and Associates to do made it clear the road had to be relocated to continue using the longest runway.

"It would seem to me that there isn't any alternative; you can't push the runway back," Svec said. "We



feel very strongly about it. The Burke study said it had to be done and the state agrees with us. I just don't see how plans for the airport could succeed without it happening."

SVEC SAID that once the airport changes from private to public hands, FAA regulations will not allow use of the last 600 feet of the 5,200-foot runway because a "clear zone" would be needed to meet federal safety standards. The three- to five-year environmental and route review needed before the road could be moved would cut down on airport revenue as larger planes have to be re-routed to O'Hare, he said.

Pal-Waukee is the only metropolitan area airport with a 5,000-foot runway.

"We're not here to wait and see," Svec said. "You could wait and see forever."

Svec discounted Rogers' view that the relocation — estimated at \$10 million in 1981 — could be avoided.

"That's just one man regarding Prospect Heights as being a little ahead of the state and Wheeling on the planning for the airport," Svec said. "It would seem to me that somebody who thinks the roads won't have to be moved really hasn't studied the material as well as we have."

Senior citizens to have center

April 24, 1984

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board voted Monday night to construct a recreation center for senior citizens near Strong Street and Milwaukee Avenue.

The building will complete the village's concept for a three-part senior citizen complex that already includes a clinic run by Holy Family Hospital and a 100-unit housing complex.

The village's idea was to give senior citizens the ability to gather with friends or if get medical care by traveling only a short distance from their homes.

Construction of the \$672,000 project will start in mid May and should be completed by October or November. The board agreed to add items to the center that were not included in original construction plans, including a gazebo, fireplace, carpeting, central humidifying system and cabinets and counters for an arts and crafts room.

The center will also have two multi-purpose rooms, a kitchen, a classroom and office space. The low bidder, Jonlee Construction Co. of Oak Lawn, was awarded the contract to construct the building. The contract did not include furniture or appliances, but, assistant village manager Robert Flalkowski said, \$229,000

slated for the center will not be needed and can go for furnishings and "start-up" costs.

VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING senior citizens' groups plan to hold meetings, classes and luncheons in the center. Tentative plans also call for places wherein senior citizens can watch television, read or sit and talk with friends.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village will have to spend \$75,000 to \$100,000 each year to run the center.

"We really don't have a handle on what the final cost will be," he said, "because it depends on our volunteer help and how much we can get."

Construction on the center was scheduled for the fall of 1983 but had to be delayed when the first bids were double the original estimate for the project. The contract awarded Monday was "right on the money," Flalkowski said, with the architect's \$680,000 estimates.

During the winter the architectural firm of Holabird and Root redesigned the building, eliminating 15 percent of the floor space — 1,000 square feet — and an outdoor gazebo and patio area. Floor space was cut by reducing the size of rooms, eliminating hallways and some storage space.

Wheeling looks at joining cop dispatch system

April 26, 1984

by Laura Carlson

Herald staff writer

Several Northwest suburban police and fire departments have expressed interest in joining Northwest Central Dispatch System, now that the agency is installing a "state of the art" computer system.

Director Bruce Smith confirmed that six communities have made inquiries about joining the system, which now provides dispatching and communication for the police and fire departments in Arlington

Heights, Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove and Elk Grove Village.

Smith declined to name the interested communities, but officials from Rolling Meadows and Wheeling confirmed that they have requested information on the cost of having their police or fire departments join.

Rolling Meadows Fire Chief Thomas Quillin said officials are waiting for cost information and "keeping our options open" until they receive some figures.

WHEELING POLICE Chief Michael Haeger said he is interested in

the new computer system as a "new and innovative" approach and is waiting for a presentation explaining the system and costs.

Haeger added, "For us to go out and do it individually would not be cost-effective but for us to do it as a group would be much better."

Smith attributed the surge of interest in Northwest Central Dispatch to the new \$1 million computerized communications system that is being purchased by the agency.

The new system includes computer terminals in every squad car and

emergency vehicle and is designed to cut the time required on radio calls. Each of the four communities is contributing approximately one-fourth of the \$1 million cost.

"Computerization is really the way to go in this decade, and we've taken a giant step toward computerization," Smith said. "I wouldn't think it would be cost-effective for one community to try and do it on their own."

ALTHOUGH HE is still working up cost estimates, Smith said the communities definitely would have to

share in the computerization costs. They would have to pay to install computer terminals in all of their vehicles, and Smith said the costs might be too high for some towns.

Northwest Central Dispatch could handle three more communities with the new computer system at its current quarters at the Arlington Heights Municipal Building, Smith said. Any more than that would probably require an expanded office and more equipment, he added.

Mount Prospect Police Chief Ronald Pavlock said the member

communities would welcome new departments, if the overall cost could be reduced while maintaining the same effectiveness.

"If computer dispatch is as effective as it appears to be in other areas, there's no doubt we may be able to open up to other communities," Pavlock said. "They're saying it should reduce the air time of dispatchers by 60 percent."

Northwest Central Dispatch was formed in 1972 as a way to cut personnel costs for radio dispatchers and to speed up response time.

Officials back condo project despite residents' objections

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Despite objections from residents, some Wheeling trustees say they favor plans for an \$80 million apartment and condominium project to be built on the Arlington Golf Club on Dundee Road.

"I'm not saying we shouldn't continue to keep the screw down and review everything as they go through the plan commission and the other groups but I think it will be nice and something people will be proud of," Trustee Charles Kerr said.

Kerr lives in the Hollywood Ridge subdivision just east of the property where Lexington Development Inc. plans to build 1,256 housing units over the next four or five years. Some 560 of the units will be coachhouse-style condominiums that will be for sale. Another 480 units will be two-story apartment buildings and 216 units will be housed in six four- or five-story apartments. Rents will be \$600 to \$900 a month.

LEXINGTON NEEDS variations from village standards to allow narrower streets, more limited parking and the high-rise apartments which exceed a three-story limit imposed by village building codes. Lexington also plans to annex the property to the village and is requesting a change from single to multi-family zoning. The village plan commission is expected to make a recommendation to the village board sometime this summer.

Two lakes totaling about 7 acres

are designed to handle, storm water and prevent flooding, said Lexington President Ron Benach. Also planned are dry basins in the northeast corner of the property where much of the land can't be developed because it has a history of flooding. Each complex will have its own recreation facilities, he said. Also planned for the development is some type of commercial development, like a small shopping center, officials say.

Residents of Hollywood Ridge have complained that any construction in the area will only add to existing flooding problems. Each spring and fall, residents say, their yards are either flooded or saturated with puddles of water. But Kerr said he thinks the basins and other flood control measures could actually benefit the residents by eliminating the flooding all together.

Like other residents, Kerr said he would like to see the distance between Hollywood Ridge homes and the condominiums increased from the proposed 80 feet. "I'd like to see the 100 feet," he said, "but if they keep the fences maintained between I don't think there will be a problem."

RESIDENTS ALSO protested the rental units, saying the village contains only 35 percent single-family housing. But Board President Sheila Schultz said she thinks the village needs more good apartments. "We do get concerns at the village all the time for the lack of good rental property," she said. Kerr agreed, saying that the higher rents at Lexington



will "attract a higher quality of people."

Trustee Nicholas Fanella called the plan "reasonable and realistic" and noted that the new development, which will accommodate 2,600 people, will bring "considerable" new revenues to the village.

Village Finance Director Greg Peters said the "entire village would benefit" by the complex, which is expected to add \$38,000-a-year in state fuel taxes, plus a yet-to-be-determined amount of new property taxes, federal revenue sharing money and local sales taxes.

Airport control

Village concerns keep Pal-Waukee ownership up in the air

5-3-84 Wheeling Life

By GARY ROBERTS
Correspondent

WHEELING—Despite assurances from state administrators that local ownership of Pal-Waukee Airport would bring local control, village officials continue to view with uncertainty their role in determining airport policy.

With the state-imposed deadline of September 30 drawing closer, trustees continued their investigation into the proposed acquisition of the airport during a question and answer session staged last week between state and local officials.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights have debated for five years whether to participate in the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport. Their debate culminated with a public referendum last March. Recently, the state entered the fray by offering to buy the airport if local ownership cannot be found.

Trying to weigh the options of local versus state control, Wheeling

officials used the forum to question Illinois Department of Transportation representatives on their plans for the airport.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus said there were some "very serious concerns" in the community that the airport is slated for expansion regardless of who owns the operation.

Robert Donahue, IDOT Division of Aeronautics Director, however, stated flatly that local ownership would "bring control of all future airport improvement projects."

Despite this promise, Markus expressed doubts over the state's purported hands-off policy. Citing scores of state and federal regulations, along with provisions to be spelled out in any purchase agreement, Markus said the village's authority would be "very limited."

The issue of local control also surfaced when Donahue proposed that a study on relocating the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads be

moved up to within the next few years.

Once public ownership is determined, federal safety standards would not allow use of the last 600 feet of the main runway because of its proximity to the nearest roadway. Therefore, the types of aircraft that could land at the airport might be limited if the intersection is not moved.

"If you're going to have a real utilization of the airport, you have to maintain a 5,000 foot runway," said Donahue.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS officials agree. City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said that if a current study shows airport traffic would be reduced by a shortened runway, "We would push to get the intersection relocated."

But Wheeling officials say there is no evidence that airport operations would face financial harm without the move.

"Wheeling doesn't believe it

necessarily has to be done," said Markus.

Another project suggested by state officials that also met with skepticism from the board called for diverting the Wheeling Draining Ditch into an underground culvert running where Hintz Road is now located. Pointing to a long history of flooding problems in the area, local officials expressed surprise, then concern, over the state's plan.

"It would take a lot of convincing that a closed channel could handle the flood waters," said Village President Sheila Schultz, noting that other projects should be done first.

Trustee Charles Kerr also saw reason for concern after hearing of these proposed projects. "Some of these ideas, before you know it, are decided and implemented."

He added that the meeting with state officials may have moved him closer to a decision on whether Wheeling should buy Pal-Waukee Airport.

Village denies request for funds

WHEELING—Village officials have refused a Wheeling Park District request for \$80,000 in federal revenue-sharing funds to convert an abandoned outdoor pool in Chamber Park into a multiseason recreational facility.

The outdoor pool has stood idle since it was closed in 1978 after 15 years of service due to the lack of \$600,000 for its renovation, said Parks Director David Phillips. An alternate plan for the site was then developed to provide a recreational play area for all age groups, from preschoolers to senior citizens, he said.

The proposed two-year program, requiring \$40,000 each year, calls for the existing pool tank and decks to be leveled and replaced with a hard surface pad. In addition, the bath house would be remodeled to house a warming shelter, concession area, staff office and equipment storage room.

THE NEW FACILITY would allow for ice skating, basketball, tennis, roller skating, shuffleboard, a bicycle safety program and a variety of youth and senior citizen activities, said Phillips.

The Wheeling Park District offered to accept the annual operational costs of the facility, which would be located in Chamber Park, adjacent to the new Senior Center.

Phillips argued in his request that the village has already established a precedent by supporting park projects in the past with federal revenue-sharing money. He cited the \$3,500 spent in 1978-79 for the relocation of the Wheeling Historical Museum and \$20,000 allocated the following year to buy a bus for the Park District.

Phillips stressed that cooperation between local

governments is especially needed here because, while park and recreation services receive about 6 percent of general revenue-sharing money nationwide, only 1 percent is allocated to park services in Illinois.

Phillips said he would like to "keep alive" high-priority park projects with the aid of revenue-sharing money.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES, however, declined to address the issue at a recent board meeting, saying the distribution of revenue-sharing money for 1984-85 was decided several weeks ago.

"The board expressed they were not interested

in re-opening the (budgeting) process," said Village Manager Thomas Markus, noting the village already spends a large portion of its revenue-sharing money on special community projects, such as the Senior Center and Omni House, a youth service center.

Phillips said the timing of the request should not have affected the board's decision. "If the village had the desire, they could do anything they want with that money," he said. "They had no desire."

Phillips said he would continue to seek other sources of revenue for the project, adding he may resubmit the request next year.

Tips given for new residents

5-3-84 Neighbor Public service

Have you recently moved into the Village of Wheeling? New Wheeling residents frequently are unaware of certain village requirements. New

residents have 90 days in which to purchase their vehicle license, show-

ing proof of move-in date. Thereafter, there is a late fee of \$15. For more information on dog licenses, water rates, etc., call the village hall, 459-2600.

Condo growth law approved

WHEELING—An ordinance regulating condominium development and conversion was approved by trustees at a special board meeting April 23.

The new law, aimed at protecting consumers, mandates full disclosure for both the conversion of rental units to condominiums and for new construction, which makes it different from other condo ordinances, said Village Attorney James Rhodes.

The ordinance also applies to condominiums regardless of whether they are located in residential, industrial or commercial areas.

Tom Fennell, Village building and zoning administrator, said the ordinance is primarily directed at the 3,300 rental units in the village.

Previously, condo conversions were not open to village review. While new construction fell under the guidelines of local building and zoning laws, no such control was authorized over conversion procedures.

The new law requires building inspections of proposed conversions for a \$15 fee, with the money helping to defray village costs.

Although there has been no specific instance of abuse in the village, Fennell fully supports the aim of the legislation.

"There is a need for the law, especially because of the large stock of rental units in the village," he said.

The new condominium ordinance also provides for a 180-day period for tenants to purchase their unit prior to conversion. In addition, the law includes a 10-day right-to-cancel sale provision for the purchaser.

Calls from F.O.P. are 'bogus': Chief

IF YOU have been asked to donate money to an organization called the Wheeling Chapter of The Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.), either by letter or telephone call, it is up to you — but, according to Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger, there is "no Wheeling Chapter." Recently, a number of local businesses and residents have been solicited for donations, some receiving letters from an Illinois State Lodge and others receiving telephone calls from someone calling himself Joe DeMarco, of the Wheeling Chapter.

Haeger said that he feels the information is misleading to the citizens of Wheeling. He has informed the F.O.P., he said. "The group is trying to make the people of Wheeling believe funds will benefit the Wheeling police officers, and this is not true," Haeger added. A solicitation letter from Richard Lis, a Chicago policeman and the group's president, states residents may become booster members for \$10. Additional decals are available for \$5 each, the letter states. "What good are the decals?" asked Haeger. "You can decorate your car with them," he commented. When asked if there is a Joe DeMarco in the Wheeling Police Department, Haeger said, "I've never heard of him."

Furthermore, the F.O.P. is a collective bargaining agency mainly for the Chicago Police Department, and Lodge 100 the conglomerate for individuals who do not have a local chapter. In Wheeling, collective bargaining is accomplished through the Wheeling Police Officer's Association, a non-bylawed organization, according to Haeger.

A telephone call to the Cook County Sheriff's police could not verify that Joe DeMarco was with that organization, although someone said he was with the county and on leave in Arizona. A check of personnel and with Lt. Kenneth Jones failed to verify that DeMarco was with the Cook County police. Jones suggested



June Stewart

contacting Richard Lis, of the F.O.P.

Meanwhile, Lt. Jones offered some worthwhile suggestions when you are solicited for donations. First, ask what the group or charity is going to do with the money. How long have they been doing it? And what other projects are in the works. Some of the Fraternal police organizations have some very worthwhile projects, such as helping children, Jones said. A telephone call to Lis's office did not turn up any additional information at this point. However, if you are solicited for funds from the Fraternal Order of Police, the State Chapter telephone number is 366-2125. If there is still a question about Wheeling Police officers being recipients or benefitting from the donation to the F.O.P., contact the Wheeling Police Department non-emergency number.

The Whipple Tree Homeowners Association will hold a garage sale May 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunshine is what the Whipple Tree homeowners are hoping for that day. It's an individual sale for the entire Park with the bake sale held in the clubhouse where maps will be given to buyers. Whipple Tree Mobile Home park is located at 525 Old McHenry Road.

The May 4 meeting of the Whipple Tree Homeowners Association will feature Denise Kennedy, Manager of Travel Wise, Ltd.

Recently, Sharon and Joe Nitti returned from a visit to the Yucatan. Among the archaeological treasures are the pyramids near Mexico City at San Juan Teatihuacan and other Mayan examples of architecture. "It was really beautiful," said the Nittis.

Off to the races — on water ^{5-3-84 Neighbor}

Now I know that you may not all think of Wheeling, Illinois, as a resort town... And I suppose it is true that more citizens leave our village for vacations than come to visit it... But on this coming Sunday, May 6, there's going to be some mighty "coastal town-like" activities taking place very near our own backyard. Sunday is the date for the annual Boat Races at Lake Potawatami. (Potawatami Forest Preserve area is located right down Dundee Road, just east of Milwaukee Avenue — you should find this easily if you scored high on last week's street quiz.)

Lisa Schab



Wheeling

IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN up to Minneapolis in the summertime, you may have heard of or seen their annual milk-carton boat races on a small lake just south of the city. All vessels in this competition must be built from a certain percentage of milk cartons, and brave souls that they are, people must actually man these crafts to navigate and sail them in the race. It makes an interesting — if not humorous — sight to say the least, but I'm sure that they've never gotten those milky sloops cruising at speeds of 70 miles per hour.

Once again, on this first Sunday in May, The Racing Dolphins, a model boat club, will be celebrating the rites of spring in their favorite way. Yes, these are model boats, but not the kind that your toddler would splash around with in the bath tub, mind you. According to Don Phillips, the owner and manager of The Venture Hobbies and Crafts shop in Wheeling, these models are about two- to four-feet in length, and their owners have been building and prepping them all winter just for this race.

ciation (IMPBA), and for reasons of insurance, you must be a member of this organization in order to race on Sunday.

The Venture Hobbies and Crafts shop has a great selection of models, if you ever get the urge to conjure up a vessel, vehicle, or aircraft yourself. Don Phillips, the owner, was a pilot in the air force himself, and has a personal preference for the flying crafts, but he also stocks a good amount of railroad, automobile, and boat models, too. Phillips says that his shop has a kind of "clubby" atmosphere. There's a coffee pot going in the back, and usually a group of people gathered in each section of the store, talking, comparing notes, and in general sharing their hobby. Venture Hobbies is located at 747 Dundee Road, and is open on Monday through Friday from noon to 8:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10 until 6, and on Sundays from noon until 5. See you at the races!

"THESE BOATS ARE ALL homemade," Phillips explains. "They're powered by engines and some of them can get going up to about 70 miles per hour."

The local enthusiasts, a group called The Racing Dolphins, is also active, meeting once each month at Heritage Park. Bob Oaks, an employee at Venture Hobbies, is the president of this club, and if you'd like some more information on it, you can call him at the hobby shop at 537-8669.

"Patience and time do more than strength or passion." — La Fontaine

(I had always thought of model boats as something that you glue together with your son and then let sit on the bookshelf until the cat knocks it over.) There's obviously more to it than that. These avid sailors even have their own association: the International Model Power Boat Association.

Boy, 15, charged in wrench beating ^{LIFE 5-3-84}

Police Log

WHEELING — A 15-year-old Evanston boy has been accused of beating a 54-year-old Wheeling man who ended up in the intensive care unit at Holy Family Hospital with head injuries. The man and the boy are friends, according to police.

Robert Raymond was listed in good condition at Holy Family Tuesday, May 1. Police said he was hit on and about the head with a pipe wrench Friday, April 27, the night he was admitted to the hospital.

The boy was picked up where he was walking in the area of Milwaukee and Manchester, according to police, who said he had blood on his clothing.

One of the victim's grown sons was called to the house after the incident, according to police, who said he then called police. The boy was taken to the Audy Home. He appeared in Juvenile Court on aggravated battery charges Tuesday, May 1.

Village may require festivals to provide security ^{5-7-84 Herald}

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

at the responsibility of amusements sponsors for crowd control and security," Village Attorney James Rhodes said.

"Up until now we have been providing police patrol officers who are working overtime hours at the expense of the village and we were never reimbursed," he said.

The village board meets at 8 p.m.

at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. The new ordinance would not effect the use of coin-operated games such as juke boxes and video games. Most situations would be one time, Rhodes said, when a circus, festival, fair or trade show might come to town.

TO DATE THE village has provided security for such things as Fourth

of July celebrations and beer and brat festivals. If the ordinance is passed, Rhodes said, the organizations sponsoring the events would have to register with the village and show that they would have security.

Excluding the cost, the village has not had problems with such events like concerts and athletic events, Rhodes said.

"But the village has the potential to hold rock-type concerts and public dances and we felt we should look at all these types of events now," he said.

Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey said village police have always been there to provide help at local festivities.

"It's always been a natural thing," he said. "If there was a big event, we

just provided the security."

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz said the ordinance will help to lay out liabilities although Kimsey said the department has not had any problems so far.

"What it will better do is define the village's responsibility and where it's the sponsor's responsibility," Schultz said.

Church plans bigger Fourth of July fest ^{5-7-84 Herald}

St. Joseph the Worker Church in Wheeling has expanded its Fourth of July festival this summer to a six-day program with the same familiar ring of food, games and no admission charge.

Judy Leider, a publicist for the festival, said plans are going well and dozens of free entertainment acts have already been booked for the June 29 through July 4 celebration.

About 70,000 to 100,000 are expected to attend, she said, up from 45,000 last year and 6,000 the first year the festival was held.

"We feel we are offering not only a safe atmosphere for the Fourth of July but also a real family atmosphere," she said.

THE FESTIVAL will be on 10 acres located behind St. Joseph's church and school, 181 W. Dundee Road.

Increasing the number of days also will help bring more people in, Leider said.

"We expanded it to six days instead of four because the Fourth falls on a Wednesday this year," she said. "We decided that we might as well pick up the weekend before since the calendar wasn't cooperating."

Folk singer Glenn Yarborough, Rod McKuen and Jump 'n the Saddle — the group that made the Curley Shuffle famous last year — are already scheduled to perform, she said. Performances also will include jazz, Dixieland, German bands, country, rock, and rhythm and blues.

Childrens' entertainment will include magic, clowns and juggling.

AS IN THE past, "Bits 'n Bites" of Wheeling will feature 14 or 15 restaurants from around the village that offer selected samples of their work. The list of restaurants has not been released yet, but last year, the church contracted with Le Francais, Hackney's, Han's Bavarian Lodge, Tein Tsin and others.

A tethered hot air balloon will help open the festival Friday night with rides offered while ground ropes keep the balloon from traveling too far away.

A petting zoo, pony rides, bingo, raffles and an evening casino tent are scheduled. Most of the games will be under tents in case of rain.

The festival begins at 6 p.m. June 29, July 3 and July 4, and at 3 p.m. June 30 and July 1, each night closing at 11 p.m. A noon start July 4 will allow residents to watch a village parade sponsored by a citizen group. The festival closes at 10 p.m. in time for party-goers to find a comfortable seat to watch fireworks, also sponsored by the citizens group.

Firefighters answer 4 multi-family housing fires

5-3-84
 Wheeling firefighters had four fires in multi-family housing last week. One cause was listed as arson, another was of 'suspicious' in origin. A third cause was listed as "misuse" and the fourth had a clearer cause — a child playing.

A six-year-old child playing with a sock near a candle carried the burning sock into a bedroom and dropped it on the floor in his apartment at 830 Old Willow Rd. April 20. The resulting small fire caused \$500 damage to the carpeting.

A more serious fire caused by arson was started in the closet of an unoccupied apartment at 519 Wimbledon April 24. Damage was estimated at \$1,000. Capt. Ralph Perricone said the arsonist had to climb to a second-floor balcony in order to get in.

"Misuse" of the indoor dumpster

Fire calls

was the cause of the fire in the garage room of Gladstone Glen at 1431 S. Wolf Rd. April 21, according to the report. The fire caused no damage and was out before firefighters arrived thanks to the sprinkler system.

The firefighters had to force their way into a basement storage area and then into several storage bins at Mar Rue Courts condominiums, 824-26 Old Willow Rd. on April 20. They extinguished the fire in one storage bin and then checked the adjoining ones to make sure the fire had been stopped. The fire caused \$3,000 damage from a "suspicious" origin, the report said. The firefighters noted there was no smoke detector in that room.

Paramedic calls

The paramedics had several cases

which appeared to be caused by reactions to drugs.

A 24-year-old man who said he had taken something he thought was speed at a bachelor party the night before was given an intravenous solution and taken to the hospital in unchanged condition April 22, according to the report. The man said he had not slept all night and was hyperventilating when the paramedics arrived.

A 22-year-old man was also having trouble breathing after he received a shot of adrenalin from a doctor for his allergies April 20. He said he had the same problem before but never went to the doctor for help. The man was given oxygen and an intravenous solution was started, and he was better by the time he got to the hospital, according to the report.

Another man, 62, also had a possible reaction April 21. He passed out after he put a new topical medication on his thigh. He was found on the floor conscious and alert when the paramedics arrived. He was given an IV and oxygen and was better by the time he got to the hospital.

A woman who had been suffering from flu-like symptoms for several days and who had been to the dentist earlier that day was unconscious when paramedics arrived April 25.

While the paramedics were with the 24-year-old woman, she regained partial consciousness but was mumbling incoherently. An IV was started, she was given oxygen and put in a MAST suit and taken to the hospital in an improved condition.

A nine-year-old boy who had swallowed a safety pin along with some pop from a bottle was choking April 14, but his father ejected the closed pin using the Heimlich maneuver. He was not transported.

Proceeds from sale of house to benefit park development

5-7-84 Herald
 by Renee Goldstein
 Herald correspondent

Wheeling park officials Thursday night approved the sale of a house on Schoenbeck Road adjacent to a 10-acre park site slated for development.

The house at 357 S. Schoenbeck Road will be sold at an auction June 7, with bids starting at \$65,000, about \$5,000 less than its appraised value. The house and surrounding 140 square-foot lot are located just west of the future site of Horizon Park, and were approved for sale by voters during a November referendum.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward development of playing fields and a playground, estimated to cost about \$200,000.

Park officials say they expect to begin work this summer and have the fields completed and ready for play by fall.

PARK BOARD members decided Thursday to try to market and auction the house themselves, rather than have a realtor do it. Prospect Heights realtor Roger H. Evans offered to put the property on the mul-

multiple listings and conduct the auction at a fee of \$4,200.

But Parks Director David Phillips suggested the park board instead allocate \$500 to \$550 toward advertising the property in the newspapers. He said park staff could handle most of the marketing and auctioning responsibilities.

Should the auction prove unsuccessful, the board would have to wait two weeks before listing the property with a real estate firm, Phillips said.

Park board members also decided not to put any money into redecorating the house in order to keep the asking price low.

THE AUCTION WILL begin at 8:15 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Club House, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. All bidders must register before the bidding begins and provide a 10 percent deposit for their bid.

The sale will be closed within 30 days, and will not be offered on the basis of zoning changes or multi-year payment plans.

People interested in looking at the house can contact Ed Carroll at Chevy Chase at 537-2930.

District looks at land for new park

5-8-84 Herald
 by Kathy Waugh
 Herald staff writer

Wheeling Park District Director David Phillips says he will ask the board of commissioners to apply for a federal grant to purchase park land in the northern part of the village near McHenry Road.

Residents from the condominium complexes that abound in that portion of town have long clamored for a neighborhood park. The size or exact location of the park is still unknown, but Phillips said it would be built on about 400 acres located south of the Wheeling-Buffalo Grove border at Lake-Cook Road and between the Soo Line Railroad tracks on the east and McHenry Road on the west.

Phillips said the district already has \$32,770 set aside for land acquisition. The district could apply for a



matching grant through federal land and water conservation funds. However, the amount that the park district could spend acquiring land could increase, depending on the quality and price of land in that area.

HE ALSO NOTED that it may take

some time to complete the land purchase application, so he is recommending that the park board delay plans to turn the abandoned outdoor pool at Chamber Park into a summer basketball and winter skating area. The pool was closed for health reasons in 1979 and filled with dirt last year after the district tried unsuccessfully for a \$400,000 grant to have it repaired and reopened.

The park board will consider applying for the land grant at its May 17 meeting. If approved, money would be available in 1985.

"The capital needs assessment study in 1981-82 emphasized the need for active open space in all areas of the community," Phillips said, adding that the northern end of the village lacks that open space. Also, donations from local developers have been set aside for that purpose, he said.

The district used the same type of federal funds to purchase Childerley Park in 1973 and Heritage Park in 1964, Phillips said. Plans to buy land in the northern part of town were included in a \$3 million program turned down by voters in a March 1982 referendum.

Donald Kirchenberg, a resident of Cedar Run condominiums, has fought for four years to have park land in his neighborhood and said he'll support Phillips' push to buy land in the area.

"We live in an area designed for small children with no open space for older children to play," he said. "I don't see why people who live in the outer regions of the village shouldn't be able to share the same conveniences of having a park facility within a reasonable walking distance as those people who live in the central part of the village."

Activity Center groundbreaking slated

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Village of Wheeling's new Senior Activity Center will be Sunday, May 20, at 1 p.m. on the site adjacent to the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong Ave., Wheeling.

Village President, Sheila H. Schultz, other village officials and Senior Citizen Commission members will preside. Representatives of Wheeling area churches will also participate at a brief outdoor cere-

Senior doings

mony to be followed by a reception at Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center. All interested Wheeling community residents are invited to attend.

Shop and share

The Wheeling Senior Citizen Commission is sponsoring a fund raiser for the Senior Center Furni-

ture Fund. Shop Dominicks Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 21, 22 and 23 and 5 percent of each purchase will be donated to this fund. Benefit slips are available at Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, Indian Trails Library, Wheeling Park District Heritage Park, the Wheeling Township Central Service Center, and at the Wheeling Village Hall. Community support of this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

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5-9-84

Tighter restrictions for festivals OK'd

The Wheeling Village Board, over the objections of Trustee Nicholas Fanella, has agreed to require licenses, security and restricted hours for festivals, dances and public sporting activities held in the village.

The law would not affect activities sponsored by schools, but would include activities like the annual village beer and brat and Family Fest sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Church.

Up until now, the village has provided police protection for local carnivals, concerts and other amusements in the village. However, trustees supported the new law saying it would put the burden of security — including the cost — on the event's sponsor.

Fanella called the new law too vague. Without naming the ordinance specific events where the operators must provide their own security, the village might suddenly find itself regulating "Boy Scouts who meet in Lynn Plaza and chip in \$1 for cookies," he said.

Other trustees, however, said that the law could be revised if necessary.

Seniors center changes approved

The board approved changes that will save the village \$8,500 on construction of a senior citizen recreation center scheduled for construction this summer.

The center will add the third and final leg to plans for a senior citizen complex at Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street consisting of a recreation center, Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center and a Cook County subsidized apartment building.

The board approved construction of the \$670,000 center but since then have discovered that they can save \$10,000 by building the foundation with timber piles. In addition to the savings, village employees also discovered that a more expensive type of ventilation system will be needed costing an additional \$1,500 for a net decrease in costs of \$8,500.

The recreation is designed to provide a place where senior citizens from all over the township can meet to eat lunch, talk and play cards.

Village logos will adorn water towers

The board approved spending \$6,500 to include the village logo on newly built water towers on the north side of town.

Wheeling is expecting to receive Lake Michigan water sometime this summer and has put about \$7 million worth of improvements into its own water system, including four new water tanks.

The tanks are nearly completed but planning the finishing touches were delayed in January when the board was undecided on whether to paint the tanks blue or brown. In March, the board decided to switch from the traditional blue to two brown tones and to include "Wheeling" on the side of the two 160-foot tanks. The logo includes a wagon wheel near the village name.

Raffle fidelity bonds waived

The board agreed to waive the fidelity bonds — which guarantee that prizes will be awarded even if enough money is not collected — for raffles being held by the Wheeling Jaycees and St. Joseph the Worker Church.

The Jaycees will hold a raffle May 26 at the Chevy Chase Club House, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., with prizes given away totally \$700.

St. Joseph the Worker will hold a raffle for \$1,000 in prizes in conjunction with its Family Fest celebration June 29 through July 4. The board also approved a six-day liquor license for the festival.



Bobbie Krause, Wheeling's deputy clerk and licensing officer, has a special reason to celebrate Mother's Day this year: Her son and daughter-in-law recently had a baby girl; Bobbie's first granddaughter. (Staff photo by Bill Oakes)

New mom gets advice from pros on the art of bringing up baby

5-10-84

By MARY ROWITZ

Pattie Krause, 26, is the proud mama of a bubbly baby girl, born two months ago.

She went back to work part-time six weeks after Stefanie was born. Her sister, who has a small child of her own, is now caring for Stefanie. Although the situation seems to be working out well, it wasn't an easy decision for Pattie and her husband, Ken, to reach.

Wheeling Deputy Clerk and Licensing Officer Bobbie Krause, Pattie's mother-in-law and Ken's mother, understands the difficulty of making such a decision; she went back to work when Ken was in third grade and her other son, Richard, was a second grader.

Both women, though a generation apart, understand the motivation for leaving small children in the care of a sitter when their mom goes back to work, and it all has to do with money.

"The children always came first. And I was never far from home," said Bobbie, who recently celebrated 20 years of service for the Village of Wheeling. And if her decision brought disapproval from other family members or friends, especially at a time when many mothers stayed home, she said it didn't matter. "My husband was the only one who mattered."

Although Pattie is grateful her mother-in-law understands why she went back to work — she said it might have been difficult if Bobbie was always a full-time homemaker — she also has her own mother as an example.

"My father died when I was seven. My mother had to go back to work and put my brother in day care. And that was difficult for her," said Pattie, a computer programmer for Allstate in Northbrook. "But I know I can handle it more easily because they understand."

Although Allstate provides a six-week, paid maternity leave, Pattie said she didn't have nearly enough time to spend with her daughter, particularly because she spent most of the time recuperating from several complications she suffered during the delivery.

And she said it may be some time before

she grows accustomed to leaving Stefanie, Bobbie's first granddaughter and second grandchild, behind. It will get even harder in September, when she may resume working full-time.

"Before I went back to work, the thought of leaving her left tears in my eyes. I felt guilty," Pattie said. "I would never have gone back if we didn't need the money. Ideally, I'd like to work part-time at home."

Ken, a copy writer for a Chicago advertising company, was better able to understand her feelings when he stayed home with his newborn for one week.

"Afterwards, he knew how I felt and he saw the time and attention a baby needs," Pattie said.

Pattie, married two years when she and her husband decided to have a baby, said she might not have to work now if they moved out of their Schaumburg home and back into an apartment.

"But we want to have a home. We want our daughter to have a yard to play in," she said, adding that different people have different priorities.

One of Bobbie's priorities was for her children to have "extras," like music lessons, which her paycheck provided.

But she said she couldn't have handled working full-time, even with the help of an occasional sitter, without the assistance of her husband, Walter, whom she met at the Signode Corp. in Glenview when she was a secretary. The couple married in 1953 and moved to Wheeling three years later.

"He was very cooperative, just outstanding," she said, admiringly.

Family-oriented, they made sure their children knew they were No. 1. Walter was a little league coach and Bobbie was a room mother and chaperoned her boys' field trips and school dances. In fact, she was the first recipient of the Parent of the Year award from Oliver Wendall Holmes Junior High in 1970.

"I consider myself very lucky," she said. "I have a wonderful husband and two wonderful daughter-in-laws. And my kids turned out great."

5-11-84 Herald
 Up with Wheeling
 cleanup is Saturday

About 250 Wheeling residents are expected to help Saturday with the village's annual cleanup of streets and parkways.

"We could get more if the weather's nice," said Assistant Village Planner Julie Woods, who is helping organize Up with Wheeling Day.

Village workers will provide bags and other materials and residents will be split into groups to pick up trash and litter from various parts of the village.

Scouting troops, school children and local residents all have been

asked to help beginning at 9 a.m. behind the fire department, 255 W. Dundee Road, Woods said. Several scout troops have signed up to participate as have Wheeling High School students and many village board members.

The village will provide lunch to all workers at about 11:30 a.m. after the cleanup is done.

Woods said helium balloons and the Wheeling High School mascots, the Wildcats, will be at the lunch to help provide "a more festive atmosphere."

5-12-84 Herald

2 more eateries added to Milwaukee Ave. menu

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer



Already known for its variety of posh restaurants, Wheeling will have two new eateries in the next month and two other restaurants are planning summer expansion and renovations.

A fancy glass atrium and new facades will welcome people to the new Il Nido Restaurant, 600 S. Milwaukee Ave., and My Pie Restaurant, 102 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Just a stone's throw away on Milwaukee Ave., Hackney's Restau-

rant has mid-summer plans to add an outside waiting area for 60 more patrons.

Further north — past Le Francais, the Crab House and Billy and Company but before a hungry patron gets to Tien Tsin or Toppers — another restaurant is improving its looks.

DON ROTH'S Restaurant is adding a bar, outside seating for about 40 and eventually three banquet halls in back, Roth's manager Mark Robbins said.

"Hundreds of thousands" of dollars will go into construction in the restaurant and on three banquet halls, including a new kitchen, Robbins

said. The banquet facilities will be built in a 10,000-square-foot building Don Roth recently purchased that sits behind the restaurant.

"I think the (restaurant) competition's really heating up now but we welcome it," Robbins said. "I think the more restaurants we have, the more people will come to the area."

Work on new and existing restaurants just helps to solidify Wheeling's reputation as a place where people go to eat good food, said Wheeling Chamber of Commerce Executive Manager Jackie Pollack.

"Wheeling has been known for its restaurants since the olden days

when people used to travel from Chicago to Milwaukee and stop to eat," she said. "The restaurants have always been a source of pride to the community and the new restaurants will just be a plus factor to keep up with the demand," she said.

THE NEW restaurants will add to a string of 23 restaurants already along a 1½-mile strip of Milwaukee Avenue.

Famous for hamburgers and onion loaves, Hackney's moved to Wheeling's restaurant row in 1965. Don Roth followed suit four years later.

Considered one of the finest restaurants in the nation, Le Francais

opened in 1972 under the care of expert chef and owner Jean Banchet. For those who love the German taste, the Berghoff family, owners of the famous restaurant of the same name in downtown Chicago, purchased Hans Bavarian Lodge in 1978.

Two years later seafood lovers were treated to the opening of the Crab House.

"Wheeling's restaurants just satisfy the needs of the different tastes," Pollack said. "And with the restaurants all together, it helps because if there's any overflow, you can stay right in Wheeling and just go down the block."

The week ahead

MAY 14, 1984

District 214 board to set 1984-85 goals

The High School District 214 Board tonight will meet to establish goals for the 1984-85 school year. The board will meet at 7:30 at the administration building, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. Board members have submitted several goals for the next school year and tonight will attempt to combine those into one list of general statements, board member David Wiltse said.

THE WHEELING Village Board will draft a letter tonight to the Federal Aviation Administration spelling out what hesitations trustees have concerning the possible purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport.

The board meets at 8 in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling. Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said the board still has concerns with an agreement the village would have to sign in order to purchase the airport with the Illinois Department of Transportation and/or the City of Prospect Heights. Markus refused to discuss his concerns until the meeting, but he said he and trustees hope to draft a letter tonight that would clear many of the questions the village still has while it considers going in on the purchase.

THE WHEELING Police Pension Committee meets Tuesday to review a controversial plan to let officers use pension board money for low-interest home mortgages.

The board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

A majority of board members want to use about \$1 million for low-interest loans for retired and active police officers. But the village, and one pension board member, have filed a lawsuit to stop the action, saying it could cost village residents more than \$2 million over the life of the loans.

5-16-84

Village to annex a total of 87 acres

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling plans to annex about 87 acres of land in three different parts of town.

Twenty acres will be annexed at the request of a developer, Meister-Neigberg Builders of Schaumburg, who wants to build 70 homes on a Schoenbeck Road site about one-half mile north of Hintz Road.

Two other pieces of land south of Lake-Cook Road will be involuntarily annexed by the village, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said. A village can annex any property less than 60 acres without the permission of property owners if it is surrounded on three sides by a municipality or the Cook County Forest Preserve.

"Now that Buffalo Grove has annexed the Johnson Property (some 150 acres north of Wheeling) we are able to fill in the northern borders of the village," Fialkowski said.

THE ANNEXATIONS will straighten the village's northern border across Lake-Cook Road, he said, and bring in an additional \$5,000 annually in property taxes. Property owners are being notified this week, he said.

The village will annex a 47-acre site on Lake-Cook Road west of the Soo Line Railroad tracks that is undeveloped. Fialkowski said he knows of no current plans to build on that land, which is held in a blind trust.

Also included in the involuntary



annexation is about 20 acres at Milwaukee Avenue just south of Lake-Cook Road where Edward Hines Lumber Co. and the Wedgewood Riding Center are located.

Lenny Pecos, owner of Wedgewood Riding Center, 699 N. Milwaukee Ave., said the village had not informed him of the annexation plans and that he would not be in favor of annexation.

"We have all the taxes we need right now," he said. "I don't want any part of it."

Edward Hines, owner of the Hines Lumber Co., 700 N. Milwaukee Ave., said he was not aware of the annexation and would not comment until he had discussed the plans with the village.

Trustees will consider the annexations when they meet at 8 p.m., June 4 in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

5-17-84

Village revamps its amusement law

WHEELING—Village trustees have voted to require sponsors of amusement events, including carnivals, festivals, concerts and athletic exhibitions, to provide their own security.

Comprehensive changes in the village amusement ordinance, approved Monday, May 7, also require that a \$100 license be obtained by sponsors, and establish guidelines to ensure compliance with village health, building and fire codes.

In the past, Wheeling police have provided security for these events at the expense of the village. But trustees acted to end this practice, citing a need to make sponsors more accountable for their events.

"This gives a better definition of where the village's responsibility leaves off and the responsibility of the individual comes in," said Village President Sheila Schultz. She added that the village has spent a "considerable amount" of money in providing these services free of charge.

POLICE CHIEF Michael Haeger said his department spent between

\$6,000 and \$8,000 last year on security for public events. For example, the Fourth of July celebration, sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Church, required three to six officers at any one time for a total cost of \$4,000, he said.

Haeger said police are needed not only on the grounds of the event, but also must be assigned to traffic control if the situation warrants it. He said some event sponsors have attempted to provide their own security, but "not always a sufficient amount" of protection is on hand.

Haeger, who helped develop the new regulations, said the law will help his department reduce its overtime commitment. "It absolutely will help us remain within our budgetary restraints," he said.

Under the law, applicants for amusement events must meet with police prior to the event to determine the extent of security needed. A license will not be granted until the public's safety is assured, said Haeger.

The chief said parades on public thoroughfares would not be affected by the new law.

Village spells out cost-share deal for airport buy

5-15-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Trustees agreed Monday that they will not go through with the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport unless the state and federal governments agree to share in any unexpected costs of the purchase or improvements.

That condition is among 27 spelled out in a 14-page letter the village will

send the Illinois Department of Transportation this week. In the letter, trustees question the state's ultimate authority over changes on improvement plans while still leaving the local municipalities liable for accidents and any additional costs.

Trustees agreed with the author of the letter, Village Manager Thomas Markus, who said "we should all share in the cost overruns especially when (the state) has unilateral con-

trol over any changes.

"What happens if estimates are bad and we end up with cost overruns?" Markus said. "Do we end up borrowing the money with the iffy situation of them paying us back in the future? And, then are we responsible for the interest on the loan?"

"THIS PROVISION alone could preclude Wheeling's involvement in this project," the letter says.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights are considering purchasing Pal-Waukee Airport and have until Sept. 30 to decide before the state goes through with the purchase on its own.

Wheeling is reviewing the written agreement that must be signed and at the same time, Prospect Heights is pursuing the financial impact of the purchase and future financial liabilities to the local governments.

The written agreement releases

the state's financial responsibility if the federal government cuts future funding. Wheeling trustees are asking that the state include a similar provision releasing municipalities.

The letter also asks for more local control over items such as the hiring of engineers and for permission to sell extra land surrounding the airport in an effort to keep it on the tax rolls.

NEWS FROM WHEELING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

"Business After Hours" 5-14-84



Chamber members Jordan Shifrin and Gary Waitzman — Shifrin and Waitzman Ltd., Attorneys and Counselors-At-Law, 3395-A North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights — were the hosts for the Chamber's sixth in a series of "Business After Hours," which was held on May 2.

Pictured exchanging business cards at the get-acquainted mixer for Chamber members and prospective members are (from left): Lee Rohrer, Ward Printing; Gary Waitzman, who is currently serving as Vice President of the Chamber; and Phil Flynn, Classic Financial Recovery Systems.

Meet New Chamber Representative



At the April meeting, the Chamber was pleased to welcome John Maxson as the new Chamber representative for Commonwealth Edison. He is the new District Superintendent of the electric power supplier's Mt. Prospect branch office, which is located at 201 N. Arthur Avenue.

"As District Superintendent, a large part of my job is community relations in the geographical area I represent for Commonwealth Edison, which is 13 communities in the northwest suburbs, including Wheeling," says Mr. Maxson, who reports that Commonwealth Edison serves over two million customers in the northern fifth of Illinois. "As a result, I am trying to take an active role in all the Chambers of Commerce in my service area."

Assistant Village Manager in the News

At the April Chamber meeting, as part of their presentation on present and future plans for industrial, commercial, and residential development in Wheeling, Richard Greenwood and Julie Woods, of the village's Planning Department, introduced Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski, who was recently appointed to the position of Community Development Director. In his new role, Mr. Fialkowski is heading the village's Planning, Engineering, and Building and Zoning Departments.



"My new responsibilities," he says, "will include taking a more active role in the business community in an effort to encourage greater commercial and industrial growth in Wheeling and to streamline the property development review process."

Meet New Board Director



John Allen is among the six Chamber members welcomed to the Wheeling Chamber's 12-member Board this year as a new Director. He is the President of J.W. Allen & Co., which has been located in Wheeling, 555 Allendale Drive, for four years. "We are manufacturers of dry mixes and other bakery items," says Mr. Allen, who adds that the company distributes its products in 22 states.

"We have found Wheeling to be a fine place to do business," he continues. "It has certainly suited our needs in terms of available land, commuting distance for our employees, and proximity to a rail siding. In short, we are very pleased that we located our business here."

Next Chamber Meeting . . .

The Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 12:00 NOON, at Hackney's Restaurant, 241 S. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling. The cost of the lunch is \$7; reservations are not required and guests are always welcome. Chamber members are also invited to participate in Chamber Board meetings, which are held at 10:00 a.m.

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Wheeling senior honored

5-17-84

SENIOR CITIZEN Marshall Balling, of Wheeling, village historian, and multi-talented senior citizen commission member, has been honored by the Senior Citizen Commission as "Super Senior 1984."

Balling's good humor, congenial personality, and generosity are appreciated by the children, older adults, and community organizations with whom he volunteers his time and talents.

Following retirement from the Wheeling Trust State Bank in 1973, Balling found satisfaction teaching painting to children in School District 21 and to senior adults in Villa Addolorata.

Today, he still spends several days weekly with his "special family." The American Cancer Society, the Wheeling Lions Club, the Wheeling Historical Society, and the Salvation Army are among community organizations that appreciate his generosity.

Balling will receive recognition at the "Super Senior 1984" luncheon at the North Shore Senior Center in Winnetka June 1.

Public service

5-17-84

Panel planning six days of fun for 4th of July

A six-day entertainment extravaganza is planned for your enjoyment for the 4th of July holidays. The Wheeling 4th of July Festival Committee and the Board of Directors of Family Fest have been working to make this year's holiday fun bigger and better for everyone.

Highlighting the continuous entertainment on stage will be such all-time favorites as the Buffalo Schufflers, Images, and the Dave Coady Band. JP and the Cats, a top entertainment band specializing in 1950-60 songs, will add variety and fun. The upbeat sound of the Jump in the Saddle Band, currently supporting a record on the top ten charts of the nation, will also be on the entertainment Main Stage. The mellow listening music and magic of the Serendipity Singers, as well as much, much more talent will all be found at Family Fest 1984.

"Bits-N-Bites" of Wheeling, sponsored by the area restaurants, will be offering their specialties for your dining pleasure. Family fun special attractions will include bingo, Las Vegas casino, raffle, children's rides, special entertainment for "children" of all ages, including a juggling exhibition, magic show, clowns, games and competition for all ages.

The 4th of July festivities will be highlighted by a parade and a spectacular aerial fireworks display on July 4. Plan to enjoy the 4th holidays Friday, June 29, through Wednesday, July 4. You'll be glad you did!

Family Fest of St. Joseph the Worker Church, 181 W. Dundee Rd. is June 29, 6 to 11 p.m.; June 30, 3 to 11 p.m.; July 1, 3 to 11 p.m.; July 2, 6 to 11 p.m.; July 3, 6 to 11 p.m.; July 4, noon to 10 p.m.

Remodeling permit

Springtime is home improvement time for many homeowners. If you are thinking of making some additions or changes to your home, the village's Community Development Department reminds you that a permit is required for most types of home improvements, including reroofing, structural changes, plumbing, electrical, fences, storage sheds, swimming pools, spas, garages, etc.

Contact the Wheeling Community Development Department early to discuss your plans. A permit must be obtained before the work is begun. Issuance of a permit entitles you to inspections of the work by code enforcement personnel to assure that all work has been properly completed and complies with the village's building code. Building permits and inspections are required in the interest of your health and safety.

Call the Community Development Department, 459-2620, for further information regarding permits, fees and regulations.

Night at Sox Park

Wheeling Night at Sox Park, Aug. 15, 1984, is being sponsored by the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Park District and the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce. The entire right field upper deck terrace reserved seating has been set aside. There will be a youth parade around the field, special recognition for our groups and other surprises. Tickets are being sold at the regular price of \$5.50.

Forest site targeted for dump

By MARIE LUTZ
Staff Writer

AFTER TWO years of study, the Northwest Municipal Conference has completed a plan to dispose of north and northwest suburban garbage when the dump used by area communities closes.

The plan, which calls for intergovernmental cooperation, proposes a landfill in the Poplar Creek Forest Preserve in Hoffman Estates.

The new landfill would replace Lake Landfill, located between Techny and Willow roads, off Waukegan Road. That dump, officials say, is slated to be filled to capacity within one to three years.

The report presented to conference members Wednesday, May 9, predicts that the landfill located on the forest preserve site will last 20 years. After that time, the report says, the site could possibly be reclaimed for recreational purposes.

The portion of the forest preserve targeted for the landfill is not forested and is separated from the main portion of the preserve by large areas of wooded land. The proposed landfill would compromise less than 2.5 percent of the forest preserve area.

A MAIN reason for selecting that particular site, the report said, is that it is located away from residences and consequently, it is hoped, will lead to less opposition than would otherwise be the case.

The report also calls for the establishment of a transfer station in

which waste materials could be dumped, compacted and then carried by trailer trucks to the landfill.

The report suggests three possible sites, two of which could serve as transfer stations for the communities located along the Edens Expressway. One is located in Glencoe on the west side of the Edens off Frontage Road and about 970 feet north of Tower Road. The site currently houses an abandoned incinerator.

The second site is in the Techny area where Lake Landfill is located.

Municipalities would compensate the communities housing the landfill and transfer station as well as the surrounding areas. Also, the towns would contribute funds to the agency that would operate the waste disposal enterprise.

LOCATING A dump far from the towns using it could result in an astronomical escalation of garbage costs to area residents, observers have noted.

Hoping to avoid a crisis as the closing of Lake Landfill nears, the NWMC devised a seven-part study and unveiled its final report at the May 9 meeting. The report was drawn up by the NWMC staff and a consulting firm, along with steering committee of the Solid Waste Task Force. The task force is comprised of representatives of the 20 NWMC communities that will be affected when Lake Landfill closes, including Glenview, Northbrook, Wheeling, Skokie, Niles, Glencoe and Highland Park.

The NWMC Task Force will make a recommendation to the conference on May 31. On June 13, the NWMC will make recommendations

to the member municipalities. Officials of each community will then discuss the report and hold local public hearings.

Village ready to fight loans from police fund

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Police Pension Board will go ahead and offer controversial home mortgages to officers, but the program is likely to be stopped by a long-standing village lawsuit.

Pension board members say the village costs would be "slight," maybe \$1,000 or \$2,000, and at the same time would allow officers to have a home and a pension when they retire.

But when the pension board approved the home mortgage plan in October 1983, the village filed a lawsuit saying the loans would lock up money that should be gaining interest and going back into the pension fund.

"We are also going to seek an injunction to stop any funds from being committed before we determine the legality of this plan," Village Attorney James Rhodes said.

By law, the village must match each officer's contribution to the fund but is allowed to count interest earnings as part of the village share. A study supported by the village board said the plan would cost taxpayers more than \$2 million through the life of the loans.

The lawsuit has cost the village

\$30,000 and the pension board \$40,000 for research. It has sat idle during the wait for the pension board members to give their OK to start handing out loan money, Rhodes has said.

Rhodes said he is now working on an amended complaint that the village has a month to file before court action can be taken.

UNDER THE MORTGAGE plan, about 40 retired and working Wheeling police officers can apply for \$550,000 available at 9½ percent interest rates. The plan will be administered by the Combined Counties Police Association, who will pay 6.5 percent interest to the pension fund and retain the rest for "administrative costs."

The pension funds are currently earning 8.8 percent interest, and the village board lawsuit argues that taxpayers will end up covering the difference.

"All research has indicated that the plan is favorable," pension board member Marvin "Syke" Horcher said. "If we had better communication with the (village) board, this wouldn't have happened."

"I'm disappointed that it ever got to the point where a lawsuit had to be filed."

State role 'unacceptable'

Airport plan rejected

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Village officials have rejected the terms of a proposed purchase agreement for Palwaukee Airport, which details the state's authority under the public ownership plan.

Labeling several provisions "totally unacceptable" to local interests, Village Manager Thomas Markus conducted a review of the document with board members at a workshop session Monday, May 14. A letter will be sent to Illinois Department of Transportation officials advising them of the village's stand.

Chief among village objections is the state's desire to exercise control over the acquisition and devel-

opment of the airport without assuming any liability for these decisions.

Included in the participation agreement is a covenant that prohibits local sponsors from ever selling the airport property without state approval.

A separate provision, obligating the local municipalities to operate the airport for a minimum of 20 years, would be overridden by the covenant, Markus argued, leaving the village without a voice on long-range plans for the airport.

MARKUS SAID, "This section really gives the state government the control over the property and does not allow us to do anything with the property in terms of sale

of the property, even after 20 years, without state approval."

Trustees also protested a provision that would establish a cost cap of 5 percent for the state on total project costs. Under the plan, the federal government would pay 90 percent of the \$34 million purchase price, with the state picking up 5 percent and Prospect Heights and Wheeling sharing the remaining 5 percent.

According to the requirement, the village would be forced to pay all cost overruns on the project, while retaining the state's authority to remove or add construction work without the consent of the municipalities.

"This provision alone could preclude Wheeling's involvement (in

the purchase agreement)," said Markus.

Other objections include the method of payment for the airport and the obligation of the village regarding the phased acquisition of the airport if federal funding is discontinued.

Wheeling officials also reiterated their opposition to a "speeding up" of a study to determine the feasibility of relocating the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads.

"Why should we accelerate the process?" asked Markus. "That's what the state has done, and with Prospect Heights' insistence."

Markus called for meetings with Prospect Heights officials to reach a compromise on the local level concerning any purchase agreement.

'Union law' debate continues

5-17-84

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

AS THE JULY 1 effective date for the Illinois Labor Relations Act draws closer, debate continues to swirl around the potential effects of the legislation.

The law, signed by Gov. Thompson last year, gives most public employees the right to organize or join unions for collective bargaining and allows them to strike.

A similar law governing teachers and other school employees went into effect Jan. 1.

But while proponents see the bill as extending to public service employees basic union rights already enjoyed by the private sector, opponents say the law will result in higher salaries for government workers with taxpayers footing the bill.

HUGH SOMMERFELD, House Republican candidate in the 58th District, said that, if elected, he would work to repeal the "forced

bargaining laws."

The Wheeling businessman charged that the timing of the measure "could not have been worse for Illinois, trying as we are to emerge from a severe recession."

Sommerfeld, currently a Wheeling Township board member, said the legislation represented "an act of raw union political power" that usurps management's rights to hire, fire, promote or discipline employees.

"Taxpayers should recognize that they are management and that their rights are the ones being abrogated," he said.

CO-SPONSOR of the bill, Rep. Alan Greiman (D-1), said the original version of the bill, drawn up by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the largest public workers union in the state, was, in fact, heavily weighted to union interests. However, he said the final version approved by the General Assembly contained revisions that

sought to bring management rights into balance with those of labor.

One change removed the binding arbitration provision, thereby keeping "the ultimate decision-making power with management officials," said Greiman. Other revisions serve to protect against the fragmentation of unions into several smaller units, leading to more efficient negotiating sessions, he said.

The issue of unit determination is a "critical consideration," according to Greiman, and will be administered by a three-member labor relations board, to be appointed by the governor.

A bargaining unit is formed when a majority of the workers to be represented votes to form or join a union. Under the law, 30 percent of the workers can petition for collective bargaining. In such a case, the petition would have to go before the labor relations board.

STATE REP. Daniel Pierce (D-58), voted in favor of the Labor

Relations Act because, he said, all workers, public and private, should have the right to organize. "Like any other American citizen, they (public employees) are entitled to collective bargaining rights," he said.

Furthermore, Pierce, who is not seeking re-election, views the legislation as an effective tool to mitigate labor-management strife by providing a structure for negotiations.

House Democratic candidate Grace Mary Stern supports the philosophy of the new law, but says she is uncertain of its impact. "I don't know how this issue will mushroom into reality," she said.

Noting existing competitive pay scale for government workers in the suburbs, Stern said collective bargaining would "not necessarily mean higher salaries." During conferences with local municipal managers, Stern said she was "reassured" the law would have no significant effect on operations.

Feds grant money for Pal-Waukee buy

5-18-84

by Al Cabbage

Herold staff writer

The federal government has approved a \$6.1 million grant for the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, clearing the way for public buy out of the airport to begin this year.

Gov. James R. Thompson said Thursday that the state received a \$6.12 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the first in a series of grants over a four-year period that will eventually total \$32.4 million for the purchase of the airport.

The allocation of the money to the state guarantees that the Federal Aviation Administration will pay 90 percent of the estimated \$36 million needed to buy Pal-Waukee, the busiest private airport in the country.

THE STATE has promised that it will put up the remaining 10 percent of the cost in order to keep the airport open. The municipalities of Prospect Heights and Wheeling, where the airport is located, are considering joining in buying the airport from long-time owner George Priester and his son, Charles.

The grant allocation does not pre-

vent the two towns from joining the state if they decide to do so, said John Guidotti, FAA planner. Either or both municipalities may contribute to the purchase and own the airport once the sale is completed. If the towns choose not to join in the purchase, the state will buy and run the airport.

Announcing the grant, Thompson said, "This is the breakthrough we've been waiting for."

"Guaranteeing Pal-Waukee's availability has long been a top priority from both an economic and transportation standpoint," he said. "It is vital to the economy of the region that Pal-Waukee be kept open."

Jerry Svec, chairman of a Prospect Heights citizens committee investigating the potential airport buy, said the grant approval will make it easier for that municipality to go along with the purchase.

"I'M GLAD TO hear about it. It will make it more palatable in that we know the money is available — that was something that was always left hanging. Now we know the money is there and we can proceed on that basis," Svec said.

Prospect Heights residents approved plans to buy the airport in a

non-binding referendum held in March, and the city is expected to join the state. The citizens committee is auditing the airport's financial statements and a report is expected next week, Svec said.

In Wheeling, where a referendum on the purchase narrowly lost in March, village officials have asked for more information and agreements limiting the village's potential financial stake before agreeing to join the state.

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said Thursday of the grant announcement, "I'm not sure what it will really mean. It may make the state push a little harder. If we can get responses to our concerns more quickly, that'll help, too."

Charles Priester, who manages the day-to-day operations of Pal-Waukee said the family was pleased by the grant approval.

"THAT'S MARVELOUS news. I think that's excellent," he said. "We're looking forward to working with the state and the local communities — if that's the way it goes — to get this moving forward."

The first phase of the buy out (Continued on Page 3)



Herald photo by Scott Sanders

WORKCREWS DISMANTLE one of the last remaining signs of its type from the McDonald's restaurant on Dundee Road. The sign was taken apart piece by piece to save each plastic panel for souvenir collectors. Eventually all the arch-style McDonald's signs will come down in favor

of the modern square signs with an "M" on top. The Wheeling sign, which boasted the distinctive golden arch, was perhaps the only one still standing at any McDonald's restaurant, the store's former owner speculated.

McDonald's landmark arch comes down

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The golden arch that stood by the McDonald's restaurant in Wheeling for more than two decades — perhaps the last of its kind remaining anywhere on the planet — was dismantled Thursday.

Closely watching the operation was Donald Conley Sr., the former owner of the store, at 188 E. Dundee Road. Conley also was one of the original five executives who worked under the late Ray Kroc when he founded the chain in the mid-1950s.

As workmen pulled out a 3-by-4 plastic panel displaying the

McDonald family crest, Conley yelled: "Be very careful with that, that's mine."

Only 10 McDonald's signs were made with that crest, and Conley, who has passed ownership of the restaurant on to his two children, said he thinks this was the last one still standing. He plans to give the other three crests on the sign to the store's manager, his son and a McDonald's corporate executive.

"Not many people understand the crest," he said. "But for me it's like saying goodbye to your baby."

Ironically, it was Conley who persuaded Kroc to drop the crest as a company trademark. That crest was

deeded to Kroc when he purchased the Right to develop franchises from Dick and Mac McDonald.

"They presented it to Ray, and Ray was impressed by that because it gave (McDonald's) the sophisticated Marshall Field's approach he wanted," Conley said.

BUT AS DIRECTOR of advertising and publicity, Conley found the symbol cumbersome — not something guaranteed to make a lasting impression on the public.

"It's difficult to build an image on a crest no one can recognize, so I suggested we drop it," Conley said. "You take the 'M' of the McDonald's sign

now and any 2- or 3-year-old can recognize that."

That familiarity has played a major role in turning a handful of red-and-white-tiled hamburger stands into a major corporation that boasts nearly 8,000 stores.

Two years after Conley and Kroc pulled the crests from most of the signs, Conley also pulled out of the company "to be my own boss" and take control of the Wheeling and Niles McDonald's. He said he still has "no regrets" about that decision despite the phenomenal success of the fast-food restaurant.



Herald photo by Scott Sanders

BYRON WINDHORST pulls the historic McDonald's family crest off the McDonald's sign. The crest will soon hang in the den of the store's former owner, Donald Conley, Sr.

Foot-dragging by Crab House endangers license

5-19-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The Crab House Restaurant in Wheeling is in danger of losing its business license for not complying with village requirements to pave the parking lot and improve landscaping.

Crab House owner Robert Chinn acknowledges he has made only some of the improvements demanded by the village, but says a lack of money has prevented him from completing all of them. Meanwhile, village officials say they're tired of issuing warnings about the restaurant, at 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., and have scheduled a public hearing for June 4 to consider revoking his license.

Chinn opened his seafood and steak restaurant along Wheeling's "restaurant row" in January 1983, moving into the 100-year-old Hartmann House. The historic building, one of the oldest in Wheeling, has been remodeled several times and has housed numerous restaurants.

"It's like buying a new home that was unfurnished," Chinn said. Village employees, he added, "don't realize how much it will cost."

WHEN HIS BUSINESS license was issued 16 months ago, Chinn was required to give land rights to the village for water and sewer lines, clear away debris, put up a sign that con-

formed with village regulations, pave the parking lot and complete new landscaping.

Trees and bushes now surround the restaurant. The front parking lot is paved, but Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said "repeated verbal and written" warnings were given about paving the rear lot and completing the landscaping. The paperwork needed to deed the land to the village is not finished.

Chinn says he'll put aside plans for the restaurant's interior — like \$35,000 in new ventilation work — in order to prevent the village from pulling his license in June.

"To me these things are unimportant," he said. "A lot more important is making the business survive. We want to provide a better product and I think the village is just making something out of nothing."

Chinn said he "lost track" of his landscaper and his lawyer "just didn't get to" taking care of the easement the village required.

"It's probably going to cost \$50,000 to do the parking lot alone," he said. "It's like asking you to buy a Mercedes Benz when you don't have the money."

The public hearing begins at 8 p.m. June 4 in the council chambers of the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.



Herald photo

ALL IS NOT what it seems, say Wheeling officials who contend that the owner of the Crab House Restaurant needs to make improvements to the building's landscaping. Despite its fairly neat appearance, the res-

taurant falls short of complying with an agreement struck between the restaurant owner and the village more than a year ago. The village has threatened to close the restaurant, at 393 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Chief wants crackdown on dirt bikes

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

This could be the quietest summer ever if Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger has his way.

Haeger is working with the village attorney to virtually outlaw the use of dirt bikes and motorcycles by children in the village.

"We're going to try to design an ordinance to prohibit it completely," Haeger said. "One so they can't ride them anywhere in the corporate limits."

In the past, the village had no way to regulate snowmobiles, dirt bikes and other motorized vehicles driven by children who do not have a drivers license.

LAST YEAR, Haeger helped create a law prohibiting the use of the motorized vehicles on private property without the permission of the property owner. But now, Haeger said, that

law is not strong enough.

Several large tracts of land that provide the largest problem for police to patrol are held in blind trust, making it difficult to track down the owner if a child is using the property and says he has permission.

Haeger's proposal would make it illegal for someone without a driver's license to operate a motorized vehicle on private property without the written permission of the owner.

"We're also going to research limiting the way someone might get from one point to another, limiting anyone who is in control of a motorcycle," he said. Haeger said he plans to have the new laws before the village board for consideration by June. "There won't be a place you can legally ride a dirt bike except on your own front lawn," he said.

HAEGER SAID the police department has already answered several calls this year and "things will only

get worse" as the summer warms up.

Part of the fault lies with parents who let children ride bikes they are not legally allowed to handle, he said. Most riders are between 8 and 16-years-old.

"Why parents let their kids buy them when it's not legal to ride them is beyond me," Haeger said. "We are also going to see if we can put some parental responsibility on this for parents who let a child on an unauthorized motor vehicle whether it's a little dirt bike or a motorcycle that goes 80 mph."

Most of the calls come from residents who live in subdivisions along the McHenry Road corridor, Haeger said. Any land surrounding empty tracts of unincorporated land and undeveloped commercial and residential land is susceptible.

Peter Prodan, a resident of Chelsea Cove Condominiums, said bikes can be heard just about every night, driv-

ing through open space that sometimes is within 10 feet of homes.

"We've gotten dozens of complaints and think the chief's ordinance is the next logical step to take care of the problem right now," he said.

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5-21-84
THE WHEELING Village Board today is expected to approve a five-year plan to spend \$17 million to repave streets, build new sidewalks, add water and sewer lines and construct a senior citizen recreation center.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The improvements include several projects delayed in past years by lack of funds. Nearly all projects are expected to begin this year, with most stretching over the next year or two.

About half the money will come from federal funding, \$6.6 million will be borrowed over the next five years and the rest will be covered by future property, gas and license taxes and water and sewer fees.

Trustees set capital improvement goals

A new senior citizen center, street repairs and the remaining work that will allow Lake Michigan water to enter the village were approved by trustees as they set priorities for \$17 million in capital improvements during the next five years.

About \$15 million of the work will start this year with several projects extending into the next two or three years.

Scheduled to start this year are: \$4 million for three years of street paving and replacement; \$3.1 million for sanitary sewer work the next three years; \$2.5 million in water main and tank construction for Lake Michigan water; \$1.8 million to widen Wheeling Road from Hintz to Palatine roads and \$1.6 million to install a relief sanitary sewer under Wheeling Road from Dundee to Hintz roads.

Also scheduled to begin this year are: \$1 million in storm water line improvements that will help to alleviate flooding problems; \$902,376 to build and furnish a senior citizen recreation center; \$790,000 to realign Boehmer Avenue and Northgate Parkway at Dundee Road; and \$550,000 to install two railroad crossings at the Soo Line Railroad tracks — one at Old Willow Road in 1984 and another at Commercial Drive in 1988-89.

Railroad crossing agreed upon

The board approved an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Soo Line Railroad Co. to install a railroad crossing at Old Willow Road in the Wilfred Sommer Industrial Park.

The 121-acre industrial park was proposed in 1979 but construction was delayed as developers tried to convince Wheeling and IDOT officials that the railroad crossing was necessary to provide a second access road. Old Willow empties out onto Wolf Road. The only existing entrance and exit to the park is on a one-way frontage road to Palatine Road.

The park is south of Palatine Road and borders the Soo Line tracks on the east. Bob McLennan of McLennan and Thebault Inc. of Elk Grove has said his company will pick up the bulk of the cost estimated at about \$300,000.

June 1 OK'd for 'donut day'

The board agreed to allow a tag day June 1 for the Salvation Army. The army conducts a "donut day" annually to raise money for its general fund.

Judy Abruscato, chairman of this year's tag day, said she hopes to raise \$200 by collecting funds from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of Wheeling banks, grocers and other businesses.

Dealing with DUI:

5-24-84 Reminder

Wheeling considers roadblocks while special unit patrols BG

By MARY ROWITZ

With the advent of warmer weather and seasonal holidays, including this Memorial Day weekend, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove residents can expect stricter crackdowns if they drink and drive.

However, in the case of the Buffalo Grove Police Department, the crackdowns are already noticeable, said Cmdr. Gary Del Re.

In 1983, for example, "the department charged 405 people with driving while intoxicated (or driving under the influence, DUI) and Del Re said he expects that number will climb to 500 for 1984. In fact, the numbers have climbed steadily for the last several years, he said.

"We have a strong, aggressive posture on DUI. And more attention and heightened enforcement will be focused on the problem this year," he said.

According to Jim Edgar, secretary of state, only one of about every 2,000 drunk drivers nationally are arrested each year. But Buffalo Grove police have been fighting those statistics with a patrol officer whose sole responsibility is to scout the roads for drunk drivers. The officer makes on the average of one DUI arrest each evening, Del Re said.

The department initiated the unit last year. The officer works five nights in a row and is off four nights, but always works the weekends, when the nightly average of six or seven Buffalo Grove police officers make the majority of their DUI arrests.

For example, in the last six months of

1983, 26.4 per cent of DUI arrests were made on Saturdays, and Sundays follow closely behind with 17.4 per cent. Del Re pointed out that the heavy volume of arrests on Saturdays accounts for people who go out to drink Friday night and are arrested early Saturday morning, and this is evidenced by the fact that only 9.6 per cent of the arrests were made on Fridays. Similarly, people who go out to drink on Saturday night are often arrested early Sunday morning, he said.

Like Wheeling police officers, Buffalo Grove police make the majority of their DUI arrests at major intersections. One such intersection in Buffalo Grove is like Lake Cook and Arlington Heights roads. Wheeling's key intersection is Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Buffalo Grove police also are sending their message to students. Del Re is working on a pamphlet, which will be distributed to Buffalo Grove schools, warning students of the dangers of drinking. Police also will continue to visit the schools to dissuade students from drinking and the older students from drinking and driving.

But Del Re said it's particularly difficult when a student may ask him, "My mom uses Darvon and my dad drinks. What's the big deal if I smoke a little dope?"

"I tell him that he doesn't need to ingest or digest something to feel good," he said, adding that today's modern music and professional athletes bombard students

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DUI roadblocks considered

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with the notion that it's perfectly acceptable to drink.

Unlike Buffalo Grove, the Wheeling Police Department has seen a decline in the number of DUI arrests over the past two years. In 1982, Wheeling police charged 204 people with DUI, 203 of whom were adults. Of those, only 20 were women.

In 1983, however, police charged 160 people with DUI, of whom 139 were adult men and 21 adult women, said Police Chief Michael Haeger. He added that DUI arrests are spread evenly throughout the week and six or seven police officers are out on the street each night.

He declined to offer his opinion on why the number of DUI arrests differ significantly from neighboring Buffalo Grove but said he is presently looking into why the number of DUI arrests are declining.

One possible reason for the decline could be the 25 per cent increase in service calls the department has received, he said, adding that processing a DUI is a time-consuming task for the arresting officer.

But Haeger, who said drinking and driving is an offense he takes with the utmost seriousness, has two plans, still in the formative stage, for reducing the number of drunk drivers on Wheeling roads this summer.

One is a roadblock, where drivers would be stopped so officers can look for signs of drinking, and the other is a citizens group that would alert police via a CB of possibly

drunk drivers.

Spotting drunk drivers may be more difficult in winter than during the summer months, Haeger said, because a person may walk out of a bar, get a sharp blast of fresh, cold air and then become "lulled and dulled" by the sound of the radio and warmth of the car. Although that feeling may wear off quickly, Haeger said in the meantime the person may appear to be driving with little or no difficulty.

The departments' interest in prosecuting more drunk drivers this year may be aided by the increased awareness of the problem sparked by groups like SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) and MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), Del Re said, adding that the "momentum is shifting against judges who let drunk drivers off, and that's good."

"We've all been in the situation of having 0+ too many drinks. But when innocent people get injured or killed, it's tragic," he said.

Drinking causes other problems for the police as well, Del Re said.

"Family problems, violence and sexual crimes are sometimes related to alcohol. A husband may have a drinking problem and becomes violent with his wife. Then he gets in his car. So the problems go far beyond drinking and driving," he said.

Although the public has been repeatedly warned not to drink and drive, they do, Del Re said, because "they think they won't get caught."

Health board needs booster shot

5-25-84

by Sherry Boemmel

Herald correspondent

The Wheeling Board of Health is a commission in search of a mission.

The board is trying to make itself more visible to the community through the village newsletter and by gathering information on how they can better serve the community.

The seven-member board already provides the volunteers needed for the Cook County Health Immunization Clinic, which administers free in-

oculations for common childhood diseases to children up to age 18. The county brings the professional staff for the monthly clinics at Wheeling High School, but the volunteers help the clinic run smoothly.

Volunteers help organize the crowd and soothe children who are getting the shots, Village Sanitarian Dan Adams said.

ADAMS SAID THE board of health was instrumental in getting the clinic located in Wheeling for the convenience of residents. The clinic is open to all residents of Cook County and

offers free immunizations to any child younger than 18.

The board also sponsors three blood drives a year for the Blood Center of Illinois, a not-for-profit organization that collects blood for 25 area hospitals.

Both of these activities are staffed as well as sponsored by the board, Adams said, which takes several volunteer hours each month.

"Most all the ideas we are exploring would require volunteer time," Adams said. "Most of our board has

jobs, work full time, go to school full time and have a lot of their personal time already allocated so some of the board members are concerned about doing any more than they are now."

Board chairman Robert Rhoda said getting more volunteers is the answer to that problem and Adams agrees.

"The more volunteer help we have from the community the more we might be able to accomplish," Adams said. "Right now we are trying to explore what the village needs as far as health is concerned."

Wheeling Plans Gala Sox Night

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On Wednesday, Aug. 15 the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry will participate with the Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Park Dist. in a White Sox Community Night program.

Tickets for the game are currently on sale at the Chamber Office (Village Hall) and through Chamber members who wish to sell tickets to their employees and the community at large. Group and bus arrangements are

encouraged.

Wheeling community pre-game on field activities will include: first ball ceremony, uniformed youth parade around warning track, high school band performance, and scoreboard recognition for companies purchasing 20 or more tickets.

The entire right field upper deck terrace reserved seating has been set aside for the night.

For further information, call 459-2613.

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Parade, prayers mark holiday

A parade, children's races and a prayer service will serve as a Memorial Day remembrance in Wheeling Monday to those Americans who died in war.

The annual parade will start at 9 a.m. at Whitman School, 133 S. Wille St. The parade follows last year's route north on Wille Street to Dundee Road, east to Wolf Road and north to finish in Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road.

The parade will include the Wheeling High School marching band, color and honor guards from the VFW and Amvets, scouts, police and fire officials and the Amvets' young king and queen.

At the park, parade watchers and participants will be able to listen and watch as flowers are placed at a monument in the park.

Earlier in the day, veterans who lived through the wars, and survivors of those who did not, are to participate in a solemn ceremony at the Wheeling Cemetery on Dundee Road, just west of Milwaukee Avenue.

The brief 6 a.m. salute will include honor guards from the Wheeling and Buffalo Grove VFW and the Phillip Carpenter Post No. 66 Amvets.

For the first time, veterans will raise a flag over the cemetery, where each year a simple wreath ceremony has taken place. The Amvets and VFW paid \$850 this month to install the flag pole.

THE MEMORIAL DAY celebration will mark the first time a flag has been raised in the village-owned cemetery by the veterans.

Meanwhile, area children will

Nun plans peace vigil on bridge

Adults throughout the Northwest suburban area have been invited to hold lighted candles in Wheeling Monday evening as part of an effort stretching over two continents to promote world peace.

People participating in the one-hour vigil will be asked to sing songs, hold hands and say prayers for peace.

"People will be meeting on bridges all across the United States," said Sister Theresa Eileen Cashman, B.V.M., of St. Thomas of Villanova in Palatine. Cashman is organizing the Northwest suburban event.

"They will be down on the Michigan Avenue bridge in Chicago," she said, "but I thought it would be nice to have our own vigil out here in the suburbs."

Candle bearers can meet on the walkway overpass on Dundee Road in Wheeling in front of the Wheeling Township District 21 school offices, 999 W. Dundee Road, at 8:30 p.m. Only adults are invited and candles will be provided, she said.

The Memorial Day vigil will include Catholics and Protestants across the United States, South America and Central America in an effort organized by the Sisters of



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Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. CASHMAN SAID the Sisters of Charity planned the event for this year in order to coincide with the order's 150th, jubilee year. More than 1,300 sisters in 29 states are expected to participate in the peace action.

"We are dedicated to peace, and this is one of the ways we want to show that," Cashman said.

All the candle and prayer vigils will be held on bridges, she said, to illustrate the sisters' efforts to be "bridgers" of peace.

"We are having this to show that we have accepted the challenge to create a world of peace," Cashman said.

ride in the Rotary 500 Big Wheel race. The races are for 3- to 6-year-olds and will take place at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst

Road. Races begin at 9 a.m. and run through noon, said Jerry Schalk of the Wheeling Rotary. To register, call Schalk at 537-4430.

Village to consider allowing mini-marts

by Christine DiThomas
Herald correspondent

Wheeling village officials are again considering allowing gas stations to sell limited grocery items from their stores.

The plan commission is recommending the village board allow special use permits for the mini-marts, not permitted under Wheeling's current zoning laws.

The commission's recommendation suggests the mini-marts be limited to commercially zoned property on major thoroughfares such as Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Whether to allow mini-marts was an issue before the village board five years ago, but was turned down by a 3-2 vote with trustees arguing that there were enough places to buy food in Wheeling.

BUT, WITHIN the last six months, "three or four" gas station owners have asked the village to reconsider, said Assistant Planner Julie Woods.

"They've said to us: 'This is the only way we can economically

continue to provide the service.' We are considering accommodating them," Woods said.

The mini-marts, under the definition approved by the commission, are facilities that sell gasoline products and offer prepackaged foods and other consumer goods primarily for self service by the customer.

Commissioners agreed that food prepared on the premises, such as deli sandwiches, would be prohibited. Items like coffee, fountain drinks and pastries would be allowed.

Commissioner James R. Whittington said he was "concerned that groups of youth would congregate at these locations," if they were allowed to be open 24 hours a day.

The board agreed that all petitioners should be reviewed individually in terms of operating hours. The process of getting a special use permit to add a mini-mart to a gas station will take between 60 and 90 days while the proposals from gas station owners are brought before plan commissioners and the village board.

Tighter fest regulations top May issue

The Wheeling Village Board put more regulations on amusement events, trimmed costs on a senior citizen recreation center and planned millions of dollars in future improvements for the village during its May meetings.

The board approved tighter restrictions on festivals, public dances and sporting events held in the village despite objections of Trustee Nicholas Fanella.

The new law requires all event sponsors to provide their own security forces, register with the village and undergo village health and safety inspections. Previously, the village had provided police protection — the most costly of the new requirements — at no charge to the sponsor.

The law does not pertain to events sponsored by area schools but would be applied to festivals such as the summer Family Fest at St. Joseph the Worker Church and the annual village beer and brat festivities.

FANELLA OBJECTED to the vague terms used to define the events, saying the village might find itself regulating "Boy Scouts who meet in Lynn Plaza and chip in \$1 for cookies."

Board members agreed to trim \$8,500 off the cost of the recreation center for senior citizens.

Workers from Jonlee Construction Co. in Elk Grove broke ground for the \$650,000 center this month and construction should be completed by the fall. A check, prompted by Trustee Anthony Altieri, showed that \$10,000 could be saved if timber piles were used in the foundation. But at the same time, an additional \$1,500 had to be added to the cost when village employees discovered a more expensive type of ventilation system would be needed.

Trustees also agreed to apply for

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
Selected decisions from the village board meetings of May 7, 14 and 21.						
To require amusement sponsors in the village to provide their own security and meet village health and safety standards. (Passed 5-1)	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
To cut \$8,500 from the contract cost with Jonlee Construction Company to build a senior citizen recreation center. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To apply for \$410,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant money allowing businesses and homeowners to get interest-free loans to rebuild or restore property in disrepair. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To authorize an agreement with the Soo Line Railroad Company and the village to install a railroad crossing at the Soo Line tracks and Old Willow Road. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES
To establish a 5-year priority list in a \$17 million capital improvement plan for the village. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES

\$410,000 in federal grants to enable businesses and low- and moderate-income families to get interest-free loans for building improvements.

About \$200,000 would go to homeowners, another \$200,000 to businesses and \$10,000 would cover village administrative costs.

ALSO, THE BOARD approved \$17 million in capital improvements during the next five years starting with several water, sewer and street repairs this year.

The most expensive improvements

include \$4 million for three years of street paving and replacement, \$3.1 million for sanitary sewer work the next three years, \$2.5 million in water main and tank construction for Lake Michigan water and \$1.8 million to widen Wheeling Road from Hintz to Palatine roads.

In other action, the board agreed to install a railroad crossing at Old Willow Road in the Wilfred Sommer Industrial Park.

The 121-acre park was proposed in 1979 but construction was delayed as developers tried to convince Wheel-

ing and Illinois Department of Transportation officials that the railroad crossing was necessary to provide a second access road. Old Willow empties onto Wolf Road and the only existing entrance and exit to the park is on a one-way frontage road to Palatine Road.

The park is south of Palatine Road and borders the Soo Line tracks on the east. McLennan and Thebault Inc., the Elk Grove Village firm building the park, says it will pick up the bulk of the cost, estimated at about \$300,000.

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State gets grant to buy Palwaukee but Wheeling still not ready

Although the state has received a \$6.1 million grant from the federal government for the public purchase of Palwaukee Airport, Wheeling officials are still not ready to go ahead with the purchase.

Gov. James Thompson announced the approval of the grant, which is first in a series the state will receive over a four-year period that will eventually total \$32.4 million.

"It is vital to the economy of the region that Palwaukee Airport be kept open, something that will augment the air services of Chicago's O'Hare and Midway airports," Thompson said.

Wheeling pre-applied for the grant money early this year and the approval of the grants is a response to its application, said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz.

"Our position hasn't changed, but we have the clock running," Schultz said.

Time will run out for Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials Sept. 30, when the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will assume ownership of Palwaukee. The deadline was mutually agreed upon early this year. Although IDOT officials maintain they prefer Wheeling and Prospect Heights to own Palwaukee, they were concerned that federal money would not be available to purchase the second busiest airport in Illinois.

A major point of interest that has yet to be resolved is whether the state and federal governments will be financially responsible for any unexpected costs of purchasing or maintaining Palwaukee, Schultz said.

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Palwaukee—

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If Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials decide to purchase Palwaukee, most of the \$36 million purchase price will be funded by the federal grants with IDOT contributing 5 per cent. But if the municipalities defer, IDOT would contribute 10 per cent of the purchase price, Schultz said.

When George Priester, the owner of Palwaukee, approached the two municipalities almost six years ago with the offer to purchase his airport, officials agreed that if the stipulations of the purchase were acceptable, they would jointly purchase the airport.

However, when the majority of Prospect Heights residents who voted in November said they favored the city purchasing the airport, officials there were considering purchasing Palwaukee even if Wheeling didn't.

Wheeling residents, on the other hand, particularly those who live near the airport, said they were against the village purchasing Palwaukee in the referendum.

The results in Wheeling put officials right back where they started, but Schultz said that now they "don't have the luxury of waiting."

Wheeling briefs

Crab House gets license reprieve; board rejects pay increase plan

CRAB HOUSE REPRIEVE

The Wheeling Village Board Monday gave a reprieve to the Crab House Restaurant on the possible loss of its special use license. The village had complained that certain site improvements, such as parking lot improvements and landscaping, had not been completed in a timely fashion. Representatives of the Crab House met with the village Plan Commission and submitted an acceptable revised site plan. The Crab House also agreed to wait one year while the Wheeling Historical Society evaluates the historical significance of the Icehouse behind the restaurant after which the owner may have the option to destroy it. The village board will hear about further developments on Sept. 17.

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PAY RAISES

Sparks flew in Wheeling Monday when a

plan submitted by Village Manager Thomas Markus for a "stepped" pay raise for clerical and professional village employees was cut by the village board. Markus's plan included a 4 percent raise as of May 1, 1984 and another 3 percent raise as of Nov. 1, 1984. Markus argued that the raise is necessary and comparable to what other municipal employees in surrounding villages are receiving. He argued that if the board wants to cut costs they should cut services and not the salaries of the village's experienced workers.

Trustee Charles Kerr said, "In a year that we talk of raising taxes, how can we approve a pay raise? People are not going to leave the village (because they didn't receive a raise this year); there just aren't that many jobs around that they can go to."

The board approved a 4 percent raise instead of the stepped plan.

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HERALD

Blood drive nets 99 units

Ninety-nine units of blood were drawn during a recent blood drive by in Wheeling, officials announced.

Public service

The drive was sponsored by the blood drive committee and volunteers of the Wheeling Board of Health, the Willow Lake Chapter of Women's American ORT and the

Blood Center for Northern Illinois.

Named to panels

Wheeling President, Sheila H. Schultz, with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, has made the following appointments:

Board of Health: Dr. Robert L. Rhoda and Dr. Joel S. Shoolin. Zoning Board of Appeals: Arthur Kaplan and Barry Fieldsteel.

HERALD 6-4-84

THE WHEELING Village Board today is expected to approve a five-year plan to spend \$17 million to repave streets, build new sidewalks, add water and sewer lines and construct a senior citizen recreation center.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The improvements include several projects delayed in past years by lack of funds. Nearly all projects are expected to begin this year, with most stretching over the next year or two.

About half the money will come from federal funding, \$6.6 million will be borrowed over the next five years and the rest will be covered by future property, gas and license taxes and water and sewer fees.

Land annexed despite protest

by Andy Oakley

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board voted unanimously Monday to annex about 87 acres of land, despite objections from one business that will be incorporated into the village.

A representative of the Hines Lumber Co. at Milwaukee Avenue, just south of Lake-Cook Road, asked that the company be allowed more time to negotiate with village officials on the annexation.

Hines Lumber and the neighboring Wedgewood Riding Center, 699 N. Milwaukee Ave., comprise about 20 acres of land that the village board voted to annex. Other property included 47 acres of mostly undeveloped land south of Lake-Cook Road and west of the Soo Line Railroad, and 20 acres on Schoenbeck Road, north of Hintz Road.

Attorney Edward Dougherty asked the board for more time "to give myself and Hines the opportunity to evaluate the impact of the annexation. The action comes as a surprise to us."

THE ANNEXATION is "involuntary" where the village had a legal right to incorporate the area because it is bordered by villages on three different sides.

Village Manager Thomas M. Markus opposed discussions of a pre-annexation agreement with Hines Lumber, saying neighboring Buffalo Grove could attempt to take the land in the mean time.

"I don't know what the Village of Buffalo Grove's intentions are regarding this property," Markus said.

Dougherty expressed concern that the village would force changes from Hines Lumber through zoning pow-

ers, but the board assured him that the village would allow the company to continue operations.

LENNI PECOS, owner of Wedgewood Riding Center, said last month that he would oppose annexation because taxes were already high, but he did not address the board at the meeting.

The other annexations were approved without controversy. The board agreed to annex the site on Schoenbeck Road that will be developed into a 70 single-family home project by Meister-Neiberg Builders of Schaumburg. The board also agreed to maintain residential zoning for the land and to approve the developer's plans.

The 47 acres of land is held by a blind trust with no plans to develop it at this time, Markus said.

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Wheeling pension controversy brewing again

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By MIKE COMERFORD

A proposed pension fund plan which would allow police (whether working or retired) to use pension funds to secure low-interest mortgage loans is once again causing controversy at the Wheeling village hall.

Edward Theriault, police pension board trustee, has circulated a letter accusing Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus of misleading other municipalities in an effort to solicit support for a lawsuit the village has filed against the police pension fund.

Theriault, one of the defendants in the suit, claims that Markus wrote a misleading letter to local municipalities and used outdated information to argue for funds. Theriault called Markus' letter "reprehensible" and offered to supply these same municipalities with the final agreement statistics and to offer the other side of the argument.

Markus said that he will reply to the allegations in a written statement this week.

The lawsuit is a class action suit filed Jan. 21, 1983 by the village of Wheeling, on behalf of all village taxpayers, against the Wheeling Police Pension Board and the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) Credit Union.

The suit is aimed at blocking a controversial pension-subsidized mortgage plan for police officers.

At stake is a police pension fund that approaches \$4 million, and according to Theriault, another \$1.5 million the village has not contributed yet.

The three main sources of pension fund revenue are: a fixed 8.5 percent of the police officer's pay; an income from investing pension funds; and an annual tax levy calculated by the Illinois Department of Insurance each year. In fiscal year 1983 the village's contribution to the police pension fund was \$311,000.

The CCPA plan calls for the Wheeling Police Pension Fund to invest in the CCPA credit union for thirty years at a 6.5 percent interest rate. In return, the CCPA would provide approximately \$60,000 in loans to the police officers at a 9.5 percent interest rate. The CCPA claims that the remaining 3 percent is necessary for administration costs.

This loan program is provided so that police officers can use the money for a mortgage on a house or reinvest it in a "Cash Plus" program at the CCPA at a higher interest rate than the loan rate.

Theriault claims that, in soliciting help from other local municipalities, Markus did not make clear that he was using figures that were taken from an unamended draft or were false.

Specifically, he says Markus cited earlier projected interest rates of 5.5 percent and not the 6.5 percent return on investment now available.

The revised interest rate (6.5 percent) Theriault claims, "would meet or exceed the state's assumed rate of return and consequently there should be no resulting increased unfunded accrued liability," and it is unlikely that fund operations will cause an increase in taxes.

Markus has said that the changes in the pension plan are "insignificant" and that though the numbers have changed, the concept of the taxpayers underwriting mortgages for policemen is still unfair. He claims that this proposed plan will increase taxes but the exact amount is being studied by an independent auditing firm.

Additionally, he points out that state statute requires that pension funds earn the safest and highest rate of return on investment possible. He claims the CCPA fund is doing neither.

Besides, the village claims the pension funds earn a higher rate of return under

the current system than they would under the proposed investment plan. Village Financial Director Greg Peters points out that the pension fund earned approximately 10.5 percent on its investments in the fiscal year 1983, as opposed to the minimum 6.5 percent under the proposed plan.

The suit filed by Wheeling claims that the fund is an unsafe investment and, because a proposed 60 percent of the pension fund would be invested in the credit program, rests the fortunes of the fund on the viability of a single institution.

Theriault denied these charges in a

telephone interview and said that both sides have commissioned studies of the plan's impact on taxes and the Police Pension Board's is more accurate. In addition, he said the 6.5 percent interest rate is a minimum rate of return on their investment, and he said it could go much higher. The CCPA investment plan is at least as safe as the one used in the past, said Theriault.

The village also claims that since police would be eligible for home mortgages and loans before their retirement that this is a violation of state law. However, Theriault

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Wheeling, BG finish preparations for fall arrival of lake water

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A bit of Lake Michigan will be coming to the Buffalo Grove and Wheeling area this summer in the form of millions of gallons of water.

Each village has paved the way for the water's arrival by providing a place to stay.

Buffalo Grove has expanded its facilities to accommodate 5 million gallons of water which will be stored in four underground reservoirs. The new system is expected to be pumping 2.7 million gallons of water per day by the time Lake Michigan water arrives in early August or September, according to Buffalo Grove Public Works Director Greg Boysen.

The village of Wheeling has made way for the water by building four new water tanks in order to supplement four existing water tanks and an underground reservoir. Wheeling has the capacity for 8 to 9 million gallons of Lake Michigan water according to Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski.

Both villages intend to have Lake Michigan water supply all of their water once it becomes available.

Lake Michigan water will be a welcome guest in both communities. Both now propose water restrictions. However,

Buffalo Grove's Boysen said that even though the Lake Michigan water will help ease the water problem in the area, water restrictions will remain.

Wheeling's Fialkowski pointed out that before two water wells went out, the village had managed to avoid water restrictions this year. He said that once the Lake Michigan water arrives the recent restrictions may be lifted.

Buffalo Grove and Wheeling, along with Palatine and Arlington Heights, are part of a \$55 million pipeline project that is scheduled to fill their thirsty wells. The Northwest Water Commission is building the 44-mile pipeline and had set a July 1 goal for completion but officials say that this schedule was never considered final.

There may be a tasty side-affect to this whole project. According to Boysen, the Lake Michigan water will be tastier to most people and softer than the well water now provided.

"The water is harder now than it will be when the lake water arrives. People may not even have to use their softeners. But that is up to them," said Boysen. "Most people say that lake water is tastier than well water so that will be one added benefit."



Wheeling plans to usher in Lake Michigan water this summer by storing it in new water tanks such as this one. Buffalo Grove will store it in four underground reservoirs. (Staff photo by Bill Oakes)

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Village may ease law on builders' donations

by Renee Goldstein

Herald correspondent

Concerned that an ordinance requiring developers to donate land or cash to local school, park and library districts may scare off prospective builders, village board members are considering modifying that 10-year-old law.

No action was taken at a meeting this week between village, park, library and school officials, but village officials questioned whether school districts should be restricted in how they spend the developer donations. Also, trustees are unsure whether libraries — added to the list as being eligible for developer money five years ago — should stay on that list.

Since the ordinance was enacted in 1972, developers have contributed 154 acres of property, valued at roughly \$4 million. Also, developers have turned over to local governments \$920,000 in cash.

Modeled after a Naperville ordinance that was upheld by the Illinois Supreme Court, Buffalo Grove's ordinance was enacted to offset the impact of new housing developments on local schools, parks and libraries. Theoretically, the land donations are used as sites for new schools and parks.

HOWEVER, BUFFALO GROVE Village President Verna Clayton said Buffalo Grove has to remain competitive with other towns in order to continue to attract new developments, and some builders may consider Buffalo Grove's price for plan approval too steep.

As an example, she cited the proposed annexation by Wheeling of the Arlington Country Club on Dundee Road, where Lexington Development Co. plans to build a 1,200-unit condominium complex. Until recently, that land was considered likely to be annexed by Buffalo Grove.

One reason Lexington may have chosen to present its plans to Wheeling, Clayton said, is that Wheeling requires no land or cash contributions from developers.

Trustees also were concerned that the school districts, which receive about 75 percent of the land and cash contributions, might

be taking too liberal an interpretation of the ordinance. Rather than the money being used strictly for new schools, other uses are being found.

Village Attorney William G. Raysa cautioned that development money be spent only on projects that are directly linked to the new development, such as building new schools to accommodate school-age children in a new area.

Marvin Glink, Naperville city attorney and author of the landmark ordinance, said he thinks Buffalo Grove's law would stand up in court, but urged that it be applied conservatively.

HOWEVER, TRUSTEES questioned some of the uses for land dedication money being proposed by school officials. They include:

- Buffalo Grove-Long Grove District 96 plans to spend between \$70,000 to \$90,000 in builder donations at Kildeer School to construct walls around currently open classrooms. Superintendent David Willard said the move is to make the building "more functional" and to accommodate more students.

- Aptakisic-Tripp District 102 wants to swap eight acres of developer-donated land north of Lake-Cook Road, between Weiland Road and Route 83, for a similar piece of property on the east side of the school district, where the majority of the district's growth has occurred.

- Officials of Stevenson High School District 125 are considering using developer money to finance mobile classrooms.

THE VILLAGE board also plans to look into whether the Vernon Area and Indian Trails public libraries should continue to receive donations from developers. Since library districts were encompassed by the ordinance in 1979, the two library districts have received about \$69,000 in land and cash donations from developers, based upon the assumption that every new resident requires the library to purchase 1.8 books.

But Raysa questioned how many taxing districts should be included in the ordinance. "The question is: 'Where do we stop?'" he said.

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Wheeling delays Crab House close

by Andy Oakley

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board has delayed a decision on whether to close the Crab House Restaurant in the wake of promises that the business will comply with village requirements.

The restaurant, renowned in the Northwest suburbs for its seafood and steak, has faced the threat of losing its business license because owner Robert Chinn has failed to meet several village demands during the past two years, including paving the parking lot and landscaping the area, Wheeling officials say.

Trustees had been expected to vote this week on whether to close the business at 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., but a decision was put off until July 2 to give the village staff an opportunity to review Chinn's progress.

Attorney Zave Gussin, who represented the business during a June 4 public hearing, said Chinn was "perhaps a little lax in his obligations,"

but he blamed the situation on financial restraints.

Gussin said Chinn has spent a total of \$1 million to purchase and improve the property. The building is the 100-year-old Hartmann House, which has housed several restaurants in the past.

But the village board questioned why it took so long for Chinn to agree to requirements outlined in an ordinance granting him a special permit to operate the restaurant.

The ordinance, which was passed unanimously in June 1982, required the owner to pave the parking lot, complete new landscaping, give easements to the village for water and sewer lines, put up a sign conforming to local regulations and clear away debris.

"It's almost obscene this would take two years," Trustee Nicholas R. Fanella said.

Gussin said plans already are underway to expand the parking lot, pave it and install additional lighting

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Wheeling OKs SuperRaffle

WHEELING TRUSTEES have approved a raffle by the Wheeling Jaycees that will be one of the largest ever staged in the village.

Proceeds from the raffle, which will award a grand prize luxury automobile worth more than \$66,000, will be used to purchase computer equipment for students at Whitman School, 133 S. Willie Ave. The Whitman Parent-Teacher Organization originally came up with the idea for a fundraiser to buy the electronic educational equipment and welcomed the help of the local Jaycees.

"We've taken over the Whitman project as one of our own," said Darrel Anderson, president of the Wheeling Jaycees.

Anderson said his group is hoping to sell \$100,000 worth of tickets from now until Sept. 3. Because of the size of the raffle, a special computer system will be employed to double-check all financial procedures, he said.

The grand prize will be a custom-made, hand-built Zimmer Golden Spirit automobile. The car is currently available for viewing at Schaumburg Dodge and soon will be on display at Billy and Co., 124 S. Milwaukee Ave. The second-place prize will be an all-expense paid weekend trip to Las Vegas, plus \$2,000 in cash.

Tickets are \$10 apiece and can be picked up at a number of participating stores in the area or through the local Jaycees.

Suit's cost may hit twice

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WHEELING—Village taxpayers will likely bear the legal costs for both sides in Wheeling's suit to stop the Police Pension Board's plan to use pension funds for home mortgage loans.

The Police Pension Board last month reiterated its intention to move ahead with the program, despite the suit filed by the village in Jan. 1983. Already, legal costs for both sides have risen to more than \$70,000, with the promise of more legal maneuverings still ahead.

Village Attorney James Rhodes said the village will seek an injunction to stop funds from being committed to the program. He expects the village's request to be heard by

the courts within the month.

Rhodes admits that the taxpayers will likely be "double funding the lawsuit" because the village is obligated to pick up any shortfalls in the pension fund.

PENSION BOARD member Marvin "Syke" Horcher agreed that village residents would bear the brunt of the spiraling legal costs. He blamed the village, however, for dragging the issue through the courts.

"We tried to establish informal talks with the village but they took an adverse position from the start," said Horcher.

The program would make low-

interest mortgages available to about 40 Wheeling police officers and retirees through the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union. Loans to fund members would be given at a 9.5 percent interest rate, with the credit union retaining 3 percent for administrative services.

Village officials claim the remaining 6.5 percent interest rate would not bring the highest possible return on the investment and would cost Wheeling taxpayers millions. They have filed suit to halt the plan.

But pension board trustees maintain that village costs would amount to only \$1,000 or \$2,000 and would help police buy homes in the community.

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Village growing bit by bit by bit

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—In approving a series of annexation moves at their Monday, June 4, board meeting, trustees have brought an additional 87 acres within village borders.

The largest parcel, a 47-acre piece of land west of the Soo Line railroad tracks and south of Lake-Cook Road, is currently vacant but is targeted for residential development, said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

A second parcel, a 20-acre site at Milwaukee Avenue and Lake-Cook Road, is comprised of a mixture of undeveloped land and existing businesses, including the Edward Hines Lumber Co., 700 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Another 20-acre parcel, south of

Horizon Park and east of Schoenbeck Road, was voluntarily annexed by the Meister-Neiburg Co. developing firm, which plans to build 71 single-family homes in the \$100,000 to \$130,000 price range. This development will add roughly \$2.5 million in assessed valuation to the village when completed, say officials.

THE TWO OTHER pieces of land south of Lake-Cook Road were forcibly annexed by the village. A village can annex any property less than 60 acres without permission of the property owners if the land is wholly surrounded by two or more municipalities.

Attorney Edward Dougherty, representing Hines Lumber, asked the board to defer action, saying he wanted more time to discuss the conditions of the annexation.

But Markus pointed to the aggressive annexation policies of neighboring Buffalo Grove as the reason for moving ahead.

"Potentially he could choose to annex to another community," Markus told trustees. "We want to move as fast as possible."

Earlier this year, Buffalo Grove annexed 150 acres north of Lake-Cook Road, owned by William Johnson and his family. For the past decade the two communities had been locked in a sometimes bitter struggle to annex this prime industrial land. The loss of the Johnson property is viewed by Wheeling officials as a blow to future expansion.

"It closes off our northern growth," said Markus. "It pretty well locked in our borders at Lake-Cook Road."

County agency pares down village's grant request

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

A Cook County agency is recommending Wheeling receive only \$90,000 of the \$410,000 federal grant the village sought to provide interest-free loans for renovations of local businesses and homes.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said the low funding will severely curtail future loans to homeowners and could eliminate plans to

offer the loans to businesses.

"We will have to figure out what we will have left over after we start the (business loan) program," Greenwood said. "The problem is that it takes as much time to set up a program for \$500,000 as for \$60,000. I'm just not sure what we will do."

The village has applied for \$200,000 for business loans but the Cook County Bureau of Administration is recommending that only \$60,000 be given to the village. Bu-

reau Planner Scott Viger said his board recommended the lower amount to "get the program started first."

THE COOK COUNTY Board, which distributes the federal money, is expected to vote on the recommendations at its August meeting.

The village also applied for \$200,000 in federal community development block grant money to continue giving loans to low- and moderate-income families for home improve-

ments. The bureau is recommending the village get \$30,000.

"Countywide we had about \$13.5 million to work with and \$41 million in requests," Viger said. "The residential program grants were low across the board because the village should have some money left over from other years."

Greenwood said about \$100,000 from previous grants is still uncommitted, but, he added, "there are al-

ready about two dozen qualified applicants." Greenwood said he was "somewhat disappointed" with the county response and estimates that by the fall the village will have spent the remaining money.

The county bureau also recommended against a village request for \$10,000 to cover half the cost of hiring someone to administer the program.

A SINGLE homeowner must have an annual salary of no more than

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\$17,600 to qualify for the program. The figure increases to \$31,400 for a family of eight. The loans can be used to make improvements such as electrical wiring, plumbing, furnaces, insulation and storm windows.

Loans carry no interest and do not have to be paid back if the borrower remains in his home for 10 years. If he moves before then, the amount due is based on how long he remained in the home with the loan reduced by 10 percent each year.

The week ahead

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Kids may be banned from riding dirt bikes

The Wheeling village board today will discuss outlawing the use of dirt bikes and motorcycles by children without driver's licenses.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Police Chief Michael Haeger is recommending the board prohibit dirt bike riding by children because of constant noise complaints and the potential danger. Current law allows children to ride bikes on private property with the permission of the owner but Haeger said the law is hard to enforce because bikers ride on land that is held in blind trusts and there is no way to check with the owner.

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Wheeling board annexes 87 acres

The Wheeling village council annexed 87 acres of land from three sections of land Monday night in an effort to expand its tax base and control development in the surrounding area.

The only objection raised to the annexations came from the Edward Hines Lumber Co. which owns part of the section of 47 acres being annexed west of the Soo Line Rail Road and south of Lake-Cook road. The Hines Lumber Co. wanted assurances that its land would be in a commercial zone and not in a residential zone. The village board affirmed that this land would be commercially zoned.

The annexed 47 acres along with another 19.4 acres at Milwaukee avenue and Lake-Cook road are already surrounded by incorporated land or by the Forest Preserve District.

Robert Fialkowski, assistant village manager, said in a written report to the council, "...it is logical to have these properties within the Village of Wheeling to better control their development as they are currently, for the most part, undeveloped.

The third section to be annexed was a 20.12 acre parcel immediately south of Horizon Park and adjacent to Schoenbeck Road. This section was also rezoned to allow the building of single-family residences similar in quality and style to those to its north. Meister-Neiberg Inc. plans to build 71 units for a density of approximately 3.5 units per acre.

Late repairs could cost restaurant its license

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The Crab House Restaurant's lack of compliance with its license has left the Wheeling village council with a bitter taste. The village has decided to hold a hearing on July 2 to consider revocation of the popular restaurant's license.

The controversy started when owner Robert Chinn received a license on June 7, 1982. He was given until May 1983 to comply with certain site repairs. However, despite phone calls and formal letters from the village of Wheeling, major repair work must still be done.

Specifically, the Crab House Restaurant must pave its parking lot, install three

easements and complete its landscaping work.

Wheeling Village Attorney James Rhodes said, "For two years they have been dragging their feet. They got their license under certain conditions and if we have to close them down we will do so."

At a village council meeting on Monday, Chinn's attorney Abe Gusen claimed that Chinn has been preoccupied by a legal matter in Chicago and has had trouble just keeping up with the growth and popularity of his restaurant. However, Gusen said that he and Chinn apologized for any delay and promised to work more swiftly on the matter.

Gusen said that the legal matter in Chicago has slowed Chinn's cash flow but that Chinn is still investing heavily in repair work for the Crab House.

At the Wheeling village board meeting Monday night, Gusen presented long-awaited legal responses to the board's inquiries and assured them that the site work would be completed soon. But this was not the full response the board wanted to hear.

"Nobody here (on the board) wants to close the restaurant down but when are we going to see concrete?" said Trustee Roger Powers.

Trustee Nicholas Fanella said, "It is

almost obscene that this would take two years. This shows a lack of willingness to cooperate. It could impact on other businesses in town."

Gusen said that Chinn invested a half million dollars to acquire the restaurant and has spent another half million dollars on improvements. He said Chinn also plans to spend \$53,000 paving the parking lot and another \$25,000 on electrical lighting. He said that the Crab House employs 130 people and is a financial asset to the community.

Gusen told the board that significant progress will be made before the July 2 hearing.



Herald photo by Jon Kinn

YOUNG DIRT BIKE RIDERS in Wheeling say biking keeps them out of trouble and doesn't hurt anyone. But village officials are considering requiring each rider carry a permission slip before they can ride on

private property. Seated on the bikes, which cost up to \$400 are, from left, Steve Vezensky, 12, Ray Delap 15, Jim Vezensky, 14, Dan Toporek, 14 and Tony Jagiello, 14.

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Trustees may restrict, but not ban, dirt bikes

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Despite a request from Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger to ban motorized dirt bikes in the village, trustees say they prefer restricting, rather than outlawing, the vehicles.

Haeger had asked the village board to make it illegal for anyone without a driver's license to operate a motorized vehicle on private or public property. The move, he said, would "virtually eliminate" dirt bike riders — and the barrage of noise and nuisance complaints that flood the police department each summer.

Trustees agreed that dirt bikes should be more strictly controlled, but disagreed with Haeger's plan to create one of the state's most stringent laws on dirt bikes.

Instead, they are proposing that anyone without a driver's license carry some type of written statement showing that they are riding on private property with the land owner's permission.

"I feel uncomfortable about going into someone's backyard and saying they can't ride a dirt bike in their own yard," said Trustee Roger Powers said. "I really feel it's improper."

THE RESTRICTION will be voted

on by the board in July or August.

But the changes will just add more obstacles for young riders like 14-year-old Jim Vezensky, 116 W. Jeffery Ave., who asked the village board Monday night to reconsider its dirt-bike crackdown.

"The fields we are riding in are just weeds," Vezensky told board members. "Bike riding keeps you out of trouble like stealing and other things against the law. Some of it does disturb the public, but in other areas, it should be allowed."

Vezensky acknowledged, however, that he and scores of other young Wheeling bikers travel through commonly used areas like park property, Commonwealth Edison land and railroad rights of way to reach the less obtrusive undeveloped tracts.

Currently, the law requires that bikers obtain permission from the landowner before riding on his property. But Wheeling Attorney James Rhodes said many bikers ride on land that is held in trust and the village must prove in court that there was no permission granted.

"Frankly, when you're seeking a \$50 fine and you have to spend \$35 for a title search, it's not worth it," Rhodes said.

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Well shutdown spurs water-use restriction

Wheeling officials Monday ordered an immediate restriction on outdoor water use because a second village well was knocked out of commission during the weekend.

Public Works Director Robert Gray said the well at Manchester Drive and Sunset Lane quit pumping water about 7 p.m. Friday. A power failure apparently caused water to back up in the well, which may have caused the shaft of the well to break, Gray said.

That normally would not be a major problem, he said, but a second deep well on Willow Road still is not working after it stopped in December 1983.

The restrictions on water use will be the same as those imposed in past years, Gray said. All village residents are to refrain from sprinkling and any other "non-essential" water use from 2 to 8 p.m. each day. At other times of the day, residents with odd house addresses can use water odd-numbered days of the month and residents with even-numbered addresses can use water on even calendar days.

"Right now we are holding our own but what we are worried about is that people are going to

start breaking out the hoses and sprinkling lawns and filling pools," he said.

GRAY SAID last week that water restrictions would not be imposed as in the past seven years unless a special problem occurred because of the anticipated arrival of Lake Michigan water this summer.

The village has four deep wells and two shallow wells, he said, and now that the well in the Meadowbrook subdivision is broken, residents on the east side of town will notice an increased amount of hydrogen sulfide in the water — identified by an "egg smell" — from the shallow wells.

"The smell is noticeable to people but with a deep well running, it's usually cut down some," Gray said. "It's safe to drink, either way."

Gray could not estimate the cost to repair the Meadowbrook subdivision well or say when it might be working again. He said, however, that repairs on the Willow Road well are covered by a warranty with Milaeger Well and Pump Co. of Des Plaines. The village paid about \$40,000 to Milaeger in February to have repair work done, Gray said, but initial repair efforts were unsuccessful.

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Wheeling's dilemma: To buy or not to buy Pal-Waukee Airport

By MIKE COMERFORD

The Pal-Waukee Airport issue is simmering again and the Illinois State Transportation Department is applying the heat.

The original proposal was for the Federal Aviation Administration to pay 90 percent, or approximately \$32.4 million, of public takeover and improvements costs in order to bring the airport up to federal safety standards. The State of Illinois would then pay 5 percent of those costs over a four-year period and the villages of Wheeling and Prospect Heights would split the other 5 percent.

However, the state now claims that if the villages decide not to buy Pal-Waukee

Airport then the state will buy. In addition, if the villages do not decide by Aug. 1, the state will go ahead with the purchase.

"We are really being pushed by the state to hurry our decision," said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz. "Also the prospect of the state having sole control of the airport is not appealing."

But the state doesn't see it that way.

"We are not applying pressure on these villages to buy in," said Terry Schaddel, a spokesman for IDOT's Division of Aeronautics. "We are just refereeing. We feel that this, the second busiest airport in Illinois, is very important to the development of that area."

The central question comes down to who

will control the future growth and finances of the airport.

In the past, both matters were handled by the airport's private owner, George J. Priester Aviation, Inc.

And because it was privately owned, Pal-Waukee did not have to adhere to FAA standards for approach surface and clear zones at each end of the runway. This has now changed because a new federal law allows privately owned airports to receive FAA grants. With FAA grants come FAA regulations.

While Pal-Waukee struggles to make its major runway conform to FAA standards, Waukegan Memorial Airport is in the midst of major expansion in hopes that it

will attract corporate-jet accounts away from the already crowded Pal-Waukee.

Priester Aviation fears that the renovation costs may be too much for it to handle. The firm wishes to hand over the responsibility of airport expansions to the municipalities and keep the more profitable buildings such as the Hangar Restaurant and fuel pumping facilities.

But if Priester Aviation fears the financial burden of renovation, so does the Wheeling village board. Since less than 5 percent of Pal-Waukee's corporate jet use comes from Wheeling, Pal-Waukee's growth is more important to the Chicago metropolitan area than to Wheeling in

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Pal-Waukee Airport dilemma—

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particular.

Nevertheless, the Wheeling village board is apprehensive about the prospect of not investing in Pal-Waukee, fearing that failure to do so would lessen its influence over the future growth of the airport.

The village still faces opposition from residents who think the investment would be unwise.

The Citizens Airport Activity Group has organized support against Wheeling and Prospect Heights getting involved in the purchase. Member Warren Sunde said, "The part of Pal-Waukee that Priester is selling is the least profitable, even when run by a private business. If these villages get involved they will lose their shirts. The control they would gain over its growth would be small anyway."

If Pal-Waukee did reap a profit for the municipalities all profits must, by law, be put back into the airport and the villages would not see a penny's profit.

The State of Illinois, by saying it may buy if the villages do not, could be backing a village such as Wheeling, that is cool on the idea, into buying for defensive purposes. Even though the village foresees limited or no revenue benefits, it would

not like to see the state have total control over the growth and land acquisition for the airport.

A major concern for both villages is the possible acquisition of additional land on the airport's perimeter.

The state wishes to move Wolf and Hintz roads and the villages are nervous about the effect this will have on their communities.

The Wheeling village board, in particular, is in a complicated bind. In a recent referendum, Wheeling residents narrowly voted against buying Pal-Waukee. However, in a similar referendum, Prospect Heights residents voted in favor of buying the airport.

The Wheeling village board would find it hard to vote against the verdict of a referendum but would also find it undesirable to have the state own Pal-Waukee alone or in combination with Prospect Heights. Wheeling would find itself the odd-man-out.

The Village of Wheeling has recently asked IDOT for clarification on its responsibilities should Wheeling decide to buy. Until this clarification is received by Wheeling the matter of financial responsibilities will remain up in the air.

If state buys Pal-Waukee... 6-14-84 LIFE

Airport probe seen

AN AD HOC citizens' group is calling for a federal investigation into the state's plan to buy Pal-Waukee Airport if local communities bail out of the proposed purchase.

John Whitman, president of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, a local organization opposed to a public takeover of the largest privately-owned airport in the world, charges that the action by Illinois Department of Transportation officials was "contrived and intended to alter public opinion and thereby interfere with our local elections."

In January of this year, IDOT officials declared they would purchase the airport if no local sponsor agreed to buy Pal-Waukee. In

March, Wheeling and Prospect Heights, considering a joint acquisition of the airport, staged non-binding referendums on the Pal-Waukee question. Prospect Heights residents solidly supported the public buyout plan, while Wheeling citizens narrowly voted it down.

IDOT'S LATE ENTRY into the Pal-Waukee sweepstakes was seen by some observers as changing the public's view of the referendum question. Many felt that the state's offer transformed the issue into a choice on whether the state or local municipalities should operate the airport.

Whitman said the thought of state ownership caused local residents to

"soften" their stand against local sponsorship. He argued that, according to his group's own straw polls, people in both communities are strongly opposed to the public buyout.

Whitman also said the state was "erroneous" in its claim that only a publicly-owned airport could receive federal funding and thus, guarantee a future for the airport.

As a result of these actions, Whitman said the "motives of officials of IDOT are suspect."

State officials have denied these allegations, maintaining that their only interest is to ensure the continued operation of Pal-Waukee Airport as a much-needed reliever station for O'Hare Airport.

Village Board crabby over restaurant delay

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By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—The Village Board has delayed until next month a decision on whether to close the Crab House restaurant for failure to comply with village requirements.

The restaurant, which opened in January 1983 along Wheeling's "restaurant row" at 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., was granted a special use permit by the village, accompanied by a list of conditions to be met. The seafood and steak restaurant was ordered to give land rights to the village for utility easements for water and sewer lines, to expand and pave the parking lot and to improve the landscaping.

After repeated warnings, the village was prepared to revoke the restaurant's license June 4. Although officials acknowledged some improvements, they said they weren't satisfied with the overall progress.

"We are deeply disappointed in the lack of cooperation over the

past two years," said Village President Sheila Schultz.

ZAVE GUSSIN, attorney for the Crab House, admitted that the restaurant has been "a little lax" in complying with the requirements, but pointed to excessive costs as the reason for the delay.

Gussin said the cost of buying the 100-year-old Hartmann House, a historic building that has been the site of several former restaurants,

was more than \$500,000. Coupled with another \$500,000 for remodeling, Gussin said, a resulting lack of finances has prohibited further improvements.

But he explained that the restaurant now is prepared to go ahead with the improvements this summer.

A public hearing on the Crab House has been continued until July 2.

Water limits in effect

AS A RESULT of two of Wheeling's wells being out of service and current water demands placed on the system, it is necessary to restrict non-essential uses of water, village officials announced this week.

Lawn sprinkling and other non-essential uses of water are prohibited between 2 and 8 p.m., from June 15 to Sept. 30. During other hours, odd addresses may water on odd calendar days; even addresses may water on even calendar days.

Restricted water uses include, but are not limited to, watering lawns and shrubbery, washing cars and filling swimming pools.

Cooperation in complying with these restrictions will minimize the possibility of having to declare a total ban on all non-essential uses.

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25 mph speed limit encouraged

LIFE
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By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—Acting out of a "need for consistency," village officials and the Wheeling Police Department have joined to urge lowering the speed limit for residential streets to 25 mph, with a few exceptions.

In an informal discussion Monday, June 11 on the speed limit issue, which has been a point of contention in the village for the past decade, trustees endorsed a recent traffic study which called for a reduction in the existing 30 mph restriction for residential streets. Officials expect to adopt the new residential speed limit in the coming weeks.

Following the recommendations of the study, conducted by the Northwestern University Traffic Institute, the speed limit will be posted at 25 mph on virtually all the residential streets. The areas where 20 mph zones are recommended include Rosegarden, Lakeside Villas, Tahoe, Cedar Run and Holland. The reason for the slower speed limits in these areas is due, in part, to circular streets, reduced sight distances, on-street parking and num-

bers of driveways, cul-de-sacs and courts.

POLICE CHIEF Michael Haeger explained that Harmony Village and Shadow Bend will also face a speed reduction. Because of their unique situation, Haeger said a speed limit of less than 20 mph will be proposed. The police chief also called for the establishment of a village-wide speed limit of 25 mph, unless otherwise posted.

"There is a need for consistency in the village," said Haeger, adding that his department has been plagued by traffic enforcement problems because of past village speed limit policies.

The village originally set a 20 mph speed limit for residential streets in 1974, following a speed study taken by an officer of the Wheeling Police Department. This study, however, was disregarded after another survey, conducted in 1978, recommended a 30 mph residential speed limit.

Despite a lack of detailed information in the 1978 study, the village last fall raised the speed limit in the residential areas of the village to 30 mph, which is also the statutory speed limit. State law requires

that a competent study be conducted in support of any lowering of the statewide residential speed limit of 30 mph.

TO AVOID THE credibility problems associated with the first two traffic studies, village officials in October 1983 requested a survey by an internship team as part of a nine-month police management course. The study, completed in March, was conducted in 18 residential subdivisions.

Based on the study, only Manchester Drive and Strong Street, between Wolf Road and Milwaukee Avenue, will remain 30 mph. Only one non-residential area—Wheeling Road between Dundee and Hintz roads—was studied. A recommendation was made to raise the limit to 35 mph on this stretch.

Haeger explained that this would provide some uniformity in the posted limits because McHenry Road is also 35 mph. Haeger also favors a 35 mph speed limit for Wheeling Road when it is completed south of Hintz Road, as opposed to the 45 mph currently posted.

In addition, further studies were recommended to determine the effects of any speed limit changes.

"Our aim: To fear God, tell the truth and make money."
H. C. PADDOCK, 1859, 1935

Donation rule serves purpose

When Lexington Development Co. announced that it would seek to annex its new development on the grounds of Arlington Golf Course to Wheeling, some pointed to Buffalo Grove's strict developer donation ordinance as a prime factor.

The ordinance, which has been on the books since 1972, requires developers to donate land or the equivalent cash value for school, park and library districts. This cost is not really borne by the developer, but is passed on to the consumer. It can easily add more than \$1,000 to the cost of a new three-bedroom home. Wheeling has no such ordinance, so with the development situated between the two suburbs, Wheeling, at least on that score, was the more attractive of the two communities. Indeed, during the last 12 years a number of developers have tried to persuade Buffalo Grove to modify its ordinance, but officials have always stood fast, arguing that such rules had to be applied evenhandedly.

In fact, despite the presence of the ordinance, Buffalo Grove has continued its steady growth. Moreover, the ordinance, and the village's tough stand on its application, have netted some impressive benefits. In the past 12 years, \$920,467 and 154.3 acres of land have been either donated or pledged to Buffalo Grove. Village officials point out that such donations are especially helpful during the transitional period between the time when a new development starts to require services and the time — usually a lag of at least two years — when tax revenues start to come in. Clearly the ordinance has contributed to improving the quality of life in Buffalo Grove.

Indeed many municipalities, especially those in high growth areas, are adopting similar ordinances. The only catch is that such ordinances must adhere to guidelines laid out by the courts. Those guidelines say there must be a direct link between how the land or money is used and the particular development. For instance, if land or money for a park is provided, the park should be situated to service the residents of that particular development. That presents a problem in a suburbs such as Buffalo Grove, where its Cook County section has seen school closings, while its Lake County section is still growing. Mindful of that problem, Buffalo Grove is sitting down with school, park and library officials to make sure the land or cash is used properly.

So while some might be disappointed that Lexington's new development will not be annexing to Buffalo Grove, they should not be quick to condemn the developer donations ordinance. It has served Buffalo Grove well.

Village considers licensing 4 more garbage collectors

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials say they might increase the number of licenses for garbage collection businesses from three to seven, which could increase competition and lower prices.

But Village Manager Thomas M. Markus cautioned that such a move would be temporary while village board members and employees continue to consider what restrictions, if any, should be placed on the number of scavenger licenses they allow.

The village board will discuss the issue at 8 p.m. Monday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

THE VILLAGE LICENSES three companies and approves the rate for residential curbside pickup. Wheeling Disposal, 250 Sumac Road, handles almost all the curbside pickup.

An increase in the number of licenses probably would not change service for single-family homeowners, Markus said. Because of the number of homes in Wheeling, "it just isn't worth it" for more than one company to pick up garbage, he said. Single-family homeowners pay \$7.80 a month for the service.

But Markus said multi-family

complexes — which make up about 65 to 70 percent of the village housing — potentially could pay lower prices because contracts are negotiated and not based on the village's established rate.

Although there have been no complaints about the current system, the village has received license requests from several companies and trustees say they are worried the village could face anti-trust action if they continue to limit the licenses.

"We've had seven companies ask for licenses and we felt this was the best way to handle the requests," Wheeling Attorney James Rhodes said. "It's an interim solution while we study the issue."

BUT WITH AN increased or unlimited number of licenses, trustees are also worried about a large number of garbage trucks roaming the village and providing poor service.

Some haulers have said an unlimited number of licenses would increase competition and put a premium on quality service, plus helping to keep rates competitive. The haulers pointed out that unlimited competition in commercial garbage pickup has proved effective in Arlington Heights and Des Plaines.

Autistic home soon to be in business

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

After months of delays, a group planning to house four autistic adults in Wheeling say their first client will move into an east side home June 24.

Francine Bernstein, the founder of BLARE House — a Morton Grove group trying to establish residential housing for autistic adults — said a young man whose parents live in Skokie will be able to return to Illinois after having been placed in a Wisconsin institution because there was no where else for him to go.

"This will be so nice for them because there isn't really anything else that can be done with them except to put them in an institution, and those places are terrible," she said. "They beat each other and our kids are so passive that they are helpless."

BERNSTEIN SAID walls have been painted, safety equipment is in-

stalled and the barbecue is on order for the single-family home at 305 E. Manchester Drive that will serve as the first home in Wheeling for autistic adults. They will be supervised around the clock by state-certified personnel.

Four autistic men last month moved into a similar home in Schaumburg, at 934 Parker Drive. The roommates included Bernstein's 26-year-old son, Bradley.

"It's taking them some time to adjust," Bernstein said, "but the neighbors have come for coffee and brought cookies and I've talked to the boys and they sound happy."

"Three of them speak and the only one who doesn't have much language skills is my son Brad," she said. "You'd never know that we (didn't have) normal people living there. Now if it works half as good in Wheeling as it has in Schaumburg, I will be happy."

Autism is characterized by passiveness and withdrawal and strikes about one of every 2,000 children.

BERNSTEIN BEGAN her fight to house autistic adults in residential areas when she found that there was no place in the state for her son except an institution. She helped open single-family homes in Forest Park, Glenview and Highland Park before turning to the Northwest suburban area for more housing.

Strong opposition from both Wheeling and its residents forced Bernstein to abandon plans earlier this year to build townhouses for 45 autistic adults on Elmhurst Road in Wheeling. So, Bernstein said, BLARE House now plans to open more single-family homes in the Northwest suburban area.

The clients of the Schaumburg autistic home spend their days at a sheltered workshop in Chicago called The Center, where they are paid to perform simple assembly line-type

tasks. In the evening, they return home to fix their own dinner, go out for ice cream and socialize.

The three autistic adults slated to live in the Wheeling home will arrive in one-week intervals after the young man from Wisconsin. They also will spend their days at The Center.

THE REACTION of neighbors to their arrival has been guarded, Bernstein said.

"I've phoned the (Wheeling) neighbors and asked them to come for coffee and we have talked to many of them," she said. "They were pleasant but I think they are taking a wait and see attitude."

One older neighbor was hostile, Bernstein said, saying she was glad she didn't have any little children the autistic residents could "rape or kill."

"But for the most part they have been receptive and I think once they see us in action they will be pleased," she said.

Trustees open garbage service to 7 firms

by Kathy Waugh *6-19-84*
Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees Monday raised the number of scavenger licenses from three to seven despite objections from some trustees that rates would rise and more garbage trucks would roam village streets.

Three companies have village licenses and rates for residential pickup are set by the board. Curbside pickup — currently at \$7.80 a month — is handled primarily by Wheeling

Disposal Inc., 250 Sumac Road. But, town houses, condominium complex and other multifamily units, housing 65 to 70 percent of the village's residents, are not covered by these rates. Each is handled on a commercial basis with negotiated rates, village manager Thomas M. Markus said.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY James A. Rhodes called the ordinance "a temporary move to appease" garbage haulers who have applied for village licenses in the past 1½ years. A final

decision, he said, is contingent on legislation at both the federal and state level that could eliminate municipalities from antitrust liability if they limit licenses.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the ordinance, saying the village has had no complaints about garbage pickup service.

"The quality is going to deteriorate the minute it's opened to seven," Kerr said. "I'm quite satisfied with the service we have now."

Trustee Joseph Ratajczak voted for the ordinance but questioned why the village shouldn't stick with what it has and "take its licks in the future."

BUT THOSE LICKS, Rhodes said, could be an antitrust lawsuit filed by a company denied a license.

"You can't just sit and wait because if you do, tomorrow someone could come in and file a suit," he said.

But Ratajczak and Kerr argued that the village would have the same problem as soon as another company

came seeking a license.

With the new number of licenses, Markus said the potential is there to lower costs to multifamily residents.

Russ Erssmeyer, the president of Wheeling Disposal, told the board he was against any increase in the number of scavenger licenses. "I think that there's legislation at the federal and state that will take care of these (antitrust) problems. I feel the current number of haulers you have satisfies the village needs and I prefer it stay the way it is."

The week ahead HERALD 6-18-84

Village to discuss scavenger licenses

The Wheeling Village Board will consider tonight increasing the number of scavenger licenses in the village from three to seven.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Village trustees agreed in March to consider offering more licenses after a Barrington company applied for a license to haul garbage in the village. Although there have been no challenges to the limit, trustees said they were concerned that they could be liable to anti-trust action if only a handful were allowed.

Cause to celebrate 6-19-84

Recently a very special event occurred in the Village of Wheeling — an occasion long awaited by area senior citizens and of importance to all the Wheeling community.

In 1978, the Village of Wheeling's Community Development Department undertook a neighborhood study and developed a Design and Improvement Plan for the area near Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road. A need for housing, health service and socialization of our aging population was determined.

In 1981, the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center was constructed and last year a Cook County Housing Authority 100-unit building for the elderly and handicapped, Wheeling Towers, was opened. Around the end of this year the third element of this "senior campus on the lake," a senior citizen activity center at 199 N. First St., will open its doors.

Six years of study and planning by village staff and the Senior Commission culminated in a beautiful Senior Activity Center groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, May 6. This was indeed a day for all area citizens to celebrate!

We appreciate all who attended this festive affair and applaud all who helped make this day possible. Our groundbreaking is the beginning of an excellent program of socialization and service to all Wheeling area 55+ older citizens.

We regret only that our local press chose not to cover our long awaited celebration.

Barbara J. Hansen
Senior Citizen Coordinator
Village of Wheeling

Village board wrapup

6-20-84 Firm hired to do engineering on roadwork

The Wheeling village board hired Baxter and Woodman Inc. to handle engineering work needed on the summer street improvement plan.

The Crystal Lake company was hired for \$98,000 to provide full-time inspections, complete testing and perform other necessary on-site duties.

A Chicago firm, Metcalf and Eddy, was hired for the four-year life of the improvement program but fired last November after the first year because the board was not satisfied with construction delays and work that had to be done a second time.

Outdoor seating OK'd

The board approved plans for out-

door seating at Chicago Bagels and Bialy restaurant, 1099 W. Dundee Road.

The restaurant requested permission for outside seating after the village threatened to revoke its business license last fall when it installed picnic tables without a village OK. The village dropped revocation plans when the restaurant removed the outside seating.

Harold Harkavy, the owner of the business, said he would redesign the parking area in front of his store, putting in four picnic tables, moving the parking further away from the building. The tables will be removed in the winter time, he said, stored in a shed behind the store.

Parade permit given

The board approved a permit for the 4th of July parade that will travel down Dundee Road.

The morning parade calls for Dundee Road to be closed off between Wolf and Elmhurst roads and partial closing of Elmhurst and Wolf roads.

Since Dundee Road is under state jurisdiction, the village has applied for permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Charity tag day set

The board approved a request from a Skokie group to hold a tag day June 30.

The Charlotte Chaplick Brodey Memorial Foundation holds the annual tag day to raise money to help support a summer camp in Alsip for children and adults who have cerebral palsy.

Fund-raiser permitted

The board approved plans for an annual fund-raising festival July 29 at Addolorata Villa Inc., 555 McHenry Road.

Money from the fund-raiser will help to pay for expenses at the home where more than 100 senior citizens live under the care of the Order of Servants of Mary.

6-21-84 Police speed up on ticketing

WHEELING—Following a crack-down on traffic offenders last month, police are studying the results of their efforts to map out future action to improve safety on village streets.

"We need to get on (with) traffic enforcement," said Police Chief Michael Haeger. "We are now determining the effects of the tickets handed out to decide where we go from here."

The selective traffic enforcement

program, undertaken in May, resulted in police writing more than twice the number of tickets than recorded the previous month.

Statistics show that in April, Wheeling police issued 157 traffic tickets among a total of 401 traffic contacts during the month. In May, officers handed out 497 tickets and 214 written warnings to bring the total number of people stopped to 929 for the month.

Chief Haeger said police in-

creased their emphasis on traffic enforcement to develop statistical data for the experimental program. These results will be "closely monitored," he said, to determine the impact the police action had on traffic conditions during the month of May. A formal report will be prepared for the Village Board in July.

Police concentrated their attention at the traffic locations that already have a high accident and

violation rate, as determined by traffic officers within the department.

In addition to focusing on Wheeling and Palatine roads, police also surveyed the intersections of Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

The most frequent violation cited by police was speeding, which Haeger termed the "primary contributor to accidents."

Fire captain's roots are planted in the soil

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by Sherry Boemmel

Herald correspondent

Ralph Perricone's family roots are firmly planted in the soil.

That may explain why the Wheeling Fire Department captain can be often found in his rose garden when he's not at the fire station.

Born in Chicago, Perricone moved to Hintz and Schoenbeck roads with his family in 1948. His father raised vegetables for market and Ralph helped with the work.

"I was into soil and plants," he says.

Perricone and his wife, Bette have 22 bushes along the fence in front of their house and around the patio in the back yard. They raise mostly tea hybrid tea roses in a variety of colors and also grow test roses for a well-known Oregon mail order firm.

"I LIKE THEM ALL—PINKS, whites, deep reds, yellows, Double delight, one of the oldest is red and white," he said.

Bette actually was the first rose grower in the family. She raised two bushes at their old apartment and then brought the plants when she moved to a house eight years ago. Those bushes died, but then Ralph be-

came interested in planting and now Bette picks and prunes and he does the rest.

"Until I was married and had a house and no money to go carousing, I took no interest in things like that," Perricone said.

FOR THE LAST TWO years, the Perricones have grown test roses for Jackson and Perkins, a well-known Oregon mail order firm. The company sends them four bushes, which they must grow and evaluate for how well the blossom holds, resistance to disease and adaptation to the climate.

The Perricones also submit a name for the rose and if their entry is chosen the company sends about 40 new bushes.

Perricone said this summer has been good for roses since there has been plenty of sun. His roses are about to have their second and best bloom of the summer. He said the plant needs to use a lot more energy to bloom the first time, and the third bloom in August tends to have bigger flowers which do not last as long. The second and best bloom expected this week is more abundant and the flowers last longer.

THOUGH HE WOULD LIKE to

grow some climbers—which have lots of flowers—on the fence behind his bushes, Perricone said they are the closest species to the original wild roses and will cross-pollinate with the hybrids, creating a rose that will grow wild. So he won't have them.

The hybrids will also revert if a cane grows from under the bud union instead of from on top of the bud union. The bud union looks somewhat like the crotch of a tree except that the roots are directly below it. (This part is also the most vulnerable to

cold so Perricone mounds dirt and straw over it in the winter). Perricone said a very-fast growing cane usually comes from under the bud union.

"You have to rip the cane off. You have to hurt the plant. If you don't, it will turn wild and never bloom again," he said.

EVEN WITH HIS FAMILY'S background in the soil, growing roses is quite a departure for Perricone. In addition to working on the family farm, Perricone was a tool and die maker and owned a gas station. He was working at the station when he

was asked to join the Wheeling Volunteer Fire Dept. because they needed men who were in town during the day.

"I told them I thought people who ran into burning buildings were crazy," Perricone said.

But then Chief Bernie Koeppen turned on his persuasive powers and convinced him to try it for six months.

"That was in 1967, and he hasn't gotten rid of me since," he said.

Now he's back to the soil and plants again.

New refuse slots won't go to waste

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By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—The Village Board voted Monday, June 18, to expand the number of licenses for garbage collection businesses from three to seven to satisfy haulers who have requested to operate in the village.

The board's action was labeled an "interim measure" by trustees, who admitted the amendment will not solve the long-range problem of industry regulation. The board will continue to consider placing other general restrictions on scavenger services.

For 25 years, the village has restricted the number of licenses to three for both commercial and residential pickup service. But the threat of an anti-trust suit prompted trustees to move for a change.

"We can't sit and wait because someone tomorrow could file a lawsuit," Village Attorney James Rhodes told the board.

"Even with seven licenses we still have an anti-trust liability. We

can't limit the number of licenses and not risk an anti-trust suit. All this does is realistically solve a problem because we are appeasing those companies who have asked for licenses."

OTHER OPTIONS open to the board included eliminating the limitation on garbage hauling licenses altogether and allowing for the competitive bidding of a contract for waste disposal. Trustees, however, said these alternative proposals also have their drawbacks.

Trustee William Rogers warned of a "scavenger war" if all restrictions were lifted. The wear on residential roads and the increased traffic caused by an army of heavy trucks would not best serve the village, he said.

Attorney Rhodes said competitive bidding may result in higher costs for some services, noting that certain types of scavenger services, such as commercial pickups, help subsidize other services.

MEANWHILE, trustee Charles Kerr, who voted against the amendment, said any change in the present system would result in a loss of efficiency. "I'm satisfied in my own mind that the quality of this service is going to deteriorate the minute it is opened up to seven."

Some garbage haulers have argued that the increased competition, through open bidding or unlimited licenses, would improve the quality of service. But Russ Erfmeyer, president of Wheeling Disposal Inc., 350 Sumac Road, which handles almost all the residential pickup in the village, agreed with trustees that the bidding process would "not solve the problem" and would prove a "hardship for all involved."

Village officials say they have not received any complaints on garbage collection in the past. Wheeling's current residential monthly rate of \$7.80 for curbside service, established by the village, is one of the least costly among the surrounding communities.

Town officials to explore future sources of funding

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling village board members will discuss Monday whether to increase fees, create a utility tax or find other revenue sources to head off future economic problems for the village.

Wheeling Finance Director Gregory J. Peters said the board will have to decide how much surplus money the village should keep on hand for unexpected expenses and then how to maintain that balance in village coffers.

"Once we get some idea of what is needed, we'll need to discuss what we have to do to get that money, whether it be a user fee, licensing fees, property taxes, a new tax, a utility tax or a real estate tax," he said.

"OBVIOUSLY ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE is to say, 'how can we cut costs.' But then we also have to match that with the service we are trying to provide to the residents."

Peters said capital projects in recent years have reduced available surplus funds.

Another source of revenue was lost when the village pulled out of the Wheeling Township Rural Fire Protection District in 1982 because it had its own fire department and some residents were paying for protection from both sources.

"It's a good thing that we got out but we also received a major reduction in the revenue," he said. "It's a \$300,000 or \$400,000 loss just because of that."

Trustees originally had formed an ad hoc committee of members Charles Kerr, Roger Powers and Nicholas Fanella to check into the village's financial status. Kerr requested he be dropped from the committee and Trustee Anthony Altieri was to

replace him, but the committee never met.

"I GUESS THAT since we were running so late (into the fiscal year) already they decided that they didn't have time to address it and should just meet with the entire board," said Village President Sheila Schultz.

Powers said he wants to focus on keeping residents' costs in Wheeling on par with those in surrounding towns whether it be property taxes or business taxes.

"This year's budget is running at a \$600,000 deficit, and we have surplus funds to cover that, but we need to explore ways to cut that deficit down," he said.

"We are trying to come up with a list of revenues that other communities have that we might be able to have in Wheeling."

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Kids of all ages prepare for parade

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MARCHING BANDS, civic floats, local celebrities and children on their bicycles will highlight this year's Wheeling Fourth of July parade, scheduled for Wednesday, July 4.

"Let Freedom Ring" is the parade theme for 1984 as Wheeling celebrates its 90th birthday. The Wheeling Rotary Club, the Wheeling Jaycees, the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and Industry, along with individual donations, have combined to make this year's parade one of the best ever.

Parade units will assemble at the K-Mart parking lot at Elmhurst and Dundee roads at 9 a.m. The parade will begin winding its way through village streets at 10 a.m. sharp,

said parade chairman Alberta Klocke.

Leading the parade will be Chicago Blitz running back Larry Canada, who will serve as grand marshal. Joining Wheeling's elected officials in the parade will be other local dignitaries, including 58th District state representative contenders Republican Hugh Sommerfeld and Democrat Grace Mary Stern, and 54th District state representative candidate Democrat Mary Korzen.

AMONG THE MARCHING bands that will be strutting their stuff will be Wheeling High's own Wildcat Marching Band and the Antioch High School Sequoia Marching Band.

Other groups participating in the parade include Cub Scout Pack No. 218, Boy Scout Troop No. 79, the Awana Youth Group, members of the Wheeling Park District soccer/youth baseball program, the Wheeling Athletic Association, the American Indian Center Dance Group, the Phillip Carpenter AMVET Auxiliary 66th Color Guard, the Sea Cadets from Great Lakes, units from the Wheeling Fire Department and the Senior Bell Ringers, a group of elderly citizens riding in antique automobiles.

Local civic and community organizations that will sponsor floats in the parade include St. Joseph the Worker Church, the Wheeling Lions Club, the Wheeling

Rotary Club, the Wheeling Historical Society, Indian Trails Library and the village's own "Have a Great Fourth of July" float.

AS PART OF an added feature, the Wheeling Fourth of July parade committee invites children of all ages to participate in the holiday procession on their bicycles.

Any youngster who wishes to decorate a bike can enter the parade. Cash prizes will be provided for the three best decorated bikes, with a first- and second-place trophy awarded to the top community and commercial floats.

To enter the parade, contact Klocke at 537-0574. All entries must be registered by Monday, June 25.

Tax bills to be hit hard by new airport ownership

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Schools, libraries and possibly the taxpayers pocketbooks will be the hardest hit when Pal-Waukee Airport is purchased and about \$7 million worth of property is taken off the tax rolls this fall.

The sale would mean the 19 local taxing districts that levy property tax on the airport would lose a combined total of \$680,000 in taxes annually.

Illinois, Wheeling and Prospect Heights all are considering joining in to buy the airfield and say they will decide by August or September. But if the airport is sold to one or more

government bodies — as expected — the land and buildings will move out of private hands and off the tax rolls.

If districts decide to levy the same amount of taxes despite the loss of taxable property, taxpayers will feel the crunch.

WITH FEWER TAX bills to spread the burden on, residents in Wheeling Township District 21, for example, would be paying about \$6.50 more each year, Wheeling Finance Director Gregory J. Peters said.

Increases for other districts would be less, but totalled together would still result in higher tax bills in the future. But the effect of the loss on larger government budgets would be minimal. The \$57,000 annual loss for

Cook County, for example, is less than one-tenth of one percent of its \$1 billion budget.

Officials from smaller taxing district, however, say they'll feel the crunch.

"That's about the starting salary for a professional on staff," Librarian Kenneth Swanson said of the \$16,000 the Indian Trails Public Library would lose. "It would certainly have an impact on us because there aren't many places where that million dollar budget could be cut.

"THAT'S OUR WHOLE annual budget for outstanding orders — things we order once a year that are single publications like the world al-

manac."

District 21 would stand to lose the most — \$143,000 — or the equivalent of about nine teacher salaries.

"Cuts always hurt," Business Manager John Barger said. "We are working with a \$22 million budget and (\$143,000) is not a big percent, but on the other hand, we are projecting a deficit next year and this will just add to the deficit."

Wheeling would stand to lose about \$34,000 in taxes, only having a "minimal" effect on the village, Peters said. Prospect Heights has no municipal property tax. Whatever losses the community would suffer in property taxes, however, likely would be made

up by revenue produced by airport ownership.

THE LOSS TO other suburban taxing district would include: High School District 214, \$135,000; Wheeling Township Rural Fire Protection District, \$24,000; Harper Community College District 512, \$9,370; Wheeling Park District, \$2,221; Wheeling Township General Assistance, \$1,000; Prospect Height Public Library, \$980 and Wheeling Township, \$70.

Larger district losses would include: Metropolitan Sanitary District, \$46,000; Cook County Forest Preserve, \$8,200 and Northwest Mosquito Abatement, \$1,000.

Airport owner George Priester put

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the 260-acre airport up for sale 10 years ago, saying he no longer wanted the financial burden of owning and running the world's busiest private airstrip.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights were offered the airport about five years ago and since then, one consultant, two airport committees and officials from both towns have bantered the idea back and forth.

But time ran out in January when the state announced that it would buy the airport in 1984 and gave the sluggish municipalities until September 30 to get in on the deal. Since then, the Illinois Department of Transportation has indicated that it must have an answer by Aug. 1.

The week ahead HERALD 6-25-84

Village to consider street repair plan

The Wheeling Village Board is expected tonight to approve a \$2.6 million contract for the second year of a four-year street repair program.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Village workers are recommending the board hire a Lake Bluff company, Peter Baker and Sons, to resurface and do minor curb work on 57 streets around the village. Construction should start by the second week in July and is expected to run the length of the warm weather, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said.

The Harper Community College board will meet Thursday to continue discussing a study for a proposed adult vocational and technical education program with High School Districts 211, 214 and Barrington Unit District 230.

The board meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at Roselle and Algonquin roads, Palatine.

The districts currently are conducting a study on setting up a vocational education cooperative and need another \$50,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Adult Vocational Technical Education to complete the study. The districts received about \$30,000 in grant funds last year.

Trustees hit 'secrecy' of airport study

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees are calling Prospect Height officials "childish" and "uncooperative" for refusing to offer the village a look at a new financial study on Pal-Waukee Airport.

Both towns have until July 30 to decide whether to buy the airport and have worked fervently in the past few months to gather information that will help them make a decision, agreeing to share information and keeping the other town posted on all developments on the possible public takeover.

But last week, Prospect Heights officials agreed to keep confidential an informal audit of airport owner George Priester's books — given to a hand-picked Prospect Heights committee researching the purchase.

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan said the report, which cost \$10,000, is necessary to review the airport's finances, including how the airport is being operated on a day-to-day basis. Gilligan called the information "extremely enlightening" and said it would be a "key" when the council makes its decision.

TUESDAY NIGHT, the city decided, after some debate, to turn a copy of the report over to airport manager Charles Priester, with the provision that he not show it to Wheeling.

"I'm really disappointed in that kind of attitude," said Wheeling Trustee Anthony Altieri. "If that's the attitude they are going to take, I don't see how we are ever going to get anything accomplished."

Gilligan defended the decision to keep the information secret, saying that all the aldermen had not yet

received the audit and that the premise for getting information from the Priesters included keeping it confidential.

"Charlie Priester wants it (confidential)," Gilligan said. "I personally have no strong objections to having (Wheeling) see it, but the council hasn't discussed that."

Wheeling Trustee William Rogers called the decision "childish."

"WE HAD ASKED them originally to prepare a joint report and they just turned us down and went through with their own," he said. "They don't realize that we have a stake in this too. There's no way they can act on this alone."

Charles Priester said he would be willing to let Wheeling view the report if trustees had permission from Prospect Heights and also promised to keep it in confidence.

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However, what's in the study, several trustees said, isn't as important as the idea that information isn't being exchanged.

"I would think in the spirit of cooperation, that they would be willing to share," Trustee Roger Powers said. "What if Wheeling would come up with some information that Prospect Heights could use later on? They would want us to share."

Gilligan defended the city's effort to cooperate, saying that notices of the committee's meetings have been sent to Wheeling and, with the exception of a few, have been open to the public.

"They came in the beginning but now we don't ever see them," he said. "I don't know what's going on up there. They haven't told us anything. Since we've been open and they haven't, why should we extend an even greater effort?"

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57 streets slated for repaving

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Paving should begin July 9 on 57 Wheeling streets in need of resurfacing and minor curb repairs.

The Wheeling Village Board approved a \$2 million contract with Peter Baker and Son Co., Lake Bluff, to repair local streets. The contract marks the second year of a four-year, \$4 million street improvement plan designed to resurface or replace 90 percent of the roads in Wheeling.

Work to be completed this summer includes roads in the older sections of town near Dundee Road at Elmhurst and Schoenbeck roads, and along Wille and Wheeling avenues and some of their crossroads.

The main roads around the Cedar Run subdivision and Glendale and Sixth streets also are slated for repaving.

Roads to be completely repaved are: Sarah Court, Cindy Cul-De-Sac, Valley Stream Court, Holly Court, Glendale Street, Harvester Court and

Alderman Road.

ROADS TO BE partially repaved are: First Street from Dundee Road to Deborah Lane, Alice Street from Wheeling Road to Willis Avenue, Cedar Run Drive from McHenry Road to Locust Drive, Chaddick Avenue from Hintz Road to Marquardt Drive, East Norman Lane from North Norman Lane to South Fletcher Road and Gilman Avenue from Willis Avenue to Wheeling Road.

Repaving also will include Highland Avenue from Wolf Road to Wheeling Avenue, Holbrook Drive from Wheeling Road to Palatine Road, Noel Avenue from Hintz Road to Alice Street, Palm Drive from Schoenbeck Road to Redwood Trail, Palm Drive from Schoenbeck Road to Birch Trail, South Wayne Place from West Wayne Place to East Dennis Road, St. Armand Lane from Dundee Road to Cedar Drive and Thelma Court from Anthony Road to Robert Avenue.

Partial work will be done on: Wheeling Avenue from Dundee Road

to Crescent Drive, Willis Avenue from Alice Street to the railroad crossing, Sixth Street from Glendale Street to Wolf Road, Berkshire Drive from Sarasota Drive to St. Armand Lane, Bridget Place from East Dennis Road to East Wayne Place, Center Avenue from Wille Avenue to Wheeling Avenue and East Wayne Place from South Wayne Place to George Road.

IN ADDITION, work will be done on: George Road from Bridget Place to Dundee Road, Isa Drive from East Merle Lane to South Merle Lane, Jenkins Court from the west end of Elmhurst Road, Lakeside Drive from Hintz Road to Lakeside Drive, Lincoln Road from Mors Avenue to Walnut Avenue, North Norman Lane from West Norman Lane to Elmhurst Road, Redwood Trail from Palm Drive to Dundee Road and South Merle Lane from Elmhurst Road to East Merle.

Also, construction is scheduled for: South Wayne Place from East Dennis Road to East Wayne Place, West Norman Lane from Albert Terrace to

Fletcher Drive, West Norman Lane from Fletcher Drive to North Norman Drive, West Green Drive from South Merle Lane to North Green Drive, West Wayne Place from North Dennis Road to South Wayne Place, Wille Avenue from Crescent Drive to Dundee Road and Willis Avenue from one railroad crossing to the other.

Repaving also will be done on: Wilshire Drive from Valley Stream Drive to Cedar Drive, Bernice Court from West Green Drive to North Green Drive, Cindy Lane from South Wayne Place to East Dennis Road, Pebble Drive from Cedar Drive to Wilshire Drive, Sandra Lane from George Road to East Dennis Road, St. Armand Lane from Cedar Drive to Valley Stream Drive, Cedar Drive from Dundee Road to St. Armand Lane, Cedar Avenue from Milwaukee Avenue to Wille Avenue, East Merle Lane from East Wayne to South Wayne Place, Laurel Trail from Dundee Road to Palm Drive and Linda Terrace from West Wayne Place to East Dennis Road.

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Schaumburg won't give Wheeling \$1,000

by Bill Koch

Herald correspondent

The Schaumburg Finance and Administration Committee has turned down a request from Wheeling for a \$1,000 donation to help fund a legal battle against the use of police pension funds for low-cost home mortgages for police officers.

The request, which was approved by Palatine and Mount Prospect, Monday was given a thumbs-down vote because it may set a precedent of contributing to other communities when they fight legal battles, said George Longmeyer, assistant village manager.

Wheeling filed a lawsuit in November 1983 against some members of the Wheeling Police Pension Fund Board and the Combined Counties Police Association, sponsors of a program that would offer low-interest home mortgages to retired and active Wheeling police officers.

ABOUT 40 POLICE officers would be eligible to borrow \$550,000 from the fund at 9.5 percent interest. The program, the first of its kind in Illinois, was authorized by the pension board in May, but no mortgages have been issued.

Schaumburg trustees said it is not appropriate for one village to ask another for a contribution that involves relations between the police officers

and the village but noted that if the Northwest Municipal Conference made the request it might be different.

For a village to ask "a handful of communities and their brothers" for a contribution for legal fees is "uncomfortable," said Steve Atkins, village manager.

This could affect directly the pension system and could cause problems between villages when other communities decided to file similar suits, Longmeyer added.

Wheeling has paid \$30,000 in legal expenses and has asked about 165 communities throughout the state to contribute to the legal battle. The vil-

lage must match any police contributions to the fund but also is allowed to count interest earned as part of its share.

PENSION MONEY in the Combined County Police Association credit union currently earns 9½ percent interest.

Under the plan, any money used for mortgages would earn a 6½ percent return and the CCPA would keep 3 percent to cover administrative costs.

The village lawsuit contends the interest loss could mount to \$2 million over the life of the loans. But CCPA members and pension board members say its effects on the fund would be minimal.

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Village views plans for 60% tax boost

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials — citing plans to obtain Lake Michigan water and rebuild local streets and sidewalks — say they may have to collect up to \$4.5 million in property taxes next year, a 60 percent increase over this year's taxes.

The new levy — which would increase Wheeling taxes about \$114 — also would replenish declining surplus funds and allow the village to keep \$500,000 to \$750,000 on hand for fiscal "peaks and valleys," Village Finance Director Gregory J. Peters said.

Board members have until mid-September to approve a 1984 tax levy, which is paid in 1985. Peters said the levy increase is the "best way" to way to bring more money into the village.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas M. Markus estimated the village's tax rate could rise from \$1.01 to \$1.61 for each \$100 in assessed valuation if trustees approve levying the additional \$1.5 million in property taxes.

The village portion of a tax bill for a taxpayer with a home assessed at \$19,000 would increase from \$191 to about \$305.

About half of the levy increase would cover 1985 payments for Lake Michigan water improvements, Peters said. Other money

would pay for a four-year street improvement plan and future plans to install village sidewalks. It would also help maintain a surplus in the village coffers.

The effects to taxpayers could be lessened if the tax base is increased after a quadrennial reassessment the county is scheduled to do in 1985, Peters added.

Trustee Charles Kerr — who advocated a tax freeze last year — agreed some levy increase would be needed this year, but said he thought the "tremendous increase" recommended by Peters and Markus was too high.

"I'M STILL not convinced that we need all of the levy mentioned although it will have to be some sort of increase," Kerr said. "Staff would be happy with that (60 percent) and comfortable with that cushion because then they could get their raises each year."

"But I think that is an ideal situation for them and I'm not sure we'll need to levy those tremendous increases," he said.

The board also is considering an ambulance fee that could bring at least \$10,000 to the village, Peters estimated. Another \$20,000 could be raised by hiking business and liquor license fees.

Peters recommended the increases begin March 1, 1985.

Wheeling's Hispanics: the quiet minority

By MIKE COMERFORD

The face of the Hispanic population in the Wheeling area is a hidden face. Though it represents a sizable part of the village's population, the Hispanic community is this area's quiet minority. Very little has been written about its personality and needs.

The Hispanics who are citizens or are working legally in this country suffer discrimination because they are associated with the large population of illegal Hispanic aliens. At the same time they feel a kinship with those less fortunate. The result is a very tight lipped community of citizens.

Few are the times that a Hispanic group will show up at a village board meeting to fight for a community center or municipal improvements in a predominately Hispanic neighborhood. During the recent debate over the immigration bill passed by the House, Rep. John Porter, R-10th, said that he did not receive a single letter from a Hispanic group or even from a person with a Hispanic surname.

At the University of Texas, Frank Bean is the Dean of Sociology and can cite studies that give a hint as to the way Hispanics live in this country.

In studies that the University of Texas conducted Hispanics tended to work more hours and for lower wages than Anglo-Americans. Hispanics have fewer incidences of marital disruption (divorce) than Anglo-Americans and far fewer than blacks.

They also tend to have more children than Anglo-Americans. Their families tend to be more stable than popularly believed, though there is a sizable migratory population.

The closest thing to an organized Hispanic community in the Wheeling area is the Roman Catholic Church. For the Spanish-speaking segment of the community, St. Joseph the Worker church offers Spanish Masses every other week.

The Hispanics are the largest minority in the Chicago archdiocese and by some estimates account for almost one-third of the 2.3 million parishioners. There are more than 90 parishes in the archdiocese that offer a Spanish Mass on Sundays.

In Wheeling, Lorenzo Madrid is the president of the Hispanos Catholicos, an association of Catholic Hispanics that creates a dialogue between the church and the Hispanic community. According to the 1980 census, there are an estimated 1,300 Hispanics in the Wheeling area, but Madrid believes there are many Hispanics

that were not counted in the census.

The Hispanos Catholicos are pushing for more weekly Spanish speaking Masses (not just bi-weekly), earlier time slots for the Masses, more parishes that can adequately serve the special needs of the Hispanic community, more awareness by the pastors of the community, more religious education for their youth and to encourage more Hispanics to come to Masses and take an active part in the religious community.

"Our main objective is to get more Spanish people to come to church on Sunday," said Madrid. "But we also have

fundraisers. Last Sunday we donated a wheelchair to the parish."

Cardinal Bernadine recently said in a speech that not enough has been done for the Hispanic community and the church is working on new programs.

Father James O'Malley, who celebrates the Spanish Mass every other Sunday at 1:30 p.m., says that at St. Joseph's much more could be done.

"Our relationship is still very tenuous and nebulous. I am not fully bilingual and when it comes time to wing it I'm really in trouble. Sometimes I feel inadequate to the job," said O'Malley.

But O'Malley's effort to reach out to his community is appreciated by his parishioners.

"Father O'Malley is not Spanish. He is Irish. But still he learned Spanish for us," said Madrid.

Madrid claims that the Hispanics in the area are brought together by religious holidays, such as on Dec. 12 the feast day of Guadalupe, and by adversity. Hispanics can come to the church for financial help, food or medical problems.

O'Malley points out that attendance is still low at Spanish speaking masses and

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Members of Wheeling's Hispanic community are a close-knit and tight-lipped group. Uncertainty over the effects of a new immigration bill passed by Congress looms over the community. (Staff photo by Cathy Acherman)

4-7% salary increases urged for village staff

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Finance Director Gregory J. Peters is recommending salary increases of 4 percent to 7 percent for village workers "in an attempt to remain competitive with towns in our area."

The raises will cost the village \$73,000 and will include hikes for 56 village employees ranging from the chief of police to village hall secretaries.

Peters is recommending 26 clerical and communication employees get a two-step salary increase — 4 percent retroactive to May 1 and another 3 percent Nov. 1. The increase would provide an average raise of \$844 for each employee for an average salary of \$16,000.

THIRTY-FOUR professional and supervisory staff members would get a 4 percent increase under the proposal for an average raise of \$1,216 and an average salary of \$31,530.

"We've pretty much given increases across the board in the past for clerical-communication and the professional-supervisor positions," Peters said.

"But the average salary for clerical-communication has gone up more in the past years and we are trying to keep competitive with it."

PETERS ATTRIBUTED the increase to demand for clerical workers.

Most municipal workers this year were given the right to join organized unions, but Peters said the higher clerical raises were not designed to

keep union talk out of village hall. "To tell you the truth, it didn't even occur to me," Peters said. "Our position is that we always try to remain competitive so we determined the salaries the same way we always do."

Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said he also will recommend an average salary increase of 4 percent for the five village department heads and the village attorney but he has not resolved percentages for specific employees.

A 4-PERCENT hike would raise: Police Chief Michael Haeger's salary from \$39,000 to \$40,560; Fire Chief B.O. Koeppen from \$39,728 to \$41,713; Public Works Director Robert Gray from \$38,584 to \$40,127; Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski from \$43,000 to \$44,720; and Village Attorney James Rhodes from \$39,000 to \$40,560.

Markus said he will make final salary recommendations at Monday's board meeting. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Markus, public works employees and rank-and-file from the police and fire departments will not be included in Monday's salary discussions.

Markus earns \$51,000 and has approached the village board about his salary in November when his contract ends. Markus is still negotiating the firefighters salaries.

The police and public works employees are on the second year of a two-year contract and were given 3.5-percent increases in May.

Rolling Meadows won't fund cop pension battle 6-30-84

by Andy Oakley

Herold staff writer

Fearing the requests for contributions toward legal battles might escalate, the Rolling Meadows City Council will offer moral — but not financial — support to Wheeling's fight to prevent police pension funds from being used for a controversial home mortgage plan.

City officials said Wheeling's request for up to \$1,000 to help block the Combined Counties Police Associ-

ation program could encourage other communities to ask neighboring towns for financial support when they enter into lawsuits.

"If we start here, when is it going to stop?" 4th Ward Alderman John T. Rock asked.

Wheeling officials filed a lawsuit last October against the police association, sponsors of the mortgage program. The village is asking surrounding communities to contribute up to \$1,000 each to the lawsuit fight, claiming that the outcome could af-

fect all Illinois municipalities.

Mount Prospect and Palatine have contributed \$1,000 each to Wheeling, and Barrington is considering contributing.

In the suit, Wheeling charges that the tax-subsidized pension fund would be diminished if it is used for the mortgage plan and would cost taxpayers more than \$2 million during the life of the mortgage loans.

THE ROLLING Meadows City Council unanimously passed a resolution supporting Wheeling in the suit,

but wrote in the resolution that "the city of Rolling Meadows does not desire to financially contribute to the village's litigation fund."

Rolling Meadows aldermen admitted that the outcome of the lawsuit could affect the city, but added that the city can't afford to offer financial support to every court case that had regional implications.

"If they (the police association) get away with it, it could have an impact," admitted Alderman Thomas F. Menzel, 2nd. But "whether we say yes

or no, (Wheeling) is still going to fight it."

City Manager James A. Turi said Rolling Meadows has been involved in legal battles in the past that could affect other communities, such as a lawsuit filed last year by National Advertising Co. challenging the city's regulations on outdoor advertising. But he said Wheeling has not been asked to support the city with a contribution.

Wheeling has spent more than \$30,000 in legal fees on the lawsuit.

The village, which must match with tax dollars all pension fund contributions, contends the pension money should be invested in markets with higher yields. Officials say that if the money is used for mortgages instead, taxpayers must make up for the lost interest.

As the 9½ percent mortgages are written, the police association would repay the pension fund at an interest rate of 6½ percent, with the remaining interest going to cover "administrative costs."

Union law lacks local interest 6-28-84

By GARY ROBERTS

Staff Writer

WHEELING—Officials report there seems to be little interest among local government workers to take advantage of a new collective bargaining law for public employees which goes into effect July 1.

The law, signed by Gov. Thompson last year, gives most public employees the right to organize or join unions and allows them to strike.

"At the present time we haven't heard anything and have not received anything (from workers on forming a union)," said Bheula Peterson, administrative assistant for personnel. "We're pretty fair with our people here. I don't think the benefits would outweigh the costs."

Peterson explained that a "very extensive" personnel policy manual for the village already spells out specific concerns of employees, including grievance procedures and working conditions. Peterson also said wages are not an issue among village employees, noting that clerical workers routinely receive

salary increases on an annual basis.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus agreed that pay scales in Wheeling are "comparable" to neighboring communities. He also pointed out that public works employees have just entered the second year of a two-year agreement, which further lessens the need for unionizing at this time.

Markus said public works employees, firefighters and police already select representatives to discuss working conditions with management, but he adds that outside representation was not allowed under previous village policy. Police and firefighters are exempted from the collective bargaining law.

Although the new state law may not have an immediate effect in Wheeling, the Illinois Labor Relations Act has the "potential for creating additional costs" in government, said Markus.

Pointing out that 65 to 70 percent of local government costs stem from personnel expenses, Markus said the law may eventually force salaries and associated fringe bene-

fits to go up. But he admits that the effects of the law are largely unknown at this time.

"Experience will show that some changes are needed," said Markus. "The law will evolve quite a bit in the future as its effects come to bear."

OFFICIALS FROM THE American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the largest government workers' union in the

state, also expressed reservations on how the law would be applied.

Debbie Lane, a spokesperson for AFSCME, said the law would "take a while to define itself," but that it "is not something we expect major problems with."

Lane said her office has been receiving a lot of inquiries from the suburbs regarding the collective bargaining law, and noted that the law has worked well in other states across the country.

Wheeling may curb door-to-door sales 6-30-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herold staff writer

Wheeling residents tired of fast-talking door-to-door salespeople will ask village trustees Monday to put tougher restrictions on solicitors before they can hit the streets.

Barbara Dittman, 293 Fletcher Drive, said she will have 400 to 500 signatures on petitions when she asks the village board to do something about the summer surge of high-pressure sales.

"As soon as spring hits, most people are hit by these people," she said. "They have all the guts in the world. They come to your door and they push and push until they think they can get you to buy something."

Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger said Dittman is not the only one who has had trouble with the salespeople.

"What you get hit with in the summer time is 15 or 20 or more salesmen in one community with a high-pressure sales tactic," Haeger said. "The high pressure gets out of hand sometimes and that's where we get involved."

The arrests are few, Haeger said, but the complaint calls are many.

"IT'S AN ORGANIZED group and when the group hits the town, that's when we hear the calls" he said. "Right now we know there are organizations out of Texas and Michigan working in the village."

"They're usually all out-of-state companies, which makes it even

more difficult for us to check them out," he said.

Dittman said she isn't seeking a ban on door-to-door sales.

"I know they have a right to sell stuff," she said. "I'm just trying to make things a little more difficult for them to come in here and do this."

She said she'll ask the board to consider various types of check systems including photo identification, finger printing and a time delay before a permit can be issued.

THE VILLAGE used to have a ban on door-to-door sales but took it off the books after a U.S. Supreme Court decision ruled that the bans were unconstitutional. Now, salespeople are only required to register with the village before they start selling, Village Attorney James A. Rhodes said.

Dittman started passing out petitions last week after she had a Arizona man arrested for trespassing because he wouldn't leave her porch where a "No soliciting" sign is posted.

She said she'll go to court Tuesday morning in Skokie to testify against Herman Edwards, 20, of Phoenix.

"Most of them are selling magazines and say they aren't making money. They are just trying to get bonus points to earn a trip to Jamaica or something," she said. "They are downright rude so why should I help them go to Jamaica when I can't get there myself?"

The village board meets at 8 p.m. Monday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

\$55 million flood project suggested

by Ellen M. Schmid *6-1-84*
Herald staff writer

Roughly 350 homes and 30 businesses in Wheeling, Prospect Heights and Des Plaines will be among 2,700 buildings along tributaries of the Des Plaines River that should suffer less flood damage, according to a plan proposed by a group that has been working on the problem for more than a decade.

Representatives from more than 30 towns and forest preserve districts in Cook, Lake and DuPage counties have been working since 1971 for ways to ease flood problems in their areas. The result of those efforts, approved Wednesday night by the Lower Des Plaines Tributaries Watershed Steering Committee, calls for spending \$54.9 million — most of it federal money — to build five reservoirs, three stream channels, two stream diversions and a dike. The committee includes officials from communities along the river's tributaries.

The proposal now will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which is expected to provide \$42.8 million of that cost. It still will be as long as two years before construction begins and the project is expected to take 10 years to complete.

Residents along McDonald Creek in Prospect Heights, Wheeling Drainage Ditch in Wheeling and Willow-Higgins Creek in Des Plaines often find themselves pumping water from their homes after a heavy rainfall has caused the creeks to overflow their banks.

STATE OFFICIALS estimate that annual flood damage in Wheeling totals \$325,600. In Des Plaines, the tally is \$180,900, and in Prospect Heights it is \$126,400.

The flood plan includes a program to maintain streams and creeks. Also planned is a federally-subsidized land protection program to prevent erosion and buildup of soil in storm sewers, creeks and other drainage outlets.

Local communities are responsible for acquiring the necessary land for the construction projects. Construction and engineering costs are paid for by the state and federal governments, with the exception of a reservoir to be built near Bloomingdale that also will serve as a park and boat dock.

The Illinois Department of Water Resources will serve as an adviser but will not fund any of the local communities' stream maintenance programs. Officials estimate the annual cost of maintaining streams in the three-county area at \$76,000, which is shared by towns that the streams or creeks pass through.

Land acquisition is projected as the highest cost a local community will face in the program. Cost estimates range from \$56,500 for channel expansion on McDonald Creek in Prospect Heights to \$2.6 million for a reservoir on Chicago's Silver Creek.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS Mayor Jack Gilligan, who also serves as vice chairman of the committee, says his city has acquired none of the land needed to make the flood control improvements. The city's portion of the project calls for construction of a diversionary channel from McDonald Creek, estimated to cost \$404,400.

"I don't know yet where we're getting the money," Gilligan said. "We had it in the budget for years, then took it out because the project kept getting delayed and delayed and delayed. We'll find the money if we have to, but the city won't budget it until it's clear what we need."

Wheeling has acquired most of the land it needs from developers' donations for a channel and diversion on Wheeling Drainage Ditch near Dundee Road and the Soo Line Ry. tracks, said village President Sheila Schultz.

The cost for Des Plaines to acquire land necessary to dredge and widen the channel in the Willow-Higgins



duced considerably" because more than half of that project is being taken on by a developer.

"THE PART (OF the creek) east of the Soo Line and North of Higgins Road will be relocated by the developer so it doesn't snake through his property," Lindahl said. "It won't

The projects scheduled in the towns are ranked in order of urgency and according to how close the town is to acquiring the needed land. Construction of the Wheeling diversionary channel is fifth on a list of 11 individual projects. Widening of the Wheeling Drainage Ditch is seventh; the Willow-Higgins widening is eighth

Officials *6-30-84* feel no need for concern

Because they feel good employee relations already exist, officials in Wheeling are largely unconcerned about the impact of legislation, effective Sunday, that gives government employees the right to unionize and strike.

The village has sanctioned employee representative associations for the last eight years. Set up by village resolution, the groups afford village police, fire and public works department employees representation, according to Village Manager Thomas M. Markus.

"I think that's something the employees demanded and the board recognized that," Markus said. Out of 153 employees, about 25 — mostly clerical jobs — do not have representation. Markus said he has not heard any talk about unions forming under the new law.

"We've always allowed different groups to informally meet and confer with members of the management to discuss their salaries and working conditions," Markus said. "I think forming a union depends on the perception of the employees as to whether they are satisfied."

"My opinion is that they have a good voice with their own people, but some of them might feel they can get more with a union. I think that the more removed they are from the process, the less advantageous it is for them."

Village vows *7-3-84* crackdown on solicitors

Prompted by a resident's petition with 133 signatures, Wheeling trustees on Monday said they would try to make it tougher for door-to-door salespeople to solicit in the village.

Resident Barbara Dittman, of 293 Fletcher Drive, presented the petition and called the village solicitation ordinance "pitiful" compared to those of surrounding towns. "I've been here six summers and it's not getting any better," she said. "They intimidate me and try to make me feel guilty because I have a nice lawn and a nice home."

"I'm also worried about the safety factor," she said. "If they are that bold face-to-face, what will they do to your children when you're not around?"

Police Chief Michael F. Haeger said the trouble primarily comes from out-of-town companies that drop off van loads of people to sell magazine subscription renewals.

"They use high-pressure tactics and they're well-coached," Haeger said. "They use all the tricks including putting their foot in the door when you open it."

Village attorney James A. Rhodes said he would look into having solicitors provide a "more comprehensive, detailed application" for the village. "We also talked once about having photo ID cards," Rhodes said. "But there was such concern at the time that that might look like the village is giving the impression of village approval."

Instead, Rhodes said, he also will look into making each solicitor have a picture on file with the police department.



YUM Chuck Pinshower sinks his teeth into a final month-old Scott, hangs on. Many families enjoyed bite of his roastin' ear while his papoose, 10- the day at the Familyfest in Wheeling.

Herald photo by Jon Kirn

Families flock to holiday festivals for wholesome fun

by Ken Wysocky

Herald staff writer

For someone expecting 30,000 people for dinner and entertaining, Frank Hartford was remarkably calm.

Hartford, co-chairman of this year's St. Joseph the Worker Church Familyfest in Wheeling, sat comfortably dressed in tennis shorts and shirt under the festival's main tent, watching people move around as if they were well-coordinated worker ants as they prepared for Sunday's festivities.

Under brilliant sunshine, the Serendipity Singers unloaded a charter bus in the background. A gentle breeze fans the flags and streamers that dot the church grounds and food vendors, representing some of the finest restaurants in the Chicago area, busily prepare for the expected rush of customers.

"I GUESS I'M calm because we've worked hard and done everything we can to prepare," Hartford said. "My guideline is believing in positive mental attitude. We react to things as they happen."

For the last three years, there has been nothing but good things happening for Hartford and the St. Joseph parish. Started as a way for the church and civic groups to raise money while pulling the community together for a Fourth of July celebration, Familyfest has mushroomed into a noteworthy entertainment and food event in the Northwest suburbs.

The first Familyfest in 1982 drew about 10,000 people. Last year, that figure swelled to 40,000.

Officials were conservatively guesstimating this year's attendance at 70,000, but after the first two days Hartford said more than 100,000 would be accurate. Flawless weather, compliments of "our third partner upstairs," has aided attendance, Hartford noted.

How did this church festival, put together by a group of amateur organizers, grow to be so successful?

"I THINK IT'S a combination of a lot of things," Hartford said. "We offer fine entertainment and outstanding restaurants. We try to book something for everybody. Plus, this is a 'familyfest.' People can bring their families, have a good time and feel comfortable. People pass the word along."

Despite the steady increase in attendance and size, the motivation for starting Familyfest has not been lost — have the community get together to celebrate America's birthday in a safe, happy atmosphere.

"It's a lofty goal, but amazingly so, we've never had an incident where someone has gotten out of line," Hartford said.

This year's Familyfest features Bits and Bites of Wheeling, a sampling of the palate pleasers produced by 16 of the town's finest restaurants, including Le Francais, Wa-Pa-Ghettis, Hein's Pub, Don Roth's and Hackney's. Game of skill booths dot the grounds, and entertainers include the Jump 'N The Saddle Band, Corky Siegal, the Serendipity Singers and Frankie Yankovic.

PUTTING TOGETHER the event is a year-round job. Formal

meetings to prepare for the fest began in February, when Hartford and co-chairman Jack Knight selected nine committee directors for such items as finance, entertainment and publicity. The directors in turn select committee captains to help with the work ahead. More than 1,000 volunteers help with the 4,000 man-hours needed to pull off this year's six-day festival.

"We are amateurs in regard to running a festival," Hartford admits. "But each of us has a profession, too," he said, noting his job as a meeting planner for a large Chicago insurance company. "We try to blend our professions with the functions that need performing at the fest."

The festival has lent a modern touch to itself this year — credit cards are being accepted at the restaurant booths and souvenir shop, Hartford said.

"It's an innovation this year — it's the day and age of credit," Hartford said with cheerful resignation. "No one carries cash anymore."

RESTAURANT VENDORS reported booming sales as they scampered to prepare for Sunday.

Bob Holzer, who operates the parish food stand that sells popcorn, soda and ears of roasted corn, said his booth will go through about 8,000 ears of corn and 1,500 gallons of pop before the festival ends. The church booth, known as Mulcahey's Kitchen, also sells the delicacies prepared Le Francais. Holzer estimates festival-goers will swallow about 40 pounds of assorted pates prepared by the famous restaurant.

The week ahead

Trustees expected to vote on staff pay

Wheeling trustees are expected to vote on salary increases today for 56 employees that would cost the village \$73,000.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Village Manager Thomas M. Markus is recommending 7 percent salary increases for clerical and communication employees and 4 percent increases for professional and supervisory personnel. Raises for five department heads are still being discussed, he said, but will be ready for recommendations at the board meeting.

Markus wants Crab House restaurant permit revoked

by Ellen M. Schmid

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending the board revoke the business license for the Crab House restaurant because owner Robert Chinn reportedly has failed to make improvements to the building's exterior and has never given the village rights to utility easements.

Markus' recommendation, made to the village this week, was not accompanied by a report. He could not be reached for comment Friday.

However, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village staff "fully intends to go into the hearing and present our case."

Chinn has not forwarded the legal documents turning over the three easements, nor has he presented plans to paint the main building, finish landscaping or expand the parking lot, Fialkowski said.

BUT CHINN IS confident he will keep the license after he presents his case during a public hearing Monday.

"There's no problem," Chinn said, excepting the fact that he now has to find some way of borrowing \$100,000 to make the needed improvements. "We create too many jobs for the village."

The Crab House, a seafood and steak restaurant, was opened more than a year ago in the village's historic Hartmann House. The 100-year-old building has been remodeled during the years and has been home to several restaurants on Wheeling's "restaurant row."

"He hasn't, to our satisfaction, complied with the rules," Fialkowski said. "It won't be a rubber-stamp hearing."

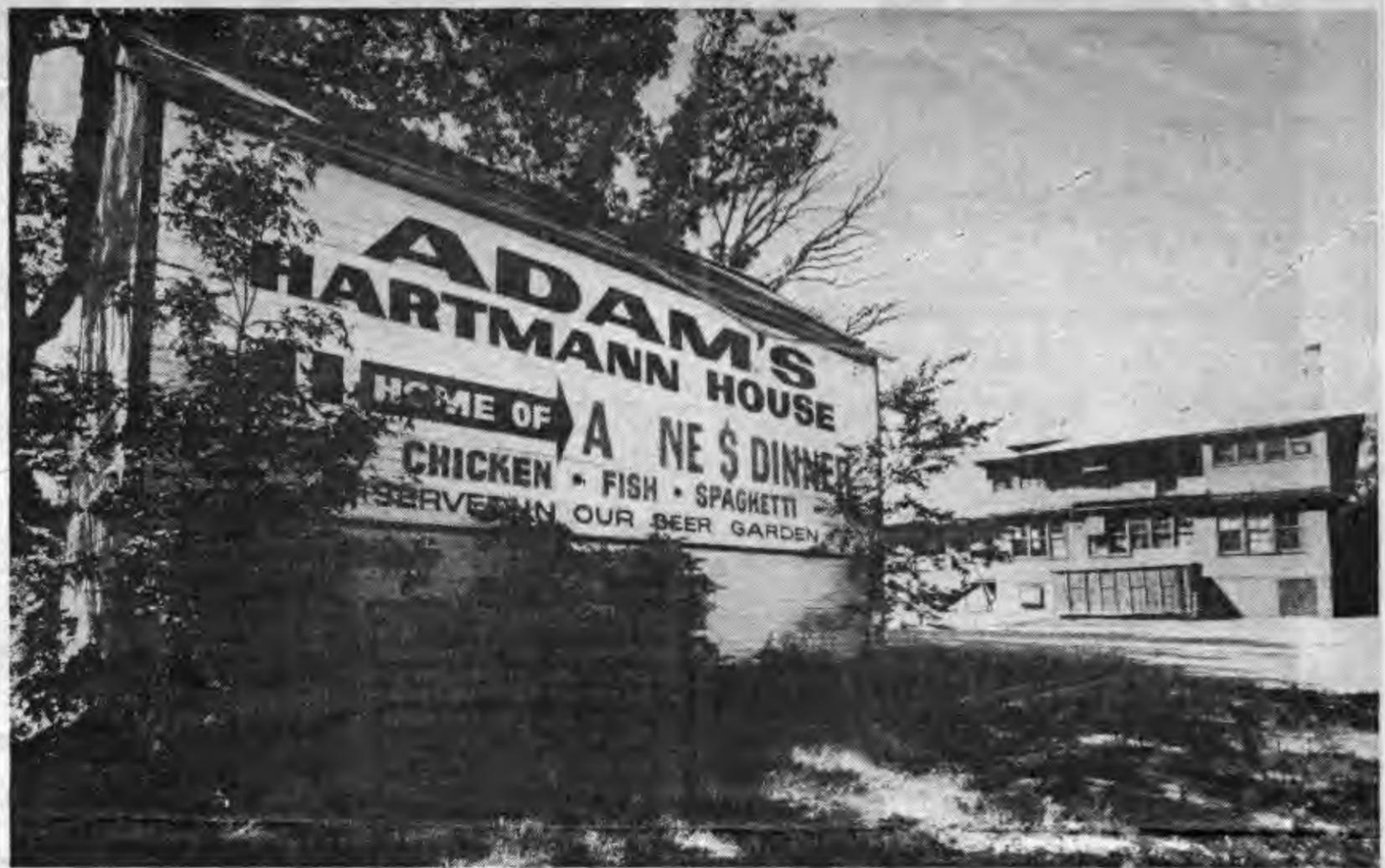
He has said earlier "repeated verbal and written" notices of the violations were given to Chinn before Monday's hearing was scheduled.

Village trustees say they are keeping an open mind about the restaurant. Trustee William Rogers said he's waiting to hear what Chinn has to say.

Chinn, postponing indoor improvements to do the needed projects outdoors, is not pleased. "Every time I turn around it's another \$10,000 or \$15,000 or \$20,000," he said.

The Crab House employs 130 people, Chinn said, adding, "We make (the village) a lot of taxes."

The village board will hear both sides of the issue during the meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.



Herald photo

A CENTURY-OLD ice house behind the Crab House Restaurant in Wheeling is being examined by the Wheeling Historical Society for possible preservation. Some residents would like to make sure the restaurant doesn't tear down the structure.

Officials to vote on restaurant's license

by Kathy Waugh

7-2-84

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board is expected to decide tonight whether to revoke the business license for the Crab House Restaurant at 393 S. Milwaukee Ave.

The village scheduled the public hearing after Crab House owner Robert Chinn was given "repeated verbal and written warnings" that he has failed to complete agreed upon landscaping and other improvements.

Action was delayed in June when Chinn's attorney, Zave Gussin, asked for more time. Since then, Chinn has worked with the village planner to finish necessary improvements.

Working in Chinn's favor tonight is a unanimous recommendation from the plan commission to accept changes Chinn says are already under way.

THE COMMISSION VOTED last week to recommend the board approve Chinn's plan to increase seating from 220 to 265, improve parking lot lighting, pave the back parking lot and make other landscaping improvements.

The commission also voted to require that the 100-year-old ice house, behind the restaurant, remain on the property for one year so that the

Century-old ice house fate unsure

by Kathy Waugh and Renee Goldstein

Herald staff writers

Concern is spreading again over the fate of a 100-year-old ice house situated behind the Crab House Restaurant, 393 S. Milwaukee Ave.

The ice house, built in the late 1800s and used to store ice for the summer months, has survived dozens of owners who used the building in front of it primarily for restaurants.

Wheeling Plan Commissioners said last week that they will recommend

to the village board that current owner, Robert Chinn, be required to keep the ice house intact for one year.

When Chinn bought the building two years ago, village trustees agreed that the ice house should remain. But Plan Commission Chairman Paul Eisterhold and other commissioners called the building "an eyesore" and said if Chinn — or any other owner — wants to tear it down, they should be allowed.

EISTERHOLD RECOMMENDED a one-year moratorium to give the Wheeling Historical Society time to

hammer out a deal with the restaurant owner if it wants to preserve the building.

Chinn said he has "no idea" what he will do with the ice house after the moratorium is up, but added that year-old plans to tear the building down and put in an outdoor patio have been delayed indefinitely.

Wheeling Historical Museum Curator E. Albert Fantl said he doesn't want to wait and is interested in "making the ice house an attraction."

Wheeling Historical Society would have a chance to talk with the owner about restoring it.

"They basically came in with plans that are complying with those lacking previously," Plan Commission Chairman Paul Eisterhold said.

Chinn purchased the 100-year-old former Hartmann House in January 1983. The building is one of the village's oldest and has housed several restaurants through the years.

CHINN OPENED HIS seafood restaurant last year but said he has spent all his available dollars on inside, not outside, improvements.

Chinn's new plan calls for paving to increase the parking capacity from 87 to 129 spaces. Traffic would be directed to enter one way into the restaurant and another way out, with illuminated entrance and exit signs.

The commission agreed to let Chinn continue valet parking, but

said village staff would watch to keep a close eye on traffic back-ups onto Milwaukee Avenue.

The commission also agreed to increase the restaurant's seating capacity from 220 to 265, but Chinn said he has no immediate plans to do this, adding he already has more business than he can handle.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Blood drive set July 11

7-5-84

The second of three annual Wheeling Community Blood Drives will be held July 11 in the Council Chambers of the Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd., from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Donors are urgently needed to replenish the severe post-July 4 Holiday blood shortage. The only source of blood is through your voluntary donations. Please give.

Blood given at Wheeling's blood drive is utilized by the Blood Center of Northern Illinois (BCNI) to fill the emergency, surgical and treatment

Public service

needs of 25 area hospitals. Donations are easy and safe. Potential donors are screened by BCNI's nursing staff to assure that a donation may safely be given. Most healthy persons age 17 to 65 can safely give blood. Walk-in donors are welcome, but an appointment is encouraged. For questions, or to make an appointment, call Dan Adams at 459-2620.

At the March 14 community blood drive, 99 units were collected. The

community drive can be even more successful if more Wheeling residents will volunteer to work toward that goal. Contact Dan Adams if you can help.

Named to panels

The village president, with the consent of the Board of Trustees, has appointed/reappointed the following to village boards and commissions: Harold Miller, Senior Citizens Commission; Barbara Huss, Board of Health; John A. Shelk Jr., Board of Fire and Police Commission.

Annexations, scavenger licenses top votes

7-3-84

The Wheeling Village Board annexed 87 acres of land, increased the number of scavenger licenses and hired a street engineer at its June board meetings.

The board unanimously approved the involuntary annexation of 67 acres of land along Lake-Cook Road at Milwaukee Avenue and the Soo Line Railroad tracks. The land will "square off" the northern border of the village, trustees said.

The village can involuntarily annex up to 60 acres if it is surrounded on three sides by either a municipality or the Cook County Forest Preserve.

Forty-seven acres by the railroad tracks is vacant and another 20 acres on Milwaukee Avenue includes land where the Wedgewood Riding Stables and Hines Lumber Company are operating.

Hines Attorney Edward Dougherty asked that the board "give myself and Hines the opportunity to evaluate the impact of the annexation." But Village Manager Thomas M. Markus opposed any delay, and the board approved the annexation.

THE BOARD ALSO annexed 20 acres of land on Schoenbeck Road just north of Hintz Road where Meister-Neiberg Builders of Schaumburg plans to build 70 single-family homes.

Over objections of Trustee Charles

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Selected decisions from Wheeling Village Board meetings of June 4 and 18.					
						
To forcibly annex two parcels on Lake-Cook Road totaling 67 acres. (Passed 5-0)	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To annex 20 acres of land on Schoenbeck Road where 70 houses are scheduled to be built. (Passed 5-0)	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To increase the number of scavenger service licenses from three to seven.	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
To hire Baxter and Woodman, Inc. as construction engineer for the 1984 street improvement program. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Kerr, the board voted to add four more scavenger licenses to the three the village already hands out. The move probably will lower rates for commercial garbage pickup, which includes not only businesses but also multifamily complexes — providing about 65 to 70 percent of the village housing.

Kerr said he was satisfied with the

village's current garbage service and didn't want a "temporary solution." But Village Attorney James A. Rhodes said the new licenses are needed to appease garbage haulers who might choose to file an antitrust suit against the village.

Rhodes said the village is waiting for action on state and federal legislation that could eliminate a municipality's risk against antitrust action.

The board voted unanimously to hire the Crystal Lake company of Baxter and Woodman Inc. to do 1984 engineering work on the village street improvement program.

The company replaced Metcalf and Eddy, a Chicago firm hired for the four-year program but fired last November after the board was not satisfied with the engineering work.

The spirit of giving lifts Fourth fortunes for parade, fireworks

by Kathy Waugh 7-3-84

One year ago, members of the Wheeling Fourth of July Committee were scrambling to gather \$1,000 or be faced with canceling the annual Independence Day parade and fireworks.

The funds were raised with the help of a passed hat after the festivities on the fourth. But that won't happen this year, because the \$8,300 budget already has been surpassed by \$200.

"Two or three weeks ago we knew we were in this position," publicist Judy Abruscato said.

The accomplishments of the volunteer committee mark a sharp contrast to Fourth of July celebrations in the village three or four years ago.

Up until 1980, the village subsidized the village Fourth of July celebration with help from the Wheeling Jaycees and the Wheeling Park District. But in 1980, the village board dropped its financial support and the Jaycees bowed out of the planning.

In 1982, Wheeling Park Board President Glenn Meier announced plans to drop district support, saying, "There is no community motivation." That year, a group of residents led by Alberta Klocke managed to gather enough money for fireworks but not enough for the parade.

BUT KLOCKE solicited businesses and returned to the park district and village board the following year asking not for financial support, but for bodies to join a citizens' Fourth of July committee.

That committee produced a parade and fireworks last year, despite the last-minute struggle to collect funds. This year, publicity and fund raising were coordinated with preparations for Familyfest at St. Joseph the

Pension letter 'warped': Theriault

7-4-84 HERALD

by Kathy Waugh

A Wheeling police pension board member is criticizing a village letter seeking help in a legal fight against a pension board plan, saying potential donors have been misled.

Edward Theriault, a pension board member, said the village is presenting a "warped" view of the issue — a controversial plan to use police pension funds to finance low-interest home mortgages for officers.

Theriault said a letter sent by Village Manager Thomas M. Markus seeking \$1,000 contributions isn't providing other towns with all the facts they need to make a decision.

"I intend to mail a copy of our agreement to each town and tell them they can come in and look at our paperwork that shows how we came to a decision," Theriault said.

Worker Church.

A joint effort by the two groups netted about \$3,500 for the parade and fireworks scheduled, respectively, for 10 a.m. and 9:15 p.m. Wednesday.

"We had already been distributing letters to all the businesses and decided that since the Familyfest people were going to do that too, we would send out one letter for both," Abruscato said.

THE GROUPS also held fund-raisers that, for the first time, did not include door-to-door soliciting.

"It's hard to get people to go door-to-door," Abruscato said.

"The decision is up to them but I think they should have all the information."

THERIAULT SAID HE will ask the pension board to fund the mailing but "if they choose not to, then I'll send them out myself."

Markus' letter warned that the Combined Counties Police Association — the credit union that would handle the loan for the pension board — "does not intend to stop with Wheeling" and "has already proposed this program in other municipalities."

"Tom's letter makes it sound like the CCPA came in one day, pitched this and we decided to go through this program," Theriault said. "That's very misleading."

"This was two years in the making and when we met with the village to see what their problems were with

the program, we made several changes to accommodate them," he said. "That wasn't a proposal made in one day like he alludes to."

Markus' letter, Theriault said, also referred to outdated information included in the 2-year-old draft of the mortgage plan as opposed to draft that was finally approved by the pension board in May.

MARKUS DEFENDED his letter saying the 2-year-old material was used because that is what the village had to calculate from when it hired the actuarial firm of Towers, Perrin, Foster and Crosby to examine the potential tax levy impact resulting from the investment program.

"He's challenging the facts in my letter but the facts are the facts," Markus said. "I identified it as the initial program and qualified it, saying that changes have been made."

"But I don't have a Towers and

Crosby report to prepare financial information," Markus said. "I consider (the changes) slight and don't think it's going to change the direction of the plan much."

About 10 towns around the state — including Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect and Palatine in the Northwest suburbs — have pledged financial support.

The village and pension board will face off in court in September to decide if the pension board can legally lend out money to current and retired officers. The village is trying to block the loans, saying in its lawsuit that the plan could cost taxpayers \$5 million because the village is ultimately responsible to maintain the needed money in the pension fund.

The pension board has spent more than \$40,000 and the village \$30,000 preparing for the legal battle.

HERALD 7-4-84

Parade, fireworks ignite today

Wheeling residents should pull out lawn chairs and put youngest children on shoulders early to get the best view of the Fourth of July Parade that starts at 10 a.m. today.

The parade begins at K mart on Dundee Road at Elmhurst Road, travels east on Dundee Road to Wolf Road and then south to finish in Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

Several state and local political figures will participate in the parade including Lorraine Percy, the wife of Sen. Charles Percy's, R-Ill., the Wheeling Village Board and Hugh Sommerfeld, a candidate this fall for a seat in the Illinois House of Representatives.

Two bands, clowns, floats, dancers, kids and adults will participate in the parade including special appearances by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, the king and queen of the Memorial Day parade and a Dolly Parton look-alike, Carol Budaj of Mount Prospect.

AFTER THE parade, people can stroll over to the last day of St. Joseph the Worker's Familyfest. The fest is from noon to 10 p.m. on the church grounds at 181 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling. There is no admission charge and free parking is available.

Rides, food, games and nonstop entertainment will take place all day with special events dotted in between.

At 1:30 p.m. there will be Olympic-style mud pit rope-pulling contests between village service groups and organizations.

Entertainment for the day includes: noon to 1 p.m., The Magistics; 1:30 to 4:15 p.m., music from the 1950s and '60s with J.P. and the Cats; 4:30 to 7:15 p.m., Dixieland music by the Dixiecrats; and 7:45 to 9:15 p.m., contemporary music by The Arbors.

Open competition for all will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with: diaper derby



for those still crawling; Bozo buckets, ages 1 to 3; sit on balloon, ages 4 to 6; sack race, ages 7 to 10; shoe kick, ages 11 to 13; Frisbee spot landing for high school students, obstacle course for adults, and unwrap-the-candy for senior citizens.

Dolly Parton — alias Carol Budaj — will also perform before a 9:15 p.m. fireworks display at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

Crab House must fix up by Sept. 17

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board has agreed to give Crab House Restaurant owner Robert Chinn until mid-September to pave a parking lot, and make landscaping and other improvements to his business.

The village threatened to pull Chinn's business license in May after village officials said he was well past a deadline for completing the paving work and installing additional lighting and other landscaping work.

But now, Chinn said he has plans to complete that work at his restaurant, 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., and has asked the board to give him until Sept. 17 to finish the work.

Working in Chinn's favor was a positive review last week by the village plan commission, when commissioners approved Chinn's revised plans to increase seating from 220 to 265, improve parking lot lighting, pave the back parking lot and make other landscaping improvements.

"We are satisfied that this plan is an acceptable one," Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski told the board.

Chinn purchased the 100-year-old Hartmann House in January 1983 and said he has spent more than \$1 million on the purchase and improvements. The building is one of the village's oldest and has housed several restaurants through the years.

Chinn said he delayed completing all the work because he spent all his money on interior improvements to draw a larger crowd. Chinn's attorney, Zave Gussin said, however, that financing has been arranged with a Wheeling bank to make the exterior improvements as well.

Village employees get 4% raises

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board overruled its village manager's recommendation and voted to raise the salary scale 4 percent for 56 village employees outside the police, fire and public works departments.

The board approved about \$12,500 in expenses to pay for clerical and communication employees salaries, although Village Manager Thomas M. Markus had recommended a two-step, 7 percent increase that would have cost the village about \$22,000.

Markus said the 7 percent was necessary to bring employee salaries up to par with those holding similar jobs in North Shore and Northwest suburban towns.

But while trustees agreed with Markus' 4 percent recommendations for other salaries, they would not approve the 7 percent request.

"I DON'T GIVE a damn what the market value is," Trustee Charles

Kerr said. "We are talking about a 60 percent tax increase this year and I'm opposed to increasing salaries."

"I don't think the employees of this village have had to tighten their belts one bit over the tough financial times we've had," he said. "When others have lost their jobs and not gotten raises, I think our employees can share a little bit in the economic situation we are in."

Trustee Roger Powers echoed Kerr's sentiments, but Trustee Nicholas Fanella and other board members supported a 4 percent increase Fanella said would be "adequate." Raises for individual employees will depend on their position on the scale and merit reviews, Markus said.

The board followed the manager's recommendation to increase by 4 percent the salary scale for professional and supervisory staff. The increase will cost the village about \$41,000.

The board approved about \$19,000

for raises for five department heads and the village attorney. Markus said the cost for the village would equal a 4 percent average raise, but he said he has not determined what percentage each individual employee will receive.

Markus defended his 7 percent recommendation for other workers, telling board members that 42 percent of the 58 percent tax increase he is considering recommending would be needed not for salaries, but to pay for capital improvement costs such as street paving and Lake Michigan water that the board has approved in the past few years.

MARKUS CALLED the board's action "only a gesture" and said that if board members really want to cut salaries to lower the budget, they shouldn't penalize the individual worker, they should instead cut the number of employees.

Trustees expect to review the salary for Markus this fall.

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HERALD 7-6-84

Village board wrapup

Village cracks down on dirt bike riding

Children younger than 16 will have to carry a property owner's written permission with them if they want to ride motorcycles and dirt bikes on private property.

The Wheeling Village Board voted to tighten restrictions on dirt bike riders after complaints started rolling into the police station as school ended and the weather warmed up.

The old village law allowed children to ride on property if they had verbal permission of the owner. But Police Chief Michael F. Haeger argued for a ban or more stringent law to deter the bikers because the village was left with the burden of proof when trying to show that someone stopped by an officer did not have permission.

Haeger said the written permission clause will give his officers a basis for checking and picking up illegal dirt bike riders and is "hefty enough to stop the majority of dirt bike riding in the village."

Mini-marts get go-ahead

The board voted to allow mini-mart style gas stations in the village after about a half-dozen station owners requested permission to sell food and drinks along with their gasoline.

The vote came despite objections from a representative of the state and national gasoline association who said that mini-marts are putting independent service stations out of business.

Trustee Nicholas Fanella disagreed, saying "if there isn't any service, then someone's going to open a station and make lots of money."

Village Assistant Manager Robert W. Fialkowski said requests have from stations owners of Standard Oil, Texaco, Shell and Mobil.

Building to be razed for used car lot

The board approved plans to turn an abandoned building at 502 N. Milwaukee Ave. into a used car lot run by the owner of three car dealerships on the North Shore and in the Northwest suburbs.

Frank Gesualdo, owner of the one-acre piece of property that housed Bill Enis Motors six years ago, said he plans to raze the building and put in a \$250,000, 900-square-foot brick building that will house about 60 cars at one time.

The dealership operates Francis Cadillac in Mount Prospect, and North Shore Dodge and North Shore Oldsmobile, both in Highland Park.

The village plan commission recommended the construction, saying the abandoned building was "an eyesore" and the change would help improve the appearance of Milwaukee Avenue.

Restaurant's liquor record reviewed

Acting as the Liquor Commission, board members reviewed the three-month record for police calls at Billy and Company restaurant, 124 S. Milwaukee Ave.

The restaurant came under harsh criticism from commissioners in April when 23 liquor licenses were reviewed. Police were called to the restaurant, owned by William Moss, 31 times in the past year to handle incidents ranging from assault to thefts and unfounded underage drinking charges.

There have been five calls since the April commission meeting. Moss told commissioners that he had improved security and added lighting in the parking lot to help cut down on calls to police. "I think this has also made our bartenders and waitresses very aware of serving people who have had too much to drink," he said.

Moss said he is in the process of instituting a dress code for patrons and providing transportation home to anyone who shouldn't or can't drive on their own.

LIFE 7-5-84

Wheeling taxes may soar

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Raising village property taxes 50 percent is one option currently being explored by officials to pay for capital improvement projects and shore up dwindling cash reserves.

Construction work already under way, such as the Lake Michigan water project and the local street improvements program, have created a need for new revenues, said Village Finance Director Gregory Peters. And chief among Peters' recommendations to the Village Board is a fiscal plan that would boost the 1984 tax levy to \$4.5 million, representing an estimated \$114 hike in the property tax bill for a typical home with a market value of \$57,000.

Peters also recommended establishing an ambulance user fee and

increasing business and license fees to bring in additional funds to village coffers.

During the next few months trustees will examine these requests while assessing village needs. The Village Board has until September to approve the 1984 tax levy, which will be collected in 1985.

THE CURRENT capital improvement projects have resulted in the village's debt service loans increasing from \$1.4 million in 1983 to \$2.7 million this year, said Peters, adding that the water project accounts for about half of the proposed hike in the levy.

"We had to borrow money to fund these projects and, in effect, we are starting to pay off all our loans," said Peters.

Another drain on village finances, said Peters, is the lack of a cash balance in the General Fund, which

is used for the day-to-day operations of the local government including police and fire services. The amount of surplus funds, which are invested and provide a financial return to the village, has dropped steadily over the past four years, from \$2 million to an estimated \$524,660 in 1985, said Peters.

Noting that Arlington Heights maintains a \$5 million surplus in its General Fund, Peters told board members that Wheeling's current fund balance is "a little bit uncomfortable," although he does not advocate one as large as Arlington Heights.

Peters said the fund balance is necessary to "keep us afloat through the peaks and valleys of municipal revenue collections."

The property tax proposal marks a turnabout from last year's reduction in the village levy. The 1982

property tax levy of \$3.25 million was trimmed last year to \$3 million, resulting in the village portion of the tax bill dropping from \$215 to an estimated \$191 for a typical \$57,000 home, Peters said.

It should be noted that the village's portion of the levy generally amounts to about 15 percent of the typical homeowner's tax bill. Also, property taxes comprise just 15 percent of the current year's General Fund revenues.

Peters stressed that the proposed property tax increase is "all shrouded in assumptions" which are based on anticipated tax rates and property assessments. He explained that if the tax base is increased during this year's quadrennial reassessment, taxpayers' bills would be reduced. Future abatements would also lessen the effect of property tax increases for taxpayers, he said.

The week ahead

7-9-84

Wheeling, Prospect to meet on airport

Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials meet today to discuss how they would run Pal-Waukee Airport if the two towns decide to buy the airstrip.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights.

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan said he will try to accomplish two things at the meeting: deciding how day-to-day operations would run and what type of Wheeling-Prospect Heights governing board would have final say on local airport decisions.

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7-6-84

Push is on for Wildwood rehab

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling Plan Commissioner Christine Dolgopol is urging the village to consider the Wildwood Apartments in its redevelopment plans for the Milwaukee Avenue corridor.

The Wildwood Apartments at Dundee Road and Wheeling Avenue have long been considered "a problem spot" in the village with overflowing trash bins, overcrowded apartments, code violations and constant police calls for excess fighting and drinking in the parking lots.

"There's nothing that can be done about the conditions over there as long as the owners keep the buildings just up to the minimum codes," Dolgopol said.

Dolgopol said the village should in-

clude Wildwood in its research into a revitalization plan for Milwaukee Avenue that would use federal money to pay for some improvements and prompt more development on run-down or vacant property.

THE PROGRAM WORKS with tax increment financing — called TIF for short — allowing the village to make up its expenses by using future tax money from the improved property.

"Those were luxury apartments in the village of Wheeling when they were built," said Dolgopol, a neighbor of the complex. "But after the developer started selling the buildings off to individual owners, it just went downhill and every year it seems to get worse.

"The police and the village do their best, but as long as the buildings are kept up to code, they really can't do

much," she said.

Through the TIF plan, the village would buy rundown or vacant lots, add improvements such as water and sewer lines, and sell the land back to a developer who would then agree to build housing or commercial businesses.

The village would borrow money by selling bonds to pay for the property improvements and eventually pay back the bond holders out of tax revenue generated by the new developments.

"IF THAT BLOCK (where Wildwood is) were included in the TIF district, the village could buy out that complex, rehab it and sell it to a developer," Dolgopol said.

The plan commission, village staff and a private consulting firm, Robert Teska and Associates, are checking to

see if the village can qualify for federal money to help revitalize its Milwaukee Avenue corridor, running from Lake-Cook Road on the north to Hintz Road on the south, and the Des Plaines River on the east to just before Wolf Road on the west.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said his staff is still trying to determine if the village can qualify for the federal redevelopment program and also will consider the area where the Wildwood Apartments are located.

"A problem we would run into there is that that's private property and we can't do public improvements to private property," Greenwood said. "And also, there doesn't seem to appear that there would be any advantage to us going in there when you look at what we can do with TIF."

7-7-84

Airport deadline nears — will towns cooperate?

by Ellen M. Schmid
and Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writers

After working with studies, consultants and committees for more than a half-dozen years, Prospect Heights and Wheeling are entering the final stretch of a sometimes-heated process of deciding who should buy the Pal-Waukee Airport.

Officials from both towns will meet Monday to discuss perhaps the most politically difficult aspect of the purchase: the intergovernmental agreement that outlines who makes what decisions concerning airport operations.

With the July 30 deadline nearing, Monday's meeting — which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights — may force cooperation between two towns that have historically disagreed.

THOSE DISAGREEMENTS have manifested themselves along several fronts — ranging from disputes over Prospect Heights' attempts to become a city to neighborhood tiffs over the use of local roads.

Needless to say, there has been much debate over how to go about buying an airport.

Initially, meetings about the airport purchase — involving local, state and federal officials and airport consultants — were open to the public and held almost weekly. At times, hundreds of people would attend to voice opinions and lodge complaints.

But recently, the two towns have approached the decision with opposite strategies. Prospect Heights has closed the door on its meetings concerning the purchase, Mayor John Gilligan says the topics now have

turned to "sensitive financial information and negotiations," which will all come out after the decision is made.

On the other hand, the same documents being discussed behind closed doors in Prospect Heights are being shared with the public in Wheeling.

THE SUDDEN change of heart in exchanging information may be only a continuation of the long-standing rivalry between the two towns.

Since the late 1950s, there has been no love lost between the people of Prospect Heights and Wheeling. When Prospect Heights, now 8 years old, first sought to incorporate, Wheeling fought those plans, worried that it would eliminate prime land for future annexation and stronger tax base.

Gilligan, a leader in the incorporation effort, eventually won that battle. Only minor border problems followed, but the feuding escalated again in 1980.

The towns had chipped in 5 percent toward a \$120,000 — primarily federally funded — study of the possible airport purchase. During that study, Prospect Heights attempted to annex the then-unincorporated northern half of the airport as well as surrounding homes and businesses. The southern half already had been annexed by the city.

To keep Prospect Heights from assuming total control of the airport, Pal-Waukee owner George Priester then voluntarily annexed the rest of his airport to Wheeling. However, Prospect Heights filed a lawsuit in 1981 saying the annexation was invalid because all the property owners didn't sign the annexation agreement. That case is still pending.

Wheeling stunned by state's response

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

State officials say they won't share in the financial and other liabilities if Wheeling decides to buy Pal-Waukee Airport.

The state also cannot prevent the proposed relocation of Hintz and Wolf roads — necessary to accommodate the airport's longest runway.

Those are among the Illinois Department of Transportation's responses to a 14-page letter the village sent to the state in May. The letter spelled out what kind of changes would have to be made if Wheeling would agree to be a local sponsor of the purchase.

"To say we were disappointed in

the (state's) response is a great understatement," said Village President Sheila Schultz. "It certainly is making it very difficult for us to consider buying the airport. And the letter seems to indicate that that's a very firm position with little room to negotiate."

THE STATE SAID the Federal Aviation Administration will not allow an exemption that allows the Hintz and Wolf road intersection to remain at its present location. According to FAA safety rules, which do not apply to private airports, airplanes' landing paths run too close to the roadway.

The state also refused to release Wheeling or any local sponsor from financial responsibility if subsequent

years' federal and state funding is not made available to cover the \$36 million purchase and improvement plan.

In addition, the state refused to back down on a clause in the contract that makes the village liable for additional construction costs although the state has the right to alter construction plans and is held "harmless" against construction accidents and cost overruns.

Robert Donahue, director of the IDOT division of aeronautics, said that condition "is something the state legal department requires." He added that "broad sweeping changes like Wheeling is requesting can't be made."

PROSPECT HEIGHTS Mayor John Gilligan said he "just scanned"

the state's response to Wheeling before turning it over to Jerry Svec, the chairman of Gilligan's citizens committee charged with determining whether the city should buy the airport.

"We are interested in it but we have done all of our talking with the state face-to-face and chose not to write a litany of things that are objectionable," Svec said.

Svec called the 14-page letter "nit-picking."

He added: "Any neophyte that tries to second guess that after only seeing the contract for 1½ days is nit-picking. There are an awful lot of airports in the U.S. and they are owned by an awful lot of municipalities that have been using these rules for years."

IF THAT WASN'T enough, in the middle of that dispute, the towns were involved in another skirmish. It involved the use by residents of a Wheeling condominium complex of a Prospect Heights street. The matter was in and out of court, and, at one point, Prospect Heights constructed a spiked barrier to keep the Wheeling residents out.

With such a history of non-cooperation, its no wonder officials are skeptical today about joint ownership of the multimillion-dollar airport. And it appears Gilligan would just as soon leave Wheeling in the dust concerning the airport.

Most recently, Prospect Heights paid \$10,000 for an informal audit of Pal-Waukee's finances. They refused to release that information to Wheeling or the public and toyed with the idea of not giving it to Priester.

Wheeling Trustee William Rogers called Prospect Heights' secrecy "childish," and said the city's attitude will create a loss of local leverage when dealing with the state. State officials, one of the intended sponsors of the public takeover, say they'll buy the airport even if the two towns bail out.

"WHAT THE STATE is hearing is that Prospect Heights is going to go

ahead and buy it," Rogers said. "The state is saying, 'To hell with Wheeling.' They figure they already have a patsy in Prospect Heights."

Wheeling trustees also have been critical of the Prospect Heights decision to appoint a special citizens committee to do the investigating. That committee, which recently has been holding all of its meetings in closed session, already has tentatively recommended Prospect Heights buy the airport.

But Wheeling officials are sure about only one thing: If Prospect Heights buys, Wheeling will buy.

"Eventually the boards are going

to have to sit down and agree over a way to run the airport," Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said. "Because if one thinks it can go ahead and operate the airport without the other, I think they are mistaken."

Rogers also believes Wheeling won't let Prospect Heights buy the airport alone. "They don't realize Wheeling also has a stake in this," he said. "Half of the airport is in Wheeling so even if they buy it, they'd have to ask us for permission even to build an outhouse there. So why not cooperate?"

Police pension fund loan plan on hold pending court hearing

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — A controversial plan to use their pension funds for low-interest home mortgage loans for police officers will not immediately be put into effect following an agreement reached between the village and the Police Pension Board.

At a meeting with Cook County Circuit Court Judge Harold Siegan on June 26, Pension Board members agreed not to proceed with the plan until a court hearing is held Sept. 17. Judge Siegan will decide then whether to grant a preliminary injunction sought by the village to block the loans.

"We obviously feel that the chances are good that the judge will rule in our favor," said village attorney James Rhodes. "What they propose to do is blatantly illegal."

The village filed suit in January 1983 to halt the mortgage plan, which officials claim will end up costing taxpayers \$2 million over the life of the 30-year loans.

THE PROGRAM would make low-interest mortgages available to about 35 Wheeling police officers and seven retired officers through the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union.

Loans to fund members would be given at an interest rate of 9.5 percent. Approximately 3 percent would be paid to the credit union for administrative costs.

Village officials maintain that the remaining 6.5 percent interest rate will not bring the highest possible return on the investment. Because the employees' contribution into the fund is a fixed amount, officials say taxpayers will wind up subsidizing the program.

TO HELP fight its legal battle, the village has requested the aid of cities across the state that may be affected in the future by this precedent-setting case, said attorney Rhodes.

"If this plan is approved, it could affect every taxpayer in the state of Illinois, except those in Chicago," said Rhodes.

In a letter seeking \$1,000 contributions from other towns, Village Manager Thomas Markus stressed that Wheeling's fight may soon spread to other communities.

"The Combined Counties Police Association does not intend to stop with Wheeling," Markus said in the letter. "It is apparent other unions will also develop programs if the CCPA is successful."

BUT A member of the Police

Pension Board has objected to Markus' letter, choosing to fire off his own letter attacking the village's interpretation of the mortgage program. Ed Theriault termed the village communication "reprehensible," pointing to the "misleading nature" of the letter.

Theriault's response charges the village with presenting the "worst case scenario as an inevitable result." Pension Board members say the plan's cost to taxpayers will be "minimal."

To date, the village has spent more than \$50,000 in legal costs, even before the case has gone to court.

"To add insult to injury, the Village of Wheeling taxpayer is also picking up the legal tab for the police pension fund," said Markus. "The total costs for both sides could very easily approach \$250,000."

EDITORIAL

REMINDER 7-12-84

Unsound investment

Fully into 1984, is the Village of Wheeling playing too much the big brother to its police officers?

We say not.

It's time to voice support for the village and its efforts to sidetrack a pension fund investment plan by the Wheeling Police Pension Board and the Combined Counties Police Association, (CCPA) a police union.

The investment plan, now the subject of a suit by the village, calls for the pension board to invest money in a CCPA fund. That fund would allow members of the union to apply for low-interest mortgage loans.

We believe the concept, helping provide for police officers' security by aiding them in buying a home, is an admirable one. But, we agree with the Village of Wheeling that there are a couple of problems associated with funding such a plan with pension money.

First, since all Wheeling police pay into the pension fund, we'd find it unfair if some of that money were invested in a plan to which only CCPA members would have access. We believe the village is rightly acting to look out for the interests of all of its officers.

Second, there is no guarantee a CCPA mortgage fund would remain solvent. As anyone in a lending institution will verify, people do default on mortgage loans. Should the CCPA fund accumulate a number of bad loans over the years, there is a real danger officers who contributed to the plan would not receive benefits in any form.

We might emphasize that the CCPA mortgage plan could be a genuine boon to officers. If the union raised other sources of capital to fund the idea, we sure there would be very few who would oppose it. As it stands now though, using pension money is the wrong way to go.

Pal-Waukee's fate still up in air

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WITH LESS than a month before the July 30 deadline to decide whether to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport, officials from Wheeling and Prospect Heights still find themselves at odds over issues of control with the state and federal governments, as well as with each other.

Local objections to the role state and federal agencies will play in the buyout plan continue to plague the communities, with many questions remaining unanswered as the time for a decision draws near.

At a joint conference Monday, July 9, local officials sought to work out some of their own differences over public takeover of the airport. But after opening remarks by Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan and Wheeling President Sheila Schultz, the two sides spent the next three hours finding little agreement on how to actually run the airport.

Gilligan proposed an intergovernmental agreement, outlining an organizational structure for managing the airport. While both sides appeared to agree on the need for a professional airport

manager to run the day-to-day activities, a marked disagreement surfaced around the policy-setting commission that would oversee airport operations.

CHIEF AMONG Wheeling's objections was the proposed membership of the governing board, which called for Prospect Heights to name the first chairman of the commission, who would also act as the tie-breaker in case of a tie vote. Under the plan, the appointment of the chairman would alternate between the municipalities every four years.

Referring to the proposed agree-

ment, Wheeling Trustee William Rogers said flatly, "As written now, there are more objections than pluses. I don't think this is going to fly."

A suggestion to have an independent chairman named also was opposed by Wheeling, with Schultz saying the local communities should retain responsibility for the airport. "I see accountability as an important part of this," said Schultz.

In addition, instead of a citizen commission, as proposed by Gilligan, Wheeling officials want elected officials and staff members on the governing commission.

7-12-84

Village sets dirt-biking rules

WHEELING—Declining to adopt an outright ban on dirt bikes, village trustees have approved restrictions that will prohibit riding on

private property without first obtaining permission from the owners.

The new law, adopted Monday,

July 2, states that persons under 16 years of age must have in their immediate possession written authorization to ride any motorized vehicle on private property. The board had earlier debated a proposal that would have forbidden youths without a valid driver's license from having dirt bikes anywhere in the village, but it was reluctant to approve a total ban.

"While this ordinance is not as strong as was originally discussed, we feel this will help to curb the problem with the dirt bikes," said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY James Rhodes, along with Police Chief Michael Haeger, had urged trustees to approve the "all-inclusive" measure to remove loopholes in the

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THE GOING'S getting tougher now that dirt bike riders are prohibited from riding on private property. (Photo by Brian Fritz)



TRAILS ON PRIVATE property, like this one at Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue, will no longer prove happy ones for dirt bike enthusiasts. (Photo by Brian Fritz)

Private land taboo to dirt bike riders

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current state law governing the operation of dirt bikes. The law applies only to streets and public property.

Rhodes, however, said trustees felt the ban was "too strict and asked us to find a less stringent ordinance." The attorney added that the new law will still authorize law enforcement officials to police private property and "will stop the

majority of dirt bikes in the village."

Appearing before the board at the meeting was 13-year-old Tony Taller, 108 St. Armand, who spoke out against the proposal. Taller said dirt bikers use land that is covered with weeds and is not used for anything, such as the northeast corner of Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue, a favorite haunt for young bikers. "People are not bothered at all," he said.

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Airport pact eludes Wheeling, Prospect Hts.

By MIKE COMERFORD

An inter-governmental agreement on how to share control of Palwaukee Airport is still in a holding pattern after a joint meeting of the Wheeling Village Board and the Prospect Heights City Council in Prospect Heights this week.

The focus of the meeting was on a tentative proposal written by Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan. The discussion centered on the proposed make-up of an Airport Governing Commission that would oversee the operations of the airport and report back to the municipalities.

No formal action was taken but the officials from Wheeling and Prospect Heights were each able to discuss specific proposals and to get a feel for the other's positions.

The two municipalities must decide whether they will buy into a power sharing agreement with the state of Illinois by July 30 or the state will take full control of Palwaukee Airport.

Wheeling Village Board President Sheila Schultz said, "I think this discussion is a good sign. We come to this from different perspectives. We've both done our own thing and now we must come together. The fact that we are meeting face to face is progress."

The main point of controversy was the composition of the governing commission which Gilligan proposed be made up of six voting members (three from each municipality), a chairman, and two non-voting members from Northbrook and Mount Prospect.

Gilligan proposed that the commission

positions be paid-appointed positions. The commission would meet twice a month and would oversee the general manager who would be in control of the day-to-day operations of the airport.

Also Gilligan mentioned that Priestler Aviation would be the most likely Fixed Base Operator in charge of the daily maintenance on site.

Schultz objected to the composition of the Airport Governing Commission because the chairman has the deciding vote and this vote would give one community, at four year intervals, control of the commission.

Wheeling Trustee Willaim Rogers said that the Wheeling village board would vote for a chairman if it could have the chairmanship during the first critical four-year term.

Schultz suggested that they agree to have a commission without a chairman or a tie-breaking vote. She said, "Other municipalities do it this way and it works because the members are forced to work out a decision. This is quite common."

Prospect Heights city attorney Donald Kreger said that without a tie-breaking vote the commission would be a stormy one and would make it very difficult to sell revenue bonds.

Schultz said that other municipalities have sold bonds without having a governing commission with a tie-breaking voter.

The two municipalities did not settle on what the duties of the governing commission would be nor on what the bond council, in charge of issuing the bonds,

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Airport pact—

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would look like.

The audience of approximately 40 residents was strongly suspicious of the new tentative proposal and often argued that the new airport will be a financial debacle.

Schultz explained that neither party expects to make a profit but they must protect their interests and try to have a say in how Palwaukee will grow and be run.

The next joint meeting between the Wheeling Village Board and the Prospect Heights City Council on this issue will be on Wednesday, July 18, at 8 p.m., in the Wheeling Village Hall.

7-12-84

State takes hard line on airport buy

State officials are taking a hardline position in the recent negotiations with Wheeling over the acquisition of Palwaukee Airport.

In a written response to Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus's inquiries, the Illinois Department of Transportation refused to share financial and legal liabilities should Wheeling decide to buy Palwaukee Airport.

IDOT is also refusing to allow an exemption that would save the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads from being moved in order to accommodate a longer landing strip as required by the safety regulations of the Federal Aviation Authority.

Wheeling Village Board President Sheila Schultz said, "We're going to have to work with it, but it's going to be difficult."

The state also claimed that Wheeling, or any other local sponsor, will not have the option of pulling out of the agreement even if the state does not provide the full \$36 million in purchase and improvement funds that it had promised.

Finally, the state retains the right to alter any construction plans for the airport that the local municipalities undertake; however, the state will not pay for the additional construction costs and will not be held accountable for construction accidents or overruns.

Wheeling Trustee Nicholas Fanella said, "The state has left us holding the bag in every respect."

Schultz said, "I don't think that if the state does not come through with the funds that this would raise taxes. More revenue bonds would just be issued."

Both the Wheeling Village Board and the Prospect Heights City Council hope that as the July 30 deadline approaches for the acquisition decision, the state will be willing to bend.

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan said, "They don't bend then maybe we don't sign."

Robert Donahue, director of the IDOT division of aeronautics, said, "These are just standard legal clarifications and nothing out of the ordinary. It is standard procedure."

Sunday July 15, 1984

Pal-Waukee

With a deadline for signing an agreement with the State of Illinois to participate in the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport staring them in the face, Wheeling village trustees and Prospect Heights city councilmen are struggling to see whether they can work together in running the airport.

Their past record of cooperation is a spotty one, but the future of Pal-Waukee is of concern to others besides the two towns. It is considered of primary importance to the overall air transportation network in Illinois, which is why the state has said it will buy from owner George Priester regardless of what Prospect Heights and Wheeling do. It serves a vital function as a reliever airport to O'Hare.

The towns must decide by July 30 whether they will buy. They don't have to have an intergovernmental agreement signed and sealed by that date, but they do have to be ready to take over airport operation in September if they do buy, and Wheeling officials want an agreement before then on how the authority will be shared.

At a meeting earlier this week town officials tangled over a proposal by Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan for a seven-member airport governing commission. Wheeling officials had their own ideas.

So Gilligan and Wheeling village President Sheila Schultz are working together to come up with another proposal by next Wednesday, when the officials will meet again.

They should bear in mind their mutual interest in keeping local control of the airport and its future operations and development.



A smile for everyone

REMINDER 7-12-84

Spectators of Wheeling's Fourth of July Parade were treated to a friendly wave and a warm smile from the riders in Wheeling Senior Citizen's Commission's antique car entry. (Staff photo by Bill Oakes)

7-13-84 HERALD

Wheeling watchdog

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz made a comment in an article that The Daily Herald ran recently regarding CRAMM, Concerned Residents Against More Multifamily, a political action group aimed at limiting future multi-family development.

She called CRAMM efforts futile and in that context she is partially right. Wheeling residents have always wanted the village government to raise its sights on higher standards for developments but have gotten a song and dance from the politicians.

Go back into the history of Wheeling developments and see its checkered past of fast shuffles and corruption by village officials, some of whom actually got caught.

A history like this puts a cloud on the village. Because of its past, can the village turn itself around and raise its standards for developers to those of an Arlington Heights or a Northbrook? That is the futility Wheeling residents face and which CRAMM confronts.

CRAMM was formed, not as a political party but is a political force. We have attracted followers who have pledged contributions of cash and their time to fight the apathy of the village government toward the aims of CRAMM and the profit motives of developers.

When closed-door agreements between the village and developers are suspected what recourse do residents have? No law can be charged to have been violated, usually.

So CRAMM's modus operandi is to focus public attention on the village, keeping everything above board and in the best interests of residents. Wheeling's dismal record of single family development need only be compared to those of surrounding village which have forced developers to meet higher standards, less density and greater emphasis on neighborhood appearance.

We seek to pack public hearings with people who want the village to listen to CRAMM. We feel that nothing can make a politician or a developer more honest than to maximize public scrutiny.

Art Dobbs
Wheeling

7-15-84

Poor neighbors

There once was a nice neighborhood in Wheeling. The homes were built from the 1940s to the 1960s. People kept their yards and gardens in immaculate condition, their houses were spotless, they were friendly, and you felt comfortable and safe living there.

Then plans to build an apartment complex were announced. The neighborhood didn't want to see tall buildings at the edge of their clean, quiet, single-family residential neighborhood.

But as is the case with most things, the neighborhood residents had no say, no influence; the village fathers said "it would be good for Wheeling."

So the complex was built — and for many years it was kept up nicely, and tenants blended into the neighborhood. But then the complex was sold off, building by building. Pretty soon a different type of tenant moved in.

Some of the tenants living in the complex walk down the sidewalk (most of the time on the grass that I spend time and money on to keep looking nice), urinating as they pass my house.

I pick up beer bottles on a daily basis. My flowers get stolen, my newspapers either stolen or thrown on my roof. I'm kept up most of the night with loud music being played in the parking lot or from speakers put in a third floor window; I've been listening to firecrackers for the last week.

I've spent money putting up a fence for some apartment tenants knocked down a path through a privet hedge. Now they cut through my yard and patio so I guess I'll have to put up another fence.

I don't want to sell my house and move. My immigrant grandfather built this house and I grew up in it. It's my home, my roots, for as many other cities and states I've lived in I always came back to that big white house on the corner.

The village is spending a lot of money for a consultant to tell us what to do with Milwaukee Avenue. Let him tell us what to do with the Wildwood Apartments and then let's do it.

Christine S. Dolgopoi
Wheeling

7-7-84

Historical society uncovering hidden treasure of Childerley

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Nearly invisible behind old apple trees that still bear fruit, and pine trees that drop beds of needles, the Childerley chapel remains a buried treasure.

"We're going to unbury it," said Wheeling Historical museum curator E. Albert Fantl. Fantl and the Wheeling Historical Society plan to clear away excess trees and brush and open the chapel each Sunday to people who want to visit, tour and learn more about the building and its grounds.

A glance at the tight brick construction makes it easy to imagine it is 1926 again and the chapel is new.

Frances Crane Lillie — know as "Mrs. Lillie" to all so as not to confuse her with her husband Francis — had commissioned the construction of the little chapel. She and her husband were biochemists who ran an orphanage and home for widows in Wheeling. The chapel, they decided, would provide the proper religious atmosphere for the residents.

"The orphans used to pick the apples off these trees and sell them on the road side," Fantl said, strolling across an orchard.

THE CHURCH SUDDENLY comes into view as he steps past the last apple tree branches.

The outside is red brick with a clay pottery roof. Stretching above the roof tiles, a bell tower holds two bells that occasionally sound a note of activity in the chapel.

The inside is simple — scarlet-covered chairs are arranged neatly on a cobblestone floor. A map of the Holy Land hangs in the back. In the front, the original wooden altar still stands and beside it is an entrance to a tiny library filled with religious and cultural books from a time gone by.

Owned by the Wheeling Park District since 1977, the chapel and adjoining library slowly are being resurrected.

A handful of volunteers brought it up to its current condition three years ago by painting, staining and replacing items in an effort to restore it to its original condition. The only change: Mrs. Lillie was Catholic and the chapel now bears the symbols of both Christianity and Judaism.

AFTER THE WORK in 1981, however, very little activity took place in the chapel. An occasional small wedding would make use of its 35-seat capacity. A ceremony to dedicate it to Lorraine E. Lark, a park commissioner who died in 1980, was located there.

So despite the cleaning and fixing of past years, the chapel has remained a locked and relatively unknown quantity in Wheeling.

But the Park District and Historical Society are planning to change all that. Now the chapel is open from 1 to 5 p.m. each Sunday, Fantl said.

"We want to clear these trees and bushes all out and open it up so people can see it from the road," Fantl said. "It's hidden like a jungle in East Africa, right now."

"We're going to try to write up some brochure and we are looking for volunteers to learn about the chapel so they can show it to others," he said.

THE LILLIES originally purchased 35 acres of land as a retreat for the family. But Mrs. Lillie's involvement with Ellen Star and Jane Addams — the founders of Chicago's Hull House — prompted her too to offer help to the disadvantaged.

The orphanage and homes for widowed were on both sides of what was, at the time, a one-lane dirt road called McHenry Road. The buildings survived through the 1920s and 1930s but later the Lillies sold 24-acres east of McHenry Road to the Order of the Servants of Mary who opened Adolorata Home for the Aged in 1942.

The remaining 10 acres, once the Childerley Orchard, was purchased by the park district in 1977 after voters approved a \$3.7 million referen-

dum to buy Childerley Retreat Home and Chevy Chase Club House and Golf Course.

At the time, officials planned to develop the park into an outdoor education and recreation site. The largest building remaining from the Lillie years is now used for classes and childrens' activities. The chapel, however, has remained alone and isolated. Until now.

7-18-84

Village board wrapup

Subdivision proposal meets trustee approval

The Wheeling Village board approved plans for a 17 single-family home subdivision west of Wheeling Road and south of Hintz Road.

The Last Four Acres subdivision will be south of the Ridgefield subdivision where about 200 single-family homes are currently under construction at Hintz and Wheeling roads.

Walter Metcalf, of the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, sought approval for the project that will require an extension of Honeysuckle Drive and include two cul-de-sacs.

Omni House expansion OK'd

The board approved plans for an addition to the Omni House office building at 57 S. Wolf Road.

The social service agency offers individual and family counseling operates four offices in the Northwest suburbs and uses Wheeling as the chief administration office.

Omni House Executive Director Harry Wells said the agency plans to add a second story and a first-story addition to increase space for counselors who are now trying to carry on confidential interviews with two and three in an office.

7-20-84

Residents to fight builder

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

A group of Wheeling single-family homeowners are banding together to fight a developer's plan to build 1,250 apartment and condominium units on the Arlington Golf Club on Dundee Road.

The president of the group, Mel Thomas, 126 Berkshire Lane, said he has support primarily from the Highland Glen subdivision adjacent to the country club.

Calling themselves the Concerned Residents Against Any More Multifamily, the primary goal of CRAMM is to lower the density in the golf club plan being proposed by the Lexington Development, Corp.

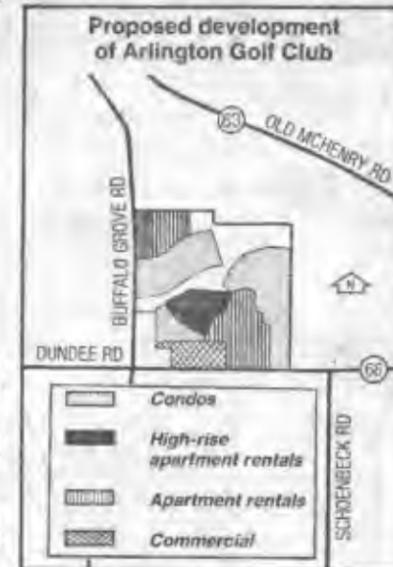
Thomas said his group will be a "watchdog" on all future village board action, pushing board members to try to even out multifamily and single-family housing. The village is about 65 to 70 percent multifamily.

"We should be getting more single-family homes in Wheeling, not these multis," Thomas said. "We need to get a better quality of life by cutting down on the density."

IN MAY, THE board reviewed preliminary plans and gave its unofficial nod to an \$80 million apartment, condominium and commercial complex for the 131-acre Arlington Golf Club. The approval came despite protests from about two dozen Highland Glen residents who said they would rather see the area filled with single-family homes.

In a letter to Highland Glen residents, Thomas asked them to band together, contributing \$100 from each household to pay for an attorney, Donald Kreger, who Thomas has retained to "negotiate" with Lexington executives.

Kreger is the city attorney for Prospect Heights and worked on the city's behalf during Lexington's de-



velopment of Rob Roy Country Club Estates, said another CRAMM member, Toni Sikorcin, 100 Holly Court.

The attorney knows "all the laws," Thomas said, and will be able to devote more time to lobbying for a lower density and other buffers to shield residents in single-family homes from the multifamily buildings.

Kreger and Lexington Development President Ron Benach could not be reached for comment, but Thomas said CRAMM was hoping to reduce the number of units in the Lexington proposal to 800 or 900.

"YOU CAN'T GET up and down Dundee Road now," he said. "The higher the density, the more it's going to impair traffic and everything."

Thomas said about 12 people had donated money already and about 30 or 40 people have attended two organizational meetings.

Village President Sheila Schultz called CRAMM's efforts futile.

"I appreciate their concern but it's exactly the same as ours," she said.

Schultz called "inaccurate" the group's view that board isn't concerned about adding single-family housing to the village.

"Just look around you," she said, pointing out the recently revived 197-home Ridgefield subdivision and the 150-home Longtree subdivision, now called Kingsport Village North.

7-14-84 HERALD

Car dealer may expand

The Wheeling Plan Commission gave its nod of approval to a building addition at Futrell Auto Sales, 577 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Edgar Futrell, owner-operator of the dealership for the past 20 years, asked for the addition that will nearly double the size of his company's office and storage space.

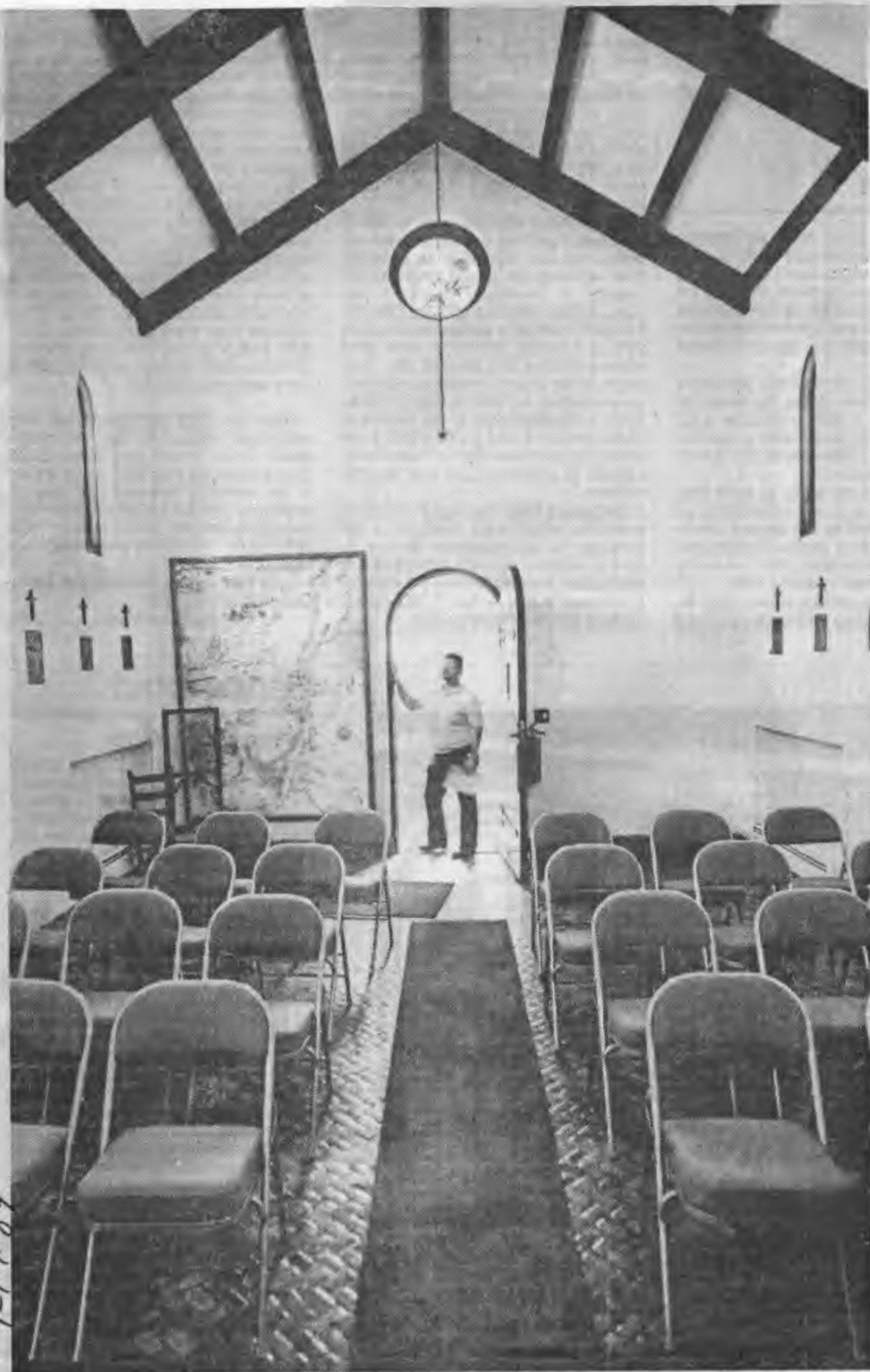
Construction cannot begin, Futrell employee Cathy Maniora said, until the plan commission reviews two other requests by Futrell including allowing an existing sign to stand. Commission Chairman Paul Eisterhold called a halt to Thursday night's meeting and rescheduled the rest of the discussion because it was already after midnight.

PLAN COMMISSION recommendations must go before the village board for final approval.

Futrell wants to add to the existing building so that a house trailer used for storage can be removed, and a storage area for repossessed cars can be moved back farther on the property. Other requested variations include landscaping and slats for the storage area fence.

The commission voted to recommend that Futrell not be required to connect to a sanitary sewer system because one is not available near the business.

The commission agreed that a storage area, which is to be fenced and kept locked, could have a gravel surface. However, the commissioners decided the area will have to be paved within four years.



Herald photo by Nancy Stone

STANDING IN the doorway of the small Childerley Altieri describes the work that has already been done to make the building a Wheeling attraction.

Village prodding 7-24-84 apartment owners

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Owners of five of the seven Wildwood Apartment buildings on Dundee Road in Wheeling have until next week to correct 35 violations of village building and health codes.

The warnings are part of a continuing effort to "clean up" the troubled complexes, Wheeling Health Inspector Dan Adams said. Violations included missing and broken windows, broken gutters, damaged walls, dirty floors and stairways and a leaking roof.

"We'll go back out there and re-inspect Monday and Tuesday (next week) and if they are not in compliance we'll ticket them," Adams said. "But if they do the minimum, there's no enforcement action we can take."

The seven-building complex was sold to five different investors in the 1970s and has been plagued with trouble since. Neighbors of the complex have complained about noise, beer-drinking residents congregating in the parking lot and litter scattered on the lawns and near trash bins.

LAST YEAR, two building owners were cited for violations about the same time authorities picked up 30 Mexicans living there who were charged with entering the country illegally.

"There's a serious problem over there because there are so many peo-

ple (living) there," Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger said. "We have a walk-through patrol each night and have encountered a few troubles but I think we are able to handle them because we're developing a deterrence factor there now."

"We aren't getting as many of the (complaint) calls both from outside the complex and from the residents," he said.

Adams said the warnings were mailed to Naidnur Mohanrao of Palatine for 8 violations, Joseph Iscara, whose property has 19 violations and is handled from a post office box addressed to Rilippo Investments in Wheeling, and the Exchange National Bank in Evanston holding a trust for the owner of a building with 8 violations.

MOHANRAO COULD not be reached for comment and phone numbers for the other building owners were unavailable.

Adams said no letters were issued to the owners of a building at 12-36 Wheeling Ave. and 160-164 Wildwood Lane because there were "no serious" violations.

"While there are some violations there," Adams said, "we've been working with the owners all along and didn't see the need to issue warning letters."

Haeger said if the violations are not taken care of, citations carrying a \$100 to \$500 fine will be levied.

Shortage forces restrictions on water use

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling has called for a ban on some water uses because its wells are running dry. Assistant Village Manager Robert W. Fialkowski said Monday.

The ban makes it illegal to wash cars, fill swimming pools, water lawns or do anything else that is a non-essential use of water.

"Our pumps are running 24 hours a day but we're not getting enough out of them," Fialkowski said. "We're getting a lot of air out but the wells are just running dry."

Suburban officials have been preparing for years for a water shortage because local wells are running dry.

The village has contracted with three surrounding towns to pump water from Lake Michigan to the Northwest suburban area.

FIALKOWSKI SAID the restrictions would probably be imposed until lake water begins to flow, probably sometime next month.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger said residents who violate the latest water ban will be warned of the infraction. Subsequent violations will result in fines of \$5 to \$500, he said.

In June, village workers said there were no plans on restricting water use, despite trouble with one well. Public Works Director Robert Gray said residents were aware of the

problem were making an effort not to use water during peak hours.

But two weeks later a second well shut down, forcing a restriction on water use that limited it during the day for alternating parts of town. The village also issued permits to businesses and developers who needed water to keep new trees and sod healthy.

Under the new restrictions, however, permits have been "called in" and

Fialkowski said there will be no exceptions.

"We've had numerous complaint calls," he said. "But there wasn't any cooperation at all during the last month and all our wells are running at their maximum now."

Putting a further strain on the water supply, he said, a well near the high school stopped pumping during the weekend, and crews are working to get it working again.

Taxes up in BG, down in Wheeling 7-19-84

By MIKE COMERFORD

Residents in the Wheeling-Buffalo Grove area will be receiving their new tax rate notices in the mail this week from the Cook County assessor's office.

In both Wheeling and Buffalo Grove the overall tax rate went up. However in Wheeling, the average homeowner will actually pay less in taxes while the same person in Buffalo Grove will pay more.

Buffalo Grove residents will see an 11.4 percent increase over last year's tax rate while Wheeling will only experience a 1 percent increase.

The average homeowner whose home is valued at \$90,000 in Wheeling, and eligible for the \$3,500 homestead exemption, will pay between \$2,000 and \$2,046, down approximately 1.7 percent from last year. It will mean an average savings of \$39 for the average homeowner.

In Buffalo Grove, the average owner of a home valued at \$90,000, and eligible for a homestead exemption of \$3,500, will pay \$2,229 in property taxes, which is up \$168 over last year's payment and is an 8 percent increase.

The homestead exemption is used as an anti-inflationary deduction for any homeowner living in the home he owns. By allowing homeowners to deduct \$3,500, from the equalized assessed valuation upon which their taxes are based (that's up \$500 since last year) the government is trying to offset the impact of inflation on your tax bill between reassessments of your property.

This year it can mean savings of over \$300 for some homeowners.

Tax bills are computed by the following formula: multiply the fair market value of your home by the Cook County multiplier (1.9122 this year) by the Cook County assessment rate of .16. Then subtract the \$3,500 homestead exemption. Multiply the resulting figure (your equalized assessed valuation, or EAV) by the tax rate you received in the mail this week.

The tax increase in Buffalo Grove is partially due to an increase in the village's tax levy from \$2.1 million in 1982 to \$3.1 million this year.

The largest chunk of that increase, according to Buffalo Grove Financial Director Bill Brimm, is due to an \$821,000 bill for piping Lake Michigan water into the community.

Another factor in Buffalo Grove's tax increase is that its equalized assessed value (EAV) went down this year from \$85 million in 1982 to \$81 million this year.

The EAV of a community is important because the revenue created from taxing property depends on the value of the property. If the taxable portion of the community is lessened then the tax rate will have to rise in order for the taxing body to raise the amount of money it needs (or wants) to operate its government. The other alternative is to lower the levy to maintain a more acceptable tax rate.

Brimm said the homestead exemption cost Buffalo Grove approximately \$1.4 million in terms of its EAV, or tax base. That meant that rates had to go up to compensate. He estimates that the senior citizen homestead exemption cost the local tax base another \$500,000.

Brimm also said that several industries were successful in court at getting the value of their property reassessed downward.

Wheeling Township Assessor Delores Stephan offered another explanation. She said that the Cook County portion of Buffalo Grove is less industrial and has been growing slower than the Lake County side and so the lower EAV does not really reflect the growing worth of the community.

"The picture isn't good," said Brimm, "But it wasn't unexpected."

Wheeling was able to avoid these problems but only temporarily.

Wheeling's EAV went down less than Buffalo Grove's because industries are not eligible for the homestead exemptions. However, Greg Peters, Wheeling finance director, said that the homestead exemptions did cut into the village's EAV by reducing it by \$595,594 from last year's \$286 million.

Wheeling also avoided the \$800,000 Lake Michigan water bill's impact on the levy by covering the cost with water revenues. Wheeling's 1983 tax levy is \$2.9 million but would have been \$3.7 million had the water revenues not been used.

Peters also said that because the village provides all fire protection for its residents they no longer pay for Cook County fire protection and this is a savings over last year also.

Your Cook County Tax Bill

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Cook County	.865	.820	+5.49
Forest Preserve	.116	.117	-.85
Township	.010	.001	+900.00
Metro. Sanitary District	.715	.664	+7.68
Village of Buffalo Grove	1.985	1.322	+50.15
Village of Wheeling	1.041	1.136	-8.36
Wheeling Park District	.466	.488	-4.51
Indian Trails Library Dist	.256	.247	+3.64
Long Grove R Fire Prot Dist	.253	.271	-6.64
Wheeling Township RFD	.421	.600	-29.83
High School Dist. 214	2.050	1.934	+6.00
Community College Dist 512	.187	.188	-.53
Community College Dist 535	.211	.213	-.94

Haeger recommends bike safety pointers

Public service

Nearly half of America's population owns or rides a bicycle. In fact, there are more than 140 million bicyclists two-wheeling today, making the need for bicycle safety education more important than it has ever been, according to Police Chief Michael Haeger of the Wheeling Police Department.

Chief Haeger is recommending that the following Rules of the Road, issued by the American Bike Month Committee and endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, be followed:

- Obey all applicable traffic regulations, signs, signals and markings
- Observe all local ordinances pertaining to bicycle operation
- Keep right, drive with traffic, not against it. Drive single file.
- Watch out for drain grates, soft shoulders and other road surface hazards.
- Watch out for car doors opening, or for cars pulling out into traffic.
- Don't carry passengers or packages that interfere with your vision or control
- Never hitch a ride on a truck or

- other vehicle
- Be extremely careful at all intersections, particularly when making a left turn
 - Use hand signals to indicate turning or stopping
 - Protect yourself at night with the required reflectors and lights. Wear white clothing at night.
 - Drive a safe bike. Have it inspected to ensure good mechanical condition
 - Drive your bike defensively; watch out for the other guy.

New Wheeling residents

Have you recently moved into the Village of Wheeling? New Wheeling residents frequently are unaware of certain village requirements. New residents have 90 days in which to purchase their vehicle license, showing proof of move-in date. Thereafter, there is a late fee of \$15. For more information on dog licenses, water rates, etc., call the village hall, 459-2600.

7-26-84

HERALD
NEIGHBOR

Powers to run for mayor, form slate

7-25-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herold staff writer

Wheeling Trustee Roger Powers said Tuesday he intends to run for village president and bring a slate of candidates with him to the April 1985 elections.

Terms for three trustees, the village clerk and the village president will be up in 1985. Powers is the first person to indicate that he is considering running for one of those seats.

Powers was elected to the board in 1977 and the only board member re-elected in 1981 when Village President Sheila Schultz unseated then-president William Hein.

Although he will try to field a full slate of candidates, Powers refused to release names of people he is considering for that slate. He did say, however, that "none, that I know of" will come from the current board.

"If I were to run with a group of individuals who share the same views on how the village could be run, I think I could better accomplish things," he said. "I can get very little through the board because right now I'm only one vote."

POWERS SAID that as village president he would try to establish better justification for spending and more accountability from Village Manager Thomas Markus.

"The budgets that are put out are documents that are very difficult to read," he said. "Right now you've got two people on the board with financial background — myself and Nick Fanella — and I can't balance that budget (to trace where the money is spent). But Sheila says we're going to vote on this and so we do."

Schultz could not be reached for comment.

Powers blasted the board for allowing the village surplus to be lowered to \$500,000 this year and "right

now the spending next year calls for a 60 percent levy increase to break even.

"Taxes are absolutely going to be the main debate in the election," he said. "I realize people aren't going to like it, but we have to say we're not going to be able to re-do sidewalks this year, or repave the streets," he said. "The city has to come up with the attitude of either or. You can't have both."

BUT TRUSTEE William Rogers, whose term also expires in the spring, said Powers is dodging responsibility for his own favorable votes when he says the board has voted for too many spending packages.

"If he's going to run against the board, he's got to take credit for the good and the bad decisions this board has made," Rogers said. "Look at the voting record. If he has any objections to what we've done, he should have voted against them and let everyone know it."

Powers, however, said that he voted for budgets including the increased spending because "I do not believe in destroying a whole thing because you don't like part of it."

Powers also said he would also like to see changes in the village manager's position.

"I would like to change the accountability of everything going through the village manager," he said. "There used to be informational updates up until about four years ago. When I first came in, the budget was made as we went along; now we're handed a final document."

MARKUS WOULD not comment on Powers' remarks but Rogers said that "the village manager only does what the board allows and if (Powers) has any objections to that, he should say so."



WHEELING TRUSTEE Roger Powers said he is discouraged with the spending habits of the village board and is now working to field a slate of candidate for the spring election. Powers said he has no plans right now to slate any current board members and said he would run for village president on his own ticket.

Town to OK airport buy

7-26-84

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

PROSPECT HEIGHTS officials have indicated they will follow a committee's recommendation to proceed with the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, as Wheeling continues to debate the question.

With the majority of Wheeling board members and key village staff personnel in attendance, the Prospect Heights City Council Monday, July 23, was presented with a favorable report from a citizens committee's 13-month investigation into the financial feasibility of the proposed acquisition.

The committee's report, which also looked into the environmental impact of the airport, concluded that city funds will not be needed to bring ownership and more local control to the municipality.

Prospect Heights is scheduled to officially decide whether to apply for federal funding on Thursday, July 26. Wheeling is expected to vote Monday, July 30, on whether to apply for airport funds. Although the grant application is not a commitment to buy the airport, officials agree that the grant application amounts to a "moral obligation" to follow through with the acquisition of the airport.

DISCUSSION AT Monday's public hearing in Prospect Heights centered on several major concerns still voiced by Wheeling officials — primarily in the areas of control and financial liability.

Attorney Gerald Sheridan, who aided the committee in its research and who also serves as general counsel for DuPage County Airport, said the "local sponsor will run the airport." He added, however, that the communities who choose to participate must take into account the "golden rule," which states that the "one who has the gold, makes the rules."

Because the federal government

is putting up 90 percent of the \$36 million purchase price of the airport and the state is providing 5 percent, Sheridan said their authority in making decisions "can not be denied."

On the issue of financial responsibility, a last-minute addition has been included in the participation agreement between the state and the local sponsors which relieves the municipalities of any immediate need to come up with money for the airport's acquisition. The state agreed to cover the costs until operating revenues and income from the selling of bonds begin to accumulate.

The state also reiterated that no local tax money will be required to pay off the municipalities' share of the purchase. These local expenses are estimated to be about \$340,000 during the first year of the four-year acquisition plan.

BUT WHEELING Attorney James Rhodes said the agreement still does not protect the communities from having to reach into their own coffers for operational expenses and unforeseen emergencies, such as defending against lawsuits.

Rhodes also claims that the participation agreement allows for the state to order new construction and establish performance levels for operations, leaving the local sponsors to pick up the tab.

Attorney Sheridan admitted that the document "is not perfect," but that it is the best that could be worked out. "There are parts of this agreement that are troublesome because the state of Illinois wants to tie you hand and foot," said Sheridan.

Commenting on a clause that assigns the responsibility for paying potential cost overruns to the municipalities, Sheridan said,

This is part of the form used with all sponsors. I don't particularly like it but, as a practical matter, it is not likely to happen."



Diggin' in for the future

THE HIDDEN VALLEY Ranch Food Products Co. is planning a \$3.2 million expansion project at its facility on S. Willis Avenue, Wheeling. The company, a division of the Clorox Co., can then

produce two more brands of food now being processed at company plants in Pennsylvania. Those plants will close. HVR has operated in Wheeling since 1982. At the shovels are (from

left) Wheeling Village Manager Tom Markus, company representatives Roy Clark, Dennis Ladsck, Dan Walsh and Vern Jackson, plant manager. (Photo by Eva Paredes)

Village grants 4% pay hike

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — The Village Board has approved a 4 percent salary increase for 56 village employees, retroactive to May 1.

It will cost the village about \$41,000 for pay boosts awarded to professional and supervisory staff members. Salary hikes to clerical and communication employees will add about \$12,000 to village expenses for the current fiscal year.

In addition, the board approved an average 4 percent pay raise for five village department heads and the village attorney, totalling about \$19,000.

The pay boost for department heads raised the salary of: Police Chief Michael Haeger to \$44,720; Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen to \$43,680; Public Works Director Robert Gray to \$43,680; Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski to \$41,496; and Finance Director Gregory Peters to \$41,080. Village

attorney James Rhodes' salary will increase to \$40,560.

THE SALARY increases do not cover police, fire or public works employees. Police and public works employees are in the second year of a two-year contract that granted a 3.5 percent raise in May. Negotiations for firefighters are continuing.

The board approved the 4 percent pay hike for 26 clerical and communication employees despite a recommendation of Village

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Manager Thomas Markus, who asked for a two-step 7 percent increase. Markus said the additional increase was needed because "our employees' salary ranges are falling below comparable positions in other communities."

But trustees argued against the 7 percent raise, saying the village can not afford it under current economic conditions.

"If I had my choice, I wouldn't vote for any pay raises," said Trustee Charles Kerr.



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NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN play a friendly game of baseball, defying a Cedar Run Condominium complex rule that allows no ball playing. Parents in the neighborhood say they'll be at the next condominium

association meeting to protest a letter sent recently to 65 families that threatens lawsuits and fines if the children don't "cease and desist" ball playing, fishing and other illegal activities.

Herald photo by Sig Bokalders

The week ahead

7-30-84

Board to vote today on Pal-Waukee buy

The Wheeling Village board meets today to decide whether to take part in a joint purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Prospect Heights voted last week to buy the airport and although Wheeling has not taken a formal vote, some trustees have said in the past that if Prospect Heights purchases the airport, the village should follow suit. Joint ownership of the airport would provide the village with a voice in changes to the property, which lies in the village limits.

'No ball playing' rule irks parents, kids at Cedar Run

7-26-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Youngsters in Wheeling who dream of growing up to play professional baseball had better not practice that American pastime in the Cedar Run condominium complex.

It's against the rules.

Homeowner association regulations prohibiting ball playing and restricting other recreational activities are raising the ire of at least a dozen parents. They say the association was wrong to create the rule and send a "threatening" letter warning parents of fines, court action and loss of their homes.

"They are afraid of juvenile delinquency but they don't want our kids to do anything for the three months of summer they are out of school," said Kay Alexander, one of the 65 people who received letters warning that they or their children had been seen violating at least one of five specific association rules.

RULES VIOLATED include fishing in the retention pond, parking or riding bikes on the grass and playing ball on the premises.

"I might as well keep my kids locked in my house," said Carol Hansen.

"If Realtors told potential buyers that they couldn't play ball here, no one would buy a place here," said Bill Pohl, a resident who said he's afraid to let his wife play catch with their 5-year-old. "According to the rules, you can't even play with a beach ball."

But Eva Horwert, president of the homeowners association, said parents just do not understand. "We have 408 families here and I know it's not an ideal situation, but you have to think about the others too," she said. "The kids are growing older and bigger but our complex is just growing older."

In return for the condominium board's action, Horwert said her house has been hit with eggs, garbage and other things thrown on her porch and she's already filed one harass-

ment complaint with the village police.

"THIS IS THE sort of thing I've been putting up with and I didn't even initiate this letter," Horwert said. "But we'll fine them (\$25), we can't back down now."

Although parents are most upset about a rule revised in 1982 that says, "Ball playing on the premises of Cedar Run Condominium is strictly prohibited," Horwert said parents can still play catch with a child or games like volleyball.

"We went out and bought a volleyball net and told everyone that it was available if they wanted to use it," she said. "We don't object to that."

"But I don't think a kid should play catch with a tennis ball or when they swing with a baseball bat, that's wrong," she said. "They say they'll pay for the damage but when a window gets broken, what happens. Everybody vanishes."

Horwert said, too, that parents are afraid to send their younger children to a tot lot where older children play baseball illegally and are loud and destructive. "We can't ignore the pleas of the parents of the younger kids," she said.

OTHER RESIDENTS in the complex also object to the no ball playing rule and are gathering signatures on a petition to take before the next association meeting Wednesday.

Alexander, Pohl and others say they'll be at the meeting too, complaining that the board doesn't care if older children have a play area of their own.

But Horwert said there has been an effort made to find a place for older children to play who could cross McHenry Road to Childerly Park. In 1981, she and former development president Donald Kirchenberg urged the Wheeling Park Board to purchase park land in the northern part of the suburb.

"It's a pity parents are getting so worked up now," she said. "Our word would have carried far more weight if we had had 15 or 20 parents with us when we went to the park board."

Wheeling OKs buy of Pal-Waukee

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by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board voted 4-3 Monday to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport.

Village President Sheila Schultz cast the deciding vote which will allow Wheeling and Prospect Heights to join together with the state on the purchase.

Trustees Charles Kerr, Nicholas Fanella and Joseph Ratajczak voted against the purchase. Joining Schultz were Roger Powers, William Rogers and Anthony Altieri. Trustees in favor of the purchase have said that joint ownership will allow the village to have as much voice as possible in airport operations.

"If we did not participate, too much control over our village would be held by others," Powers said. "I don't mean Prospect Heights would abuse it, but I didn't want the situation set up where what happened to Wheeling was to be determined by Prospect Heights or the state of Illinois."

NOW THE TWO towns have until Sept. 30 to come to some decision on how they will run the airport. The village board and Prospect Heights City Council have met twice but are currently stalemated on what kind of governing body will control the day-to-day operations of the airport.

No date has been set for a joint meeting between the towns. But, Robert Donahue, Illinois Department of Transportation chief of aeronautics, said, "The state has as much

money in this as the municipalities have" and would help the two municipalities to reach some sort of agreement.

Although the local communities will run the airport, the state of Illinois also will be a partner in the purchase. Initial estimates put a price tag and improvements at \$36 million during the first four years.

Pal-Waukee Airport owner George Priester put his airport up for sale more than 10 years ago. In the past five years, both Wheeling and Prospect Heights have considered buying the airport to assure that it remains open.

This year, the state announced that it would purchase the airport with or without local support in order to keep it open.

WHEELING'S hesitation, however, has been that as a local sponsor it would be left holding the bag if federal and state support — covering 95 percent of the cost — were dropped.

Trustees, too, are concerned that the agreement they signed Monday still gives the state control over expenses but forces the local municipalities to pay for any cost overruns.

In an advisory referendum last November, village residents voted against buying the airport.

Kerr said there "were more disadvantages" to buying the airport. "The referendum vote, the possible danger that some time in the future the board might have to tax the citizens to run the airport and how, if ever, the two towns can get together and come to some sort of agreement."

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Cedar Run homeowners bat around baseball, bike ban

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

Summer is for bike riding and playing baseball, except in the Cedar Run subdivision. A homeowner's association policy in the Wheeling townhouse development bans children from playing baseball and other recreational activities in the streets and yards of the subdivision.

That ban was reviewed again Wednesday evening at a homeowners association meeting.

At the meeting, which was held after the Reminder News went to press, a petition against the rule was scheduled to be submitted and the discussion of the ban was expected to "get nasty," according to Cedar Run Homeowner's Association President Eva Hochwert.

The issue centers around a letter sent to Cedar Run residents by its homeowners association stating that children are prohibited from playing baseball, fishing in the retention pond, parking or riding bikes on the grass while in the subdivision. Violators could face fines or court action.

The recipients of the letter were informed that they or their children have been seen violating at least one of the association's rules. The ban on baseball playing is in the subdivision charter and had been passed in 1982, according to Hochwert, but the rule is now being enforced more strictly.

Horwert said that the Homeowner's Association's management office and attorney's offices have gotten several calls on the matter from both sides of the issue.

Horchwert admits that the Homeowner's Association has been cast as the bad guy but she says that they are merely facing up to the problems of a crowded subdivision.

"We have 408 units here and over 300 children," said Hochwert. "We simply don't have room for playing baseball in the streets."

Hochwert said that many people have complained that the baseball playing has caused damage to their homes and sometimes is dangerous to people near by.

The nearest park for baseball playing is nearly a half mile away at the Childerly Park on Old McHenry Road but its trees and rolling hills make baseball difficult. Also parents complain that they do not want their children to cross a busy street like Old McHenry.

Hochwert said that the ideal solution would be for the Wheeling Park District to lease area near to Cedar Run for baseball playing or relandscape Childerly Park in order to accommodate baseball and a safe cross walk.

Hochwert said that because of her stand on the issue her home has been victim to neighborhood vandals.

Extra funds OK'd

8-9-84

By HOLLIS FRIEDMAN
Correspondent

WHEELING—Village trustees unanimously approved \$11,176 in additional funds for water main construction in the northeast part of the village. The construction project is costing the village about \$706,000.

The costs, which weren't included in the original contract, are due to "unknown, adverse conditions" while drilling Dundee Road at Milwaukee Avenue and Wolf Road, said Robert Fialkowski, community development director.

The unforeseen work required

Guerra Construction Co., to do extra field work which was not included in its original bid.

Fialkowski said the contractor dug an additional five feet at the intersection after an 18-inch sewer was found to be operable. The sewer was not shown on the Illinois Department of Transportation's drawing of the intersection. The additional drilling, excavating and materials cost \$7,797.

While drilling at Dundee and Wolf Roads, large sections of broken concrete were found. This development required much slow hand work to remove and added \$7,535 to the cost, Fialkowski said.

The contract also was adjusted to reflect \$4,156 in credits. The contractor decided not to put in a pressure tap at Dundee and Wolf because calculations showed it wasn't needed. The contractor also reused some of the fill removed along Milwaukee Avenue.

In addition, trustees agreed with a staff recommendation not to assume ownership or maintenance responsibility for the Ridgefield storm water retention ponds.

The two retention ponds are in the Lemke Farm Subdivision. Developers offered the village \$25,000 to assume responsibility for them.

Payment sought for city use of village cop station

8-1-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herold staff writer

Wheeling officials are asking Prospect Heights officials to stop using or start paying for equipment and manpower at the Wheeling Police Department.

Prospect Heights contracts with the Cook County Sheriff's Department for patrol officers who often use Wheeling facilities for law enforcement duties, such as locking up and fingerprinting prisoners.

Village officials have questioned whether they should limit deputies' freedom to use Wheeling facilities in the name of Prospect Heights, a city that has never had its own police department since its incorporation in 1976.

THE SHERIFF'S department's infrequent use of the village facilities while covering unincorporated areas also has increased over the past eight years, Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said.

"This relationship has gone beyond the occasional request for assistance to provision of full police station facilities and support services, which I

am sure was not the intent when initiated by our predecessors," Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger stated in a letter to city officials.

Wheeling provides a separate room where county officers can finish paperwork on arrests. Wheeling records show that more than 900 bond papers have been filed for Prospect Heights since the beginning of 1982. Over the same time period, more than 100 people spent time in the Wheeling jail.

"Certainly, if another agency is using our facility consistently, we would want to make some arrangements so that it would contract to use our facilities," Markus said.

BUT JUST HOW much should be charged for that use has not been determined, he added. Prospect Heights pays \$511,700 — about one-third of its budget — for 15 county officers to cover the city. Wheeling, a community twice the size of Prospect Heights, budgets nearly \$2 million for its police department.

"When we put together the budget and were trying to find out where we could cut, we thought this was an

area to either generate revenue or cut costs," Markus said. "Once we get a handle on the time and the cost to the village, we'll have a better idea what kind of arrangement can be reached (with Prospect Heights.)"

Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said he plans to meet with Haeger on the issue this week.

"We do run some of our cases through there," Sturgell said. "I didn't realize we used it so much until we got the letter from the chief."

PROSPECT HEIGHTS has plans on the drawing board for a combined police department, public works and city hall building near Pal-Waukee Airport.

Lt. Errol Levy, head of the Prospect Heights detail of county officers, said the new office will alleviate many of the problems.

"We take less than half our cases" to Wheeling with others going to Mount Prospect and the county office in Maywood, Levy said.

Mount Prospect Police Chief Ronald Pavlock said his office handles Prospect Heights cases "four or five times a month."

Airport buy decided, can towns agree on changes?

8-1-84

by Ellen M. Schmid

Herold staff writer

After years of studies, discussions and back-biting, Prospect Heights and Wheeling have agreed to buy Pal-Waukee Airport, which leaves at least one unanswered question: What changes will be seen when the nation's busiest private airport becomes a public one?

The answer is open to debate. But if the proponents of the public takeover are correct, the changes will be imperceptible. The airport won't look any different, it won't be any noisier, and, its supporters say, it may turn a profit and could somewhat ease the local tax burden.

SOME BUILDINGS will be torn down, some trees removed and the entire airport will be fenced within the first four years of ownership. There may be a major road project — the Hintz-Wolf road intersection is scheduled to be rerouted away from the airport's longest runway — but the need for and the timing of that project is at issue.

Airport owner says towns have 'made the right move'

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"There's not going to be any kind of significant change as a result of the purchase," Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan said. "Subtle things will happen; those who pay close attention will notice."

Adds Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus: "I think the look will probably appear more upgraded. I think we may have more impact on the environment by being involved; more so than the state would have."

Officials contend the municipalities will be far more sensitive to the problem of airport noise — implementing plans like routing air traffic where it will bother the fewest residents.

BUT A FAR trickier subject is that of financing. The two towns will borrow \$1.7 million over the next four years for their share of the \$36 mil-

lion cost. That loan is to be repaid with fees imposed on airport users.

The towns also are assuming responsibility for any overruns if the cost of buying and making improvements exceeds the estimates. And if state and federal funding, which provide 95 percent of the cost, dries up, the towns will be left holding the bag.

Three Wheeling trustees felt that was a risk they preferred not to take.

One of them, William Rogers, adds that even if there is money to be made at the airport, the towns' are legally obligated to funnel that money back into the airport.

"I THINK THIS is standard procedure for all airports," he said. "All income derived, including rents on property has to be used for the airport itself. It can't go into general operating funds."

But Prospect Heights officials are banking on a broader interpretation of those rules.

"If we can show that a project is airport related, we could use some of the profits for projects that benefit (Continued on Page 3)

Airport questions remain

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the city," City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said.

For example, Sturgell said, airport profits may be used to buy equipment such as snowplows or computers that the city can use when the airport is not. A road project could be partially funded with airport profits if it benefits the airport as well as city residents, he said.

IN FACT, officials hope some of the profits may be used to pay for a new city hall, as long as it doubles as airport administration offices.

A provision of public ownership is that the airport comply with federal safety standards. And those standards deem that planes landing on the

airport's longest runway pass too close to traffic on Hintz and Wolf Road. Either the runway must be shortened or the road moved. Officials say the former is impossible because that 5,000-foot-long runway accommodates jet traffic, which provides a considerable source of Pal-Waukee's revenue.

Again, the towns, which have battled about the airport for years, disagree on the interpretation of the rules.

Prospect Heights says the intersection should be moved as soon as possible. Wheeling officials would prefer to wait and hope the Federal Aviation Administration might decide such a disruption of traffic isn't necessary.

Transformation to take four years

Changes soon at Pal-Waukee

8-2-84

by Ellen M. Schmid
Herald staff writer

The transformation of Pal-Waukee Airport from a private to a public business will take time, but Prospect Heights and Wheeling have mapped out a plan that would make most of the needed changes within four years. "People have a mistaken idea about our partnership with the state," said Jerry Svec, who chairs the citizen's committee that studied the purchase for Prospect Heights. "People think that the state is going to dictate what we do, but that's not right. We tell them what we want done and when."

IT'S NOT QUITE that simple. The changes at Pal-Waukee will for the most part be dictated by the Federal Aviation Authority, which did not

govern the privately-owned airport.

The new owners now must bring the airport into compliance with the rules and regulations handed down by the FAA, or there is no 90 percent funding for the purchase. And that is simple.

But at least with Prospect Heights and Wheeling officials involved in the transformation, residents of the two towns may feel secure that the changes will be made with them in mind.

Near the top of the list of things to do during the first year of ownership, city and village officials plan to study the noise caused by planes and jets, both in the air and on the runway. Noise caused by trucks and other activity around the airport will be included in the study.

By doing the study right away, offi-

cials hope methods to reduce the noise problem can be included in projects during subsequent years.

THE ONLY disputed point of the four-year plan is when to begin study on how to move the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads.

That intersection is too close to the end of the longest runway, according to FAA safety standards. Until the road is moved, the 5,200-foot runway will be shortened by more than 300 feet making it more difficult to land larger planes at Pal-Waukee.

Prospect Heights wants the study started soon to speed up the move, but with the least amount of hardship caused to area residents.

"From our point of view, we're not ultimately concerned about the pilot's difficulty," Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan said. "We see it

as a loss of income to the airport and a loss of potential business."

Wheeling officials view the move from a different perspective. The roads are in the village so that's where the most impact will be.

"THE VILLAGE would just as soon see that move delayed," Village Manager Thomas Markus said.

All told, the new owners of the airport will spend about \$36 million during the next four years on studies, land purchases and improvements. About 66½ acres of land and the air space above several more acres will be purchased.

First-year purchases, along with part of the airport proper, include several acres of land near the north end of the longest runway and on the east side that runway. In addition, the (Continued on Page 3)

Noise, road woes at core of changes

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air space above the forest preserve on the east end of another runway is to be purchased.

The air space purchases actually are easements guaranteeing that whoever owns the land will never build anything taller than the lower limits of a flight path, providing what is technically known as a clear zone.

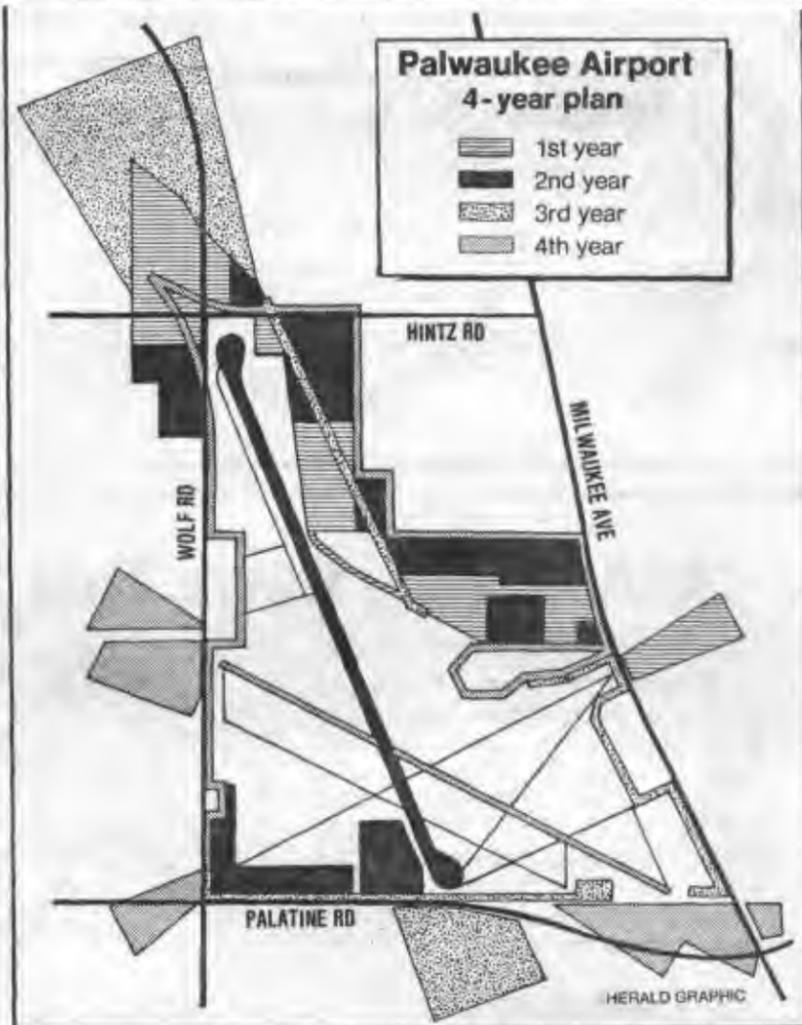
The clear zone for the 5,200-foot runway is much wider and longer than the other runways because that is the only one used when the pilot cannot see the runway and is using only the information provided by his instruments to land.

THE JUNKYARD near Hintz Road east of Wolf Road will be cleaned up, and trees and buildings will be removed from areas deemed obstructive by the FAA.

During the second year, more land around the north end of the 5,200-foot runway will be purchased, as well as land on the southwest corner of the airport. Land purchases on the east side of the airport also are scheduled for the second year. And the long runway will be resurfaced.

More obstructions will be removed, including the T-hangar area at the south end of the long runway. The tie-down area, where planes are parked outside, is to be expanded on the east side of the airport.

Third-year plans call for the demolition and rebuilding of the administration and sales office buildings, which the FAA says now are too close to runways.



Herald photo

KEEPING THE NATION'S busiest privately owned airport running smoothly can be a big job. When Pal-Waukee Airport becomes a public operation as the purchase by Prospect Heights and Wheeling is finalized, the Federal Aviation Authority will take over this control tower.

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Airport sale takes flight

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By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—Reflecting the sharp division in the community, the Village Board, in a split vote, has elected to participate in the public buyout of Pal-Waukee Airport.

By a 4-3 vote, the board decided Monday, July 30, to file an application for federal funding and to sign a purchase agreement with the state and Prospect Heights, which agreed to join the buyout plan last week.

Under terms of the agreement, the federal government will cover 90 percent of the estimated \$36 million price tag, with the state picking up 5 percent and the local sponsors sharing the remaining 5

percent. In the first year of the four-year acquisition plan, the federal government will commit \$6.1 million to the project, the state will provide \$680,000 and the municipalities will each pay \$340,000.

The local sponsors' share of the acquisition will be paid through the sale of bonds and with airport operation revenues. No local tax money will be used in the purchase.

QUESTIONS OVER control and financial liability continued to be expressed by trustees, however, until the July 30 deadline to apply for federal funds. Although Wheeling officials have labeled the purchase agreement as "one-sided"—claiming the document emphasizes strong state and federal controls while assigning finan-

cial liability to the communities—the prevailing attitude among board members who favored participation was that having some say in the operation is better than having none.

"The airport sits on Wheeling property and will have a severe impact on the community and therefore we must have some control," said Trustee William Rogers. "That control may be limited, but it is some control. I just felt that we could resolve some of our concerns better if we were a participant."

President Sheila Schultz, who cast the pivotal vote, echoed this sentiment. "The deciding factor in my mind was to protect the interests of our citizens. No one is more concerned about our community

than our officials," she said.

REFERRING TO November's advisory referendum, in which Wheeling residents narrowly voted down the Pal-Waukee purchase, Schultz said, "I viewed the referendum as a vote for concern over the noise and safety of the airport and I think we have answered that concern in the best way possible."

Trustee Charles Kerr, who voted against the purchase plan, said the participation agreement was weighed too heavily in the state's favor. "If you add up the score, all the advantages and disadvantages, it's a losing proposition," said Kerr. "We wanted a measure of control over the airport, but I very seriously question what we will have control over."

Reluctant bride in airport marriage

Wheeling board votes 4-3 to join Pal-Waukee purchase

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Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz cast the tie-breaking vote, opening the door for Wheeling to join the State of Illinois and Prospect Heights to buy Pal-Waukee Airport. The decision came just one day before the state's deadline for action.

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

It appears the Village of Wheeling will soon be the reluctant owner of Pal-Waukee Airport, the second busiest airport in Illinois.

At Monday night's board meeting the Wheeling village board voted 4-3 to apply for federal grants and to enter into an "Agency and Participation" agreement with the state of Illinois in order to jointly, along with Prospect Heights and the state, buy Pal-Waukee Airport. The decision came just one day before the state's deadline for action.

The City of Prospect Heights agreed to the same terms last week. If the Wheeling village board had voted against the measures, state officials say that Wheeling would have been the odd-man-out and that the state and Prospect Heights would have been the sole owners.

The deal is not final until the federal grant money is actually approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and received by Wheeling. However, Village Board President Sheila Schultz, who cast the tie-breaking votes, said that the process of acquisition has started and a reversal of this policy is not probable before Sept. 30, the deadline for signing the final grant agreement.

"It is unlikely that the board will change its mind before Sept. 30. I believe that we made the decision that best protects the interests of our community," she said.

The Village of Wheeling approved a \$6.8 million grant application, filed by the state on behalf of itself, Prospect Heights and Wheeling, for the takeover and improvement costs of Pal-Waukee airport during the first year. The application will be reviewed by the FAA and returned, probably with some minor changes, to Wheeling for approval by the deadline date of Sept. 30.

In addition, the village agreed to terms in the Agency and Participation Agreement which outlines the various responsibilities of both the state and the local sponsors.

The next step for the Wheeling village board is to hammer out an inter-governmental agreement between itself and the City of Prospect Heights on how exactly the airport will be run day to day. This may not be easy because the two municipalities have several major differences of opinion on how the airport should be run and specifically on what the make-up of the governing board will be.

Schultz made it clear that the board's decision was not an enthusiastic approval

and echoed other board members in criticizing Prospect Heights for its lack of cooperation during the negotiation period with the state.

"We can't get together with people of authority at Prospect Heights or the state," she said. "This puts us at a real disadvantage in negotiating an agreement. It isn't always clear what Prospect Heights and the state are up to. When we have a question we hear back (from Prospect Heights), 'Our committee is handling that issue and we can't discuss it with you.'"

Wheeling Village Trustee Joseph Ratajczak voted against purchase of Pal-Waukee and said that one of the main reasons was the intransigence of the City of Prospect Heights throughout the negotiations.

"There are too many unanswered questions," said Ratajczak. "Prospect Heights is going off on its own. Its lawyer won't even answer questions from our lawyer."

"If I am mad, it is because every time we have a question they give us the run around. We can't even decide who is going to run this airport," he said.

The view on the Wheeling village board that Prospect Heights is uncooperative was instrumental in both arguments pro and anti-acquisition. Those against the purchase said that running Pal-Waukee would be very difficult if poor communications and conflicting interests were the nature of the relationship

between the two villages.

On the other side, people such as Sheila Schultz said that this relationship was all the more reason to insure that Wheeling interests don't get overlooked.

"We (in Wheeling) have major concerns about safety and noise. This was the best way of making sure we are part of these decisions."

Both sides of the question at the Wheeling village board meeting agreed that an over-eager Prospect Heights made it difficult to negotiate an Agency and Participation Agreement more tailored to the interests of this community.

"They (the state) already had Prospect Heights willing to accept their terms so what was the incentive to negotiate," said Ratajczak.

Trustees Roger Powers, Anthony Altieri, and William Rogers voted for the purchase while trustees Joseph Ratajczak, Charles Kerr, and Nicholas Fanella voted against it. Schultz broke the tie.

The Agency and Participation Agreement calls for the FAA to pay 90 percent, or approximately \$32.4 million, of public takeover and improvements costs in order to bring the airport up to federal safety standards. The state of Illinois would then pay 5 percent of those costs over a four-year period, or \$340,000 in 1984 alone. The municipalities of Wheeling and Prospect Heights would split the other 5 percent.

The state retains the right to alter any construction plans for the airport that the local municipalities undertake. The plans include the moving of the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads in order to clear the way for a longer landing strip required by the FAA of public owners of airports.

However, the state will not pay for the additional construction costs, other than those anticipated, and will not be held accountable for construction accidents or overruns.

The question of the airport's financial viability has been studied since Priester Aviation Inc. decided to sell the land over 10 years ago. The present agreement states that any revenues earned by the airport will be put back into the airport and initial costs or overruns will be met by selling revenue bonds.

This raised a concern on the Wheeling village board that if the airport is a financial disaster the state might require the local municipalities to pay airport debts by dipping into the general operating fund.

The director of the Illinois Department of Transportation's division of aeronautics, Robert Donahue, said after the meeting, "No general operating funds from the municipalities will be required by the state to fund the airport. Pal-Waukee will be funded exclusively by revenue bonds and the revenues generated by the airport."

Schultz emphasized that the agreement does not financially jeopardize Wheeling.

"We satisfied, to the best of our ability, that the financial concerns of the community would be protected," she said.

However Ratajczak did not agree. "We can't guarantee that our money will be reimbursed. We don't want to spend taxpayer money on this when we aren't even sure if the grants will come thru in future years. It just isn't worth the

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The water's fine

While residents in the Buffalo Grove-Wheeling area are under a restriction to the amount of water they may use, these kids had no restrictions on the water they used at Willow Stream Pool in Buffalo Grove. (Staff photo by Bill Oakes)

Pal-Waukee vote—

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hassles," he said.

George Priester, whose family still owns and operates Pal-Waukee, said, "I think the board made a smart move and I have no doubt that the airport will continue to be profitable. That is of course if the two communities can systematically and not selfishly work for the good of both areas."

A referendum taken this spring, recommending the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, was narrowly defeated in Wheeling and was convincingly approved in Prospect Heights.

However, Wheeling village officials are quick to point out that the nature of the problem has changed since the referendum. The prospect of the state and

Prospect Heights assuming full control of Pal-Waukee had not been faced.

Because Pal-Waukee was privately owned, it did not have to adhere to FAA standards for approach surface and clear zones at each end of the runway. This has now changed because a new federal law allows privately owned airports to receive FAA grants. With FAA grants come FAA regulations.

Priester Aviation Inc. reportedly feared that the renovation costs may be too much for it to handle. The firm will now hand over the responsibility of airport expansions to the municipalities and keep the more profitable buildings such as the Hangar Restaurant and fuel pumping facilities.

Wheeling targets Wildwood for code violations

8-2-84

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

The Village of Wheeling will begin proceedings to bring the owners of the Wildwood Apartment Complex to court on numerous building code violations which have not been corrected.

Village Sanitarian Dan Adams completed a re-inspection of the Wildwood Apartment Complex, located at Dundee Road and Wheeling Avenue, on Tuesday afternoon and found several important building code violations had not been corrected since his inspection last week.

"Because they (the owners) didn't comply with the notice that they were in violation of the codes, I'm writing a memorandum to the police department to request that a ticket be issued against the owners and we'll bring them to court on it," Adams said.

The ticket carries a maximum fine of \$500, but Adams said that after one ticket, violations are usually rectified.

The Wildwood Apartments have a history of complaints about overcrowding, scattered garbage, code violations and disorderly conduct among the tenants. It was recently the scene of a Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service raid that netted approximately 30 people.

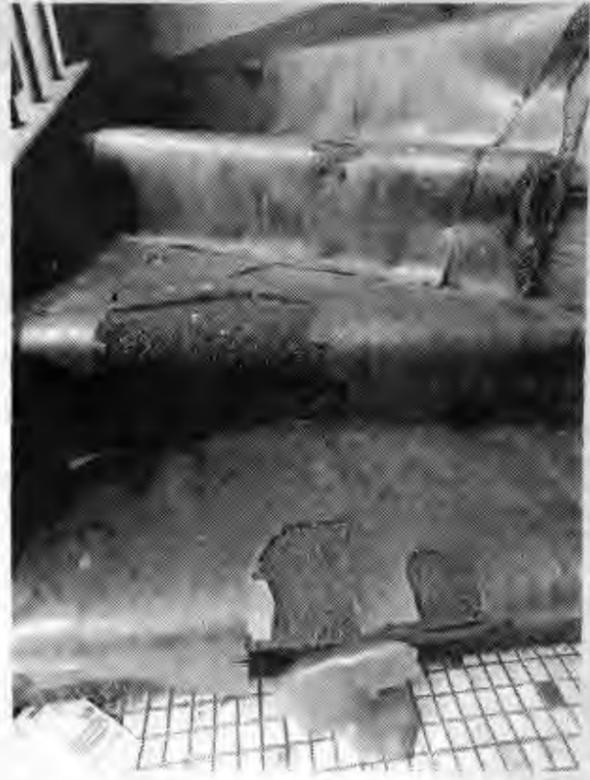
Adams said that his building code inspection was part of a periodic, routine procedure and that the Wildwood Apartments were not being singled out. However, he did say that Wildwood Apartments have more building code violations than any other complex in the village.

The major violations include chipped plaster on the walls and ceilings, broken windows in the rooms and at the entrances, soiled and dirty stairs and walls, ripped plastic carpet covering the stairway, broken tile on the floors, missing entrance lights, broken or missing guard rails for stairs, an uncovered electric socket, and leaking gutters and downspouts. The absence of roof drainage splash blocks create basement flooding hazards. Finally, several large potholes in the parking lot have not been filled.

Some discrepancies noted last week were corrected, including a few broken windows fixed, stairs swept and a ceiling leak in the process of being patched.

Adams said that the violations were not as grievous as the lack of plumbing or heat but they were bad enough and frequent enough to warrant court action.

Five of the seven apartment buildings in the complex were in violation of the building codes. Adams said that the



Conditions at Wildwood

Among the violations cited at Wildwood Apartments by Wheeling building inspectors were peeling and torn hallway carpets, broken entry doors and tiles, and large potholes in the parking lot. (Staff photos by Bill Oakes)

owners will be notified soon that a ticket has been issued.

The owners listed in the citations Naidnur Mohanrao at 20175 N. Rand Road, Palatine, who owns two buildings with violations; Joseph Iscara at Rilippo Investments, P.O. Box 301, Wheeling, who also owns two buildings with violations;

and an Exchange National Bank trust in care of Ralph Rosales at 3924 W. Church St. in Evanston.

The Wheeling Plan Commissioner Christine Dolgopol recently has urged that the Wildwood Apartments be included in the village's redevelopment plans for the Milwaukee Avenue corridor.

The plan would use federal money to pay for some improvements and encourage more development of vacant or rundown lots.

However, Bob Fialkowski, assistant village manager, said that the Wildwood Apartments are not now being considered in the plan but may be in the future.

Apartment owners face violation fines

8-4-84

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Several building owners in Wheeling's Wildwood Apartment complex could be fined thousands of dollars after police cited the owners Friday for failing to correct 35 village health and building code violations.

Last month, Wheeling Health Inspector Dan Adams sent warnings to absentee owners of the buildings on Dundee Road at Wheeling Avenue. The letters gave owners until the end of the month to repair or replace broken screens and windows, clean up hallways and stairways and fix broken gutters, electrical work and plaster.

But Adams said when he inspected the buildings for a second time earlier in the week, the owners had done very little.

"A couple of windows have been fixed and a stairwell had been swept up but that was about it," Adams said. "Basically they've done absolutely nothing over there."

FOUR CITATIONS were mailed to Naidnur Mohanrao of Palatine, five citations to Joseph Iscara, whose property is handled from a post office box addressed to Rilippo Investments in Wheeling, and three to Ralph Rosales in care of the Exchange National Bank in Evanston which is holding a trust for the owner.

Mohanrao could not be reached for comment and phone numbers for the other owners were not available.

Adams said only Iscara called after the warnings were issued.

"He contacted us and complained that he didn't have the money to do the work," Adams said.

The citations primarily deal with failure to comply with property maintenance codes, Deputy Police Chief James Roche said. Each allows a judge to impose a fine of \$100 to \$500 and carries with it a mandatory court appearance.

A SEPT. 13, 9 a.m., court date has been set in the Wheeling branch of the Cook County Circuit Court at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Wildwood, built in the early 1970s, was sold to six different owners shortly after it was built. Since then, neighbors and residents in the complex have complained of poor upkeep and dangerous conditions. Village officials say their "hands are tied" as long as the owners meet minimum village code requirements.

"Most of the problems have been with broken windows and untidiness which can't compare when you talk about failing plumbing systems and no heat," Adams said. "But they do all add up to make it a difficult place to live."

Owners of buildings at 160-164 Wildwood Lane and 12-36 Wheeling Ave. were not cited for violations.

Sales to benefit senior center

8-4-84

Wheeling officials and local senior citizens are asking people to start working on hand-made items that can be sold to help buy furniture for the senior citizen recreation center that is now under construction.

The center is scheduled to open in December and senior citizens are trying to raise the \$80,000 needed to furnish it.

Senior Citizen Coordinator Barbara Hansen said about \$11,000 has already been collected through bike-athons, drawings, and grocery shop and shares.

Hand-made items and baked goods will be sold from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong St. The new recreation center will be built between the clinic and a new senior citizen apartment complex called Wheeling Towers.

Residents from Wheeling Towers will conduct the sale.

"We're looking for all hand-made things like jams, jellies and afghans," Hansen said. "That's why we need to get the word out now, when people will have time to do those things."

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Closeup

Klocke's selfishness is generous

Alberta Klocke says its "strictly selfishness" that gives her a list of accomplishments an arms-length long. Those accomplishments span her 29 years in the village and include work with schools, the village, the park district and a few she originated on her own. But all the work has one thing in common. It's all volunteer work to improve Wheeling, the place where she and her husband Edward decided to raise their four children. "To me, there's only one way to do a thing and you can't do it half way," the 58-year-old said. "I was strictly selfish, though, because whatever I did to benefit the schools or the town, I did for my kids. They benefited, too."

Klocke — perhaps the premier volunteer lady in Wheeling — began slowly as the first Parent Teacher Association president for Wheeling Township School District 21. A local chairman for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, she helped organize the initial immunization clinics to rid her area of polio. As her children grew up in their small home at 245 E. Wayne Place, Klocke's activities increased. She worked in the Wheeling High School attendance office from 1970 to 1978, as the village clerk from 1977 to 1981 and began her work as a core volunteer for the Wheeling Historical Society. Klocke called it a "labor of love" when she organized a handful of volunteers to turn a



ALBERTA KLOCKE

dirty, dusty chapel in Childerley Park into a refurbished, usable ecumenical church. Her motivation, she explains, was the dedication a few months later to former Park Board President Lorraine Lark, Klocke's "best friend" who died after a short illness. In 1982, Klocke led a group of volunteers to continue the Fourth of July tradition of fireworks and a parade when the village and park district dropped their financial support. The group raised enough money for the fireworks and in the past two years has gained so much support that the park board is discussing joining in on the planning again. "I want us to be able to walk with our heads up," she said of Wheeling residents. "I want people to say that our town has something." And Klocke works on that all the time. At Christmas, when she dons a red dress to continue her "selfish" ways, she doesn't mind if no one notices that it's Alberta Klocke behind that rosey-faced Mrs. Santa Claus on Wheeling's Lollipop Lane.

— Kathy Waugh

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

Selected decisions from the board meetings of July 2, 16 and 30.

						
	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
To sign a grant application and agreement with the state and Prospect Heights to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport. (Passed 4-3)*	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
To give 4 percent raises to clerical-communication and professional-supervisory employees. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To allow gasoline station mini-marts in the village. (Passed 4-3)*	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
To require dirt bike riders to get written permission from property owners before they ride in the village. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To allow construction of the Last Four Acre Subdivision. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES

* President Sheila Schultz cast the deciding vote.

Airport purchase tops July votes

The Wheeling Village Board ended five years of discussion in July when it voted to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport in a joint agreement with the state and neighboring Prospect Heights.

The local municipalities can back out of the agreement prior to Sept. 30, when the federal government will issue a check for 90 percent of the first year's \$7.5 million cost.

Village President Sheila H. Schultz broke a 3-3 tie, voting in favor of the purchase. Joining Schultz were trustees William A. Rogers, Roger A. Powers and Anthony Altieri.

The move, trustees say, will give the village as much control as possible over noise and traffic and future construction work.

TRUSTEES CHARLES Kerr, Nicholas Fanella and Joseph W. Ratajczak voted against the purchase, saying that the future financial risk — including a possibility of having to increase taxes — was too great.

In other July action, the board went against Village Manager Thomas M. Markus' recommendation and gave average 4 percent raises to 56 village clerical-communication, professional-supervisory employees. The raises, including increases for department heads, will cost the village \$72,500.

Markus had recommended a two-step, 7 percent increase for clerical and communication employees to make employee salaries at or above those holding similar jobs in the North Shore and Northwest suburbs.

Board members, however, said they could not approve a larger increase knowing they will be considering a tax levy increase of 60 percent this fall.

THE BOARD also voted to allow gasoline station mini-marts in the village, despite protests from a representative of the oil station dealers. The representative cautioned that

citizens would not be able to get help from a service station eventually if all the full-service stations were allowed to be changed to pumpers and mini-marts.

The board agreed to tighten regulation of dirt bike riders younger than 16-years-old but refused to go along with Police Chief Michael F. Haeger who wanted all dirt bike riding prohibited on public and private property.

Under the new law, children younger than 16 will have to carry a property owner's written permission with them if they want to ride a dirt bike. Passage of the law was prompted by and increase in complaint calls to the village, Haeger said.

The board approved plans for a 17-house, single-family subdivision west of Wheeling Road and south of Hintz Road. The Last Four Acres subdivision will be built on an extension of Honeysuckle Drive and be just south of the 200-plus Ridgefield subdivision currently under construction.

Village turns off water tap

8-9-84
WHEELING — A complete ban on non-essential uses of water has been declared by officials.

The lack of rainfall and the increased demands placed on the village's water system during the continued warm weather, in addition to one well which is currently out of service, has placed the village's water supply in a critical state, officials say.

The ban includes but is not limited to non-commercial washing of vehicles, including trailers or mobile homes; any outdoor watering of lawns, gardens, or other landscaping; and the filling of swimming pools.

During the complete ban, no permits for sprinkling sod or seeded areas will be approved. Residents may wish to draft water from reservoirs or retention basins if these facilities are available to them. The village does not restrict the use of this water source for sprinkling purposes.

The total watering ban is expected to remain in effect until such time as the well system recovers and is able to keep pace with daily demands.

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Birth of a village...

Tracing a family's heritage

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

(This is the second in a three-part series on the history of Wheeling, which is celebrating its 90th year as a village. This article focuses on the trials and accomplishments of one household which became Wheeling's First Family of Communications.)

THE TAYLOR family came to Wheeling in 1921 and, for a time, blended comfortably into their slow-paced surroundings, enjoying the pleasures a rural lifestyle affords.

Betty Barrie was just 2 years old when her parents established a kennel farm near today's Dam No. 1, by Hintz Road on the Des Plaines River. There Ralph and Edna Taylor raised cows, horses, pigs and other animals to earn a decent living in a country setting. But for Betty, it was a time for carefree fun and laughter.

"They had swimming there. You could swim in the river—it was clean then," Barrie recalled. "They had a merry-go-round and pony

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THE WHEELING STATION, located along the Soo Line Railroad tracks, was the first major communications artery that linked an infant village to the outside world. The railway system brought supplies and

people to this western outpost before the automobile spurred accelerated growth. This picture was taken around 1910.

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Looking back at Wheeling

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rides. It was a nice place to be."

After a few years, play time became school time at Wheeling Public School, erected in 1871. Eventually, Barrie transferred to a new school at 133 S. Wille Ave. Constructed in 1925, the school now is named Walt Whitman School and is still in use.

PARADISE SOON was to be lost as the nation plunged into the worst economic crisis of the century. Although mainly a farming community at the time, Wheeling was not immune to the 1929 collapse. The Great Depression tested the strong and devoured the helpless, sapping the spirit and energy from many Wheeling families.

"Dad lost everything," Barrie said.

The family was forced to move to a new home near the corner of Milwaukee and Dundee, next to the German Presbyterian Church. Her father managed to pick up some odd jobs around town, including janitor at the church. Built in 1865, the church is one of the area's original landmarks and has since relocated to Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road.

But despite hardships, the family survived. "They were tough times, but happy times," Barrie said. "We didn't have much; we got along with a lot less."

CONDITIONS EVENTUALLY got better and the Taylor family fought to rise above adversity. And in so doing, they formed the hub of the budding communications network that connected Wheeling to the outside world.

Ralph Taylor secured a job as Wheeling's mail messenger, while Edna started a 30-year career at the telephone company.

Ralph would make daily trips from the post office, at Milwaukee and Dundee, to the railroad depot, located a block south of Dundee at the Soo Line tracks. Four times a day the train would arrive in Wheeling, bringing milk, mail and other supplies, as well as passengers.

"I spent many hours at the depot because my father would go over there to meet the train. Sometimes the trains would be late," Barrie said. "They were milk trains and they were slow."

Edna worked at Illinois Bell from 1926 until the system went dial in 1958. Betty worked there from 1937 to 1952. Hence the Taylor family became the First Family of Communications in Wheeling, helping the community to grow.

BUT IT WAS not until after World War II that Wheeling really experienced a growth explosion. The factories and the town's first subdivision began to take shape then. The Dunhurst subdivision, east of Elmhurst and south of Dundee, was started in 1956, with the first home selling for \$1,495.

"In those days that wasn't cheap," Barrie said, "and all that included was just the house and they were all the same. The only thing you had to pick from was the color of your bathroom—whether you wanted yellow or pink."

But the growth of the town also produced some problems.

Next week: a look at the Wild, Wild West, Wheeling style.

8-7-84

Zoning change for land near Pal-Waukee denied

The Cook County Zoning board Monday denied a Chicago man's request to rezone property that lies 300 feet from the end of Pal-Waukee Airport's longest runway.

The board ended nine months of debate, denying Andrew Kolton's petition on a 9-7 vote. Kolton had planned to open a garden nursery on the 2½-acre lot located at the corner of Hintz and Wolf roads.

Kolton and his attorney could not be reached for comment Monday.

Kolton purchased the corner lot eight years ago and rented out a house there. The house later burned down, and recently, Kolton has allowed flower sellers to offer their goods on the busy corner.

A request for a similar zoning change was denied in 1981, hindered by objections from neighboring Wheeling and Prospect Heights that the land was in the flight path of airport traffic.

KOLTON FILED another request in 1983 with plans to convert the burned-down, single-family home into a garden nursery. Alternate plans called for approval to open a bike repair shop, furniture store, roadside stand, automotive garage or parking lot.

Last year, Wheeling and Prospect Heights filed objections to Kolton's new plans, saying the property — in unincorporated Cook County — is

slated for purchase if the airport is publicly owned. In July, both towns agreed to purchase the airport and convert it from private to public ownership.

Improvement plans in the first four years call for the purchase of Kolton's land along with other property that lies in the flight path of incoming and outgoing planes.

Some Wheeling trustees had hoped Kolton would build another home on the property, already zoned for single-family use. But Kolton's lawyer, Christopher Mullen, has said Kolton doesn't want to build another house where children would have to be subjected to the airport noise 24 hours a day.

The week ahead

8-6-84

Trustees may OK extra water money

The Wheeling Village Board tonight is expected to approve an \$11,000 addition to a contract for a company finishing work to bring Lake Michigan water to the village.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Assistant Village Manager Robert W. Fialkowski said the changes will pay for added work that was necessary on Dundee Road at Wolf Road and Milwaukee Avenue. The addition brings the total contract cost for Guerra Construction Co. to \$706,000.

Wheeling night set at White Sox park

The Village of Wheeling, the Wheeling Park District and the Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring Wheeling Community Night at Sox Park. The entire right-field upper deck terrace section has been reserved and tickets are now available. The game will be Wednesday night, Aug. 15, at 7:30 p.m. against the Texas Rangers. Plan on getting a group together and come out and enjoy the festivities. There will be a Wheeling youth group parade before the game. Reserved tickets are available for \$5.50 each at the village hall or send in the form below with your check and tickets will be mailed to you. Order early for the best choice of seats. The Sox will rebate a portion of each ticket to the village for use in furnishing the Senior Center.

ORDER FORM

Return to:
Village of Wheeling
P.O. Box V
Wheeling, IL 60090

Name: _____
Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

No. of tickets at \$5.50 each: _____
Make checks payable to Village of Wheeling.

White Sox Community Night
Wednesday, Aug. 15

Public service

Voter sign-up

A voter registered at a former address in suburban Cook County may transfer registration to a Wheeling address by filling out the reverse side of the Verification of Voter Registration card and mailing it to the Cook County Clerk. The address is on the card.

A voter who has moved to Wheeling from Chicago, or from anywhere outside Cook County, must reregister in person. Call the village office, 459-2600, if you have any questions.

Unregistered Wheeling residents who are eligible (U.S. citizens age 18 or older by Election Day, Nov. 6) may register any weekday (except holidays) between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the village office, 255 W. Dundee Road, until Monday, Oct. 1.

Two identification documents (valid Illinois driver's license, Social Security card, utility bill, employee or student ID, valid credit card, etc.) one of which includes your current address, are now required for voter registration. Naturalized residents must show citizenship papers.

The General Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Cedar Run panel to rule on playing

Children living in the Cedar Run Condominiums in Wheeling now are allowed to fish in the complex retention pond, but whether ball playing and riding bikes on the grass will be allowed is up to a committee appointed this week by the homeowner's board of directors.

Because of the new leniency, Board President Eva Hochwert submitted her resignation during the board meeting Wednesday, but it has not been accepted.

"A board is to abide by the rules and regulations unless those are amended," Hochwert said. "I cannot bend or disregard those rules. It's not put me in an intolerable situation."

LAST WEEK, under pressure from about 60 residents, the board agreed to temporarily relax the rules banning bike riding on the grass, ball playing and fishing.

Hochwert is two months into her second one-year term as president of the complex governing board. She served a year as vice president and a three-month term as interim president before that. She also was instrumental in reducing the speed limit on Route 83 near the complex to 35 mph.

"I do have Cedar Run's interest at heart," she said. "The problem is that I feel as president I cannot overlook the rules."

The committee appointed to study a permanent change in the rules comprises board members and residents, some of whom favor and others who oppose the present rules.

THE CONTROVERSY began three weeks ago when about 65 residents were sent letters threatening lawsuits and loss of their homes if they did not stop such things as fishing in the pond.

THE WHEELING VILLAGE Board meets tonight to get a progress report on plans to control flooding in Wheeling and surrounding Northwest suburbs.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Located in the Lower Des Plaines Tributaries Watershed, Wheeling is one of 12 connecting areas that flood when water levels are high. Board members also will discuss the progress of the watershed committee and review reports from Harza Engineering, a company hired to study flood problems unique to Wheeling.

'Firefighter saved my life'

A Wheeling man credited the village's fire department with saving his life Sunday night after he was pulled from a fire that broke out in his apartment.

Gregory Gorman, 30, said he was sleeping in the bedroom of his third-floor apartment at 501 E. Manchester Drive when a firefighter pulled him from the apartment by his shoulder.

"I was very disoriented and I couldn't breathe," Gorman said afterward outside his three-story apartment building. Gorman, who was uninjured, said he put a blanket from his bed over his mouth so he could breathe as the firefighter carried him outside.

"They definitely saved my life," he said.

The fire was discovered at about 9:30 p.m. by first floor resident, Karl Taubel, who was leaving the building to get a bite to eat.

Taubel said he said flames shooting from the patio window of Gorman's apartment and ran back inside to warn other residents, who then called the fire department.

The fire heavily damaged the apartment and was contained to the single unit, firefighters said. The cause of the blaze was under investigation late Sunday.

Gorman lives in the apartment with a roommate, who was not at home at the time.

Car dealer gives up plans for addition

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The builder for a Wheeling auto dealer who has spent two years trying to put an addition on a Milwaukee Avenue business said he's given up and will withdraw the plans.

"I've never had so much trouble putting in a building," builder Olin Kunce said. Kunce, hired by owner Edgar Futrell, has been working with the village to put an addition on the Futrell Auto Sales building, 2432 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Futrell has been in business 20 years, starting long before the village set up more stringent standards for landscaping, building codes and ap-

pearance standards — restrictions created to "clean up" the Milwaukee Avenue corridor.

But the village, Kunce said, wants more than the auto store owner is willing to offer. "We are already putting \$60,000 in landscaping and other changes just to get a \$40,000 building addition," he said.

LAST MONTH THE Wheeling Plan Commission reviewed the auto store plan and voted to recommend approval on seven of nine variations from current village codes involving existing conditions on the lot. The last two variations — dealing with the sign height and a request to park cars adjacent to Milwaukee Avenue —

were rescheduled because the meeting had already run past midnight.

But at the following meeting, Kunce said the commission refused to consider the last changes because Kunce had not met with Village Planner Richard Greenwood to try to solve the remaining problems. The commission offered to reschedule the hearing for Sept. 23, but Futrell instead decided to withdraw his plans.

"That would put us into the third year," Kunce said. "Mr. Futrell said that's ridiculous and has given up."

Greenwood, however, said it is not unusual for two years to pass before all the details of a plan are worked out.

"He did submit something to us in May 1983," Greenwood said. "But what happens is, they go away and don't come back for a while and so it takes a long time. The next time we heard from him was in September."

Greenwood said, too, that Futrell was offered three compromises on how to redesign his addition to come closer to village specifications. "Mr. Futrell hasn't been willing to do very much to bring his business up to village standards," Greenwood said. "We are trying to be reasonable because we understand that he has to be able to market his cars to have a good business, but he hasn't made much of an effort."

Wildwood 8-13-84

Wheeling's Wildwood Apartment complex has more than its share of problems. The buildings are deteriorating and the grounds are littered with refuse that never seems to be cleaned up. Police are called all too frequently to break up loud parties or subdue fights.

Part of the problem is absentee owners who don't maintain the property. Part of the problem is tenants who either don't care or don't know how to go about righting the situation. A majority of the tenants are Hispanic, which means there are cultural and language barriers to be overcome.

A Fence Post letter in The Herald suggested a committee be formed by tenants and community officials to try to work out the problems. Wheeling officials thought it was a good idea and are now trying to form the committee. It won't work unless Wildwood's tenants take an interest and seek ways to make their complex a better place to live. With Wheeling officials lending a hand, there is a chance to do just that.

Wheeling urged to limit density in housing plan

by Mary Rowitz *8-14-84*
Herald staff writer

Saying it will have a "great impact" on the village, Buffalo Grove Village President Verna Clayton is urging Wheeling officials to reduce the density in the proposed development of the Arlington Country Club.

Lexington Development Co. wants Wheeling to annex the site so it can build 1,255 multifamily units, mostly apartments, on the 131-acre golf course located near Dundee and Buffalo Grove roads.

The golf course has been in Buffalo Grove's comprehensive plan for several years, but Buffalo Grove will not pursue its annexation because a density of 10 units an acre is too high, said Clayton, whose suggestions are supported by village trustees. Buffalo Grove's plan called for a density of four to seven units an acre and Clayton is urging Wheeling officials to consider a density of six units an acre or less.

"The concern about the density is shared, but I don't know if six units an acre is realistic," said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz, who has said that Wheeling needs more good apartments.

CLAYTON ALSO IS requesting that the Buffalo Grove Road entrance to the development be located at Old Oak Drive as planned and that Wheeling consider helping Buffalo Grove pay for repairs to the road.

Schultz said she doesn't foresee any problem with the Buffalo Grove entrance to the subdivision placed at Old Oak Drive, particularly because it is in accordance with Lexington's proposal.

In addition, Clayton is urging Wheeling to relieve Buffalo Grove of its maintenance responsibilities for drainage at the site and says that the two communities need to reach an agreement for police, fire and paramedic services to the development.

A possible solution would be to place a Wheeling paramedic in the Buffalo Grove fire station on Dundee Road, Clayton said. Buffalo Grove has a similar agreement with Arlington Heights.

"We're disappointed that it's not



coming to Buffalo Grove, but if we can't have it, then we want to encourage Wheeling to get the best development they can. It's a gesture of inter-governmental cooperation," Clayton said. "It will have a great impact on Buffalo Grove, probably more so than on Wheeling."

SCHULTZ SAID SHE "will certainly take the requests into consideration."

Residents living to the east of the golf course in the Highland Glen subdivision have organized CRRAM, a citizens group fighting the construction of additional multifamily housing in Wheeling. They have argued that some single-family housing should be built on the site to serve as a buffer to the multifamily units.

But Lexington officials — who plan to build 544 units in two-story condominiums, 480 units in two-story apartments and 231 units in four- and five-story apartment buildings — have refused.

Wheeling Plan Commission members will meet with Wheeling residents and Lexington representatives Aug. 23 to discuss changes that would soften the blow if the development is approved. The commission will make a recommendation on the development Sept. 13 that will go to the Wheeling village board.

Peddler perturbs resident

By GARY ROBERTS *8-16-84*
Staff Writer

WHEELING — A resident, fed up with pushy door-to-door salesmen, has asked officials to toughen its stand against unwanted bell-ringers.

Barbara Dittman, 293 Fletcher Drive, recently addressed the Village Board in an effort to give the boot to foot-in-the-door solicitors. Dittman told trustees last month a peddler walked past the "No Soliciting" sign in her yard on his way to her door.

She asked him four times to leave and then had him arrested for personal trespassing. But the salesman was back in the neighborhood the next week, she said.

POLICE CHIEF Michael Haeger confirmed that the solicitation problem is widespread. "Every summer we get an extensive number of complaints," he said.

Haeger explained many operations are based out of state, which makes it more difficult to control their hit-and-run activities.

"They are dropped off en masse, they saturate a neighborhood and they use high-pressure tactics. They are well coached and they do cause us a lot of problems," Haeger said.

Dittman, who presented trustees *(Continued on page 3)*

No sale: resident

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with a petition of 133 signatures, is asking the village to adopt laws similar to those in surrounding communities to discourage this hard-sell behavior.

Some towns request solicitors to register, she said, while others require fees ranging from \$5 to \$125. "Our laws are pitiful compared to theirs," she said.

THE VILLAGE now requires salesmen to register before they hit the street, Village Attorney James Rhodes said. Wheeling used to have a law prohibiting door-to-door sales, but it was rescinded following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that deemed the practice unconstitutional.

The village has considered a new solicitation ordinance for the past year, Rhodes said, but finding one that fits the situation is difficult. "Quite frankly, the problem is that these types of peddlers are in the area for a week and then they move on," he said.

As a public service, the village provides "No Soliciting" signs free of charge to residents, he said.

But trustee Charles Kerr said the village can still take some positive action to control the problem. "If we can't prevent it, we can sure make difficult," Kerr said.

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Committees preparing for Pal-Waukee talks

by Kathy Waugh *8-16-84*
Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz appointed trustees Anthony Altieri and William Rogers to join her and Prospect Heights officials on an ad hoc committee created to break a deadlock about how Pal-Waukee Airport will be run.

"Basically I chose them because they've attended outside conferences and meetings (about the airport purchase)," Schultz said of her choices. Prospect Heights Mayor John E. Gilligan already has named aldermen Charles VanderVennett, 1st, and Frank Meacham, 3rd, to join him on the city's ad-hoc committee.

In addition, Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus asked his board for permission to hire an attorney with expertise in aviation law. Prospect Heights hired attorney Jerry Sheridan to deal exclusively with the airport issue.

"IN PROSPECT HEIGHTS, they certainly are getting advice such as the fixed base-operator agreement, potential land acquisition and other items," he said. "I think it's imperative the village get the same advice because I believe that this particular community may have different ideas than Prospect Heights about the operation of that airport."

The cost of the attorney is, "at minimum," reimbursable through a revenue bond the village needs to foot its share of the estimated \$36 million purchase cost, Markus said.

In July, officials from both towns signed a federal grant agreement showing their intent to purchase the

260-acre airport that provides relief to crowded O'Hare Airport.

But before September, when state and local municipalities can take possession of the airport, a permanent governing board must be established to oversee day-to-day operations.

In June, Gilligan proposed a seven-member group made up of officials and citizens from both towns. The majority vote could alternate every four years, Gilligan said, but he insisted Prospect Heights have the majority at the start.

IT IS NECESSARY, he said, in order to allow Prospect Heights to follow through on a four-year improvement plan it has mapped out with the state.

But that suggestion met with fierce opposition from Wheeling officials including Rogers who said: "If you want to give us the first term then we'll vote for it, but if you want it, we won't give it to you."

Wheeling officials say that even-numbered airport governing boards currently exist and report success without the need for a tie-breaking vote. Village officials fear that a tie-breaking vote — whether it be from Prospect Heights, the state or a neighboring community — could allow someone other than Wheeling residents to make a decision affecting the village.

Full complements of officials from both towns met twice but came no closer to a solution, prompting the suggestion that a smaller committee be formed to try to hammer out an agreement. No date has been set for the committee to meet.

Law and order comes to the frontier

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stateside, dressed in a full body cast due to injuries, Horcher set out to enforce the ideals his comrades in arms had defended with their lives.

"That part of my life established some of my values," Horcher said. "We fought for a system of laws and government. The idea of public trust was important to me."

Horcher joined the Wheeling police force in 1948 under Chief Harold Mack. The two-man police department was first housed in the original Village Hall, erected in 1894 at 84 S. Milwaukee Ave. The building since has been relocated to 251 N. Wolf Road in Chamber Park and serves as the headquarters for the Wheeling Historical Museum.

WHILE WHEELING had a population of just 350 persons in those days, there were 21 taverns ready to wash away the day's dust. But the taverns and road houses along Milwaukee Ave. served more than just local residents. Since most of the outlying area was dry at the time, Wheeling became a drinking hub.

"Most of the North Shore was dry. They wouldn't tolerate demon rum in their fair cities," Horcher recalled. "On weekends this was the watering hole for all the fine people who wanted to drink it up. Having two or three tavern brawls on a weekend was not uncommon."

But where there's firewater, the eyes of law-abiding citizens sometimes become smoky. Gambling was another natural offspring of the liquor trade. Horcher recalled one sweeping raid which filled to capacity the two jails with slot

machines.

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HORCHER PLAYED a supporting role on the police force until 1952 when, because of some "political bull" he left the department, returning one year later. In 1955, he became chief, a position he would not relinquish for 22 years.

And throughout his tenure in office, Horcher engaged in many a tug-of-war with politicians. This combative stance regularly placed Horcher in conflict with officials, but as in the African trenches, he found a way to survive.

"I was fired a lot, but I never left. When it got down to the nitty-gritty, the whole town would show up and whatever was decided in the back room was eventually rev-

ersed," he said.

But over the years, the back room increasingly became the forum for decision-making. And eventually the public trust fell victim to greed. A long list of allegations and indictments against public officials culminated in the early 1970s when village officials allegedly collected \$400,000 in bribes in exchange for building and zoning favors.

JAMES STAVROS, a Wheeling Township Democratic committeeman, was convicted of extorting money from developers. A village trustee and other local officials also were convicted in the zoning shake-down scandal. The case brought a deluge of negative publicity to Wheeling, along with a cloud of

notoriety from which the village still strives to emerge.

A widespread corruption was a blight on the whole town, and a personal blow for Horcher. Judging from his own experiences and values, this abuse of the public trust is still hard for him to accept.

"There were so many who gave so much for a system of authority," he said. "It was such a betrayal of the public."

But the village managed to overcome these setbacks and, once again, move toward a future that promises opportunity and just rewards.

In its strength and in its weakness, Wheeling accurately captured the spirit of the old Wild West.

The taming of a wild frontier



THE WHEELING HISTORICAL Museum, 251 N. Wolf Road in Chamber Park, has recently been made into a tourist attraction with the help of many volunteers, including museum director Al Fantl (above). Built in 1894, the building served as the first Village Hall and police headquarters. The museum is open weekends 1 to 5 p.m. (Photo by Eva Paredes)

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

(This is the final article on a three-part series commemorating Wheeling's 90th birthday with a look to its past. By virtue of its location and independence, Wheeling always has been a setting for opportunity. As evidenced by its colorful past, the village enticed men of both vision and ambition—not always in perfect balance.)

LAW AND ORDER has had a tumultuous past in Wheeling, often drawing a parallel to the Wild West where order was not necessarily based on a set of laws.

From the time the first village marshal took office in 1894, Wheeling has been viewed as a western outpost rife with opportunity for those willing to take a chance. It was a land where personal ambition helped to shape the system

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rather than conform to its limitations.

In many ways, Wheeling represented the untamed frontier for a growing Chicago area where crime and corruption had become the recognized symbols of a big city.

INTO THIS milieu Marvin "Syke" Horcher returned after serving with the combat infantry in Africa during World War II. Horcher, who later was to become Wheeling's police chief for nearly a quarter century, was first imbued with a personal code of law and ethics overseas.

Having witnessed the carnage of human life sacrificed by a nation which believed deeply in the principles of freedom and democracy, Horcher developed a strong sense of right and wrong. Upon his return

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Area women make their marks politically 8-9-84

By MIKE COMERFORD

Women have long been active in politics. They formed women's associations, or became campaign volunteers, or they simply married a politician.

As a group, women were very active and more likely to vote than were men. However, when a woman voted she almost never voted for another woman. A woman's place was not in the legislature but in the home, or so it was thought.

Today, the woman's place is sometimes in Congress or the state legislature or on the village board.

Women are particularly well represented in the Wheeling-Buffalo Grove area. In the Village of Wheeling, Sheila Schultz is the village board president. In Buffalo Grove, Verna Clayton is board president.

At least eight women are serving as mayors or village presidents in the northwest suburbs. Northbrook, Glencoe, Forest Park, Winnetka, Oak Park, Hoffman Estates, Lake Bluff and Lincolnshire, just to name a few, are all run by women mayors or village board presidents.

The **Countryside Reminder-News** talked to local women in positions of influence in our area: Schultz and Clayton; Ruth Braver, who is running for a seat in the 10th congressional district; Grace Mary Stern, candidate for state representative in House District 58; Connie Peters, Wheeling Township Republican Committeeman; and Eugenia Chapman, Wheeling Township Democratic Committee Chairman.

Their political careers are as diverse as their opinions, but they do share some of the common problems that women in politics are facing today.

Clayton said that one of the most

difficult parts of her activities in politics has been juggling a career and a family.

"When the children were home, I had to schedule the time so that I could be home with them more often. But at that, time I had a full-time job at village hall, plus night meetings. It was very hard," said Clayton.

"So I decided all extra-curricular activities that didn't go with my job would have to go. I decided things like bridge would have to go because it was far more important to be a contributing member of the community. It was a bit of a juggling act, but I think if people really want to do it they can."

The question of family life seems to follow the female politicians more than the male.

"Do you (reporters) ask that question of men?" said Stern. "Would that be an issue with a man running for office?"

Peters agrees, and said she thinks part of the reason is that women define themselves as mothers first and political activists second.

"If you ask most men how they define themselves, I think fatherhood might be lower on the list. Women seem to define themselves as mothers and make their first responsibility to their children. And then when she can find some freedom from the home, she is ready to commit to a career."

The husbands of political women seem to be understanding and many times they knew before marriage that their spouses would be politically motivated.

"I pretty much knew before we were married that she would be active in politics," said Gerald Chapman, Eugenia Chapman's husband. "She asked me once if she should run for state representative, and I told her to go ahead. Recently she

asked me if I ever regretted that advice, and I said, 'never.'

"I think that this is the way she achieved her greatest potential. I've been very proud of her, and on the whole, I think it was a lot better for her to be so active and challenged," Chapman said.

Although each of the women interviewed stressed that they are individuals with many different points of view, each also said that a woman brings a special viewpoint that may differ from that of the average man.

"Women have this traditional role as the nurturer and the caretaker and I think that many bring this perspective into government," said Schultz. "Women are involved in every issue, but they might be more attuned to the day-to-day community than many men."

"Specifically, I think that I am especially attuned to parents and their needs. Also, I think I listen to the concerns of other women differently than a man might. What is best is a blend of both men and women in government. But people should be taken on their own merits, and not on whether they are male or female."

Both Schultz and Clayton say they have had little or no problems with sex discrimination in their jobs, but Schultz said the only people that confront her with the issue are other women.

"The only adverse reaction I have ever gotten is from other women who say that I should be in the home," she said.

Braver said the discrimination she has faced has been subtle, but real.

"I think that the people that discriminate are not even aware that they are doing it," she said. "Some men feel awkward discussing the commodity market or international trade with me because they think I might not understand."

Once my age was listed in the newspaper and the males' ages were not. I think the press is harder on a woman's credentials than a man's. But again, these are subtle and not deliberate."

Stern agreed and said: "I don't know if I was actually discriminated against because I'm a woman, but sometimes haven't even been considered. They didn't even think of me."

Gerald Chapman said that overlooking the possibility of women legislators led to minor irritations such as not furnishing a dressing room for women.

"When my wife first went to the legislature they didn't have a separate locker room or bathroom for her. So she had to go to another part of the building, far from the floor, to change. They (the other legislators) called it Geni's John."

The problem that many women in politics face is that of building a reputation as an individual.

"I was the only woman on the Democratic side (of the state legislature) for many years," said Chapman. "After 16 years people were still saying how nice it is that I am getting more leadership positions. But I had been there for 16 years, and I had earned my way."

Clayton said it was people like Chapman who made it possible for other women to be judged on their own merits.

"I think women have to try harder," said Clayton. "They have to pave the way for other women and create credibility to make up for the many years when women were not in the position of responsibility."

"This is a big responsibility but it motivates you. I suppose that the reason that there are so many women in politics in our area is that we are taking advantage of the work that other women have done."

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Area women making mark—

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They paved the way for us," she said.

Stern thinks this area is especially good for women in politics because of the education level and because many men commute to Chicago and leave the local governing to the women. "Well, the theory is that the men commute to the city, and that leaves more opportunity for women to work part-time at the local school or county office or whatever."

"Also, when I ran for Lake County Clerk (several years ago), the party wanted me because the position seemed impossible to win. But I won. So sometimes it's easier to be considered for a position when you don't have to wrestle it away from a man."

Each of the women interviewed said the feminist movement had opened doors for women. Chapman said she has seen

attitudes toward women change during her career, and she credits this to the feminist movement.

"When I first entered the legislature, the men there treated me as sort of a mascot," Chapman said. "Then as the women's movement got stronger, around 1970, there was kind of a backlash and things got less friendly. But today I see women being accepted for their abilities and being taken seriously."

Although the number of women in positions of political responsibility in the Wheeling-Buffalo Grove area is higher than other communities, the women interviewed said the numbers should be higher.

"There are just so many good women out there doing a great job and taking on leadership positions. I think this will encourage more to do the same," Clayton said.

Schultz agreed and said: "There is progress being made, but slowly. At least things are heading in the right direction."

Woman raped near Foxboro 8-9-84

The Wheeling Police Department is investigating the rape of a 21-year-old Wheeling woman that occurred at approximately 10:30 p.m. Saturday near the 500 block of Wolf Road, near the Foxboro Apartment Complex.

The victim said she had been walking south on Wolf Road, on the west shoulder, when a white male in his early twenties who was jogging northward forced her into the ditch near the road and then into the bushes, where he assaulted her, according to police.

The victim reported no other injuries.

The assailant is described as having light brown shoulder-length hair and standing approximately 5'6" to 5'8" and weighing about 180 pounds. The victim said he had a muscular build.

When last seen, he was wearing a light blue T-shirt and dark blue jogging shorts.

The victim reported seeing him flee toward the Foxboro apartments and then hearing a car start and drive away, according to a police bulletin.

8-9-84
Man found shot through head

The body of a Mt. Prospect man who had been shot in the head was found near the roadside of Schoenbeck Road, south of Hintz Road, in Arlington Heights early Saturday morning.

The victim was Steven Grear, 31, whom police say was living with his parents at 506 N. Elm St. An unidentified passerby called Wheeling Police Department approximately 6:40 a.m. Saturday after the body was discovered in a grassy ditch near Schoenbeck Road.

The Cook County sheriff's police are investigating the incident but refuse to speculate on the motive.

However, a police spokesperson, Betsy Barstead, said that robbery is not a likely motive for the killing because Grear still had \$4 in his pocket, said Barstead.

Barstead said that Grear had last been seen at Gatsby's Pub at Grand and Palatine roads between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Friday evening.

Police have speculated that Grear was not shot at the site where he was found.

"We think he was shot somewhere else and then simply dumped there randomly," said Betsy Barstead, a spokesperson for the Cook County sheriff's police.

Barstead said that investigators speculate that the body was in the ditch "less than a day," and may have been left there on Friday night.

Grear had been shot once above the left eye with small caliber, perhaps a .38 or 9 millimeter, gun according to Barstead. He was wearing Levis jeans, a Yankee baseball shirt and gym shoes.



Herald photos by Rich Chapman

A picturesque walk behind homes in the Lakeside Villas complex would have presented quiet a different picture. Eroding banks were tearing away at the back yards of Lakeside residents until homeowners decided they'd had enough and started building a wall to protect their investments. From left to right, Carl, Shelly and Vickie Pestine walk along a new wall discussing the unfinished portion on the lake.

Residents pitch in
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to keep property
from slipping in

by Kathy Waugh
 Herald staff writer

When residents in a Wheeling subdivision noticed their shore lines slipping into the complex lakes, they saw their property values sliding down with each handful of dirt.

Building a permanent wall along the banks at Lakeside Villas seemed the logical answer.

But residents found that the idea was right for the three ponds, but the work wasn't quite that simple.

"We contacted a few engineering companies and the village to see what the cost would be, but the contractors told us it would cost well into the six-figure range just to do one lake," Lakeside manager, Steve R. Heuberger, said.

"Lakeside's just not a gigantic place that can afford to foot that kind of bill," he said.

So instead, Lakeside residents went to work.

"WE STARTED OUR with our own labor force made up of homeowners, mostly on the board," Heuberger said. "I must say I was impressed that they rolled up their sleeves and started the work."

The effort was aided by Village Public Works Director Robert Gray

who saw to it that waste concrete — primarily picked up from sidewalk and curb work — was dumped at Lakeside instead of the local dump. The concrete was used as the primary bank stabilizer and in return, the village benefitted because it didn't have to pay to dump the concrete.

"The end result is changing once depressed property values into an appreciable value," Heuberger said. "We're also getting lots of compliments, taking a waste product off the village's hands."

The volunteers only finished about 35 feet of wall last summer and the Lakeside board, perhaps learning from its mistakes, hired the retired father of a board member to oversee four or five paid workers to take over this summer.

"It was backbreaking and they didn't have the time," Heuberger said. But the board considers their initial idea still the best. Only \$10,000 was budgeted for this year's work, which board members hope will include completing, or nearly completing, the largest of three lakes.

THE REMAINING WORK — with the continued cooperation of the village and contractors — can be completed in the next year or two.

For the 245 people who purchased



A sign at the edge of one of the three ponds in the Lakeside Villas complex explains what was once an unending problem for homeowners. But a little ingenuity and help from the village is turning what was once tagged a \$150,000 repair job into a less expensive, beautiful asset for Lakeside residents.

homes in the 1970s at the complex, the finished banks will be an end to a long battle to preserve their property.

The willow trees and three nicely designed ponds seemed a perfect setting for those who wanted to retire or were searching for a place to rear their children.

But the lakes are the last in a series of drainage ponds that start in Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove and end in Wheeling.

Village eyes 70% tax-levy hike ⁸⁻²¹⁻⁸⁴

by Ellen Schmid

Herold staff writer

Wheeling trustees Monday showed little opposition to a proposed 70 percent increase in the village tax levy next year, which would raise tax income by \$2 million, to \$5 million.

After listening to an hour-long explanation from Village Manager Thomas Markus and finance director Greg Peters, the board suggested ways to further help the public understand the need for the increase.

Markus said most of the increase can be tied "dollar for dollar" to preparation for Lake Michigan water, road improvements and the pull-out three years ago from the Wheel-

ing Township Rural Fire Protection District.

If approved, the levy could increase the village's portion of taxpayers' bills from \$198 to \$305 next year on a home with an equalized assessed value of \$19,000, or value of \$75,000.

MARKUS, HOWEVER, cautioned that the village is going through a quadrennial reassessment this year, which leaves officials in the dark when estimating assessed valuations within the village.

Peters estimated that the reassessment will boost assessed valuation by about 10 percent, meaning the tax burden will be spread over a larger base.

About half of the \$2 million increase in the tax levy would go to cover the village's 1985 payment for construction to pipe in Lake Michigan water.

By ending a double fire-protection taxation on some residents and pulling out of the rural fire district, the village lost about \$350,000 a year in revenue.

Another \$476,000 also would help the village pay for the third year of a four-year street improvement program.

The levy increase also will help rebuild a surplus in the general fund from \$524,000 to \$750,000 within three years.

Village board wrapup ⁸⁻²³⁻⁸⁴

Wildwood Apartment 'problems' get study

Wheeling trustees have approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to study what Village Manager Thomas Markus described as "seemingly never-ending problems" at the Wildwood Apartment Complex.

The committee will stress developing a good relationship between the tenants and the village rather than concentrating only on landlords, Markus said. The complex is located on Dundee Road between Wolf Road and Milwaukee Ave.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the committee's study will not take the place of other efforts by police and the community.

Trustee Nicholas Fanella questioned having the village specifically name Wildwood as a trouble spot. "Wouldn't it have an adverse effect of rentals and property values there?" he asked.

But Markus and Schultz said that the complex's problems are widely known. "I don't think any good would come out of not naming it," Schultz said.

She added that already several people have called to say they would be interested in working on the committee.

Markus said any successful solutions obtained at Wildwood may be used in other areas.

Driveway to water tower planned

Wheeling will pay \$3,000 to build a driveway to the new village water tower through the parking lot of Fairway Greens Apartments, off Route 83 in the northeast corner of town.

The village also will pay to replace three parking spaces in the lot. Officials originally had planned to replace only two spaces, the cost of which is included in the construction contract for the tower. But owners of the complex have asked that the third space be replaced by the village, which may require a change order on the contract, said Robert Fialkowski, director of community development.

Currently, the village is using an easement through private property, which would have cost \$8,000 to continue if another access route was not found by 1987, Fialkowski said.

Cedar Run residents stage baseball rhubarb ⁸⁻²³⁻⁸⁴

WHEELING — Baseball fever, already sweeping across the city and suburbs this summer, has hit a different pitch at the Cedar Run subdivision.

Homeowners in the 408-unit complex are divided over the question of whether to allow children to play ball on the condominium grounds. Other recreational activities, such as bike riding on the grass and fishing in the complex retention pond, have also stirred heated debate among residents.

Two years ago the Cedar Run Condominium board responded to complaints of excessive property damage and a lack of safety by voting to outlaw these activities. But a lack of enforcement did little to resolve these problems.

As a result, the board recently sent out letters to about 65 residents threatening fines, lawsuits and loss of their homes if they did not comply with the rules.

BUT RESIDENTS of the subdivi-

sion turned out in force at a board meeting earlier this month to argue against the regulations, saying they were too stringent and that the children had no place else to play. The public outcry convinced the board to temporarily relax the rules while an ad hoc committee re-examined the problem, along with possible alternative solutions. Hardball playing, however, is still prohibited.

At the meeting, condominium board president Eva Hochwert expressed frustration at the board's wavering on the issue and submitted her resignation. "I am very much in favor of rules," said Hochwert. "That's why I was elected president."

At the urging of other board members last week, however, Hochwert reconsidered and asked to be reinstated. But the dangerous play of some youngsters continues to jeopardize the health and safety of residents, she said.

"In the beginning the ball playing was restricted to designated play

areas, but things got very much out of hand," said Hochwert. "The youngsters soon began playing around the units of the complex and little children were getting hurt."

HOCHWERT, who has lived in Cedar Run for six years, has sought additional recreational space for children for many years, but so far has been unsuccessful.

In 1981, residents of the Cedar Run subdivision had envisioned a garbage disposal site at 745 N. McHenry Road as the perfect spot for a future park facility. Because of its location, the park would also be ideal for residents of the Lexington Commons residential complex, which also lies adjacent to the site.

The effort failed, however, leaving children no place to go except Childerley Park, which sits across the heavily traveled McHenry Road.

"There is a definite lack of park space on the north side of the village," said Hochwert. "People just aren't using Childerley Park."

Town forced to repair well that it intends to abandon

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herold staff writer

The village of Wheeling will spend more than \$18,000 for emergency repairs to a village well just months before the arrival of Lake Michigan water makes the well obsolete.

The village has authorized the replacement of a pump at well No. 5, after an electrical short last week cut off the well's 800-gallon-a-minute water supply, said Robert D. Gray Jr., Wheeling director of operations and maintenance.

Gray said the breakdown of the pump at the well on McHenry Road

north of Dundee Road did not affect water pressure, but the village "desperately" needs the reserve water supply in case of fires or other emergencies.

"We can't afford to take the time to wait for Lake Michigan water," he said. "We're just meeting demand right now."

Gray said the pump will be replaced "sometime this week." Total costs have not yet been estimated. Cost for the new pump alone, not including installation, is \$18,000, he said.

The village will schedule repairs for the south side well No. 6, which has been malfunctioning since De-

cember. Of Wheeling's seven wells, four are working at capacity. Gray said a third well is too shallow for use.

Village Manager Thomas Markus labeled the breakdown "unfortunate" because of the expected arrival of Lake Michigan water this fall.

"But it's too critical to try and go without it," Markus said. "We've already placed restrictions on outdoor water use. It would be very unfortunate if we'd have to restrict domestic use, too."

Markus said money for the repairs would come from the village's water and sewer fund.

The week ahead

Trustees to discuss 67% tax-hike plan

The Wheeling Village Board of Trustees is expected to discuss tonight a proposed 67 percent tax levy increase that could add an estimated \$109 to the village portion of a taxpayer's bill.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Village Manager Thomas M. Markus is recommending a levy increase that would amount to just over \$5 million compared to last year's \$3 million. Markus said the village needs the tax increase to pay for Lake Michigan Water, a street improvement program and losses to the tax rolls when the village pulled out of the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District.

Markus eyes 67% increase in taxes

by Kathy Waugh

Herold staff writer

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus is recommending a \$5 million tax levy that is up 67 percent from last year and would add more than \$100 to the average homeowner's tax bill.

If approved, the levy could increase the village's portion of a taxpayer's bill from \$198 to \$307 next year on a home with an equalized assessed value of \$19,000. This year, the village took in about \$3 million in taxes.

The village needs more tax money, Markus said, to pay for Lake Michi-

gan water and a street improvement project and to make up for revenue that was lost when the village pulled out of the Wheeling Township Rural Fire Protection District.

THE BOARD IS expected to discuss the levy proposal at a meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

But several board members are likely to ask for a less drastic tax increase. Trustee Charles Kerr said he does not see a need for a tax increase as large as Markus' proposal.

"I think that's the ideal situation that will give the manager the cushion he wants," Kerr said. "He's

right in asking, but I don't think he'll get all of it."

Trustee Nicholas Fanella, however, said the board was aware that several major construction projects the board approved in the past would lead to the increase.

"We've considered the things carefully and knowingly and I'm sure it would be easier politically to say that it would be lower," Fanella said. "I'm sure the board is going to approve a levy right around there."

ABOUT HALF of the \$2 million increase in the tax levy would go to cover the village's 1985 payment for construction to pipe Lake Michigan water to the village. Although not

Village seeks 59% tax hike

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Trustees gave preliminary approval Monday, Aug. 20, to a \$5,077,564 tax levy for 1984, marking a 59 percent increase over the previous year. Board members are expected to move for final adoption of the tax levy immediately following a public hearing scheduled for 8 p.m. Sept. 4 at the Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Based on figures supplied by Finance Director Gregory Peters, it is estimated that the village's portion of the tax bill for a typical home with a market value of \$57,000 will jump \$115 next year, up to \$306.

If the tentative levy is approved, the village's share of the 1985 tax bill will comprise 18 percent of the total tax bill, assuming that levies from other taxing bodies remain stable. This year, the village's por-

tion was 12 percent of the total tax bill.

PART OF the increase is due to a slight drop in the assessed valuation of the village this year, resulting in about a \$1 million loss in anticipated revenues, said Peters. But the main catalyst behind the tax boost can be traced to the need to pay back borrowed funds used to provide additional village services.

"A lot of capital improvement projects are now going to hit the taxpayer," said Peters, adding that the village's debt service will double next year over the previous year.

Chief among these expenses is the Lake Michigan water project, slated to start delivering water by next month.

About \$1.8 million, or 66 percent of the projected debt service will be used for Lake Michigan water.

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Village tax hike sought

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Combined with the cost of the current street improvement program, these two projects alone comprise nearly half of the entire amount of village taxes to be collected next year.

The additional revenues are also needed, said Peters, to build up a dwindling cash balance in the General Fund, which is used for the day-to-day operations of the local government, including police and fire services. The amount of surplus funds, which are invested and provide a financial return to the village, has dropped steadily over the past four years, from \$2 million to an estimated \$524,660 in 1985, said Peters.

THIS DECLINE was created, in part, in March of 1982 when the village disconnected from the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District in order to halt the practice of most village taxpayers paying twice for fire protection service. This loss in revenue, estimated to be about \$300,000 annually, was never replaced by the village to intentionally trim a bloated surplus, officials said.

"We used up our fund balance over the last three years and now we need to get back to a situation where revenues match up with expenditures," said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Noting that a hefty tax increase is not ideally suited for incumbents who face village elections next year, Markus offered assurances to trustees that the Lake Michigan water project will be a financial burden all across the Northwest suburbs. "You're not alone in this," Markus told the board.

But Trustee Charles Kerr still found it a difficult burden to place on taxpayers. "We should have started doing something two or three years ago to avoid the situation we find ourselves in now," Kerr said. "It is an extremely high increase and it seems we could have done something to soften the blow."

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Political observers agree April election has no lack of issues

by Kathy Waugh

Harald staff writer

Can a Wheeling village president who won by 94 votes in 1981 win again in 1985?

With village elections eight months away, potential candidates from the village president's camp and a variety of newcomers are wondering the same thing.

Village President Sheila Schultz narrowly defeated William Hein in the 1981 election, bringing with her two trustees. Elected as a trustee two years prior, her new position as president allowed her to appoint a trustee of her own choosing to secure four of seven votes for a majority on the board.

Only one person on Hein's slate, Roger Powers, won re-election that year. For the first time, the Schultz victory provided her faction with such a stronghold on the board that when Schultz ally Trustee Charles Kerr ran for re-election with two newcomers in 1983, no other slate challenged them.

But this spring, a majority of the board seats will be up for grabs again with Schultz, three trustees and the village clerk all finishing terms.

Although Schultz has refused to step on the election merry-go-round just yet, Powers already has announced that he will go for the brass ring in the village president's office.

"To jump into a campaigning posture now is foolhardy," she said. "I



Sheila Schultz

don't want to take precious time away now by starting to campaign. I don't see that decision coming until very late in the fall."

Despite Schultz' hesitancy, however, political observers in town are scrutinizing her record over the past four years. Some want to find out if she deserves a second term. Others want to see where she will be vulnerable in April.

Elected in 1979 as a trustee, she was quickly tagged a political watchdog for her opposing views of Hein's policies — primarily his strong control over the village manager. Her victory two years later, politicians say, showed the residents' interest in cutting back the power of the village president, and striving for a more professional administrative staff with less interference from the board.



William Hein

Schultz campaigned door-to-door, passing the hat in the final days just to pay for posters and postage. She spent \$1,574 compared to Hein's \$4,937, running, some political observers say, not so much on a positive campaign but more on an "anti-Hein" campaign.

Schultz and Hein differed little on major campaign issues with both supporting the cost of acquiring Lake Michigan water, downtown redevelopment and a further study to consider purchasing Pal-Waukee Airport. Hein ran with the burden of Wheeling's recent past, a town rocked in the late 1970s by zoning shakedown scandals and biting political feuding. It was his downfall, some politicians say.

When the votes were counted, she drew support from 14 of 19 precincts in the village with exception of the



Roger Powers

Whipple Tree Village trailer park complex and a handful of the multitude of multi-family complexes. Hein, who had successfully wooed the multi-family vote in the past, blamed his election loss on supporters who didn't vote because they thought he would have such a large margin of victory.

Only 27 percent of the 11,730 registered voters showed up at the polls with Schultz getting 1,643 votes to Hein's 1,549.

The next election, politicians agree, will bring back Pal-Waukee Airport, taxes and multi-family housing versus single-family as the top issues.

The board currently is considering as much as a 70 percent tax levy increase. And while taxes could likely be the top campaign issue, politicians

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No lack of issues in election

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agree that Schultz and other board members will also lose some votes because they voted to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport.

"But I think we've got a hell-of-a-lot going for this group," Trustee William Rogers said. Rogers and Trustee Joseph Ratajczak are up for re-election and would likely slate with Schultz.

"We've brought a certain calmness to the village and elevated the status of Wheeling in the eyes of our neighbors," he said. "Look at the positive aspects — the Pal-Waukee issue was cleared up, we are getting Lake Michigan water and the village is in good financial shape."

Political observers agree that Hein, Rogers and any other candidates will not lack for issues in April. But Schultz allies say that people in the village are pleased with the way she has brought a more "professional" management team into the village — ending the Hein days where the Village President had more control over day-to-day operations of the village hall.

While he is not up for re-election, Kerr agreed that both Hein and Powers are likely to be two of Schultz' strongest opponents. But, he added, the two may be hindered because of their long-standing support for a strong village president's office at the expense of the village manager.

"(Hein and Powers) have indicated and supported this mayor form of government with a lot more say in running the village government," Kerr said. "When Hein was there, he was constantly interfering with the manager and I think Powers is a complete reflection of that based on what he's said."

Powers announced in July that he would challenge Schultz, chastizing her for giving Village Manager Thomas M. Markus too much power. "There used to be informational updates up until about four years ago," Power said when he announced his candidacy. "When I first came in, the budget was made as we went along, now we're handed a final document."

Although they ran together in two elections, Powers said he has no plans to link up with Hein again. "He's gone his way and I've gone mine," Powers said. But political insiders say it's very likely the two will slate together, perhaps to provide the strongest challenge.

Hein moved out of the village after the election but is moving back, leaving speculation that he may run or put up a slate in the spring election. Hein said he "really hasn't thought about" running in April. The move back could just be a coincidence,

some say, noting that his business interests are still in Wheeling.

A split could work in Schultz's favor as past supporters of the two are forced to pick between them.

Both Hein and Powers are the likely candidates, too, to link up with disgruntled single-family homeowners who feel their minority voice in the village has gone unheard long enough.

Concerned Residents Against More

Multi-family could be lobbying to give Hein and Powers their political support in 1985. Until now, these single-family homeowners have not been a strong constituency in village elections. But CRAMM representatives currently are fighting the proposed conversion of the 131-acre Arlington Golf Course into a 1,255-unit multi-family complex.

That fight, they guarantee, will carry over into the spring election.

WILDWOOD STUDY 8-23-84

A special ad hoc committee to study the Wildwood Apartment Complex has been formed at the request of Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz. The committee will attempt to study the problems of the troubled complex and to report its recommendations to the trustees.

In creating the ad hoc committee, the staff noted that numerous citations, newspaper articles and public complaints centered on Wildwood and that by forming an ad hoc committee, the "seemingly never ending problems" at the Wildwood apartments could be directly addressed.

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GOLF CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The Wheeling Plan Commission meets tonight to hear the results of a density study done by the Lexington Development Company on its plans for the development of the Arlington Golf Club, near Buffalo Grove and Dundee Roads. The meeting will be held at 7:30 at the Wheeling Village Hall. Members of an organized group of homeowners named Concerned Residents Against More Multifamilies, said they plan a large turn-out for the meeting.

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Wheeling taxpayers may face higher tax bills

1984 levy up 71% as Lake Michigan water, other bills come due

COUNTRYSIDE
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By MICHAEL COMERFORD

The problem facing the Wheeling Village Board is much like the problem that the ancient Greeks faced. The Greeks were constantly facing the harsh realities of a world composed of earth, wind, fire and water. With the possible exception of wind, these same elements are causing trouble in the village's 1984 tax levy proposal.

The Wheeling Village Board has agreed to consider a \$5,077,564 tax levy for 1984 which is up almost 71 percent over last year's levy. The major reasons given for the increase are: Lake Michigan water improvements, fire protection, and street repairs.

A public hearing and final consideration of the levy is scheduled for Sept. 4 and the deadline for filing the levy with the county is Sept. 11.

The three basic elements of earth, fire and water, in the form of lake water, fire protection and street improvements, account for 83.9 percent, or \$16 million, of the village's total debt, and 46.7 percent of the entire levy for 1984.

The dramatic increase in the levy is no surprise to village planners because it is

part of a comprehensive plan.

The water bill was not buffered by beginning taxation several years ago and thereby spreading payments over more years (as Buffalo Grove did) because village officials wanted to impose the tax when water was actually available.

The increase in the fire protection bill has been predicted since 1982, when the village pulled out of the Wheeling Fire Protection District which had put certain Wheeling residents in a double taxation bind.

Finally, the increase in the street improvements expenditures is explained by officials that say that getting at street construction early can save thousands of dollars in the future.

The impact of the levy on the average homeowner in Wheeling is still uncertain because the village's quadrennial reassessment will not be finished until the summer of 1985 and village officials can only speculate on what the new equalized assessed value for the area will be. That assessment will help determine the tax rates which appear on next year's tax bills.

The village's director of finance, Greg Peters, has estimated a 10 percent increase in the EAV for the area despite the fact that this year's EAV went down. Peters stressed that it is very difficult to accurately predict such things before a quadrennial assessment.

Peters estimates that the tax rate for the Village of Wheeling will increase from \$1.04 to \$1.61 per \$100 of EAV.

This translates into a \$108 increase (from \$197.60 to \$305.90) in this year's tax bill for the owner of a \$62,000 home (with an equalized assessed value of \$19,000).

That \$305 will account for 18 percent, up from 12.5 percent in '83, of the Wheeling homeowner's estimated total tax bill. All of this could change, of course, if the home's assessed value is increased.

The withdrawal of the village from the Wheeling Fire Protection District eliminated a double taxing situation, in which some residents paid both the village and the district for the same service, but it also cut a source of revenue.

Previously, up to \$790,000 was annually received from the district and credited as revenue. Since withdrawing from the

district, the village has received only \$325,000 to \$360,000 in taxes for that account. That has meant a shortfall of approximately \$900,000 in three years, according to village officials.

The impact of leaving the district's fire protection service was softened in the past by drawing from the oversized fund balance the village had built and now is trying to pare down to size. The fund balance, which is \$1,160,822 in fiscal year 1984, will shrink to \$525,660 by 1985 and then build itself up again to \$750,000 by 1987, according to village estimates. Three-quarters of a million dollars is considered the ideal amount by village planners.

The Lake Michigan water bill (\$1.3 million) will account for nearly half of the projected levy increase. The water is expected to arrive in September or October.

The cost of street improvements is the result of the issuing of \$3.4 million in bonds during May. The money will be used to upgrade newer roads and overhaul some older roads.

Public speaking

HERALD 8-30-84
● Wheeling village trustees this week discussed a proposal to require solicitors from both businesses and non-profit agencies to register with the village, be fingerprinted, submit recent photographs of themselves, and agree to police checks for criminal backgrounds.

Trustees asked Village Attorney James Rhodes to the revise the proposal to exempt non-profit groups such as the Girl Scouts selling cookies in their annual fundraiser. "We're obviously not going to fingerprint and photograph every Girl Scout," said Trustee Roger Powers. "I don't want to be the first city to fingerprint 8-year-olds."

Ordinance would place a tight rein on solicitors

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Solicitors peddling their wares door to door in Wheeling would be required to register with the village, be fingerprinted, and bonded for \$1,000 if a proposed ordinance is approved next month.

Developed in reaction to residents' complaints earlier this summer, the plan submitted by Village Attorney James Rhodes Monday also requires solicitors to undergo a criminal background check.

The proposed application requires recent photographs of the solicitor and information regarding the merchandise for sale — where it was manufactured, its cost, and its location at the time of application.

The \$1,000 bond, which Rhodes estimated would be "as

cheap as \$25," could be used if the merchandise were faulty or not delivered as promised, Rhodes said.

BUT TRUSTEES, citing the annual Girl Scout cookie sale, asked Rhodes to soften restrictions on not-for-profit groups to simply registration.

"We're obviously not going to fingerprint and photograph every Girl Scout," said Trustee Roger Powers. "I don't want to be the first city to fingerprint 8-year-olds."

Rhodes said the proposed ordinance without the intended changes would indeed require background checks and fingerprinting of Girl Scouts.

"Once you make exceptions, you leave yourself open to a lawsuit," he said.

"The need for regulation comes from groups that create problems — not only for-profit groups but for solicitors who come under the guise of not-for-profit," he said.

BUT TRUSTEES INFORMALLY agreed to limit the restrictions to for-profit peddlers.

"I'd like to have Jim (Rhodes) look at for-profit groups," said Trustee Charles Kerr. "I don't want to stop the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts."

Village President Sheila Schultz said, "I don't want to stop the Avon lady either."

Exempt from the proposed ordinance, however, are people who show their merchandise by appointment and groups soliciting contributions without goods to sell. Avon salesmen soliciting door-to-door would fall under the ordinance, Rhodes said.

Barred from receiving the annual licenses are those convicted of forcible felonies in the last 10 years, those whose licenses were revoked in Wheeling or other towns, those violating the solicitation ordinance and those lying

on the applications.

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THE PROPOSAL restricts peddling to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and prohibits it on Sundays.

It requires peddlers to leave if asked by the home occupant. It also prohibits soliciting at homes with "No Trespassing" signs displayed.

Barbara Dittman, a Wheeling resident who early last month spearheaded a 133-signature petition drive for village action on peddlers, praised the proposed ordinance.

Last month she testified in court against a magazine salesman who would not leave her premises when asked. The salesman was found guilty and released with his promise to not contact Dittman again and return to Arizona, she said.

Rhodes said it was salesmen such as these that prompted the ordinance.

Town may revise RV restrictions

HERALD
by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer 8-29-84

Wheeling residents may again be allowed to park their campers or boats on the side yards of their homes.

Village trustees this week proposed revisions to a 1983 ordinance, which allows parking of recreational vehicles less than eight feet tall only in garages or homeowners' back yards. Vehicles more than eight feet tall — and most recreational vehicles are 10 feet tall — may not be parked in residential areas.

Trustees instructed Village Attorney James Rhodes to draft an amendment to the ordinance to allow parking on side yards and to extend the maximum height of vehicles from eight to 10 feet. Rhodes is expected to present the exact changes in the proposed ordinance next month.

Trustees viewed slides taken by the

village employees of 16 boats and campers parked — both legally and illegally — at homes throughout the village. The slides showed some boats or campers illegally parked by homes without back yards or driveways wide enough to accommodate them.

ONE PROBLEM WITH the current ordinance, said Rhodes, is that no exceptions are allowed for homes where parking in back yards is impossible.

Added Trustee Charles Kerr, "We don't know how many people had to get rid of their recreational vehicles to live within our ordinance. We don't know how many people are paying additional fees to house a recreational vehicle (at storage lots)."

Rhodes said the present ordinance was aimed to regulate the boat or camper owner "who abuses the good nature of his neighbor and parks it there constantly." The ordinance bars parking within three feet of the neighbor's yard.

Ninety percent of neighbors' complaints are directed at large recreational vehicles parked in front yards, said Police Chief Michael F. Haeger.

"If 90 percent of our complaints are from front yard parking, I think that's what we should be dealing with," said Trustee Joseph Ratajczak.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz voiced concerns about allowing taller RVs to be parked in side yards. "In my neighborhood, the combination of increase in height and using the side yard would almost totally block the light and air from windows in neighbors' houses," she said.

Despite her hesitations, Schultz agreed to the proposed increase in the maximum vehicle height allowed. "If, in fact, they're not making vehicles that fit our ordinance, we should take a look at height."

Airport power dispute simmers

HERALD
by Ellen M. Schmid

Herald staff writer 8-30-84

Officials from Wheeling and Prospect Heights Wednesday again locked horns over how much pull each town would have on a commission appointed to govern Pal-Waukee Airport.

In discussions that sometimes approached the shouting level, town leaders couldn't agree on how to handle any future deadlocks on airport issues.

Wheeling trustees William Rogers and Anthony Altieri, along with village president Sheila Schultz, held tight to their contentions that each

town should be equally represented. That would mean an issue dies in case of a tie vote, Schultz said.

"THAT VOTE IS a decision. It's a negative decision, but it is a decision," she said.

"Well then, it's inevitable at least half of the things that are somewhat controversial will fail because of a tie," said Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan. "That means the airport will die."

Rogers said he believes the opposite is true. "An even-numbered commission would be most favorable to both communities," Rogers said. "We could be sure that the concerns of

both towns would be maintained within the commission."

The six-member ad hoc committee, meeting for the first time since it was formed earlier this month, spent the better part of two hours arguing about whether there should be a tie-breaker and how it would be set up.

SUGGESTIONS RANGED from alternating a two-year chairmanship between the towns, beginning with a coin toss to determine which town's official would serve the first term, to enlisting a tie-only vote of a state or federal official.

Schultz, apparently willing to compromise for Prospect Heights' need

for a tie-breaker, said she would support forming another, smaller committee to act as a negotiating team in the event a majority could not be reached.

The officials did reach some agreement on other matters, deciding that the commission would be responsible for day-to-day operations of the airport.

They also agreed that elected boards in both towns would retain control over approving budgets and contracts, but that the commission would be responsible for negotiating those contracts and planning the budget.

Lexington to amend plan

Wheeling Life
By GARY ROBERTS

Staff Writer 8-30-84

WHEELING — In the face of opposition from the Plan Commission and nearby residents, developers of a proposed \$80 million multifamily development on the Arlington Country Club golf course have agreed to revise their plan in order to create more open space.

The Lexington Development Corp. of Arlington Heights had proposed building 1,256 apartment and condominium units on an unincorporated 131-acre tract on the northeast corner of Dundee and Buffalo Grove roads. A six-acre parcel along Dundee Road is tar-

geted for commercial development.

But Plan Commission members objected to the plan, which calls for an average of 10 units per acre of land. A majority of the Commission indicated that a density of eight units per acre would reduce congestion and be more acceptable.

MEANWHILE, ABOUT 20 residents living near the site spoke out against the proposal at a workshop session Thursday, Aug. 23. The homeowners, many of whom reside in the Highland Glen subdivision directly east of the golf course, cited traffic problems that would be caused on Dundee Road.

"It's a very bad situation now and I feel that traffic will only get

worse (if the plan is approved)," said Geoff Goldberg, 200 Lake Blvd.

Plan Commission member Vicki Shepard also voiced concern over the creation of more traffic on Dundee. "I envision a mass problem. Traffic is now abominable," said Shepard. "The idea of 10 units (per acre) is just a phenomenal amount of people."

SPEARHEADING THE drive against the development is a group of residents who have banded together to form CRAMM, Concerned Residents Against Any More Multifamily. CRAMM member Thomas Judy, 135 Berkshire

Lane, said the overcrowding of Wheeling is a problem that must be addressed in future developments. "The Village of Wheeling is not a town, it is a city of complexes," he charged. "There is no feeling of community here."

Although Lexington Development President Ronald Benach restated his intention not to build single-family homes on the site, he indicated there is room for compromise. "I think there is a place for us to come together in terms of this density issue," said Benach.

The Plan Commission will address Lexington's request for multifamily zoning at a public hearing scheduled for Sept. 13.

Suburbs strive to maintain their individuality

by Ellen M. Schmid

Herald staff writer

ident Sheila Schultz said.

"I like to think the people really have a say about what's done here," she said. "There's been a real strong effort to involve people."

The village of 24,000 is known for its restaurants. A two-mile strip of Milwaukee Avenue often is referred to as "restaurant row," offering an array of cuisines, from fast-food spots to Le Francais, regarded by some as one of the best restaurants in the world.

That fame, Schultz said, isn't newly found. It stems from the days when people would travel from Chicago to eat and then to swim in the Des Plaines River, which borders the 90-year-old town on the east.

New businesses in Wheeling have moved into old buildings and maintained the historical appearance. Old businesses, such as John's Shoe Repair and Dreiske's Flowers, remain established friends of the community as it continues to grow.

Wheeling

Wheeling's historical flavor and small-town atmosphere sets it apart from the other suburbs, Village Pres-



Herald photo by Rich Chapman

WHEELING IS KNOWN for the many restaurants in town, including the world-renowned Le Francais on Milwaukee Avenue. The restaurant tradition began in the early 1950s when Wheeling, still a small farm community, was the spot many city residents chose for a Saturday or Sunday outing. The day would include swimming in the Des Plaines River.



Herald photo by Jon Kiro

ROWS OF MULTI-FAMILY housing in Wheeling tower above vehicles parked in a neighboring lot. Some residents and officials say they are concerned that apartments, condominiums and other multi-family dwellings also tower above the number of single-family homes in the village. Multi-family housing comprises 65 percent of available housing in Wheeling.

Debate on housing rages

by Katherine Waugh

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Not unlike a debate that raged about a decade ago, residents and officials in Wheeling are asking how their town became predominated by multi-family housing.

And many are wondering — some demanding — can that 65-35 ratio of apartments and condominiums to houses be reversed?

Quite frankly, says Village Manager Thomas M. Markus, the answer is "No."

In 1965, Wheeling was a much smaller community with about 35 percent of its housing units multi-family and the balance single-family. The little town attracted young couples seeking a new, clean and less expensive haven from Chicago, Skokie and other near north suburbs.

The village's comprehensive plan then called for about 14 percent of the village to be multi-family. Construction in the 1960s had exceeded that goal, but officials weren't terribly concerned; the mix of housing still was in line with surrounding communities.

OTHER TOWNS near Wheeling have managed to maintain those ratios, even today. But in the first four years of 1970, enormous multi-family construction was authorized — and much of it tainted by a zoning scandal.

"There was a three- or four-year period where just a tremendous amount of land was zoned and rezoned," Markus said. "A number of the projects that are still being built today, their zoning and subdivisions occurred during that period of time."

And that forced surrounding property to "really take on a multiple family character," he added. From 1971 to 1974, 3,465 multi-family units were built in the village while only 29 single-family homes were constructed.

Single-family plans were pushed aside in favor of multi-family construction on several large plots of land included Tahoe Village, Mallard Lake, Lakeside Villas, Fairway Greens Apartments, VIP Apartments, Cedar Run Condominiums, Sandpebble Walk Condominiums and Shadow Bend.

A federal investigation later showed at least 11 developers for some of these complexes were victims of extortion schemes involving former Wheeling Township Democratic committeeman James Stavros, former Wheeling Trustee William Hart and former building director William Bieber.

The village still has a suit pending against Stavros in an attempt to collect \$92,000 Stavros admitted extorting from developers in exchange for fa-

vorable zoning and building consideration. **IN 1974, ABOUT** the same time the village was beginning to recover from the zoning scandal, Markus was the village's 23 year-old assistant manager. At the time, he told the board what it might not have wanted to hear. The recent multi-family construction had turned the housing ratio around and 61 percent of all dwellings in the village were multi-family.

— Thomas M. Markus

"It's been all too easy," Markus told trustees in 1974. "Single-family dwellings within the village of Wheeling should be encouraged."

Shortly after that report, the village attempted to slow the trend toward apartments and condominiums. The village twice reduced the number of units allowed in multi-family construction and down graded zoning on several pieces of land. But the majority of construction had already taken place.

"One of the problems is that when that report came out the multi-family ratio was already over 60 percent," Markus says now. "When you start off with that percentage, it's hard to shift either way. And even with that land left, there's a lot of it zoned multi-family or some is sandwiched between other (multi-family) parcels."

Also after Markus' report of 10 years ago, Brownstone Manor at Palatine and Wheeling roads was rezoned and single-family homes were built, he said. The density was trimmed in Malibu, the second phase of Tahoe Village, Lake of the Winds, Woodcrest and Lexington Commons II.

THE RIDGEFIELD development, a subdivision of 224 houses at Wheeling and Hintz road, currently is under construction on land once tagged for multi-family, Markus said. Village staff members are working to change other parcels between Wheeling and Elmhurst roads in hopes of single-family home construction despite earlier plans for multi-family, he said.

"I'm not saying we're defeated in our quest for more single-family homes but to try to change that percentage balance is very difficult, at best," he said.

Markus said he would "like to think" the village has made quite a bit of progress in those 10 years since the zoning scandals and extensive multi-family construction.

But multi-family versus single-family issue will not disappear. Instead, it seems bound for a political posture in the April 1985 village elections.

Leaders of CRAMM — Concerned Residents Against More Multi-family — are upset with the village board's positive view of a 1,255-unit housing complex proposed for the Arlington Golf Club on Dundee Road.

The village plan commission last week recommended lowering the density of that project to about 1,000 units, but residents opposed to the project remain unappeased. More multi-family housing will only add burden to police and fire departments, increase traffic on an already crowded Dundee Road and bring more transient renters to Wheeling who don't care about the village, they say.

CRAMM's ISSUES beyond the Lexington proposal are not yet defined; members say only that they will be the "political watchdogs" for any actions that the board takes that might adversely affect single-family homeowners.

And CRAMM's political power as yet to be tested. CRAMM members say they won't put up their own slate in the April village elections. But at the same time, they aren't saying who they might support from the most likely candidates for the village president's seat — incumbent Sheila Schultz, former Village President William Hein, who is eyed as a possible challenger or Trustee Roger Powers, who already says he'll run.

Insiders from the group say it's unlikely that they will support Schultz if she runs again, since they blame much of the housing problems in the village on "her board."

With the possible backing of only the 35 percent single-family voters, CRAMM workers say their task will be easier than some might think.

"We just need enough to swing an election one way or the other," CRAMM spokesman Art Dobbis said. And when CRAMM can turn out 100 people for a village plan commission meeting, its election hopes seem within reach. In the last village election, only 128 votes separated winner Trustee Anthony Altieri from loser Donald Kirchenberg.

Study opens way for business park

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by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

After four years' delay, a Des Plaines developer has new hope for the \$20-million industrial park he proposes to build in Wheeling.

Developer Mario Egidi is expected to appear before the Wheeling Plan Commission later this month or next month armed with new plans for the Edgebrook business center, on 14 acres at Dundee Road and the Soo Line railroad, he said Friday.

An engineering study opened the way for Egidi's revisions when it showed that with slight variations, development would not affect flooding along the Des Plaines drainage ditch as the federal government said it would.

The \$8,000 study, prepared by Harza Engineer Co. of Chicago, showed "the flooding potential wasn't quite what the government maps said it would be," said Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus.

HARZA'S STUDY of the area was much more detailed than the federal government's general flooding survey that the developer disputed. That survey dashed Egidi's hope to develop the 14-acre site because the village adopted flooding regulations required by the National Flood Insurance program in 1978 to conform to it. Federal maps at that time showed building



Herald Graphic

on Egidi's property would increase flooding.

Village Engineer Michael J. Klitzke said the new plans conform to village flood regulations and will be submitted to the plan commission and the village board. At one time, both boards approved the project, Klitzke said.

Egidi has owned the site just north of the village hall since 1968. Edgebrook business center would cost \$19 to \$23 million and take two to three years to build, he said.

"Once we get approval, we can start selling lots," Egidi said.

Markus declined to predict Egidi's chances for passing the village commission and board a second time, but he said the engineering study "breathes new life into the possibility the project will be approved."

Village to consider 67% tax increase

HERALD 9-3-84

A public hearing on Wheeling's proposed tax levy — which is 67 percent higher than last year's — is scheduled for Tuesday.

The proposed levy would increase the village's share of taxes on a \$60,000 home assessed at \$12,090 from \$125.86 to \$209.70, said Village Manager Thomas M. Markus. It will increase the total tax bill 8 percent, Markus said.

Following the hearing, the Wheeling village board is expected to vote on the tax levy.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Markus said he recommends the more than \$5 million levy, up from last year's \$3 million, to pay for Lake Michigan water, a street improvement program and losses to the tax rolls when the village pulled out of the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District, which taxed a \$60,000 home at approximately \$25, Markus said.

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People notes

• The following students from Wheeling received bachelor degrees from Illinois State University: Kenneth Bailing, Joelle Corvington, Laura Doherty, Colleen Jones, Toni Kress, David Skul and Cheryl Wood.

• Janis O'Connor, daughter of James O'Connor of Wheeling, received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Evansville.

• Theresa Picchiotti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Picchiotti of Wheeling, received an associate of science degree in physical therapy assistance from the University of Evansville.

• Patricia Sitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sitt of Wheeling, received an associate of science degree in physical therapy from the University of Evansville.

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Today's agenda

• The Wheeling Appearance Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 255 W. Dundee Road.

• The Auxiliary to the Amvets Post 66 will meet at 8 p.m. at the post home in Wheeling.

THE AD HOC committee of Prospect Heights and Wheeling officials Wednesday will continue discussions on an intergovernmental agreement to jointly operate the Pal-Waukee Airport.

The committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Prospect Heights City Hall, 4 E. Camp McDonald Road.

Major stumbling blocks in the drafting of the agreement have been how many representatives from each community will sit on the airport governing commission and how tie votes — possibly split down town lines — will be broken.

Wheeling officials are lobbying for an even-numbered commission, contending that tie votes can be worked out through negotiations. Prospect Heights officials want an odd number of representatives, with the two towns alternating terms as chairman of the commission.

Officials still disagree on tie votes

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by Ellen M. Schmid

Herald staff writer

It seemed like there was more agreement than disagreement Wednesday night as officials from Prospect Heights and Wheeling went item-by-item through a proposed intergovernmental agreement to govern the Pal-Waukee Airport.

That is, they agreed until discussions once again reached how possible tie votes on a governing commission might be resolved.

Wheeling Village President Sheila

Schultz pressed the village's case for an even-numbered commission equally representing both towns, citing a similar agreement governing joint ownership of a small airport in Downstate Pinkneyville and Du-Quoin.

"It's working there, it's been proven and it makes sense," Schultz said. "We've never received any documentation from you on why it won't work. We just keep hearing: 'It won't work. It won't work.' That's just not valid."

But Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan held tight to his argument

that a tie breaker has to be in place to see that progress is being made on the airport.

"There is going to be a tie breaker. There's got to be," Gilligan said. "Otherwise it isn't going to work."

Arguing for even representation in the joint venture, Schultz said, "I want to see an equal decision-making process."

Gilligan countered with: "It's tough, but equality of membership is not going to produce equality for the airport."

Gilligan again proposed that a

state representative serve as a tie-breaker. "They have a vested interest in this," he said. "I don't see any way out of it."

The Wheeling side brought in the latest proposed agreement Wednesday; Gilligan had proposed both previous agreements. Although the new draft contained several similarities, it was obviously different in proposing a make-up of the commission, which will oversee airport activities and report back to elected officials in both towns.

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In the news

• The Wheeling Village Board has approved an Elk Grove Village developer's bid to rezone 64-acres of industrial property, paving the way for construction of the 77-lot Palwaukee Business Center at North Front and Chestnut Drive. Page 3.

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• The village of Wheeling is considering softening a 1983 ordinance that bars residents from parking small campers or boats on the side yards of their homes. The ordinance bars larger vehicles — those taller than 8 feet — from parking in outdoors residential areas at all. In considering raising that number to the standard recreational vehicle height of 10 feet, Wheeling Trustee Charles Kerr said, "We don't know how many people had to get rid of their recreational vehicles to live within our ordinance. We don't know how many people are leaving residential areas to park their recreational vehicles in other areas."



Herald photo by Jon Kim

PHYLLIS HARMON, her son, Phillip Hursthouse and grandson Matthew, stay in shape for Sunday's 14th Wheeling Wheelmen. **HERALD 9-6-84**

Get 'good ride' in Wheeling

by Sherry Boemmel

Herald correspondent

Among bikers, says Phyllis Harmon, "the word is out."

"If you want a good ride, go to Wheeling."

And hundreds of bikers will be hoping for just that when they push off Sunday in the 14th annual Harmon Hundred, sponsored by the Wheeling Wheelmen, one of the oldest and, club officials say, fastest growing bike clubs in the area.

The Hundred, named after Harmon's husband Willard, who, during

the early 1970s mapped several bike routes through the Northwest suburbs, is a series of three bicycle touring events. Bikers may ride in any one of the three.

"It's not a race," says Phillis, founder of the Wheelmen and editor of the club's newsletter. "We don't time riders because that would make a race out of it."

THE EVENT CONSISTS of three courses, a quarter hundred from Wheeling to Long Grove and back; the Half Hundred to Algonquin and back and the Harmon Hundred to Greenfield, Ill., and back.

Three hours are allowed for the Quarter Hundred. Club official suggests bikers stop for lunch and visit shops in Long Grove before returning to Wheeling.

The route for the Half Hundred will include two "sag stops"—places where refreshments are available—manned by the Wheelmen along the way. Six hours is the maximum time which also allows for lunch.

Those riding the Harmon Hundred will find four sag stops along their way and restaurants for lunch.

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Get a 'good ride' with Wheeling Wheelmen

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will follow trailing riders to mark the end of the group and to watch for problems. Cars will be at the sag stops in case of breakdowns.

Last year more than 100 cyclist registered before the event and 765 cyclists rode the courses. This year club officials report that 250 riders have pre-registered and they are hoping for a bigger turnout on the day of the ride.

Any increase in the turnout would reflect a similar jump in Wheelmen membership, which has increased by about 100, club officials say.

Members come from many communities around the area. The club's board, led by president Howard Paul of Des Plaines, is composed of cyclists from Deerfield, Barrington, Palatine and Northbrook. These are some of the communities represented by the club members.

THOUGH SOME MEMBERS of the club race and use the club rides as training, most members enjoy bicycle touring, a recreational facet of the sport.

"You just go and ride at your own pace," Harmon said.

The emphasis is on comraderie rather than speed, according to Harmon.

"Bicycling is mixing and mingling," she said. "You never stop talking. I'm a perfect example."

Though the cyclists generally ride distances of 10 to 100 miles, the rides are always broken into stages, so the strain is less noticeable. Routes are planned so bikers pass restaurants

for meals and other "sag stops" are planned for snacks and rest along the way.

"EACH REST STOP WILL replenish your energy," said Harmon, a 56-year veteran rider, who recommends thinking of a 100-mile ride as six 15-mile rides to cut the idea down to size.

"You'll be tired after your first century (100 miles), but the personal satisfaction and wonderful sense of achievement will be something you never forget," she said.

Matthew Hursthouse, 8, the youngest Wheelmen member, rode the Quarter Hundred last year, but this year will be working the Harmon Hundred. He and his father Phillip may ride sweep for the Quarter Hundred.

MATTHEW WAS THE FIRST to sign up to donate cookies—chocolate chip. He and his grandmother Harmon expect to produce about 30 dozen cookies. His grandmother said she is the oldest Wheelman at 68.

The Harmon Hundred is not the only event on the Wheelmen calendar. The group meets the first Wednesday evening every month at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Rd. There is usually a program, perhaps on bike frame design or slides of a bike trip.

Rides are scheduled as long as the weather allows and winter activities include hiking and cross country skiing when biking is not possible.

The Wheeling Wheelmen had their first ride in April, 1970, about five months after Harmon moved to Wheeling from Evanston. She went to the park district with the idea for

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Board OK paves way for industrial park

The Wheeling Village Board has approved an Elk Grove Village developer's bid to rezone 64-acres of industrial property, paving the way for a 77-lot industrial park at Hintz Road and Chaddick Drive.

Developer Robert G. McLennan, Jr., president of the investment division of McLennan & Thebault Inc., said his firm will now seek final approval of his building plans from the planning commission and village board. Pending approval, construction will begin in spring and take five to seven years, McLennan said.

The industrial park, to be called the Palwaukee Business Center, will be marketed for small businesses.

"Job creation today is coming at the small end of the market," McLennan said. "We envision the small user - the classic sales, service, light assembly business, someone in Phase 2

of a business or just starting one."

Included in plans for the development is a nine-acre storm water retention pond on the property's north end.

Trustee William A. Rogers questioned a portion of the proposal that allows the developer to build 40-foot-tall buildings.

"Once the lots are filled, you are going to have a Chinese Wall 40 feet high," he said. "In spite of the retention basin, I'm not sure that would be that appealing."

However, McLennan said the buildings will not adversely affect nearby residential property. The building line will be 169 feet from the back lot of adjacent homes to the north, he noted.

The developer will make improvements to lessen the flooding potential on the property, according to Village Manager Thomas Markus.



NEARLY 5 MILLION gallons of water is pumped out of a trench surrounding the Northwest Water Commission reservoir in Des Plaines Wednesday after a sudden shift in one wall of the reservoir sent the wa-

ter spilling out into the trench. The accident is expected to delay the opening, set for next week, of the Lake Michigan water pipeline to four Northwest suburbs.



Lake Michigan water delayed

Accident at reservoir blamed

by Al Cubbage

Herald staff writer

A week before a \$54 million Lake Michigan pipeline was to begin servicing four water-hungry Northwest suburbs, a wall at the pipeline's main reservoir has split apart, delaying indefinitely the arrival of the long-awaited lake water.

A section of the main reservoir, weighing hundreds of tons, suddenly shifted at a joint Tuesday, spilling nearly 5 million gallons of water into a construction trench surrounding the concrete reservoir at the intersection of Wolf and Kensington roads in Des Plaines, officials said Wednesday.

No one was injured in the accident. The pipeline was supposed to begin bringing Lake Michigan water from Evanston to Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Palatine, and Wheeling on Monday.

"WE JUST have to look and see how much damage has been done. Until then we won't have any information on what will happen to the timetable," said James J. Holzwart, executive director of the Northwest Water Commission.

Pipeline officials said they had "no idea" what caused the sudden shift, which moved a section of the massive concrete structure nearly three feet.

Lake Michigan service delayed indefinitely

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and tested again before water can begin flowing.

The four Northwest suburbs have been in need of additional water much of the summer. Sprinkling bans have been in effect, and at times the communities have been forced to buy

water from neighboring towns because wells have run low due to lack of rain.

Arlington Heights has been hardest hit by the lack of Lake Michigan water, which was expected to be delivered by this July. Kenneth Bonder, village manager, said the village no longer is buying water from other

towns, but was forced to do so last week when temperatures soared.

"I'M HOPEFUL that there will not be that great of a delay and that we still might be able to do some delivery of water this fall," Bonder said.

Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling, chairman of the wa-

ter commission, said, "It's bad, but it may not be as bad as it seems. We can put it into service and operate with just two cells, so it might not be that long."

Water from Evanston to the reservoir may be damaged.

If that is the case, the line will have to be rebuilt, delaying even further the arrival of lake water to the four suburbs, which have had full or partial water usage bans in effect most of the summer because of shortages in village wells.

Holzwart said the commission will hire an independent structural engineering firm to conduct an investigation, in addition to probes by the engineering firm, PRC Consoer Townsend Engineering, and the contractor, George Sollit Construction Co.

HOLZWART SAID responsibility for the cost of repairs depends on the cause of the accident.

Work crews spent Wednesday pumping out nearly 5 million gallons of water that spilled from one of the reservoir's five "cells" or subsections. The water flowed into a construction trench approximately 10 feet deep, which surrounds the huge reservoir and was being filled with dirt when the accident occurred.

The 25-million-gallon reservoir is essentially a large concrete box, approximately two stories high and the size of three football fields laid side by side. Divided into five cells that can be filled individually, the \$11 million structure is the main pumping station and reservoir for the water commission pipeline.

WHEN THE accident occurred, the easternmost of the five cells — which was empty at the time — suddenly shifted, rising as much as 6 inches and separating from the adjoining cell at a joint. The shift left a crack ranging from 3 inches to 31 inches wide, and allowed water to rush into the trench.

Officials said that if the intake line and the remaining three cells of the reservoir prove structurally sound, the line could be opened while repair work is done on the other two.

But even if the huge cell that shifted can be repaired instead of torn down and entirely rebuilt, the three remaining cells must be chlorinated

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History scrapbook

Old Village Hall moved

The old Wheeling Village Hall, left, which was built in 1897, as it stood on South Milwaukee Avenue. The old village hall, which was renovated and moved to Chamber of Commerce Park on South Wolf Road, above, now houses the Wheeling Historical Museum.

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Taxpayers won't pay cost of reservoir repairs

It may be three to four more weeks before the Northwest Water Commission sees the results of studies examining the causes of a break in the 25-million-gallon reservoir in Des Plaines.

Until then the water bans in Palatine, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove will remain in effect.

A movement in the cell walls of the reservoir on Sept. 4 resulted in a crack which at some points grew to 31 inches wide. The reservoir is the major link in a pipeline project to transport Lake Michigan water to Palatine, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove.

Commission President Bill Balling said that he hopes that the studies will be completed in time for pre-winter repairs. A quick resolution to the problem is the commission's first goal said Balling.

Balling said that the reservoir break probably will not cost the taxpayers extra money for Lake Michigan water. He said that the repair costs would probably be borne by one or more of the companies involved.

The intensive investigation into the incident is being conducted by George Sottit Construction Co., the construction company that built the reservoir; by Wiss, Janney and Elstner and Associates, a consulting firm hired by the Northwest Water Commission's attorneys; by Hartford Insurance Co., an insurance company that insured the project and PCR Insurer Townsend, the engineering outfit designed it.

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Bonds to be issued for Peer Chain Co.

The village of Wheeling has agreed to issue \$1.8 million in economic development bonds on behalf of Peer Chain Company and SIL Inc.

The village, which lends its name to obtain the tax-free bonds, has no responsibility if the company defaults, said Gregory Peters, village finance director.

The firms will be able to borrow money at lower than market interest rates because investors who buy the bonds do not have to pay federal income taxes on the interest they earn.

Loan payments are guaranteed by a letter of credit backing the company. Peer Chain Inc. and SIL Inc. plan to buy a 65,000 square-foot building at 1550-52 Abbott Drive, to warehouse chain fences and textiles.

Rowing machine approved

The village also approved spending \$350 on a rowing machine for the exercise room for village employees. Village Manager Tom Markus said village firefighters promised to match the \$350 for a second rowing machine.

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Judge drops taxpayers from pension suit

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

Wheeling taxpayers keep feeding more money into the meter to pay lawyers' fees in a dispute between the village and the police pension board, despite a ruling last week that taxpayers can not be plaintiffs in the village's lawsuit against the pension board.

The village filed the lawsuit to keep the pension board from instituting its controversial mortgage plan. The plan would use pension funds to finance low interest mortgage loans to police.

The pension board's attorney is claiming temporary victory after Cook County Circuit Judge Harold Siegan said in a pretrial decision that a pension plan to finance low interest mortgage loans to police is not the concern of the taxpayers. Siegan said that is a matter for those directly involved with the pension board to decide.

The Village is now in the process of changing its argument in an effort to remain a plaintiff in the case. The next hearing will be held on Nov. 7.

The taxpayer is hit from both sides in this litigation. The taxpayers pay for the Village's attorney fees and for the Pension Board's attorney fees.

Pension Board President Edward Theriault said that their attorney fees are running in excess of \$100,000 and he estimates that the Village is incurring the same costs.

"This thing might be costing \$250,000 before it even gets to court," said Theriault.

Village Attorney James Rhodes says that the Village's costs have not been computed recently but were at around \$40,000 several months ago.

The trial date is tentatively set for January but neither side thinks that it will be settled by then. In fact both sides admit that it is possible that the lawsuit will drag on for more years.

The pension board's attorney, John Treece, said that the delays may be due to a strategy by the Village to keep the issue in the courts so that the plan can not be implemented for years.

Treece said that the reason they are claiming a victory is because if they had lost that decision it would have been a major setback. Also, he said that the decision shows that the judge is not interested in the "puffy issues" that the Village has "dreamed up."

"Instead of throwing all sorts of plaintiffs on the bandwagon against the pension board the judge is only going to deal with the real issues and the Village is going to have to face them," said Treece.

The lawsuit, which has been in the courts since January of 1983, alleges that the Police Pension Board plan is a misuse of funds. The Village claims that this poor management of funds would result in lost income for the pension board and may become a tax burden on citizens.

Theriault admitted that the mortgage plan would not net the highest possible return on investment (at least 6.5 per cent on a mortgage loan) but said that a home is the best kind of security during retirement.

He also claimed that the loss of interest would only be 2 to 3 per cent a year which amounts to \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year on a \$1 million plan.

Rhodes said that the loss in interest earnings would be much higher and the lawsuit is not as expensive when viewed as an investment.

Rhodes also objects to the plan because it sets no ceiling on the amount a person might draw from the fund and doesn't specify that the loan only be used for home mortgages. The loans, in other words, could be used by police for other investment purposes.

Board urged to deny cable rate hike

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by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Wheeling finance director Greg Peters is recommending the Wheeling Village Board deny a request for a cable television rate increase.

In a Northwest Municipal Cable Council vote, Wheeling was one of two villages opposed to lifting a rate freeze 10 months before it is set to expire in August 1985.

CABLENET, INC. of Mount Prospect is asking to raise basic rates from \$5.95 to \$7.95 per month, but to add Cablextra — a handful of channels including MTV, Nashville Network, Cable News Headline and Lifetime — to the basic package, according to the firm's proposal.

If approved, it would spell a \$2 increase for 43 percent of Wheeling customers. Depending on the extra services other customers have ordered, the new rate could mean a de-

crease or no change in charges.

The village board will field public comment on Cablenet's request at 8 p.m. Oct. 15 at the village hall. The final decision lies with the village board.

Peters, who represented the village in the Northwest Municipal Conference vote, opposed lifting the rate freeze because "it allows Cablenet to set whatever rate they feel is necessary to operate the system," Peters told the board Monday.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus told trustees, "You had a competitive situation. You selected the firm based on the best services and best rates. Now you'd be turning around and taking some of that back."

But Eric Anderson, cable coordinator of the Northwest Municipal Conference, said Tuesday the market sets rates better than municipalities.

"The council is saying we're not

sure we know how to regulate rates. We believe the market ought to control them," he said.

Although in theory other cable television firms can compete with Cablenet, in practice, cable television "is a natural monopoly," he said.

"BUT IF the price gets too high," he said, "people will turn it off." Anderson said the council is "not sure they deserve a hike."

"They overspent by 50 percent," Anderson said. According to the firm's financial statements of construction in 10 north suburbs, the firm budgeted \$50 million and spent \$75 million, he said. "They still have to complete Northbrook and Glenview," Anderson said.

The council voted to grant the request to prevent the company from "going belly up" he said. Voting to lift the rate freeze were Des Plaines, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights and Schaumburg.

Arlington Heights joined Wheeling in opposing the move. Representatives from Bartlett and Streamwood were absent.

Cable television firms across the country will likely be allowed to raise rates 5 percent anyway if a bill that passed the U.S. House of Representatives Monday is approved by the U.S. Senate later this week as expected, Anderson said.

ON TUESDAY, Cablenet, Inc., withdrew a second request to the cable council to temporarily shut down 60 channels. The council last month voted against the firm's request to turn off channels primarily allocated for municipal, library and school use.

The council opposed eliminating the extra 60-channel cable because, among other reasons, "no one could see a good way to make sure they'd turn it back on," Anderson said.

Experts advise village to buy, resell land on Milwaukee Ave.

by Maribeth Vander Weele

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Herald staff writer

An Evanston consulting firm says Wheeling officials should buy land along Milwaukee Avenue that will be sold to developers interested in building specialty shops, offices, and high-priced condominiums and apartments.

And, conclude Barton-Aschman Associates Inc., if Pal-Waukee Airport is ever expanded, a hotel should be constructed in the area.

The village board this week took the first step to establish financing for a long-term project, calling for the upgrading of run-down property along Milwaukee Avenue.

The board passed a resolution saying it intends to establish a tax increment financing district, which allows the village to borrow money, use the money to buy deteriorated property, improve the land and sell it to developers at a cut rate, according to Village Manager Thomas Markus.

The village pays off the loan with the increased property tax revenue it receives from the improved property, he said.

Village officials, who discussed buying land in closed session Monday, will not reveal what Milwaukee Avenue property or what price tag they are considering, to safeguard against land speculation, Markus said.

"If we let everyone know what we're considering, the price of land would go higher," he said,

adding that two developers, whom he declined to name, are interested in getting involved in some type of commercial development.

The marketing study, released by the village this week, is part of a \$35,000 the village is spending to devise the plan to renovate the Milwaukee Avenue corridor — which runs from Lake-Cook Road to Hintz Road. Federal funding provides \$25,000 of the cost.

The market analysis, developed by the Evanston firm under a subcontracting agreement with Robert B. Teska Associates, Inc., also of Evanston, labels high-priced shops for affluent consumers — services not available in traditional shopping malls — "the most promising retail development opportunity" for the village.

The report lists stores selling gourmet cooking supplies, handcrafted furniture and antiques, artisan shops, specialty apparel and more restaurants as examples.

The study suggests office buildings be built south of the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Lake Cook Road or near Pal-Waukee Airport.

Wheeling and neighboring Prospect Heights are buying the airport and plan to spend the next 20 years making improvements to bring the airport up to federal safety standards. If those plans are carried out, Wheeling could absorb 75,000 to 125,000 square feet of office space per year in a corporate office park in Wheeling, the study says.

And if the airport business grows "considerably," Milwaukee Avenue could also be the site of a

successful 125- to 175-room hotel, the market analysis says.

The consultant who developed the report has left Barton-Aschman Associates and was unavailable for comment, a spokesman of the firm said.

Perhaps most surprising in the report is the recommendation for more multifamily housing. The proposal comes in the midst of a debate on whether Wheeling, which has 63 percent multifamily housing, should attempt to lower that amount.

But Village Manager Thomas Markus said the percentages don't tell the story.

"You have certain areas that shouldn't have been built multifamily," he said. "On the other hand, you don't want to build single family in areas that are very logical for multi family."

Markus said, "Milwaukee Avenue does not lend itself to single-family development. And it isn't appropriate to saturate the area with commercial."

The study says that existing Wheeling apartments — where rents range from \$275 to \$500 a month for a two-bedroom apartment — are ample. Instead, the village should encourage construction of higher-priced units that would appeal mainly to young professionals who work in the "expanding office market along the Tri-State Tollway Corridor."

"They're saying there's no market for more of the same (rental housing)," Markus said. "But there's a market for higher-end multifamily units."

Judge rejects key portion of cop mortgage challenge

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

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A COOK County judge has dismissed the part of a village of Wheeling lawsuit charging that a low-interest home mortgage program funded by the police pension board is unconstitutional.

Ruling on pre-trial motions, Circuit Court Judge Harold Siegan said the controversial program does not violate the village's taxation powers. Wheeling officials had claimed they will be forced to impose additional taxes to fund the program, which they say will cost taxpayers more than \$2 million during the life of the loans.

The judge's ruling, however, leaves intact the village's allegations that the low-cost loan program violates the state police pension code.

THE VILLAGE contends the mortgage program is not a "prudent investment" of pension funds because the plan does not provide the highest possible return in the marketplace. The suit also questions the propriety of pension board members being able to benefit from their own handling of pension funds.

Loans to members of the fund would be given at an interest rate of 9.5 percent, according to the

mortgage plan. Approximately 3 percent would be paid to the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union, which will administer the program, leaving a 6.5 percent return.

Police pension board attorney Michael Dolesch said the judge's dismissal of the constitutional claims reduces the lawsuit to the merits of the program and whether it should be permitted under the conditions set forth under state law.

"That's what the suit should be about," Dolesch said. "The judge has narrowed the case down to the essential and critical issue."

Wheeling trustees OK 67% levy hike

HERALD 9-7-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer

With no opposition from village residents, the Wheeling Village Board approved a tax levy 67 percent higher than last year's figure.

After a no-show by the public at a hearing earlier this week, the board unanimously approved a \$5 million levy, up from last year's \$3 million. For Wheeling homeowners, that means about an 8 percent increase in the village's share of their property tax bills, estimated Finance Director Gregory J. Peters.

For a single-family Wheeling home valued at \$58,000 to \$62,000, the in-

crease will translate from a \$126 village share of the property tax bill to nearly \$210 — \$84 more, according to calculations Peters released to the board.

THE INCREASE will bring new revenue to offset costs of some \$20 million in bonds issued in the last few years to buy Lake Michigan water and for an extensive street-repair program, Peters said.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the higher levy will not be the end of new revenue for the village budget.

"We really have to go out and try to establish new revenue sources," Markus told board members. "You

see other communities going to utility taxes."

Peters said the village likely will be required to change flat fees on sewer rates — currently \$7.50 per 20,000 gallons — to rates based on consumers' use.

"A LOT of towns base the sewer rate on actual consumption. That's something we'll be looking at in the future," he said. Grants from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for sewer work will require the village to assess sewer rates by use, not a flat fee, Peters said.

Trustee Charles Kerr suggested the village assess larger water fees. "This increase represents two major

things we didn't have a lot of choice on: getting (Lake Michigan) water to Wheeling and improvements to the water system," he said. "I think we dropped the ball some time ago and should have started assessing then."

Kerr said the lack of citizen complaints about the increased levy indicated residents "are satisfied with what we're doing," he said. "For that reason, no one came to protest this increase."

In 1983, the village tax levy accounted for about 12.5 percent of the Wheeling property tax bill, which also includes taxing bodies such as school, sewer, and library districts, Peters said.

Airport purchase signing expected

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The Wheeling Village board is expected today to sign a grant agreement for the acquisition of Pal-Waukee Airport. Once the sealed agreement is signed, the village may no longer opt out of the purchase.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The board also is expected to hire a financial consulting firm for \$12,500 to evaluate the finances of the private airport, present alternatives available to the village for financing, and handle a bond issue if the village chooses that type of financing, according to Village Manager Thomas Markus.

THE WHEELING Plan Commission will consider new plans Thursday by Lexington Development Co. for homes at the Arlington Country Club.

The commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Developer Ronald Benach is expected to present new plans, decreasing the multifamily development from 1,255 units to 1,054, including apartments, condominiums, town houses and coach houses.

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Villages to sign Pal-Waukee pact

Representatives of Wheeling, Prospect Heights and the State of Illinois will be present during the official signing of the \$6 million grant agreement with the federal government for the purchase and maintenance of Pal-Waukee Airport for the first year. The signing will take place at 10 a.m. Friday at the Pal-Waukee Airport.

The final stages of the intergovernmental agreement between Wheeling and Prospect Heights are still

being worked out in a special six-person committee (three from each community). The committee met for the second time on Sept. 5. According to Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz, the committee has come to some agreement over how a governing committee will run the day to day operations but the committee is still at odds over whether the committee will be odd or even numbered. The next scheduled meeting will be on Sept. 26 at a place to be announced.

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Airport talks plodding along

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By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING AND Prospect Heights have moved into a crucial stage in their joint acquisition of Pal-Waukee Airport.

Both communities, while pursuing their own interests, must come to agreement on how to divide their authority in running the airport.

Critical to this question is the establishment of a fair, yet efficient, voting procedure to deal with controversial issues that may come between the towns.

Last month, the first meeting of a special ad hoc committee, made up of officials from both municipalities, produced apparent agreement in having the elected boards of the two communities control the purse strings of the operation.

The towns have indicated that a professional airport manager or managing firm will be hired to run the daily operations, which will be overseen by an airport governing board. But while this airport commission will make policy decisions, much of the financial responsibility is tied directly to the communities' own budgetary process, giving the municipalities final approval.

THE AD HOC committee was formed after the full boards from both communities failed to come up with an organizational structure to administer the airport when it is transferred into public ownership.

This ad hoc committee—made up of Wheeling representatives Presi-

dent Sheila Schultz, and Trustees William Rogers and Anthony Altieri, along with Prospect Heights officials Mayor John Gilligan, and Aldermen Charles VanderVennet and Frank Meacham—faces a Sept. 30 deadline to work out an agreement on how to run the airport.

Left unresolved is the problem of avoiding deadlocks between the two communities.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS officials insist that some tie-breaking mechanism be included in the agreement. At first, Mayor Gilligan proposed a seven-member airport commission, with his city possessing the chairmanship—and tie-breaker vote—for the first four years, alternating with Wheeling thereafter.

A second suggestion by Prospect Heights was to allow the state a vote on matters that divided the towns. Both of these ideas were rejected by Wheeling, which favors an equal-numbered commission, with tie votes going down to defeat.

"Inevitably, one-half of all controversial issues will end up with a tie—one community each way," said Gilligan. "That means the airport will die."

BUT WHEELING officials say an even-numbered governing commission, with no tie-breaking procedure, would assure that neither community will be forced into something against its will.

Village board set to sign airport grant agreement

HERALD 9-17-84

The Wheeling village board is expected today to sign a grant agreement for \$32 million to buy and improve Pal-Waukee Airport with Prospect Heights and the state.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The board is also expected to hire a consulting firm for \$12,500 to evaluate the finances of the private airport, present alternatives available to the village for financing, and handle a bond issue if the village chooses that route, according to village manager Thomas Markus.

THE WHEELING VILLAGE board is expected today to change the village recreational vehicle ordinance to allow boats and campers to be parked in the side lots of Wheeling homes.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The present ordinance allows parking of recreational vehicles only in garages or backyards. And those vehicles must be no higher than eight feet tall.

The new ordinance, if approved by the board, will open up the side lots for parking and raise that maximum height to 10 feet.

EDITORIALS

"Our aim: To fear God, tell the truth and make money."

H. C. PADDOCK 1862-1935

Even-member board better

For a couple of months Wheeling village trustees and Prospect Heights city councilmen have been trying to reach agreement on just how they will jointly operate Pal-Waukee Airport once they become part owners with the State of Illinois of the now privately run field at Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road.

They must have an intergovernmental agreement in place by Sept. 14 when they are to sign a grant agreement with the state and the federal government under which federal funds will become available to help purchase the airport.

Both sides have put proposed agreements up for consideration, and the officials appear to be of a mind on most sections except those concerning the size of the governing commission and how to resolve a tie on any matter up for vote. That, unfortunately, is proving a real stumbling block.

Prospect Heights Mayor Jack Gilligan has insisted on a 7-member commission. Originally his idea was for the chairman to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie, with the chairmanship alternating between the two communities. Under a compromise plan, he would have a representative of the state as the seventh member.

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz has countered with a proposal providing for equal representation from the two towns, four members each on an 8-member commission. Her plan includes a procedure to follow in case of a deadlock vote:

Should there be a tie vote, the motion would fail and be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for reconsideration. If the motion failed a second time, it could not be considered again for a year unless the content of the motion was substantially changed. The idea here is to encourage negotiation of differences.

Schultz's plan is based on an agreement that governs the joint ownership of the Downstate Pinkneyville and DuQuoin airport, so it has the advantage of drawing on the actual experience of a jointly owned and operated facility.

We understand that Prospect Heights officials have reservations about the even-member aspect. They are used to municipal governing bodies with odd-number membership where there is a built-in mechanism for achieving a majority vote. But this is not quite the same situation. Wheeling and Prospect Heights are equal partners in the ownership of Pal-Waukee and the legal and fiscal responsibilities incurred as a result. To give one or the other the ability to break a tie would also give one an unfair advantage over the other.

We recognize that Prospect Heights officials, particularly Mayor Gilligan, probably demonstrated more enthusiasm for a publicly-owned Pal-Waukee than did Wheeling officials in the beginning and also that they worked diligently to assure that the airport continue after its present owners decided they could no longer afford to operate it. They understandably may feel a proprietary interest.

But we are sure they also can appreciate that Wheeling trustees cannot surrender the responsibility they have to protect the interests of their constituents.

We believe Schultz's 8-member governing commission plan with its provision for negotiating differences is the preferable one. The state already exercises considerable control through its agreement with the towns. We do not think it properly should have a voice on the governing body.

Village board wrapup HERALD 9-19-84

RV owners allowed to park at home

Wheeling boat and camper owners now will be allowed to park their recreational vehicles in their side yards, after the village board voted to relax the standards.

Previously, village ordinances allowed the vehicles to be parked only in the garages or backyards of Wheeling homes. That code also limited to eight feet the height of all vehicles parked in residential areas.

After Monday's board action, recreational vehicles no taller than 10 feet may be parked in back yards, side lots or garages of residential areas in Wheeling.

Five new garbage haulers approved

The village of Wheeling will have five more scavenger companies picking up garbage in commercial areas after the board this week voted to increase the number.

Previously, the village allowed only three companies to operate in the village, but when the board decided to increase that number to seven, five new companies applied. Village staff members said they could not decide which ones to allow in because all five met the established criteria, so village officials Monday increased for a second time the number allowed. The action means as many as nine garbage companies may operate in Wheeling.

Although the licenses do not specify commercial or residential areas, representatives of the five companies said their firms will pick up commercial garbage.

Several board members oppose increasing the number of garbage trucks in residential areas. To salve their objections, village attorney James Rhodes said he will suggest new ways to cap the number of residential garbage firms, possibly awarding a contract to one firm to pick up residential garbage throughout the village.

In 1950s, Wheeling was a town divided

HERALD 10-4-84

History notebook

In the 1950's, Wheeling was a town very much divided. There was "old Wheeling" and the "newcomers" — Dunhurst and Meadowbrook residents. With the newcomers came new organizations and the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club. There was no library and there were no park facilities.

In 1956 members of the women's club, in their first year of operation, corresponded with state library officials. It was not until two years later that the state felt the suburban growth in the area would warrant the operation of a public library. It was then that the woman's club took steps to make this a reality. In October of 1958, the Wheeling Public Library opened its doors for the first time in a small building in the rear of the Union Hotel parking lot.

Park development was a basic premise upon which the Wheeling Woman's Club was founded. There was a Rural Park District which had been set up in 1950 by a group of township farmers as a protection against being incorporated into an active park district. The process of disannexation from the rural district and establishing a new district involved many complexities and required a great deal of time. A referendum to establish a park district was held on Dec. 23, 1960 and voted into existence by a 6 to 1 majority.

The woman's club was also instrumental in the founding of the Wheeling Historical Society in August of 1965. The first meeting was held in November of that year with Merle Willis presiding. The meeting was well attended and there was much enthusiasm. They immediately began looking for photographs, newspaper clippings, any artifacts that would point out Wheeling's heritage.

At the same time, the woman's club put in a request to the village board to sue the old village hall which was standing empty as a museum. Their first request was denied, but in October of 1966 the village board agreed to turn over the hall to the Historical Society. The building was restored, with financial help from the woman's club, and dedicated in May of 1968. It was later moved to Chamber of Commerce Park on South Wolf Road.

Today, 16 years later, the historical society is still flourishing. The little museum is "bursting at the seams" with artifacts and exhibits. A group of volunteers is busy working in the museum office gather information for the soon to be published book on Wheeling history.

—Story by Sandy Altieri of Wheeling Historical Society

More scavenger licenses OK'd

Board hashes out trash issue

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Village trustees first rejected and then approved an ordinance that increases the number of garbage collection licenses from seven to nine.

Officials termed the Sept. 17 granting of additional licenses an

"interim measure" aimed at taking care of the number of applications now on file with the village from garbage collection companies that want to do business in Wheeling.

For the past 25 years, the village has limited the number of scavenger licenses to three for safety reasons and to save on street maintenance costs, according to officials.

But recently, officials have voiced concern over being sued if they act to restrict the issuance of licenses.

IN JUNE the board expanded the number of scavenger licenses from three to seven, but since that time five garbage haulers applied for licenses to operate in the village. The additional licenses approved both in June and September will accommodate the five applicants and will leave one spare license. None of the new licenses have been awarded yet.

Trustee Anthony Altieri, referring to the "fear of anti-trust," said the village is almost locked into the "upping of licenses every couple of weeks because of the possibility of litigation."

But Trustee Joseph Ratajczak objected to abandoning a system that provides low-cost, efficient service. "I think the time to meet this head-on and stop it is now," said Ratajczak. "We've had adequate service. I don't think we should expand it any more."

Other trustees, however, argued that the free marketplace should determine the number of collectors.

"I really think there are some areas we don't belong," said Trustee Nicholas Fanella.

THE SHARP division of the board was reflected in the two votes needed for passage of the amendment. Initially, the board voted 4-2 against expanding the number of licenses. But after representatives from several of the scavenger services which had applied for licenses testified they were interested only in commercial accounts, trustees reconsidered the proposal.

"Our main concern is too many trucks in the residential areas," said Trustee Charles Kerr.

Board members then offered suggestions on future action, including removing the limit on commercial hauling while restricting the number of residential collectors. Other options include eliminating the limitation on garbage hauling licenses altogether and allowing for the competitive bidding of a contract for waste disposal.

Currently, Wheeling Disposal Inc., 350 Sumac Road, handles virtually all the residential pickup in the village.

Deadline looming

WHEELING LIFE 9-27-84

Airport agreement still up in air

WHEELING — With an agreement deadline looming, Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials remain deadlocked on the size and makeup of the commission that will oversee Pal-Waukee Airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it will not release funds for the purchase of the airport until an intergovernmental agreement between the two towns is in place. The FAA is pressuring the towns to

reach an agreement by Sept. 30.

The municipalities officially committed themselves to the public takeover of the Wheeling airport by signing a grant application Sept. 14.

But after a series of discussions, a joint ad hoc committee has failed to reach agreement on major issues raised from the start. The stalemate stems from the number and kind of representation each community will have on this policy-

setting commission.

WHEELING HAS insisted on an even-numbered commission to be made up largely of elected officials. At the last committee meeting, Village President Sheila Schultz said this membership would provide "accountability to the people you represent."

But Prospect Heights Mayor

John Gilligan countered that it is "fundamentally wrong" for officials to serve on both the airport commission and the City Council because tentative plans call for all financial decisions to be referred back to the respective municipalities for approval.

Another problem that remains is what will happen when the town

boards cannot agree on budgetary issues referred back to them.

Although the federal government is looking at Sept. 30 as the deadline for resolving these questions, the municipalities do not view this timetable as absolute.

"There is a pressure deadline, but no legal deadline," said Schultz.

Lexington development fails to get go-ahead

Attorney says residents' opposition not enough to stop project

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

It isn't easy to fight city hall but Wheeling residents packed the village hall last week to do just that.

At issue was the Lexington Development Corporation's revised proposal to develop Arlington Country Club at the corner of Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads. The Plan Commission, by splitting on the vote, failed to recommend the plan to the village board.

The issue is not expected to reach the village board until December, after the elections. The issue of recreational space in the proposed development will be discussed at the Wheeling Park District board meeting at 8:15 p.m. Thursday at

Chevy Chase Country Club on Milwaukee Avenue.

Although the developer has come back with several revised plans, residents still fear that neighboring property values will sink, traffic congestion on Dundee Road will increase and headlight glare from cars in the development will shine in their back windows.

The issue has been explosive since the very beginning. Plan Commission meetings, Park District meetings, Appearance Commission meetings and Zoning Board meetings have all been well attended, sometimes packed, by angry citizens.

Meetings of this sort are usually nearly

empty. Not a single resident came to a recent village board meeting to protest a 71 per cent increase in Wheeling's 1984 tax levy.

However, Village Attorney James Rhodes pointed out that the proposed development should not be judged by its popularity with residents (or lack thereof) but on whether it meets the criteria set by the village for such property.

"Every resident in the Village of Wheeling could speak against it and that wouldn't change the criteria," said Rhodes. "The issue isn't whether residents are against it but if it meets the criteria and if those criteria will hold up in court."

The courts may be where this issue is

finally decided. The members of an area group named Concerned Residents Against More Multifamilies has said that it will sue the village if the density of the property is more than six units per acre. The group has also suggested a referendum be held on whether the development should be approved.

If CRAMM is successful in winning such a referendum (though it appears unlikely such a referendum will be held) Rhodes said Lexington could turn around and sue the village on the grounds that public opinion is not a criteria they had to meet.

The proposed plan remains unpopular with at least a large and vocal group of

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St. Joseph's gets funds to stress math in life

HERALD 9-25-84

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School in Wheeling received a \$1,200 grant to emphasize for students the link between mathematics and everyday life.

The state grant, administered by the educational service region of eight counties in northern Illinois, was one of 95 "mini-grants" awarded to public and private schools based on how well the school's proposal matched its needs, said Sybil Yastrow, assistant superintendent for the region.

THE ST. JOSEPH'S grant will fund the visit Wednesday of Dr. Norman Young, a professor from Concordia College. In the morning, Young will field questions from teachers and

give demonstrations of "story problems" and, in the afternoon, instruct students in math in grades 4 through 8, said St. Joseph Principal Sister Maurine Horgan.

The grant will also fund a visit next month from businessmen showing the connection between math and business. As part of the grant, the school will also sponsor a "Math Bowl" competition and monitor math scores on standardized tests before and after the mini-grant program.

The grant was awarded to the school based on the school's suggestion that math teaching becomes routine when not related to everyday life, Horgan said.

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residents while it meets nearly every village restriction for the area.

The revised plan has dropped two five-story mid-rise complexes, has put condominiums with lesser units per building near the east portion of the property (nearest to a single resident neighborhood) and has lowered the overall number of units for the development from over 10 units to 8.13 units per acre. That is a reduction from 1,255 units to 1,024 units.

The complex would be approximately 47 per cent rental. The condominiums would sell for approximately \$100,000 and the rentals for approximately \$500.

According to Lexington Developers' statistics, distrusted by members of CRAMM, the traffic around the development will not increase

substantially over what is already there.

Lexington also estimates that because multi-family developments tend to produce fewer children of school age, the development will be very little burden on the school system and a good source of revenue.

Lexington estimates the development would produce surplus revenues for the village totaling \$359,958; \$801,564 for Dist. 21 and \$662,475 for Dist. 214.

The most recent proposal estimates that the development will be home to 1,768 people or about 14 persons per acre, which is similar to what a single family development would include.

Lexington answered residents concerns over headlight glare by saying that fences and shrubbery would be put in.

CRAMM points out that the Village of

Buffalo Grove has said that if Buffalo Grove annexed the land, it would insist upon a density of 6 units per acre. They claim that one of the main reasons the Village of Wheeling is accepting the high density is so that Lexington doesn't turn to Buffalo Grove for annexation.

Christine Dolgopol, member of the Wheeling Plan Commission, said that the mistrust between neighboring villages has contributed to problems on this issue and others. She said that allowing a higher density because the developer might turn to another village for annexation is a poor reason to approve this plan.

Meanwhile, residents continue their fight. They have succeeded in bringing enough pressure on the developer to drop the density figures but the most recent plan appears to be Lexington's final offer.

Plane crashes at Pal-Waukee

WHEELING LIFE 9-27-84

WHEELING — A 41-year-old Arlington Heights man was in critical condition Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Holy Family Hospital where he is recovering from injuries received when his single-engine plane crashed the day before at Pal-waukee Airport.

Shelby Mazursky, 2515 N. Walnut,

had surgery Tuesday night for multiple injuries, a hospital spokesman said.

Mazursky's Cessna 152 plane flipped over and landed on its roof high winds forced him to abort a landing attempt, Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey said.

Couple compiles Wheeling history

by Sherry Boemmel
Herald correspondent

HERALD
9-20-84

Are there escape tunnels to the river left under Chevy Chase from Prohibition Days?

There are those who say that's just legend—like long-time Wheeling resident Marshall Balling—but others say they have crawled through them.

That's one of the questions—although probably not the most important one—the volunteers assembling a book on Wheeling's history hope to resolve.

Al Fantl, Wheeling Historical Museum director, is the instigator of the book idea. He hopes to use the book as a basis for a school program to acquaint young people with how life in old-time Wheeling.

"Again my feeling is: to improve you have to know what's wrong. What went wrong in the past can be used to make things in the future more positive," Fantl said.

THE WAY THE BOOK will be written will be influenced by Fantl's goal because it needs to be lively and readable, factual without being deadly, said Barbara McIntyre, who, with her husband, Bob, is editing the book.

The book is also being shaped by the materials gathered from taped interviews, memorabilia, and libraries. Barbara said they did not expect to use so much material from the interviews until she heard the voices on the tapes she transcribed.

"It is an oral history in part only," Bob explained. "Obviously we are going back in history of Wheeling and it is obviously going to be difficult to get interviews."

Since Wheeling adds pages to its history every day and since more and more interesting things turn up from the more remote past, the McIntyres aren't sure when they will stop collecting material.

"We are finding more and more as we go along," Barbara said. "One thing will uncover two more."

"**AT SOME POINT** we have to blow the whistle and stop, but we aren't at that point yet," Bob said.

There is no deadline or size set for the book, said the McIntyres, who bring years of editorial experience with them to the job. Bob was the editor of the Journal of the Photographic Society of America for 18 years before he retired in 1978 and moved from Chicago to Wheeling. Barbara assisted him and wrote several sections.

"We have no numbers (of pages); we have no dates," Barbara said. "We have retired from deadlines. We are delighted."

The McIntyres have tentatively set up three sections for the book though they may change again. The first section is on Indians and the inns.

"We have a real live Indian to write the section on the Potowatomis when she gets around to it," Barbara said. Volunteers will write various other sections too.

BOB SAID WHEELING got its fame because it was stagecoach stop between Chicago and Green Bay, Wisc. Joseph Filkin's tavern was a stop beginning in 1837. It stood on the



Herald Photo by Bob Chwedyc

A PEEK AT HISTORY. Bob and Barbara McIntyre Wheeling's history. The couple are editing a book on look through a scrapbook that contains tidbits of the village's history.

northeast corner of Dundee and Milwaukee roads.

Wheeling is about the same age as Arlington Heights (1834-36), Bob said, but since no railroad ran through it, the village was rather isolated. It did

attract those out for a good time, however.

"It was getting very rowdy," Bob said. "The men working on the railroad in Highland Park came to Wheeling to celebrate on weekends.

It was the rowdy behavior on Milwaukee Avenue which brought incorporation."

WITH INCORPORATION Wheeling in 1894 was able to set up laws (Continued on Page 3)

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with liquor in the coffee pot in local establishments," Bob said. "Marshall said they did."

Wheeling's fame as a restaurant town has continued since the earliest times, but the character of the villagers has continued to change.

The second section of the book deals with the German farmers who were attracted by the fertile land. They established the first church (now in Chamber Park). It was originally a German Lutheran Church, but later petitioned to become the First-Presbyterian Church, a major social

caused a sudden spike in taxes because there were not enough schools or sewers to support the growth. Later, she said, the Old Wheeling and the newcomers intermarried so the divisions blurred.

The McIntyres do not plan to leave such less pleasant facts like that animosity out of the Wheeling story, but they said they do not intend to hunt for the worst either.

"We're not trying to write a promo piece, but we're not trying to be muckrakers either," Bob said. "There is no such thing as pure history or pure objectivity."

Judge rules police pension fund mortgage program within rights

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

A Cook County judge has ruled that a low-interest mortgage program funded by police pension funds is not unconstitutional as the village of Wheeling claims.

Circuit Court Judge Harold Siegan — ruling on pre-trial motions involving Wheeling's suit against its police pension board — said the controversial program does not violate the village's taxing powers, nor its right to govern employee benefits.

Wheeling's suit is a test case for municipalities across the state. Sixteen Chicago suburbs have contributed to the village's legal costs.

Wheeling contends the program — in which more than \$500,000 in low-interest mortgages may be written for current and retired Wheeling policemen with pension fund proceeds — could cost village taxpayers more than \$2 million in lost interest earnings on the pension fund money.

Village Attorney James Rhodes says he'll file a new motion charging the program is unconstitutional because it uses public funds — meant for retirement benefits — for private use. The village also plans to challenge Siegan's ruling before the Illinois Appellate Court.

Basically, the mortgages yield 6.5 percent on the

pension funds, but the village contends that money should be placed in markets that carry a higher rate of return.

Attorney John Treece — representing police pension board trustees and the Combined Counties Police Association, which would administer the loans — said the only issue left to be decided in the lower courts is whether the low-cost loan program violates the state pension code.

The village and some pension fund trustees say the program violates state law because it is not a "prudent investment" as the code requires, Rhodes said.

Towns that have contributed to Wheeling's legal costs include Mount Prospect, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Hanover Park and Arlington Heights. They have contributed nearly \$16,000.

In the end, however, the village will foot the tab for both sides' legal costs — at a cost that will tally hundreds of thousands of dollars, Rhodes said.

Rhodes said if the village loses its case in the appeals and supreme courts, pension funds could become the source of other types of loans to policemen.

"They could snowball this thing forever. The tax impact could be unbelievable," he said.

The pension fund is made of three sources —

officers' contributions at a fixed rate, interest earned, and village tax levies.

"Everytime they spend money, it has to come from somewhere," Rhodes said.

But Edward Theriault, president of the police pension board, said the pension fund is mostly police officers' money.

"A police officer is taking a loan out using his own money for collateral. They (the village) have already cost themselves more in attorney fees than they're going to lose on this program," he said.

Within the first year, the pension money could be used to write about eight mortgages at 9.5 percent over a 30-year period, he said.

Theriault said the board will not loan money until the issue is resolved in court.

He said "about a half-dozen" representatives from area pension boards also want to begin the low-cost mortgage program.

Barrington police officer James McNamee is pushing the program in his village. "It's an employee benefit that locks in our police officers," he said.

"If a police officer quits the police department, he loses his mortgage. It keeps him here longer," McNamee said.

Work halted again on Elmhurst Road

by Ted Gregory ^{HERALD} 9-21-84
Herald staff writer

Construction crews working on the three-mile resurfacing of Elmhurst Road have stopped work on the project for a second time, and state transportation officials are unsure when construction will begin again.

The road is being resurfaced through Prospect Heights, Wheeling, Arlington Heights and Mount Prospect. The \$1.5 million project, begun last spring, stalled about three weeks ago because the general contractor failed to pay an electrical firm for underground wiring.

That firm, Unique Electric Co. of Hillside, pulled out of the project, forcing work to a near standstill last week because resurfacing crews had to wait for wiring performed on stop lights.

CONSTRUCTION crews from Franzen-Peters, the Addison-based general contractor on the project, were able to begin work this week, resurfacing the state highway from Camp McDonald to Palatine roads.

But laborers were forced to stop at Elmhurst and Camp McDonald Wednesday because Unique had not finished electrical work from Camp McDonald south to the project's end at Northwest Highway.

"We won't know anything definite for the next few days anyway," said

Steve Kolar, Illinois Department of Transportation project engineer. He added that IDOT officials are trying to arrange a meeting with Franzen-Peters representatives.

Officials from Franzen-Peters and Unique were unavailable for comment Thursday.

Franzen-Peters' agreement with the state calls for the contractor to complete the project by Nov. 1 or face fines totaling \$280 a day. Kolar said he had "no idea" if Franzen-Peters would meet the deadline.

Meanwhile, the Chicago & North Western Railroad crossing at Emerson Street in downtown Mount Prospect will remain closed for at least another week, despite original reports that it would open Sept. 13.

VILLAGE Engineer Chuck Bencic said work on the project, estimated at \$216,000, stopped about two weeks ago because officials from IDOT and C&NW could not agree on which would pay for the installation of rubber grading at the crossing.

IDOT and railroad officials settled the dispute Monday, but C&NW already had sent the Emerson Street crew farther northwest to work on another project. Bencic said the workers probably will resume construction Saturday or Monday and will complete the project by about Sept. 29.

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Airport plans must get off the ground

TIME IS ticking away on the Pal-Waukee Airport issue. Wheeling and Prospect Heights are committed to buying the airport, but are in a holding pattern over the establishment of the governing board that will control it.

The federal government, which is supplying money for the purchase, is pressuring the towns to come to an agreement by Sept. 30. It's time for a compromise.

The tug of war centers on the composition of the airport governing board.

Prospect Heights wants a seven-member board, with three members from Wheeling, three from Prospect Heights and a chairman from one of the towns who will cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie.

Under the Prospect Heights plan, the chairman would serve for a four-year term and the first chairman would be from Prospect Heights.

Prospect Heights also wants the board members selected from the citizenry to ensure members would have both the time and expertise to deal with airport matters.

Wheeling, on the other hand, wants an even number of commissioners, with a tie vote being a "no" vote. Wheeling wants some of the commission members to be elected village officials to ensure they can be held accountable to the voters.

Both plans have drawbacks. It is unfair for Prospect Heights to ask Wheeling to be the minority on the board during the first four years, a time when many big decisions will be made. Programs could be pushed through that the non-majority town opposes.

As a compromise we suggest the chairman's term be reduced to one year or less and, as a sign of good faith, Prospect Heights should ask Wheeling to supply the first chairman.

Compromise could also be affected by adding a provision to the Wheeling plan to make sure that tie votes would not choke airport progress or operations. Perhaps an impartial chairman could be selected or an advisory committee formed.

We like Wheeling's idea to have elected officials serve on the board. This way voters can hold them accountable and because financial matters pertaining to the airport must be approved by both the Wheeling and Prospect Heights boards, it will give board members a clearer picture of airport activities and valuable background into the issue.

Either way, it's time to make a decision.

Owners told to repair buildings

HERALD 9-14-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer

Two owners of a Wheeling apartment complex racked with maintenance problems and overcrowding were found guilty Thursday of building code violations.

The owners of several Wildwood apartment buildings on Dundee Road must pay up to \$1,500 each, unless they make repairs to comply with village building codes. The violations range from broken windows and holes in the buildings to trash and missing tiles.

Cook County Circuit Judge Morris Topol Thursday ordered Joseph Iskra, owner of an 18-unit building, to make repairs by Oct. 16 or be fined \$1,500, said village health director

Daniel Adams, representing the village in county court in Wheeling.

Judge Topol ordered Ralph Rosales of Evanston, owner of a 12-unit building, to finish replacing a roof among other things by Sept. 28 or be fined \$1,000.

A third Wildwood owner cited for building violations did not appear in court as scheduled — possibly because he did not receive notice, Adams said. The village will likely ticket for a second time Palatine resident Naidnur Mohanrao, owner of two six-unit buildings, for a broken window and gutters.

Thomas Fennell, Wheeling building administrator, said the village had hoped the judge would levy fines regardless of code compliance after two weeks or 30 days.

"When people violate our ordinances, they should have some degree of a fine," he said.

Problems have plagued the seven-building Wildwood complex since its developer sold the buildings to five investors in the 1970s. Neighbors and residents have long complained the apartments abound with broken windows, overflowing trash bins, loud parties, and fights in the parking lot.

But some repairs have been made since August when the village issued tickets outlining a total of 35 violations, Adams said.

Iskra, owner of buildings 186, 188, and 190, has corrected 15 of 27 violations, Adams said. Yet to be corrected is a hole in the mechanical room that allows insects and animals in the

building, a broken window, soiled stairwells, and missing light fixtures.

Rosales, owner of building 169 and 173, replaced the roof and ceiling of 169, but must paint the ceiling where the work was done, Adams said.

Adams said the village could have issued separate tickets for each of 35 violations instead of one ticket per 6- or 8-unit section of building, but chose not to. "... a lot of times, the judge is not impressed by that many tickets on one defendant. Often they (the judges) don't find it amusing."

Adams said the village would ticket for individual violations if each were serious, such as a roof leak, a backed-up sewer and a faulty furnace.

The three owners could not be reached for comment.

Panel splits on plans for golf club

by Mary Jo Clark HERALD
Herald correspondent 9-15-84

The Wheeling Plan Commission ended its emotional hearings on the proposed multifamily development at the Arlington Country Club with a tie vote on developers' new plans.

The new plans — scaled down at the plan commission's request last month — call for 1,024 units ranging from condominiums to apartments instead of their first proposal of 1,255 for the 131-acre lot.

The commission will send the split vote to the village board.

Plan Commission Chairman Paul

Eisterhold and members Donald Duncan and Theodore R. Johnson voted in favor of the development. Members Christine Dolgopol, Vicki Sheppard and James R. Whittington voted against.

The 3½-hour meeting, brought out some 100 residents — most protesting the development at Dundee and Buffalo Grove roads because of overcrowded schools, traffic congestion, a need for more open space and possible crime, many said.

LEXINGTON DEVELOPMENT Corp.'s revised plans call for 480 apartments, 376 coach houses and 168 town houses, providing 9 units an

acre, 47 percent of which would be rental.

Developers eliminated previous plans to build condominiums along the northeastern boundaries of the property and they increased parking space.

The stormy meeting Thursday was punctuated by accusations against Eisterhold.

"You say you have heard nothing against this plan," said resident Greg Klatecki, "but in all the meetings I have been to, I have yet to hear one resident say anything favorable to this thing."

"You're prejudiced," said Kathy

Thal to the applause of the close to 100 spectators. "You've already said their plan is acceptable to you. What Wheeling needs is more single-family, not more multifamily units."

Klatecki asked the commissioners to put the proposal to a referendum vote to the citizens of Wheeling and Buffalo Grove.

"Let the people speak," he said.

James Truesdell, Buffalo Grove's director of planning, said his community would not entertain the Lexington plan for development because of its 9-unit-an-acre density. Buffalo Grove set a maximum of 7 units an acre for that land.

Officials sign Pal-Waukee pact

HERALD 9-15-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer

With champagne and cake, a group of government officials Friday celebrated signing an agreement to buy Pal-Waukee Airport.

Under the agreement, the federal government will pay \$6.1 million this year toward the \$36-million purchase and improvement of the nation's busiest private airport. Owner George Priester will sell the airport to the state, Prospect Heights, and Wheeling, which signed the agreement paving the way for the airport purchase.

The agreement ends more than five years of haggling between the two towns about the airport's future.

THE FEDERAL government has agreed to fund 90 percent of the purchase cost. The Illinois Department of Transportation will pay 5 percent

and Wheeling and Prospect Heights each will pay 2½ percent, or about \$900,000.

Local officials signed the agreement at the Pal-Waukee Airport Friday despite minor objections that it obligates the towns, but not the federal government, to fund the purchase.

The grant agreement says the Federal Aviation Administration "plans to provide the funds in a timely matter as appropriations allow." But the wording is stricter for local signers, who agreed to buy the airport land by 1987 and to buy 81 other parcels by 1990 to provide "clear zones" that will comply with FAA regulations.

"The agreement says we'll do it and that the federal government will plan to do it," said Gerald Sheridan, attorney for the Prospect Heights citizens' committee that studied the airport purchase.

MONEY FOR the FAA is allocated just one year at a time, but the agency has given "verbal assurances" the funding will come through for the complete purchase, Sheridan said.

Prospect Heights and Wheeling officials have asked the FAA to release them from financial responsibility if the FAA is unable to pay, but the agency has not yet responded.

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan said the importance of Friday's event — which cost about \$400 for champagne, cake, 10 inscribed pens for signing the agreement, and sandwiches for about 100 people — was "keeping the airport alive for a long time, at least a quarter of a century."

The FAA contends the airport is the key to relieving congestion at O'Hare International Airport, 15 minutes from Pal-Waukee.

More county work for minorities proposed

by Susan Duerksen HERALD
Herald staff writer 9-18-84

Following an uproar over the minority hiring practices of a Wheeling contractor, seven Cook County commissioners are proposing that 30 percent of all county business go to companies owned by minorities and women.

The proposal, introduced at a county board meeting Monday, would set a general policy goal of 30 percent, to be phased in over three years.

Proponents said they don't know how much of the county's service and

purchasing contracts now go to minority and female-owned businesses, but they estimated the new policy could mean a boon of up to \$300 million for those firms.

THE PROPOSAL is spearheaded by Commissioner Charles Bowen, a Chicago Democrat who last month questioned whether minority subcontractors were getting their share of a \$4.5-million contract for an addition to the county jail. Bowen said county policy was at fault, not the contractor, R. Rudnick & Co., of Wheeling.

His proposal would set up a council

of county and business representatives to monitor contracts and enforce the goal of 30 percent.

Procedures may be established to give minority and female companies an advantage when they are underbid for county jobs, said Commissioner Jeanne Quinn of Oak Park, one of seven Democrats on the county board cosponsoring the measure.

Another supporter, Commissioner Manuel Torres of Chicago, said the new council would serve mainly as a "linkage" between the county and minority firms that now are not invited

or don't know how to apply for county jobs.

IN ADDITION to construction contracts, Bowen said the 30-percent policy would affect all county services and supplies, from the county clerk's no-bid printing contracts to legal firms hired by the state's attorney.

He said the proposal is modeled after a similar state law that sets a 10-percent goal within three years, but the percentage is higher to reflect the greater minority population of Cook County.

The proposal will be studied by the county board's finance committee.

Charged with building violations

Wheeling Life 9-20-84

2 Wildwood owners guilty

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — A Cook County Circuit Court judge found two owners of the Wildwood Apartments guilty of violating village health and building codes and fined them \$1,500.

The fines could be waived, however, if the owners remedy the problems in their buildings.

Associate Judge Morris Topol imposed the maximum \$500 fine for each violation Thursday, Sept. 13.

Ralph Rosales was convicted and fined \$1,000 for a violation in each of his two buildings. He has until

Sept. 28 to repair the problems, mainly missing or broken windows, to avoid paying the fine.

JOSEPH ISCARA, A part-owner of two buildings, was found guilty of one violation and given until Oct. 16 to bring the building into compliance with village codes. A second ticket issued to Iscara was dismissed because he had taken care of the problem.

Both Iscara and Rosales pleaded innocent to the charges.

A third Wildwood Apartment owner, Naidnur Mohanrao, did not appear in court, and no action was taken on his case.

Eleven citations covering 35 alleged violations of the village health and building codes were issued to building owners on Aug. 12. Problems included broken windows, broken screens, littered hallways and stairwells and broken electrical fixtures. Some of the problems had been fixed before the Sept. 13 court hearing.

Iscara told Topol he blamed the residents for problems at his apartment buildings.

He said tenants "congregate and drink liquor" and end up causing damage to the apartments.

"Last night a guy fell out of a third-story window because he was

so drunk," Iscara said. Topol

But Topol did not absolve Iscara of blame, saying the responsibility for the condition of the buildings lies with the owner.

"You own the buildings, you choose the tenants," Topol said. "You can't have it both ways. You can't collect rent and then blame the tenants."

The seven-building complex, located at Dundee and Wheeling roads, has been plagued by problems since the apartment buildings were sold to six separate owners in the early 1970s, according to village officials.



Crash course on landfills

Wheeling Life 9-20-84

LAKE LANDFILL, TECHNICAL and Waukegan roads, invited suburban officials to the landfill for a tour and breakfast on the dump as a way

of showing the cleanliness of the operation. Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz and Village Manager Tom Markus take a look at

how methane gas is extracted from the ground at the landfill. (Photo by Kathy Tray)

Public speaking

HERALD 9-20-84

● After more than five years of haggling over the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, the village of Wheeling and the city of Prospect Heights last week signed official agreements with federal and state officials to purchase the airport owned by George Priester.

The 76-year-old Priester said the airport can be an asset to Wheeling and Prospect Heights - "providing the two communities can get away from the political mumbo-jumbo. Years ago, my wife said we'll be dead and buried before they agree. She was half right. She died in 1980."

Building owners cited for safety problems

WHEELING LIFE
9-13-84

WHEELING — Owners of the Wildwood Apartment complex are to appear in court Sept. 13 to face charges that their buildings pose health and safety dangers for residents.

Owners of three of the buildings in the seven-building complex have been issued 11 citations covering 35 alleged violations of the village's health and building codes. Most of the problems concern broken gutters, windows and screens, littered hallways and stairwells, and needed repairs to the roof and electrical systems.

A court date has been set for 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, in the Wheeling branch of the Cook County Circuit Court at the Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. The citations carry with them penalties totaling thousands of dollars in fines.

THE COMPLEX, located at Dundee Road and Wheeling Avenue, has been plagued by problems

since the seven buildings were sold to six separate owners in the early 1970s, according to village officials.

"There are seemingly never-ending problems that go on at Wildwood," said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Acknowledging that issuing citations has not been effective in combatting the long-standing problems, village officials have established a special ad hoc committee to investigate the situation at Wildwood and offer recommendations on how to resolve problems there.

Officials are hesitant to adopt tighter apartment building restrictions, fearing they would cause an unfair burden for the majority of landlords. "We don't want to be penalizing other apartment owners because we have a Wildwood situation," said Markus.

VILLAGE HEALTH inspector Dan Adams confirmed there have been "a number of violations" at Wildwood, adding that the apart-

ment complex has had "a history for being in court for violations of the village litter ordinance."

Adams said he has not been out to re-check the condition of the buildings since the citations were issued last month.

Police Chief Michael Haeger said his department also has tried to remedy the Wildwood situation by assigning extra foot patrols to the area during both the afternoon and late night shifts.

During the summer months, there was an increase in the number of complaints about loud parties and outdoor drinking at the non-air conditioned complex. Haeger termed the extra patrols "very successful" in reducing the number of disorderly conduct cases.

Haeger said most of the problems concern orderliness and that no serious criminal activity has been reported. Last year, about 30 illegal aliens living in the apartments were charged with illegal entry into the United States from Mexico.

ORT backs projects in 22 countries

by Sherry Boemmel
Herald correspondent
9-13-84

Club focus

With three chapters serving the area, Women's American ORT is developing into one of the major clubs in the Wheeling and Buffalo Grove.

ORT — Organization for Rehabilitation through Training — has its roots in Russia during 1880s and its members believe that the best way to help the poor is to give them occupational skills rather than charity.

Local ORT chapters raise money for projects in more than 22 countries and support several community activities.

Last year, the 26 chapters with 3,200 women in the Lake County Region, which includes the Wheeling chapters of Pebble Point, Willow Lake and Lake Cook—raised \$200,000, said Judy Sears, a local member and regional financial secretary.

Sears belongs to the Willow Lake chapter, which was founded by resi-

dents in Mallard Lake apartments in 1976.

This chapter has 73 members, who are mostly in their late 20's and early 30's, said Willow Lake president Debby Fain. She said most members are mothers with young children and few hold outside full-time jobs. Only one mother is divorced. Some other members are newlyweds.

Other chapters have primarily professional women or focus on a particular age group. Members choose their chapters according to their interests and the compatibility with the members. Fain said there is some friendly competition among chapters for members and they all try to get their friends to join.

Though Willow Lake is considered a Wheeling group, members live in Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights, Deerfield, Northbrook and Des Plaines.

Vicki White, a charter member of Willow Lake, said the chapter was founded in response to the growth in the Jewish population in Wheeling and Buffalo Grove.

"There was a need to bring Jewish women together to work," White said.

Sears, White and Fain all pointed out women who are not Jewish also belong to the organization. Religion is not a prerequisite for getting help from ORT either.

"We are not a religious organization," White said. "We do have members who are not Jewish. We do try to strengthen Jewish interests."

Members work hard to raise money for ORT projects, like the new technical school to be built in Los Angeles. Fain said her chapter is composed of women new to the area who find ORT a good way to meet new people and make friends. The social reason is a major incentive for joining.

"That's what I did," Fain said. "Along with the good feeling from

helping, you get to make friends." Fain said helping others gives her great satisfaction, especially when she has been able to see the persons who have been helped by ORT.

"Real people tell you, 'Hey, you helped me. You gave me a new chance to do something.' It's a real wonderful feeling," Fain said.

The chapter has helped fingerprint students in a Deerfield school, set up a blood drive in Wheeling, a career day in the Aptakisic-Tripp Dist. 102 and plans to be more involved with community projects in the future.

About \$100,000 was raised with the recent design house at the Armour estate in Lake Forest, a joint project of all 26 chapters.

An upcoming chapter project and "big effort" is the annual Lox Box delivery Oct. 13. Lox and bagels and special favors will be delivered to the purchasers of the \$9.50 boxes.

More information on the Willow Lake chapter is available from the regional office

Tap turned off on pipeline

WHEELING LIFE 9-13-84

Reservoir explodes; water pours out

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

THIS WEEK'S scheduled arrival of Lake Michigan water was washed away indefinitely when a concrete wall at the water project's main reservoir shifted last week, causing more than five million gallons of water to spill onto the site.

The \$11 million reservoir, which broke open Sept. 4, remained under water Sept. 11 as construction crews continued efforts to drain the moat created around the reservoir at Wolf and Kensington roads in

Des Plaines.

The cause of the structural fracture, the actual damage incurred and the length of time needed to repair the system remained undetermined Sept. 11.

"All the evidence, in effect, is still underwater," said James Holzward, executive director of the Northwest Water Commission. "Until we can get to it, we don't have any idea what caused the problem."

IN ADDITION to the crack in the concrete wall, Holzward said, the main intake line bringing lake water

from Evanston "may also have been damaged." The pipeline is under 7 to 8 feet of water, which is expected to be pumped out by next week, he said. If the pipeline was damaged, the line will have to be rebuilt, further delaying the arrival of lake water.

The commission has directed its consulting engineers, and the contractor responsible for building the facility, to investigate the matter. Also, the commission has called in an independent structural engineer to examine the condition of the reservoir.

The 25-million-gallon reservoir essentially is a large concrete box, about two stories high and covering more than 2 acres of land. The reservoir is divided into five subsections, or cells, which can be filled separately.

THE ACCIDENT, which occurred at about 7 a.m., caused one of the walls dividing two cells to separate at an expansion joint, creating a crack ranging from 3 inches to nearly 3 feet, allowing water to escape. No injuries were reported.

The delay in the arrival of Lake

Michigan water will be an added burden for Wheeling, a village whose well system is already pushed to its limit. The water pumps have been forced to work virtually non-stop during the summer, despite a total ban on non-essential outdoor water use.

The system has experienced several breakdowns in recent months, as officials tried to keep costly repairs to a minimum for the soon-to-be abandoned well system.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski acknowledged that the latest setback in delivering

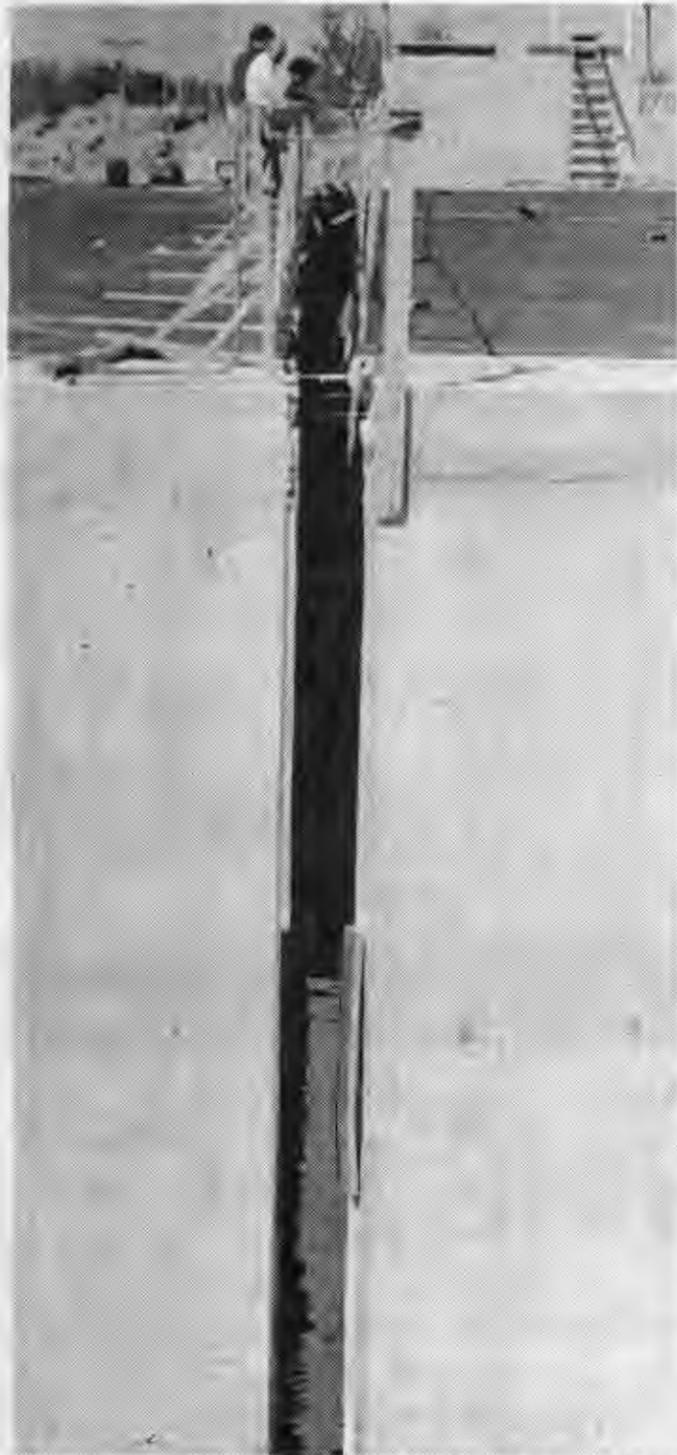
Lake Michigan water was "unfortunate," but said the situation is not critical.

"We will continue servicing the essential needs of the community for water," said Fialkowski. He added, however, that an extended delay could jeopardize village water needs.

"We are in a pretty good situation now and should be able to weather our normal types of demands for water. But we will be in a bad way if we have to go until next summer with our well system," he said.

Cause of reservoir shift remains mystery 9-13-84

COUNTRYSIDE REMINDER



The Northwest Water Commission's plans to deliver Lake Michigan water to four northwest suburbs went awash last week when a 31-inch crack developed in the commission's 25-million gallon water reservoir in Des Plaines. The crack spilled five million gallons of water into a trench surrounding the cement structure. (Staff photo by Bill Oakes)

By JOAN NORSWORTHY

The Northwest Water Commission may have to wait until next week to learn what caused its 25-million gallon water reservoir in Des Plaines to split open on Sept. 4.

The cause of the fracture in the five-cell reservoir will be determined by Wiss Janney, a Northbrook based structural engineering firm that specializes in determining reasons for structural defects.

Last Friday, the commission authorized its director, James Holzwart, to hire an independent engineer following a closed-session meeting to discuss potential litigation.

Following that meeting, Holzwart said he hoped to know the cause of the accident by tomorrow, when the commission will meet again. By Tuesday, however, Holzwart said the cause of the accident may not be known until next week because it was still unknown if the entire reservoir, which is as big as three football fields, will have to be drained before the investigation can be completed.

"The evidence, so to speak, is under water," Holzwart said.

If the reservoir at the intersection of Wolf and Kennington roads must be drained, the commission will lose 15-17 million gallons of water that is stored in cells three, four and five. That loss would be in addition to approximately five million gallons of water that was lost when the accident occurred.

The reservoir shifted suddenly the morning of Sept. 4 when the first cell of the five-cell reservoir rose vertically by 4-5 inches and moved horizontally by as much as 31 inches from the adjoining cell. Upon separation, the first cell took the east wall of the second cell with it, spilling approximately five million gallons of water into the trench encircling the reservoir, Holzwart said.

The water in the reservoir was purchased from the City of Evanston, which charged the commission 18 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Still in question early this week was whether the water in the trench should be drained, Holzwart said. Officials were afraid the wayward cell would move even further once the water was drained, he said.

Once the water is drained from the trench, engineers will be able to determine if the intake line to the reservoir was also damaged. Holzwart said it's likely that the intake line was damaged because the 1,200 ton cell moved 13 inches at that point.

Removal of water from the trench will also allow engineers to determine if the cell that moved can be salvaged, Holzwart said.

"Until the water is down, we can't look at the footings, and we can't look at the intake line," he said.

Holzwart said the accident will delay the delivery of Lake Michigan water indefinitely. But he said it might be possible to begin delivery of Lake Michigan water at some point by using only three cells.

"It's very possible three cells could deliver water," he said. "Our preliminary information indicates no damage to three cells."

Wheeling and Buffalo Grove officials say the accident will mean that the water use bans in those

villages will continue indefinitely. However, the water shortage problem is lessening as cooler weather sets in.

Delivery of Lake Michigan water through the Northwest Water Commission was promised as early as July. Villages that will buy lake water through the commission are Palatine, Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights. The Northwest Water Commission is comprised of the village managers from those four suburbs.

The engineering firm that designed the pipeline and reservoir for the Northwest Water Commission is PRC Consoer Townsend. The contractor for the reservoir is George Sollit Construction Co., the low bidder of 17 bidders. Sollit's bid was \$10,782,000, which was 26 percent below the engineer's estimate.

John Callan of PRC Consoer Townsend Engineering referred all inquiries to Holzwart, and officials from George Sollit Construction were unavailable for comment on the matter.

In recommending that Sollit be awarded the bid in November, 1982, PRC Consoer Townsend told commission members that the Sollit firm is "well known and reputable."

That opinion was echoed by various contractors who also bid on the reservoir.

"Sollit is an excellent firm," said George Lombard of Lombard Co., whose bid was \$11.56 million to construct the reservoir.

"Sollit is a good firm that does a lot of work around the Chicago area," said Keith Miller of Pora Construction, whose bid was \$11.13 million.

"Sollit is an old time, reputable firm," said Guss Maggio, president of A. J. Maggio Co., which bid \$12.17 for the job.

Without seeing the reservoir, most of the contractors declined to comment on who might be at fault—the contractor or the engineer.

But several contractors said they suspect that the fault lies with the engineers for the project.

"It sounds like a design problem," said one contractor who asked that he not be identified. "The contractor just builds it. He is not responsible for the design."

"When something separates, it usually means ground movement or poor soil," he said.

"That would be the engineer's job to specify different foundations like caissons or pilings," he said.

William Randolph of William Randolph, Inc. also said he doesn't think the accident is the contractor's fault. Randolph, who has an engineering degree, said this is the first time he has ever seen a fracture like that.

"Without seeing it, I couldn't believe it," he said. "The water pressure was directed toward one. The wall appeared to be pushed toward (cell) one."

The common way to resist those forces is the use of reinforced steel, Randolph said.

Randolph also said he doesn't think the cell would have moved if the trench had been backfilled.

"The engineers wanted to see if any water would leak out," he said. "The only ones who will make out on this are the lawyers."

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Wheeling HERALD 9-20-84



Historian recalls John Henry Forke

As many of you are already aware, a number of Wheeling citizens are currently at work on the task of writing up a book of the history of Wheeling. One of our community's oldest members, also a member of the Wheeling Historical Society, passed away this summer. His name was John H. Forke, born in 1914. Barbara K. McIntyre has written the following words in commemoration of this significant member of our village.

"Wheeling lost a valued member of one of the pioneer families when John Henry Forke passed away July 13. He was a former trustee of the Village of Wheeling and former chairman of the Police and Fire Commission as well as a volunteer fireman. He was a member of the Wheeling Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, and a charter member of the Wheeling Amvets. He is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Seiler, daughter Barbara and brother Harold. He was the third generation of a family who were involved in the establishment and growth of Wheeling.

John Forke's grandfather, also named John, married Dora Grinsell of Niles in 1859 and in 1873 they moved to Wheeling with their first four children. He was instrumental in incorporating Wheeling in 1894 and was one of the first trustees. He lost the election for president of the board by only a few votes. The tavern owners opposed him because he was "dry."

John's father, Frank, bought his father's 100-acre farm, located on both sides of South Milwaukee Avenue in 1896. He raised crops of corn, wheat, and oats as well as cows and chickens. The area is now bounded by Jeffery Lane and Manchester Drive and the river. Frank Forke was on the village board from 1900 to 1931, and on the school board for 21 years, six years as president. As was John, Frank Forke was also a member of the volunteer fire department. In 1905, he had a horse-drawn commuter service to trains and school. He married Tillie Stueve of Bensenville the same year. He also built the first funeral home in Wheeling.

John Henry Forke took a great interest in the Wheeling Historical Museum which is housed in the original village hall, where he, his father, and grandfather all served as governing officials of Wheeling.

(Thank you to Sandy Altieri, Public Relations Coordinator of the Wheeling Historical Museum, for submitting this piece.)

AS MORE AND MORE WHEELING HOMES are being made accessible to cable T.V., there is one channel in particular of which you might want to be aware. Channel 63 is the Government Access Channel for news about events going on in Wheeling. Village meetings, library programs, and other topics of interest to Wheeling residents can be relayed through this channel. Tune in to 63 and find out your very local news.

WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S writing skills and help them make a new friend at the same time? The Wheeling Park District is sponsoring a Pen Pal program, which is available to children ages eight and up. Stop in at Heritage Park to pick up an application form, and you can begin to correspond with a pen pal from anywhere in the state of Illinois. Heritage Park is located at 222 S. Wolf Road, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

"Good humor is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society." — Thackeray

Wheeling '85 street program charted

Forty streets are scheduled to be repaired under Wheeling's 1985 street repair program, at an estimated cost of nearly \$1.5 million including engineering fees. The streets to be repaired or reconstructed are as follows:

First Street — Strong Avenue to Mayer Avenue; Second Street — Strong Avenue to Mayer Avenue; Third Street — south end to Strong Avenue; Carpenter Avenue — east end to Commercial Avenue; Commercial Avenue —

Carpenter to west end; Crimson Drive — Twilight Lane to Blaze Trail; Peace Drive — Blaze Trail to Twilight Lane; Twilight Lane — village limit to Peace Drive; Blaze Trail — Crimson Drive to Peace Drive; Capri Court — Wolf Road to west end; Denoyer Trail — McHenry Road to north end; Strong Avenue — Wolf Road to Milwaukee Avenue; Walnut Avenue — Park Avenue to Wile Avenue; Highland Avenue — Wheeling Avenue to Park Avenue; Manchester Drive — Milwaukee Avenue to Wolf Road; Glenn Avenue — Hintz Road to Carpenter Avenue; Marcy Lane — Scott Street to Schoenbeck Road; Shepard Avenue — Glenn Avenue to West End; Sarasota Drive — Kenil-

worth Drive to Valley Stream Drive; King Court — North Norman to Jenkins Court; Noel Avenue — Hintz to Alice.

Roads to be repaved or reconstructed in the Shadowbend, Lakeside Villa and Tahoe Village planned unit developments are:

Kingswood Lane — Shadowbend Drive to end; Forestway Lane — Shadowbend Drive to end; Oakwood Lane — Shadowbend Drive to end; Shadowbend Drive — Milwaukee Avenue to Milwaukee Avenue; Stafford Drive — Sha-

dowbend Drive to end; Clearwater Lane — Lakeside Circle to dead end; Ash Lane — Lakeside Circle Drive to Barbary Lane; Barbary Lane — dead end to Ivy Court; Bayside Court — Bayside Drive to Bayside Lane; Clearwater Court — Clearwater Lane to Drive; Bayside Drive — Lakeside to dead end; Cedarwood Lane — Lakeside to dead end; Ivy Court — Barbary to dead end; Cedarwood Court — Cedarwood Lane to dead end; Candlewood Court — Lakeside to dead end; akota Trail — Tahoe Circle Drive to north end; Bow Trail — Tahoe Circle Drive to end; West Lodge Trail — Tahoe Circle to Shoshonee; Shoshonee Trail — Lakeview Drive to West Lodge.

HERALD 10-22-84

Village keeps plug on water use for now

by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer

Wheeling village officials lifted some restrictions on outdoor water use earlier this week — until another water well went down a day later.

The village planned to issue special permits for watering new sod, shrubs and trees Tuesday. But within 24 hours, the plans died with the down-

ing of a well — leaving two of the village's five deep wells out of order, said Assistant Village Manager Robert W. Fialkowski. Wheeling has a sixth well, but it is a shallow one.

"We're back to square one," Fialkowski said. "Fortunately one (broken) well is on the north end and the other is on the south end of town."

The north well failed because of

"an electrical problem," Fialkowski said.

"What's causing them to break down is they're being overworked," he said. "What happens now is the other wells are working harder and we're at a greater risk that the others will go down."

Fialkowski said by the time the north end well is repaired, the season for watering will be ended. And the

summer-long ban on all outdoor water use will not be lifted until spring.

Village President Sheila H. Schultz said residents have been "very good-natured" about the ban.

"There is a lot of concern that if the trees and shrubs go into the winter dry, there may be a big loss," she said. "But if it has to be done, it has to be done."

The week ahead HERALD 10-22-84

Trustees to gather at Whitman school

The Wheeling Village Board tonight will hold the first in a series of "roving meetings" to bring trustees to the community, where residents can quiz them on an array of topics.

The board will meet in its twice-monthly workshop at 8 p.m. at Walt Whitman School, 133 S. Wille Ave.

The board is also expected to authorize Wheeling's part in creating a Northwest Municipal Conference task force to implement plans for a landfill in a Hoffman Estates forest preserve.

"GREAT NORTHWEST SUBURBS"

Wheeling

Population: 22,500
Incorporated: 1894
Motto: Wheeling: Where Progress is by the People.
Mayor: Sheila Schultz
Form of government: Village. President and six trustees elected at-large. Appointed manager.
Budget: \$20,100,394
Sales tax receipts: \$1,608,571
Employees:
Police Dept.: 38 sworn, 53 total
Fire Dept.: 38 sworn, 40 total
Public Works Dept.: 25
Water supply: Wells. Converting to Lake Michigan water by summer, 1984.
Schools: Elementary school children attend schools in Wheeling Township Dis. 21. High school students attend Wheeling-Elk Grove Township Dist. 214 schools. The village is served by William Rainey Harper Jr. College.
Parks: Wheeling Park Dist.
Median family income: \$26,301
Geographics: Seven square miles. Served by four highways: Illinois routes 21, 68 and 83 and U.S. Route 45, Milwaukee Avenue (Ill. 21, U.S. 45) and Dundee (Ill. 68) Road all are major thoroughfares.



SCHULTZ

Outstanding features: Many fine restaurants, including LeFrancis and Don Roth's. Palwaukee Airport.
State Representatives: Bernard Pedersen (54th) and Daniel Pierce (58th).
State Senators: Virginia Macdonald (27th) and Robert Kustra (28th).
U.S. Congressman: John Porter (10th)
Zip code: 60090

BASIC SERVICE RATES

Water: \$1.90 per 1000 gallons
Garbage: \$93.60 per year
Pet licenses: \$5 per animal per year

Senior center will open by spring '85: village

HERALD 10-23-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer

Construction of the \$672,000 Wheeling Senior Center is scheduled to be finished by spring next year, several months behind the original December due date.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus projected the center will be completed by February or March.

"You always go over your original estimate," said Wheeling's senior citizen coordinator Barbara J. Hansen. "As long as we continue to move and we see progress, we're pretty happy."

SHE SAID construction, hit with "minor problems," routinely goes longer than expected.

Hansen said, "While the contractor told us mid-December, we have not been saying that to give us some leeway. We don't want the senior citizens to be disappointed."

The center at Milwaukee and Strong avenues is the last part in a three-pronged project that addresses housing, health and social needs of senior citizens.

The first leg of the project was the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, completed in 1981, and the sec-

ond leg, a 100-unit housing building called Wheeling Towers for the elderly and the handicapped, completed in 1983.

CENTERED BY a pond, the buildings were designed to appear as a trio, and a sidewalk connects the three, Markus said.

"The unique thing is that we have the ability to add more housing, health care and recreational facilities if we want to," said Richard L. Greenwood, village planner. Vacant land zoned for multi-family housing lies west of the landscaped complex,

which was created as part of larger plans to improve the appearance of Milwaukee Avenue.

The center will have two multi-purpose rooms, a kitchen, classroom and office space.

Village and surrounding senior-citizen groups plan to hold meetings, classes, luncheons and programs in the center.

ONE OF those programs would, through a volunteer employment coordinator, aim to link employment with senior citizens looking for work, Hansen said.

"I don't have time to look for jobs and match people with them," she said. "What I need is someone who can really go in and elicit requests."

Hansen said the program would emphasize that senior citizens are generally dependable, reliable and perform well. Jobs would range from telephone work and bookkeeping to maintenance, landscaping and restaurant work.

"I'd like to see the senior center operate on a volunteer basis as much possible," she said. "People pride when they can volunteer expertise for something."

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Pall on Pal-Waukee

Two towns equal—but separate—on airport issues

SIX WEEKS after announcing the landmark decision to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport, officials from Wheeling and Prospect Heights remain entangled in intense negotiations to come up with a plan to cooperatively operate the airport.



Gary Roberts

During that time, a joint ad hoc committee, made up of representatives from both communities, has reached agreement on many of the nuts and bolts items that are needed to set up a governing airport commission. But the committee has also grappled with major questions that remain unresolved.

From the outset, who will make up the commission and the issue of a tie-breaking mechanism have plagued the discussions. Initially, Prospect Heights pushed for a seven-member commission made up of three representatives from each town, plus an alternating chairman who would vote only in case of a tie. Not surprisingly, Prospect Heights wanted to appoint the chairman for the first four years, a

time when many of the major issues would be decided.

IN CONTRAST, Wheeling has called for a commission with an equal number of members from each community and no mechanism for breaking tie votes other than compromise. In other words, a tie vote means the proposal fails.

Prospect Heights has since amended its stand to allow for an equal-numbered commission, but still insists on a tie breaker of some kind to avoid stalemates that could halt progress of the airport.

And while the communities have gone back and forth over these important issues, a federal dead-

line for completing the intergovernmental agreement has come and gone, without a solution in sight. Furthermore, Federal Aviation Administration officials say they will not release funds for the purchase of the airport until this agreement is firmly in place.

OTHER PROBLEMS also have surfaced. For example, though Wheeling officials have made repeated requests, Prospect Heights has consistently refused to share information from a financial study it conducted on current airport operations, which it says is critical to understanding the future of the facility.

The communication gap worsens when new proposals are unveiled without prior discussion or consideration.

At the most recent ad hoc committee meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 17, Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan presented a new 25-page proposal that included a 10-year capital improvements pro-

gram for the airport, which, he said, already had the approval of the state.

Wheeling's reaction was one of disbelief and dismay.

"Everytime we get to the point where all we need to do is refine, then we get another surprise," said Wheeling President Sheila Schultz. "That is not very productive."

Also included in the latest proposal was the first mention of an interim group that would run the airport before a commission is formed. If in place, this interim body of unknown membership would be empowered to make many of the precedent-setting decisions during the crucial first weeks of operation.

Wheeling officials denounced the need for an interim group, claiming it is unnecessary and "just complicates the issue."

As a result of these exchanges, the ad hoc committee exists in an atmosphere that has bred suspicion instead of the spirit of cooperation that belongs in an equal partnership.

Reservoir break is still a mystery

By GARY ROBERTS
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NORTHWEST WATER Commission officials still have not determined what caused the main reservoir of the Lake Michigan water project to break apart last month, further delaying arrival of lake water to Wheeling and other northwest suburbs.

Thomas Markus, Wheeling's representative on the Northwest Water Commission, said that body is moving ahead with "extreme caution" in determining the cause and responsibility for the Sept. 4 accident at the Des Plaines reservoir in light of possible legal action. "The potential for litigation in a situation like this is tremendous," he said.

Markus added that the village's well system is still adequate to provide water to the community, despite the breakdown of another pump last week.

"The heavy demand for water has subsided with the passing of the summer months," said Markus.

"Although the delay places more demand on our remaining wells, we should be able to weather the storm."

NWC Executive Director James J. Holzwart told the commission Oct. 19, "there appeared to be no structural damage" to the cells not involved in the accident, but that a section of connecting 30-inch intake line will have to be replaced. He said it would take up to 60 days to bring the reservoir back on-line once repairs have been started. Cost estimates are expected this week.

The \$11 million storage facility at Wolf and Kensington roads, is divided into five sections, or cells, which can be filled separately. The accident caused one of the concrete walls dividing the cells to separate at an expansion joint, allowing 13 million gallons of water to escape.

HOLZWART SAID the investigation has focused on the condition of the other cells of the reservoir and the extent of damage to the whole system, noting that the damaged

cell or the entire reservoir may be bypassed. Holzwart said, however, that three tasks must be completed to ensure fail safe operations in the future.

There remains "some potential" for both the horizontal and vertical movement of the reservoir, he said. The horizontal shifting can be eliminated by replacing backfill on the site for added support. A more complicated approach must be taken to protect against the possible vertical movement, or uplift, of the reservoir, he said.

The problem is to relieve water pressure that develops under each cell when the reservoir is at a low level. To divert water pressure buildup, outside the cell, a new piping system must be installed, Holzwart said.

A third problem involves the possible water leakage between the cells, further increasing the uplift problem. "We can not assume there are water-tight conditions anymore," said Holzwart, who was unsure as to how this problem could be resolved.

Street work to cost \$1.7 million more than estimate

by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer

The Wheeling street repair program will likely cost more than \$1.7 million more than a 1982 consultant's estimates — tagging the cost for road repairs at about \$5.5 million, says Robert W. Fialkowski, assistant village planner and director of community development.

The program to repair nearly 90 percent of the village streets — estimated by consultants in 1982 at \$3.7 million — also will likely expand from an estimated four years to six, he said.

The new estimate, based partly on actual costs in 1983 and 1984, includes \$300,000 to reconstruct the intersection of Dundee and Boehmer roads, a project that was not included in the report prepared by Novak, Dempsey & Associates of Palatine.

THAT 1982 report said the village could repair or replace 192 roads in five years for \$3.7 million. The village later reduced the time period to four years.

Now, village officials are saying the report failed to include curb and gutter work, engineering fees, or repairing roads affected by storm drainage work. Nor did the study in-

corporate inflation costs or increased demand for paving, Fialkowski said.

The village has since hired the Crystal Lake engineering firm of Baxter & Woodman Inc. to implement the consultant's study and design street repairs.

Costs of the 1984 street repair program came in more than half a million dollars over the estimate at \$2.06 million rather than the projected \$1.5 million.

The 37 percent difference in 1984 repairs hiked engineering fees as well — from \$56,600 to nearly \$71,000 this year.

With one dissenting vote, the vil-

lage board Monday approved the cost overrun for engineering fees. Trustee Charles M. Kerr voted against that bill and the nearly \$43,000 engineering bill for the 1985 street improvement program, estimated to cost \$1 million for construction only.

"FOURTEEN THOUSAND dollars doesn't jump up every day. You keep adding those up and they amount to something," said Kerr, adding that he objected to approving the extra bill after, not before, the work was done.

Fialkowski said it was not the firm's fault. The board instructed the firm to design the repairs without setting a ceiling, but agreed that cost

overruns would be approved by the board in advance — a step not taken, Fialkowski admitted.

The engineering fees for \$2.06 million of construction are naturally more than \$1.5 million, he said.

Fialkowski said the 1984 costs were based on 1983 work when the village "got a good deal" on construction costs.

This year, increases in street construction area-wide — including state repairs of area highways — hiked demand for street construction and costs went up as well, he said.

TO MAKE UP for the costs, the

village will now schedule the work for six years and use two extra years of gasoline tax money — about \$250,000 each year. The village also will use \$1 million in gasoline tax money it has saved with interest in recent years, Fialkowski said.

The village will not increase taxes any more for street repairs, he said.

Already this year, the village approved a 67 percent increased tax levy to pay back \$3.4 million the village borrowed this year for street repairs.

The levy also built in a cushion the village will use to pay for the unplanned increases, Fialkowski said.

Elmhurst Road work to resume

by Ted Gregory *HERALD 10-19-84*
Herald staff writer

The financially strapped contractors of the stalled Elmhurst Road resurfacing project have re-financed the project and promised state transportation officials work will begin Monday.

The project through Wheeling, Arlington Heights, Prospect Heights and Mount Prospect has been on hold for several weeks, forcing drivers to dodge manhole covers several inches above the pavement.

Steven S. Kolar, project engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, spoke with representatives from the contractor, Franzen-Peters of Addison, Thursday and said company officials have hired another contractor to take over the job from the original construction company.

Workers are set to begin cleaning the 3-mile stretch of state highway today and paving crews will begin resurfacing the road next week, Kolar said. Officials from Franzen-Peters were unavailable for comment Thursday.

CREWS ORIGINALLY began work on the \$1.5 million project this spring, but Franzen-Peters failed to pay an electrical subcontractor, causing the subcontractor to walk off the job and bring work to a near standstill in mid-September.

Franzen-Peters workers started work again a few days after the walkout — resurfacing the road from Palatine to Camp McDonald roads — but they were forced to stop around Sept. 20 because they had to wait for underground electrical work. Construction has been delayed since then.

Kolar estimated that the crews would complete the remaining paving in about four days, but he added that underground electrical work at four intersections probably would delay completion of the project until after the Nov. 1 deadline.

If construction crews miss that deadline, IDOT could fine Franzen-Peters \$280 a day, but Kolar was uncertain if transportation officials would impose the penalty.

Meanwhile, Mount Prospect village officials have sent three letters to IDOT — two protesting the construction delay, claiming the job was poorly done and asking the state to intervene. The third letter, mailed Wednesday, notified IDOT that the village will not plow or maintain the streets when winter snowstorms hit.

"What we're trying to do is lever-



age the state to have a subcontractor come in and finish the job," said Village Manager Terrance L. Burgard.

Well breakdown keeps limits going

by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer *HERALD 10-20-84*

Wheeling village officials lifted some restrictions on outdoor water use earlier this week — until another water well went down a day later.

The village planned to issue special permits for watering new sod, shrubs and trees Tuesday. But within 24 hours, the plans died with the downing of a well — leaving two of the village's five deep wells out of order, said Assistant Village Manager Robert W. Fialkowski. Wheeling has a sixth well, but it is a shallow one.

"We're back to square one," Fialkowski said. "Fortunately, one (broken) well is on the north end and the other is on the south end of town."

THE NORTH WELL failed because of "an electrical problem," Fialkowski said.

"What's causing them to break down is they're being over-worked," he said. "What happens now is the other wells are working harder and we're at a greater risk that the others will go down."

Fialkowski said by the time the north end well is repaired, the season for watering will be ended



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A RECENT addition to corridor's "Restaurant Row" is My Pie Restaurant, 102 S. Milwaukee Ave. This is the type of business Wheeling officials would like to attract while adding to the avenue's fame as a place to dine.

Wheeling seeks identity, unity along eclectic Milwaukee Ave.

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Century-old homes provide the backdrop for used-car lots.

Elegant restaurants sequin the corridor, with abandoned buildings at their side.

Forest preserves bring their own personality.

If nothing else, Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling is eclectic.

Milwaukee Avenue development over the decades has been divorced from planning — until recently, said Wheeling village planner Richard D. Greenwood.

Armed with a flurry of studies from 1965 on, village officials are studying dozens of suggestions for development.

Suggestions range from building more office buildings and condominiums to constructing a hotel on the road once home to taverns for thirsty travelers on the Chicago-Milwaukee route.

WHATEVER THEY promote, consultants emphasize that Milwaukee Avenue is important to Wheeling; the identity of the two are intertwined.

"Restaurant Row" is Milwaukee Avenue's showcase. It draws diners from all over Chicagoland, diners who associate Wheeling with Le Francais. Or Don Roth's. Or Hackney's. Or Rickett's. Or Hans' Bavarian Lodge. Or Fulton Street Fishery & Market and the Crab House.

But dotted among the restaurants are sleepy houses and bustling industry and run-down lots. Between the Crab House and Le Francais stands a former restaurant, a building now boarded and abandoned.

Such landmarks the village aims to destroy.

In the past five years, Wheeling has razed about 10 old but non-historical buildings, said Village Manager Thomas M. Markus.

It has campaigned for clean up as well. In 1981, the village sent out 300 letters to Milwaukee Avenue businesses outlining code violations.

"We've had a lot of compliance since then," Markus said.

It has petitioned the state to install sidewalks, curbs and gutters along Milwaukee Avenue, which now is "a gravel mess," Markus said.

And Wheeling has encouraged development that suits the character village officials promote.

Recent years have seen the addition of The Crab House, Il Nido, Billy & Company and My Pie restaurants.



Herald photo by Scott Sanders

WHEELING ENCOURAGED the replacement of parking spaces with grass at these businesses just south of Dundee Road, says Village Manager Thomas M. Markus. Parking is available in back of the stores. Village officials have asked the state to eliminate some of the telephone poles and wires.

Jewel has been converted to Sportmart. A handful of stores at Dundee and Milwaukee were destroyed to make room for Riverside Plaza. And asphalt, in some instances, has been turned to green.

WHEELING ACCEPTED one consultant's suggestion and constructed a three-pronged senior citizens development at Strong and Milwaukee Avenues. The eight-story senior housing and the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center will soon be joined by the Wheeling Senior Citizens Center. The three structures, centered by a pond, are cushioned in landscaping.

The town's future plans are even more dramatic.

Village officials plan to strip the avenue of some older buildings no longer structurally sound and create a tax increment financing district to pay for it.

Under that plan, the village buys property, improves it with sewer or lighting, and sells it to developers at a cut rate.

To be legal, the village must prove developers would not be attracted to the land at its market price, Markus says.

A detailed report on tax increment financing of the corridor is expected to be released before the year's end,



Herald photo by Scott Sanders

"RICH'S PLACE" is a Milwaukee Avenue tavern in unincorporated Cook County, just south of Wheeling's border. Village officials are eyeing the land for annexation in order to spruce up more of the corridor.

Markus said. Wheeling also is interested in annexing land to the south, a portion of the corridor wrought with code violations already associated with the village.

"The whole impact is negative,"

Markus said. But there are restrictions on the amount a land a town can annex and which pieces can go to Wheeling. The village may only annex 60 acres and some property needing revitalization is out of the village's reach.

Golf club eyed by districts

HERALD 10-6-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Following their first joint meeting, officials of three park districts say they are considering commissioning a study to determine if they could run the Arlington Country Club at a profit.

Top administrators of the Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, and Arlington Heights park district huddled this week to discuss the possible purchase of the 131-acre golf course, now slated to be the site of 1,024-unit apartment and condominium complex on Dundee Road.

Buffalo Grove Park Director Michael Rylko said if the boards favor the idea, the directors of the three districts will propose either a consultant's study or an in-house study on two questions: the cost of improving the golf course — whose condition has deteriorated in recent years — and possible ways to finance the purchase, estimated at \$6 million.

"It does need a lot of work," said James Borowski, Buffalo Grove Park District president. "It's not in tremendous condition. It would require a lot of capital expenditures. There's no watering system on the golf course — the fairways and clubhouse are in poor condition."

A FAVORABLE REPORT would enable the district to borrow money for the purchase and renovation without raising taxes. The loan instead would be repaid through golf course revenues.

Rylko said district staff members are mulling "creative ideas" for financing, including asking the Metropolitan Sanitary District and the Forest Preserve District whether they would be interested in a chunk. The MSD, for example, might need additional drainage areas that could be met through the use of a golf course water hazard, and the forest preserve might be interested in acquiring additional open land.

Wheeling Park Director David Phillips said there is no chance of obtaining federal funds for golf courses, but perhaps a section of the 131 acres not used for a golf course could be purchased with federal money.

The golf course, put up for sale by its owners because they no longer can afford to pay taxes, is scheduled to be developed into an apartment and condominium complex — a plan criticized by the community for consuming open space, bringing into the area more than 1,500 new residents, and increasing traffic problems.

Plans for the development proposed by Lexington Development Co. of Arlington Heights are expected to go to the Wheeling Village Board for a final vote in late November or December.

THE WHEELING BOARD of Zoning Appeals already advised the board to turn down the development; the plan commission split its vote on the matter.

If by Dec. 28 Lexington cannot obtain proper zoning and annexation of the unincorporated area to either Wheeling or Buffalo Grove, its option to buy the property expires.

Wheeling park officials are considering asking voters if they favor a public purchase of the golf course. That board delayed Thursday forming a citizens advisory committee to gauge public sentiment on the joint park venture.

Cable rate hike on agenda

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A PAIR of public hearings has been scheduled to allow residents to comment on Cablenet's proposed rate hike and service reduction, which Wheeling officials have criticized as unfair.

The Northwest Municipal Cable Council will hold a public hearing Thursday, Oct. 21, to accept comments on the requested changes. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Buechner Room of the Arlington Heights Municipal Building, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road.

In addition, Wheeling trustees will hold their own hearing during the Monday, Oct. 15, board meeting, which starts at 8 p.m. Village officials said they are hosting their own public hearing to make it easier for local residents to provide input on the cable issue.

CABLENET IS asking for an increase in its rates for basic services, from \$5.95 to \$7.95 per month, and a price increase for additional cable converters from \$2 to \$3.95. The cable company is also requesting a reduction in channel capacity, from 120 to 60 channels, and asking to defer certain two-way services.

The Northwest Municipal Cable Council recently voted to support the lifting of the current rate freeze to allow Cablenet to raise its monthly service rate. The Cable Council also recommended in favor of the cost increase for additional converters, but voted against the reduction in channel capacity.

Gregory Peters, Wheeling's representative on the 10-member

Cable Council, voted against lifting the rate freeze, which prohibits Cablenet from increasing its basic service rate until August of 1985.

OTHER WHEELING officials also voiced opposition to the Cablenet proposal, which still must be approved by the individual member communities.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the cable company's rate request infringes on one of the most basic protections negotiated in the original cablefranchise agreement.

"The village is being asked to forfeit guarantees in a contract that was entered into in good faith," said Markus. "To turn around and hand back a portion of that contract is really not fair."

Public speaking

HERALD 10-18-84
The Wheeling street repair program will likely cost \$1.7 million more than a 1982 consultant's estimate. The program to repair nearly 90 percent of the village streets — estimated by consultants in 1982 at \$3.7 million — will likely rise to \$5.5 million during six years, said Robert W. Fialkowski, assistant village planner. Two years after the 1982 report was issued, village officials said it did not include curb and gutter work, engineering fees or repairing roads. "We weren't looking for total cost then as much as we were looking for strategies of what streets should be reconstructed or resurfaced," Fialkowski said. "Maybe we should have stressed that a little bit more."

'Damaged reservoir won't stall pipeline construction'

by John Slania
HERALD 10-20-84
Herald staff writer

Aiming to have Lake Michigan water on tap by Christmas, officials from four Northwest suburbs said Friday they plan to complete a pipeline system from Evanston by working around a damaged section of the main reservoir that has already caused project delays of more than six weeks.

Proposals to complete the project include using undamaged sections of the 25-million-gallon reservoir and building a bypass pipeline around the structure while repairs are being made. In either case, officials from Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Palatine and Wheeling, represented

Fluoridation law upheld
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by the Northwest Water Commission, are pushing to get the pipeline in place before the dead of winter.

"It would be very difficult to complete installation when the winter season sets in. Given that, it's important to complete the work as soon as possible," said James J. Holzwart, executive director of the water commission.

IN A meeting of the water commission Friday, Holzwart said three independent studies are now being completed to determine what caused a Sept. 4 accident in which east wall

of the \$5 million reservoir shifted, creating a crack that allowed almost 5 million gallons of water to pour into a surrounding trench.

A study is being done by Wiss, Janney, Elstner & Associates, an engineering firm hired by the water commission. Investigations are also being performed by the pipeline's designer, PRC Consoer Townsend Engineering, and the contractor, George Sollitt Construction Co.

Because officials said a lawsuit could result from the findings of the studies, they have been careful to avoid discussing the extent and cause of the damage while the investigations are underway. Instead, they are

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'Damaged reservoir won't stall pipeline construction'

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concentrating on bringing Lake Michigan water to more than 150,000 residents within the next two months.

Because the two-story reservoir is divided into five cells, each with a 5-million-gallon water capacity, the water commission plans to temporarily close off the two easternmost cells

damaged in the accident while using the remaining sections, Holzwart said.

THE COMMISSION plans to make improvements to the remaining cells to ensure that they don't shift or split. Improvements include installing valves to release pressure from water build-up underneath the reservoir.

Experts advise village to buy, resell land on Milwaukee Ave.

by Maribeth Vander Weele

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10-4-84

Herald staff writer

An Evanston consulting firm says Wheeling officials should buy land along Milwaukee Avenue that will be sold to developers interested in building specialty shops, offices, and high-priced condominiums and apartments.

And, conclude Barton-Aschman Associates Inc., if Pal-Waukee Airport is ever expanded, a hotel should be constructed in the area.

The village board this week took the first step to establish financing for a long-term project, calling for the upgrading of run-down property along Milwaukee Avenue.

The board passed a resolution saying it intends to establish a tax increment financing district, which allows the village to borrow money, use the money to buy deteriorated property, improve the land and sell it to developers at a cut rate, according to Village Manager Thomas Markus.

The village pays off the loan with the increased property tax revenue it receives from the improved property, he said.

Village officials, who discussed buying land in closed session Monday, will not reveal what Milwaukee Avenue property or what price tag they are considering, to safeguard against land speculation, Markus said.

"If we let everyone know what we're considering, the price of land would go higher," he said,

adding that two developers, whom he declined to name, are interested in getting involved in some type of commercial development.

The marketing study, released by the village this week, is part of a \$35,000 the village is spending to devise the plan to renovate the Milwaukee Avenue corridor — which runs from Lake-Cook Road to Hintz Road. Federal funding provides \$25,000 of the cost.

The market analysis, developed by the Evanston firm under a subcontracting agreement with Robert B. Teska Associates, Inc., also of Evanston, labels high-priced shops for affluent consumers — services not available in traditional shopping malls — "the most promising retail development opportunity" for the village.

The report lists stores selling gourmet cooking supplies, handcrafted furniture and antiques, artisan shops, specialty apparel and more restaurants as examples.

The study suggests office buildings be built south of the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Lake Cook Road or near Pal-Waukee Airport.

Wheeling and neighboring Prospect Heights are buying the airport and plan to spend the next 20 years making improvements to bring the airport up to federal safety standards. If those plans are carried out, Wheeling could absorb 75,000 to 125,000 square feet of office space per year in a corporate office park in Wheeling, the study says.

And if the airport business grows "considerably," Milwaukee Avenue could also be the site of a

successful 125- to 175-room hotel, the market analysis says.

The consultant who developed the report has left Barton-Aschman Associates and was unavailable for comment, a spokesman of the firm said.

Perhaps most surprising in the report is the recommendation for more multifamily housing. The proposal comes in the midst of a debate on whether Wheeling, which has 63 percent multifamily housing, should attempt to lower that amount.

But Village Manager Thomas Markus said the percentages don't tell the story.

"You have certain areas that shouldn't have been built multifamily," he said. "On the other hand, you don't want to build single family in areas that are very logical for multi family."

Markus said, "Milwaukee Avenue does not lend itself to single-family development. And it isn't appropriate to saturate the area with commercial."

The study says that existing Wheeling apartments — where rents range from \$275 to \$500 a month for a two-bedroom apartment — are ample. Instead, the village should encourage construction of higher-priced units that would appeal mainly to young professionals who work in the "expanding office market along the Tri-State Tollway Corridor."

"They're saying there's no market for more of the same (rental housing)," Markus said. "But there's a market for higher-end multifamily units."

HERALD 10-15-84
THE WHEELING Zoning Board of Appeals is expected Tuesday to take final action on the development of Arlington Country Club.

The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wheeling Village Hall, 255 West Dundee Road.

Tuesday's action of the board, an advisory committee, is a routine procedure to pass its decision on to the Wheeling Village Board, which has the final say. The zoning board already has voted down plans of Lexington Development Corp. for turning the golf club into a 1,024-unit development of condominiums, apartments and townhouses.

Hearing to focus on cable rate hike

HERALD 10-15-84

The Wheeling village board will conduct a public hearing tonight to discuss rate increase requests by Cablenet Inc.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Cablenet is requesting the village lift its rate freeze so it can increase basic service from \$5.95 to \$7.95 and an additional package from \$2 a month to \$3.95.

Finance Director Gregory Peters is recommending the board deny the request.

Work delay possible WHEELING LIFE 10-18-84

Road costs exceed estimates by 37%

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Actual payments for the 1984 portion of the village's four-year street improvement program were more than \$500,000 above original cost estimates.

This year's construction work totaled \$2,062,891, or 37 percent more than the projected cost of \$1,500,000, signalling a possible delay in the completion of the project.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the original cost estimate was based on a preliminary 1982 engineering report prepared by Novak Dempsey and Associates, Inc., which has since been replaced by the firm of Baxter and Woodman, Inc.

"Originally, we did not know the full extent of the work that had to be done. All we basically had was a list of streets," said Fialkowski.

THE INCREASE in the construction contract for 1984 resulted from a "significant change" in the scope of work required, said Fialkowski. Engineering costs also had to be adjusted, he said, to reflect the larger volume of work undertaken.

Engineering costs for work done prior to 1984 construction went up to \$170,000, or \$14,236 more than was called for in the original agreement with Baxter and Woodman.

At the Monday, Oct. 15, board meeting, Fialkowski recommended trustees approve the extra payment, saying the engineering firm did "an exemplary job" that drew far fewer complaints than the much smaller road project in 1983. "If we get fewer complaints for a project twice as large as the previous year, obviously somebody is doing something right," he said.

Fialkowski also noted that the adjusted engineering fee is 8 percent of the total construction contract, compared to 10 percent for the previous engineer.

BUT TRUSTEE Charles Kerr questioned why it took so long for the board to be made aware of the change in the engineering contract.

"Why are we just learning about this now?" asked Kerr. "I'm not interested in stopping work. I am interested in keeping informed."

Kerr also inquired if the village was obligated to pay for the addi-

tional work. According to the engineering contract, written authorization must be obtained from the Village Board before any additional work is performed by Baxter and Woodman.

BUT FIALKOWSKI argued in favor of the additional payment, saying the bill was "justified." The Village Board, with trustee Kerr voting "no," then approved the adjusted engineering bill for 1984 and also a \$42,700 engineering fee for the 1985 road program.

After the meeting, Fialkowski said the cost increases could delay completion of the four-year street improvement program, scheduled to end in 1986. The last two years of the program, which will involve complete reconstruction of streets, may be stretched out for a couple of years, he said, while the village "waits until funding rolls in."

But Fialkowski said the total cost of the four-year program may not exceed the estimated \$4.5 million cost. "We won't know how far we are until we get the job completely done," he said. "We don't know what the future holds."

No answer yet on when pipeline will go with flow

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

ONE MONTH after the main reservoir of the Lake Michigan water project broke apart, submerging the site, the cause and extent of the damage remains undetermined.

The \$11 million reservoir, located at Wolf and Kensington roads in Des Plaines, broke open Sept. 4 when one concrete wall shifted its position and created a crack in the massive structure. The damage has led to an indefinite delay in the delivery of Lake Michigan water to Wheeling and other northwest suburbs.

The construction contractor and an independent engineering firm have been trying to find a cause for the mishap since that time, but officials report they are still in the fact-finding stage of the investigation.

"Until we get all the facts, we can't provide the communities with a schedule as to when we will be ready to go again," said James J. Holzwart, executive director of the Northwest Water Commission. "We're taking whatever deliberate steps necessary to get that information."

ALTHOUGH HOLZWART said he doesn't believe the reservoir suf-

fered extensive structural damage, investigators are being "as cautious as possible" in their study so as not to cause any further damage.

Repair crews spent nearly three weeks pumping out the five million gallons of water that filled the construction trench after the accident occurred. Soil samples of the area are now being analyzed, along with the current condition of the facility.

The 25-million-gallon reservoir is divided into five subsections, or cells, which can be filled separate-

ly. The accident caused one of the walls dividing two cells to separate at an expansion joint, creating a crack ranging from three inches to three feet, allowing water to escape.

HOLZWART SAID damage appeared to be "minimal" to the main intake line bringing lake water from Evanston. But Holzwart stopped short of announcing a timetable for having the system back in working order. He added, however, that there is a "very good

possibility" the facility could be put back on-line without using the damaged cells while they are checked.

"For now, we have a wait-and-see attitude," said Holzwart. "We have to wait until it's absolutely safe."

Wheeling Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the existing village well system is holding up well because demand for water is down from the summer months. He added, though, that the pumps are still working 16 to 20 hours each day.

Public speaking

● Wheeling staff members last week recommended that the Wheeling Village Board deny a request for a cable television rate increase. Cablenet, Inc., of Mount Prospect is asking to raise basic rates from \$5.95 to \$7.95 but to add Cablextra - a handful of special channels - to the basic package. In recommending the village not lift a rate freeze scheduled to expire in August anyway, Village Manager Thomas Markus told trustees, "You had a competitive situation. You selected the firm based on the best services and best rates. Now you'd be turning around and taking some of that back."

Hoffman landfill before board

by Maribeth Vander Weele

HERALD 10-20-84

The Wheeling Village Board is expected to vote Monday whether to support Northwest Municipal Conference plans to build a landfill in a Hoffman Estates forest preserve.

Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said he recommends the board approve the creation of a conference task force to carry out those plans, following a \$72,000 study commissioned by the conference. He said he also favors the proposed location.

"That will be the closest site we

can get for future solid waste needs without going to another county and being taxed for it," Markus said. "Wheeling recognizes the need to address the whole solid waste issue before it becomes a critical problem."

THE CONFERENCE study by the engineering firm Camp, Dresser & McKee shows that landfills now used by area suburbs are expected to be filled in five to 10 years. But those landfills, backed by the proposed Hoffman Estates landfill, south of Shoe Factory Road between Barrington and Bartlett roads, would provide enough space for residential garbage

until the year 2000, the study says.

Wheeling and other communities hauling garbage to Hoffman Estates would pay that village, and the forest preserve district would receive part of the money.

Building the landfill would cost about \$10 million and operating the fill would cost about \$3 million a year, the study said.

Wheeling's vote Monday will not authorize spending money but would register the village's approval of a task force to put the study's suggestions into effect, Markus said.

Town may revise restrictions on parking at night

HERALD 10-10-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele

HERALD staff writer

Spurred by residents' complaints, Wheeling officials may revise an old ordinance that bans parking on sidewalks and from 2 to 5 a.m. on village streets.

The ordinance prohibits vehicles from blocking sidewalks even though they are parked in driveways. About 90 residents were ticketed in the summer for edging their cars onto the sidewalks that run through their driveways, said Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger.

Many residents of the Rose Garden subdivision complained.

"Some people, because of the number in the family or in the business, have six cars," said Harold Krueger, of 902 Rose Lane. "There's no way you can park all those cars in the driveway without parking on the sidewalk. And you can't put the cars on the streets at night."

PAT HITZEMAN, 933 Rose Lane, said one of the two restrictions should be lifted. "You can't have it both ways," she said. "We don't know what to do with the cars."

Haeger, who is preparing a report on the regulations for the village board, defended the sidewalk parking ban as being necessary to keep pedestrians from having to walk in the street, but acknowledged he is less sure about why the overnight parking ban is needed.

"It's a standard ordinance," he said. "Most municipalities have it. If a child were hit by a car as a result of having to walk around an automobile, the village and the

homeowner would have an even greater liability."

He added, however, police usually do not ticket cars that are blocking sidewalks late at night. "It's common sense, but I suppose it's an alternative that should be put in black and white," he said.

HAEGER SAID the increasing complaints about the parking laws probably stem from "enforcement campaigns" in the last two years, in which police stepped up its ticket writing efforts. In spring 1982 and spring 1983, the department issued warning tickets and placed letters on automobiles notifying the owners of violations.

Yet residents complained that they weren't notified of the village restrictions on sidewalk parking.

"I've been here for 19 years," Hitzeman said. "No one told us about the law. We received no warning."

Haeger admitted that other than the warning tickets and letters on a few cars, there was no warning — "none except for the fact the ordinance exists in almost every other community in the suburbs and residents have an absolute obligation to know the ordinances of their village."

Regarding the night-street parking rule, Haeger said residents may telephone the police department to request exceptions. During holidays, the village often issues a moratorium on the street parking ban, he said.

RESIDENTS may even request long-term exceptions to the night parking ban — if a car is broken down or if a driveway is being repaired, for example.

Couple's home destined for bulldozer

Wheeling Life 10-4-84

God's little acre on collision course

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

TWENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO, it was God's little acre. An undisturbed stretch of land, quietly situated amid rural farmland.

Snaking its way along one edge, the Wheeling Drainage Ditch flowed high and deep, naturally stocked with fish and water fowl.

Today, the one-acre plot at 14 E. Hintz Road is the personal paradise of Edward and Lorie Grandt. Willow trees, seeded soon after the Grandts purchased the property in 1960, reach majestically to the sky, easting a cooling shadow over the couple's first and only home.

But paradise will soon be lost to the Grandts. The lushness of the landscape and the two-story home which Edward built for his family

of six will surely be razed to its barren beginnings.

THE REASON is easily recognizable by sight, sound or smell. Right across the street, staring bleakly into the Grandt's front yard, is a rather noisy and intimidating neighbor, Pal-Waukee Airport.

"I think my hearing is getting impaired," said Mrs. Grandt, 55. "The noise is terrible; so are the fumes. With the combination of dust and exhaust, you can't see across the street. The planes burn our shrubbery out in front every year.

"You can't have anything open. You have to have the air conditioning on if the wind is blowing from the airport, even if it's a nice day," she said.

SUCH IS the state of the Grandt's dream house. But despite present

conditions, things will get decidedly worse for the elderly couple. According to the four-year acquisition plan agreed to by the new owners of Pal-Waukee Airport, the Grandt's property is slated for public takeover as part of the buy-out package.

The airport wasn't always such an intrusion on their lives. For the first year, the airport, tucked across an expanse of farmland to the south, was content with serving only small planes. The Grandts had no reason to believe the protective buffer zone keeping the airport at a healthy distance would quickly disappear.

But then the airport built its main runway, some 5,000 feet long and able to handle larger aircraft. Unfortunately for the Grandts, the new runway led almost directly to

their doorstep, ushering in a host of unforeseen problems. At first, the homeowners fought to avert an increase in air traffic, but their efforts proved futile.

"It was a waste of time to attend the meetings," said Mrs. Grandt. "It was all cut and dried. They already knew what they were going to do.

"Everyone had petitions sent around to all our neighbors, but somehow they got misplaced. It wouldn't have done any good anyhow," she said. "I'm a little bitter, as you can see."

ACROSS THE street, a plane taxied into position, revving its engines for take-off, prompting Mrs. Grandt to close the front door. "That one was nothing," she said. "Some of the big ones shake the whole house."

Although their future appears to be a fait accompli, the Grandts have yet to receive formal notice of the impending condemnation of their property. Five years ago, a letter from the village of Wheeling warned that their home "might be relocated" in the future, but that was all. Village officials today say the Grandts can expect official notice next year when the property is slated for condemnation. But until something official is determined, their future remains clouded in uncertainty.

"We don't have any alternate plans," said Mr. Grandt, 60. "We can't move until we get something concrete. How can you, when you don't know how much you will get for your property. Even if we did sell it, what could we get for it.

"We don't know which way to go.

They say they will help us relocate, but where are they going to put us?" asked Grandt. "It's a big joke."

But the Grandts aren't laughing. Grandt retired six years ago from the construction trade when a rare eye disease left him legally blind. Triple bypass surgery two years later further reduced the family's options in trying to start a new life somewhere else.

The Grandts aren't looking forward to moving day. They raised four children and shared a lifetime of memories in their home. The children have grown and moved away, but their dreams still reside with them.

"One day they're going to bulldoze this house down and it will break my heart," confessed Mrs. Grandt. "It's going to be a real sad day in my life."

Study spurs plan for revitalization

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—An upbeat market research study, touting the commercial and residential growth potential of Milwaukee Avenue, has prompted officials to move ahead with a far-reaching economic development plan for the area.

To encourage development of the Milwaukee Avenue corridor, an area blighted by deterioration, officials have acted to establish a Tax Increment Financing District.

Under this plan, the village could buy the land, make improvements,

and resell the property to a developer. The improvements could include providing water, sewer, road and other services. The higher price paid for the improved land will help offset the debt incurred to purchase the property.

THE AIM of the plan is to upgrade properties that are not likely investments for private developers. By enticing commercial businesses into the community, the village can benefit through increased property taxes and sales tax benefits, said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski.

Citing the vacancies and deterior-

ated properties that currently plague Milwaukee Avenue, Fialkowski said, "It's obvious by looking at these parcels that development has not occurred. We're attempting to stimulate development of these properties."

To study the feasibility of the Tax Increment Financing District, the village commissioned a report from Barton Aschman Associates of Evanston. The market analysis showed that a significant growth potential exists along Milwaukee Avenue from Lake-Cook Road to Hintz Road.

BECAUSE THE northwest subur-

ban area is already saturated with large, regional shopping centers—such as Northbrook Court, Hawthorn Mall and Randhurst Mall—the most promising retail development opportunity, the report said, is in the area of specialty shops which are not typically found in traditional shopping malls. This finding comes as both good news and bad news to the village, said Fialkowski.

"Of course we would like another Woodfield to open up in Wheeling," he said. "But I think we have seen the last of the giant malls in the area."

However, he was encouraged because the study showed a "definite market exists for commercial growth" in the area. Fialkowski explained that this report "adds credibility" to village claims that Wheeling is a good place for business to locate.

THE REPORT also targets portions of Milwaukee Avenue as a potential market for corporate offices and business development, fueled by the Tri-State Tollway corridor and Pal-Waukee Airport. "We are now on the fringe of a booming office development which I expect to hit us in a few years,"

said Fialkowski.

In addition, the report forecasts a new demand for multifamily and condominium housing to meet a continued growth in population.

According to the report, Wheeling's population, which had a 75 percent increase to 23,266 from 1970 to 1980, is expected to continue growing. When the trade area of Wheeling is expanded to a 10-mile radius, the 1980 population is 668,714 persons with a per capita income of \$12,251. By 1988, the area population is anticipated to increase to 725,071, and per capita income could exceed \$20,000.

Housing may be snag in Milwaukee Ave. plan

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WHEELING — A village plan to spur retail and residential growth along Milwaukee Avenue has met with mixed reaction from the community.

The economic development program, which followed a market research study, calls for the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District, which would allow the village to buy run-down properties, improve them by providing sewer service or roads and then resell the land to private developers. In addition to giving Milwaukee Avenue a badly needed facelift, the improvements also would serve to increase property taxes on these parcels, thus enriching village coffers.

According to the study, the 3.5 mile-long Milwaukee Avenue corridor holds growth potential for both

businesses and office development, along with multi-family housing and a hotel to serve Pal-Waukee Airport.

JACKIE POLLACK, executive director of the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce, said the report was "very positive" in identifying what must be done to revitalize Milwaukee Ave.

"There is a need to stimulate development of the Milwaukee Avenue corridor, but it must be in a planned and organized manner," said Pollack.

Pollack said the "prospects are excellent" for additional office development due to the proximity of the Tri-State Tollway and Pal-Waukee Airport. A hotel would accommodate the airport and corporate growth, as well as help

other businesses and restaurants in the area, she said.

But it was the recommendation for multi-family housing that drew criticism from some residents.

YVONNE JUDY, coordinator for CRAMM (Concerned Residents Against any More Multi-family), said her group is "definitely against" any plan to bring more high-density housing to Wheeling.

With about 65 percent of the housing in the village being multi-family, Judy said, "There is a need to get these numbers turned around for the benefit of single-family homeowners."

"We want to bring about a better balance," said Judy. "CRAMM is realistic, we know we won't have our way on everything. But we want a new direction for Wheeling."

Commission has plan for lake water delivery

COUNTRYSIDE 10-25-84

By JOAN NORSWORTHY

Communities to be served by the Northwest Water Commission may have Lake Michigan water this year after all despite a rupture in the commission's 25-million gallon reservoir on Sept. 4.

Commission members are optimistic because they have authorized a contractor to build a 500-foot bypass around the reservoir in Des Plaines.

The bypass will be built by George Kennedy construction, the same company that built two line segments. The reservoir itself was constructed by George Sollitt Construction Co.

Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling, who is chairman of the commission, said the commission has authorized the bypass to be built for an amount not to exceed \$125,000. The commission has that amount of money in

reserve, he said.

Balling said work on the bypass construction will begin as soon as possible and take three to four weeks to complete. After that, Buffalo Grove, Wheeling, Palatine and Arlington Heights will be able to receive Lake Michigan water as soon as the pipe lines are chlorinated, which will take several days.

"We hate to name dates when Lake Michigan water will be delivered because of previous disappointments," Balling said. "But we feel real good about this. We hope to give everyone a Christmas present."

With only the bypass operational, the commission will be able to deliver 30 million gallons of water a day compared to the 20 million gallons needed by the four member communities. In addition, all four communities have 2-2½ days storage

capacity, Balling said.

Delivery of Lake Michigan water by the bypass will put a strain on Evanston, the supplier of the water, because Evanston originally had agreed to deliver water to the northwest suburbs during off-peak hours, Balling said.

"It's not as practical, but Evanston will cooperate on a preliminary basis," he said.

The bypass is one of two alternatives the commission has approved to hasten delivery of Lake Michigan water now that the reservoir is inoperative because the first of five cells separated from the other four cells by 31 inches on Sept. 4.

The other alternative, which has been authorized by the commission, is repair of the reservoir, which is as big as three football fields.

The other alternative will take 30-60 days

to complete once construction has begun. The 30-60 day timetable includes chlorinating the pipes and other preparations necessary for delivery of Lake Michigan water, said James Holzgart, executive director of the commission.

"We believe the work can be done in 30 days," he said. "We are giving another 30 days to refill the reservoir cells and chlorinate the discharge side and supply side if necessary."

The two alternatives were agreed upon by several consultants hired by the commission after the reservoir shift. They were charged to determine how the reservoir can be made operational. The question of why the reservoir split and who's to blame is the second phase of the investigation, Holzgart said.

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Commission's plan for lake water delivery—

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That's also the aspect that is likely to result in litigation. The Northwest Water Commission plans to retain Burke and Associates as special counsel to resolve legal questions as they arise. Approval to retain the firm must be approved by the village boards of Palatine, Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling.

According to the consultants, reservoir cells 3, 4 and 5 were not damaged during

the Sept. 4 incident. However, the consultants suspect that future horizontal and vertical movement could occur unless certain measures are taken, Holzgart said. Horizontal movement can be controlled by placing clay or granular backfill against the side of the cells. Holzgart said the contract calls for clay backfill, but granular backfill will probably be used for a portion because of the onset of colder weather.

Vertical movement can be controlled by installing a series of manifolds and pipe that will remove ground water from under the cells, through the cells and into an outside sump. This will equalize any water pressure that might build up under the cells.

The second alternative also includes repair of the water piece that fits between Saturday, October 27, 1984 Section 1-5 and keeps the

watertight.

"We cannot assume that the waterstops are water tight any longer," Holzgart said. "If water leaks, it can exacerbate the uplift problem."

Once those steps are taken, the remaining three cells will be operational once cells one and two are sealed off from the rupture, a number one

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Development informally rejected

by Charles Riggle

Herald correspondent

In preliminary discussions, the Wheeling Plan Commission informally rejected a proposed development of 210 multi-family units and 104 homes in Wheeling's southern end.

At least two commissioners rejected the plans to develop 48 acres of farmland between Elmhurst and Wheeling roads because they say Wheeling doesn't need more condominiums and apartments.

Pulte Home Builders of Hoffman Estates proposed 210 multi-family units — or 9.3 units per acre — in 35 chateau-style homes housing six condominiums each. The developer also asked to build more than 100 single-family homes on 26 acres.

IN AN informal session Thursday, the commission rejected those plans. Now Pulte Home Builders may either change the plans and return to the commission for a formal public hearing or scrap the proposal entirely



In their objections, commissioners focused on the proposed increase of multi-family housing — apartments and condominiums — in a village where 63 percent of housing is multi-family.

Commissioner Christine S. Dolgop said, "I am adamant about not bringing in any more multi-family

housing, although the plan itself is not bad."

She objected to such housing despite the additional tax revenue it could generate for the village.

"COMMUNITIES HAVE reached the point where they have to look beyond the tax income to the quality of life in the community," she said.

Commissioner James R. Whittington expressed concern that some of the condominium units might be purchased by investors — a situation that traditionally does not encourage meticulous upkeep.

He also opposed the high number of units per acre, suggesting some be eliminated and costs of the remaining increased.

Estimated cost of the condominiums would average \$70,000 and the single-family homes, \$90,000, said Timothy L. Hernandez, division planner for Pulte Homes.

A lake for water retention would

said, and the company plans to landscape and construct a jogging path along its south end.

"We tried to turn some of these problems to our advantage and fulfill the residents' recreational needs at the same time," Hernandez said.

He requested the village grant an exception to ordinances that require lots to be a minimum 7,000 square feet — a move he said would give "a little more flexibility for the number of lots."

Commissioner Theodore R. Johnson opposed granting that request. "I don't have a problem with the number of multi-family and single-family homes," Johnson said. "But I don't like to see any single-family homes under our minimum."

Hernandez said developers could not replace the condominiums with homes. "We're just not going to be able to extend the single-family section any more," said Hernandez. "We

Palwaukee Industries gets new lease on life

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By MICHAEL COMERFORD

This company, which deals with packing and assembly work, has a proven history of competitive pricing, high quality work and efficiency.

This company comes complete with a trained labor force and space available for warehousing. It is tailor-made for companies that place orders only sporadically.

quality workmanship and price. In most cases, it is only after the customer comes to the factory to view the facilities that he becomes aware that the factory workers are mentally handicapped.

The company's sales director, Ron Reeves, says that the business couldn't survive any other way.

"The last thing we want to do is go to a customer and say please give us charity."

two-year absence was due to a series of state-wide social spending cuts in April, 1983, which made it impossible to run the business.

With the return of funding has come the return of services for the mentally handicapped individual of the northwest suburbs.

The Palwaukee factory is run by the Northwest Suburban Aid for the Retarded. NSAR is a non-profit agency serving developmentally disabled adults in nine northwest suburbs and the northwest corner of Chicago. Incorporated in 1953, the agency first aided mentally retarded children not accepted into the public schools. By 1972 the children's program

was eliminated as the public schools accepted more responsibility for the training of the mentally retarded.

During the mid-1970s the federal government began a policy of releasing as many institutionalized persons as possible. This thrust many people, who were very unfamiliar with the outside world, into a strange and threatening environment. The intent of workshops such as Palwaukee is to give the mentally handicapped person the skills to be more independent.

NSAR serves individuals 18 years and older whose primary disability is retardation. These individuals may benefit from two residence homes, Clifton House

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in Park Ridge or Ballard Supported Living Arrangement in Des Plaines. They could work either at Palwaukee Industries in Wheeling or Foster Industries in Des Plaines.

Palwaukee Industries will package and assemble anything from ball bearings to Garfield stuffed animals. Palwaukee employs 40 people at present but has the capacity to employ more than 100. NSAR staff workers say that there are already 40 persons signed up for jobs there, and as many as 400 more people in the northwest suburbs who could benefit from having such a job.

NSAR officials say that one of the most frustrating parts about the job is the lack of funding. Though the state has reinstated some funding for social services such as the Palwaukee Industries program, funding is still not up to its pre-April 1983 levels.

The pared-down social services funding means that the mentally handicapped person must wait sometimes three to four years, sometimes more, before he or she can be placed in a workshop. Often this means that many of the workers may forget skills they learned in their schooling years, (through age 18) by the time they need them for the job.

Palwaukee Industries can stay competitive by having low overhead and administrative costs. The staff, not the workers themselves, works for a relatively low wage compared to company officers in other companies. The company also has fewer federally mandated worker benefits to dole out to workers because they are covered under other programs.

The company is forbidden by law from undercutting its competition by using the unfair advantages of federal supports and it is mandated to pay its workers a wage comparable to others in the same industry.

The staff reports that the company finds some of its competitive edge in its proven efficiency. However, the company reports that the efficiency rate of its employees is very competitive with the non-handicapped individual because of the repetitious nature of the work. The non-handicapped worker will be more likely to get bored while the handicapped worker is more likely to stay enthusiastic.

The factory floor itself is run much like any other. There is one supervisor for every 14 workers. The workers are paid on a piece-work basis.

Workers progress through three levels of efficiency.

The first is work adjustment, in which the worker gets used to working a shift from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and becomes familiar with his duties.

The second is work training, in which the worker becomes familiar with a variety of jobs.

The third, and top level, is work efficiency, at which point the worker has no behavioral or attitude problems, has good speed and can adjust to new tasks.

The irony of this company is that once a person reaches the work efficiency level, he is one of the company's best workers and qualifies for job placement programs.

Consequently, the object of Palwaukee's best employees is to quit and begin work in the private sector. Staff members say that currently seven people have been placed in the community.

Although the goal of the company is to make a profit, and it will not take a job contract if the contract is not profitable, the company goal is not purely profit.

The real goal of the company is the independence of its workers. The mentally handicapped have been underestimated for too long, according to Facilities Director Cathy Baldwin Kerr. She says it is time that society realizes that they can

make a contribution.

"These people want to work," said Kerr. "They have abilities that society can use."

Dan works at Palwaukee and runs the blister packaging machine which seals different products in plastic. He was trained on the machine and now considers it his responsibility. He keeps it clean and running smoothly. When asked, he will explain the different functions of the machine and explain why he likes his job.

"This is lots of fun," said Dan, "and the pay is good."

As in any factory, the people are conscious of their pay. However, Supervisor Laurel Saffarski says that the reward is more than financial.

"More than anything, I think these people work for praise," said Saffarski. "They have a great amount of pride in their work. They are proud of what they can do and they should be."

Roy is proud because he does a fine job sweeping, mopping and keeping the workshop clean. Beverly is proud because she is one of the fastest packers. Lenore has good reason to be proud because she has become so good at twisting wires for capacitors. She can twist the wires to exact angles without the need of a ruler.

These useful projects are a far cry from simple basket weaving which was once the standard activity for the handicapped.

Some of these so-called-handicapped persons are not as handicapped as people think. Some of the staff people at Palwaukee contend that there are several workers at the company whom they suspect were misdiagnosed at birth.

"We suspect that if modern diagnoses had been done with some of these people, they might not have been institutionalized," said Kerr. "But when they are institutionalized for 40 years they acquire learned retarded habits."

The staff people at Palwaukee say that with the growing attention that the handicapped are getting in the media, the public's misconceptions about the handicapped are dying.

However, prejudice still exists.

Saffarski said that she was involved in a campaign to educate the handicapped on how to use public transportation to get to work without assistance.

However, she said that her task was made harder by persons who did not want to sit near a handicapped person on the bus. One bus driver refused to pick up the handicapped because she said they took too long to get seated. A quick call to her superior soon solved the problem, but incidents like this one persist.

The progress that the mentally handicapped workers at Palwaukee Industries do make is greatly due to the work of the floor supervisors, who try to focus on what the handicapped can do, not what they can not do, says Ann Marie Ehrlich, administrative assistant at the company.

"Much of the good that comes to these people through this program is due to the supervisors," said Ehrlich. "There is a closeness that develops and they (the handicapped) feel like someone cares."

Saffarski has been a supervisor for three years and she says that her job satisfaction comes from seeing the worker's job satisfaction.

"They really want to learn and they are eager to do things for others," she said. "I used to work with high school students with behavioral problems and they acted like they didn't care. But these people (at Palwaukee Industries) have a real pride in their accomplishments, both personal and production accomplishments."

Halloween trick-treat hours set

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Halloween Trick or Treat will be observed on Wednesday, Oct. 31 in Wheeling, between the hours of 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Parents are urged to take every precaution for the protection of the children. Have your children wear flame-proof clothing which reflects light, keep them out of the street, and check their booty before they eat any

of it. This is a night strictly for fun — but be vigilant!

Motorists, please exercise special caution since children's visibility may be reduced by face masks, and traffic safety rules may be forgotten in the excitement of Halloween night.

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Repairs to wells ease water crisis

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herold staff writer

A critical water supply shortage in Wheeling has been eased with the repair of one of the village's three malfunctioning deep wells, says Village Manager Thomas M. Markus.

The third village well — out of four deep wells located in the village — went out of commission Friday, forcing village officials to place the Wheeling Fire Department on an emergency alert last weekend. Residents also were asked to reduce all but absolutely necessary indoor use, Markus said.

Despite the emergency repairs made by summoning a well repair firm from Wisconsin, the village still was contracting with a private utility company Monday to pump water into village storage tanks, Markus said.

Employees of the firm, Layne Western Co., were trying to determine late Monday afternoon why the well at Hintz Road, just west of Wheeling High School, failed Friday.

LUCKILY FOR THE village, Markus said, a three-week-long well workers strike at Layne Western also ended Friday. During that time, village officials had unsuccessfully attempted to find other firms to repair the wells, but none of them were fa-

miliar enough with the operations of the wells to repair them, Markus said.

"Layne had done quite a bit of work on the wells," he said. "Besides, at that time it wasn't a critical situation. The community was very fortunate that the strike ended coincidentally with the failure of the third well. It allowed us to get in there."

Markus said Friday's well failure did not cause the problems that could have occurred. "We had a few complaints of turbulent or rusty water," Markus said. "But when we explained to people, they understood."

He said other than those complaints, the well failures had almost no effect on village water. However, village reserve supplies were at a critically low level and had to be preserved in the event of a fire or other emergency, he said.

"We didn't have any problems with water pressure," he said. "We were able to keep the tanks full with the supply from Citizens Utilities."

The cost of pumping water into Wheeling water storage tanks by Citizens Utilities of Illinois, a private company that serves Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and other suburbs, has not been determined, Markus said.



Opening ceremony

WHEELING VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz officially opens a new road crossing across the Soo Line railroad tracks at Willow Road, just west of Wolf Road. The increased access to the area is aimed

at promoting industrial and office development in the village. Village officials and business leaders joined together on Monday, Oct. 29 for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. (Photo by Eva Paredes)

Wildwood building fines dropped

HERALD 11-2-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

A Cook County judge has agreed to lift a \$1,000 fine from an apartment building owner who repaired the building code violations for which he was cited.

Associate Judge Edward M. Fiala Jr. canceled the fine against Ralph Rosales of Evanston, owner of a 12-unit building in the Wildwood apartment complex on Dundee Road, on Wheeling's east side.

That complex has historically been wracked with maintenance problems. Neighbors and residents have long complained about the poor condition of the buildings including broken windows and overflowing trash bins.

ROSALES, WHO appeared in county court in Wheeling Wednesday, complied with a court order to install new light fixtures and put a railing in one of the stairways, said village health director Daniel T. Adams. Rosales previously repaired a hole in the roof and broken windows in build-

ings 169-173 Wildwood Ave., which he owns. Those repairs were also court ordered, Adams said.

Earlier this month, Joseph Iscra, owner of an 18-unit building in the Wildwood complex, complied with a judge's order to repair 27 violations, Adams said. The violations ranged from a broken window and soiled stairwells to missing light fixtures and a hole in the mechanical room that allowed insects and animals in the building.

A \$1,500 fine charged against Iscra was also dropped.

Omni House seeks change in zoning to business status

HERALD 11-5-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling Township social service agency is asking village officials to change its zoning, which will enable it to obtain a building improvement loan.

Omni House has been operating under single-family zoning with a special use permit since it moved into a three-bedroom home on 57 S. Wolf Road, Wheeling, in 1974, said its executive director, J. Harry Wells.

But now the counseling agency asks to be zoned for business — a request that will go before the Wheeling Plan Commission Thursday.

The agency already has received village approval to add a second story to the home that serves as the agency's central office among four.

THE COSTS, however, are estimated at \$150,000 — more than the non-profit agency can raise at short notice, Wells said. And to borrow \$150,000, Wells said, the agency has to prove to the bank the property and home are valued at more than \$250,000 — a value that can be obtained only through improving its zoning to a business designation, he said.

"We're kind of caught in the horns of a technicality," Wells said.

The zoning designation sought by Omni House also covers banquet

halls, pharmacies, business schools, financial institutions, banks and offices, said Robert W. Fialkowski, director of community development, who opposes the zoning change.

"If Omni House decides to leave in 10 or 20 years, the land could be used for those other uses," Fialkowski said. "Three sides out of four are surrounded by residential. We don't believe it's responsible to surrounding residents."

North of Omni House is a gas station.

WELLS SAID the agency needs the 2,000-square-foot addition and improvement of the existing 3,000 square feet to alleviate "an almost impossible overcrowding situation."

"We're always kicking out some staff person who has no place to go while we're doing confidential counseling," he said.

He said the agency has no plans to leave Wheeling. "Our entire intention is to be at the location where we've been for 10 years," Wells said. "We have a commitment to Wheeling. Our identity is in this town and it's a nice location."

Wells said the agency does not have back-up plans if the zoning change is denied by the Wheeling Plan Commission and village board.

The plan commission meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at village hall, 255 West Dundee.

Blood Drives Slated

Wheeling
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The following blood drives are being held during the month of November in cooperation with The Blood Center of Northern Illinois. A not-for-profit community service organization, The Blood Center coordinates the regional volunteer blood donor program and is the sole supplier of whole blood and blood components to 26 hospitals in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Residents of the communities where drives are being held are invited to donate at the blood drive.

Monday, Nov. 5, Bethel Lutheran Church, 2150 Frontage, Palatine, 4 to 8 p.m. Walk-in donors are welcome or phone the church office at 397-4372.

Thursday, Nov. 13, Arlington Heights School District 25 PTA, Thomas Jr. High School, 303 West Thomas, Arlington Hts., 2 to 8:30 p.m. Walk-in donors are welcome.

Wednesday, Nov. 14, Wheeling community blood drive at the Wheeling Village Hall, 255 West Dundee, Wheeling, 2:30 to 8 p.m. Walk-in donors are welcome or

call Dan Adams at 459-2600, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 14, Harper College, Room 242 of building A, Algonquin and Roselle Roads, Palatine, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk-in donors are welcome.

Sunday, Nov. 17, Independent Order of Foresters, Elk Grove Township Hall, 2400 Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For appointments call Lorraine Mailfold at 437-9015 between 5 and 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 24, St. Edna's, 2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-in donors are welcome.

Wheeling to host community blood drive

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courtroom, 255 W. Dundee.

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partment at 459-2600, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

HERALD 11-2-84

Well problem still mystery

Crewmen from a well repair firm were still searching Thursday for the cause of a breakdown of a well on the village's west side.

The well, on Hintz Road west of Elmhurst, failed last week, leaving only one of the village's four deep wells operating and the village's water supply critically low, said Village Manager Thomas M. Markus.

John A. Kopp, operating foreman of Layne Western Co., said the problem is likely with the four-year-old water pump, which lies 1,000 feet underground.

Company workmen repaired another deep water well that pumps 1,000 gallons a minute on the north end of town last weekend.

Markus warned that the ban on all outdoor water use is still in effect. Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger said the police department ticketed about 10 violators last weekend.

School buses to run on track as driver strike stalls

by Michele Bitoun Blecher

Herald staff writer

School districts in northwest Cook and southwest Lake counties are breathing easier with the news that bus drivers and company officials have agreed to discuss their contract dispute with a federal mediator — postponing a potential strike for at least a month.

Bus drivers for National School Services, Inc. agreed Tuesday to request from company officials to return to the bargaining table with help of a Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service mediator.

THOUSANDS OF students at more than 47 schools would be affected if the bus drivers don't resolve differences over a proposed three-year contract and instead call a strike as they have threatened.

"We don't want to go on strike and we feel this is a step in the right direction," said Carol Harper, vice president of the Ritzenthaler Bus Drivers Association.

But she added that "if it doesn't pan out, then we still have the ability that the drivers have given us to strike. We won't want to use it, but if we have to, we will."

The drivers voted 146-7 last week

to reject a three-year contract offered by the company, primarily because it called for a wage freeze the first year, but union negotiators have not yet given the required 14-day strike notice.

BOTH SIDES will meet with the mediator Nov. 14, and Harper said no strike would be called at least until they have a chance to talk. At the earliest, it would be Nov. 28 before an actual strike could take effect.

The company's last offer also included raises of as much as 3 percent in the second and third year. Negotiators for the drivers say they wanted a

3 to 4 percent raise the first year and 6 percent the last two years.

The Mundelein-based company, formerly the Ritzenthaler Bus Lines, provides buses for 14 school districts in portions of Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Libertyville, Long Grove, Mount Prospect, Mundelein, Prairie View, Prospects Heights, Vernon Hills and Wheeling.

Although most school administrators concede that they are virtually helpless to replace the buses and drivers should a strike occur, they said they have been gearing up for such a situation.

SOME DISTRICTS have notified parents that car pools may be necessary. Others have talked about adding crossing guards at dangerous locations. Still others have discussed opening their doors earlier to accommodate working parents.

Company officials have refused to comment on the contract dispute. Starting pay for the bus drivers is \$6.10 hourly. It goes to \$6.35 after 60 days and top pay is \$6.85 after three years.

Districts that would be affected by a strike are Wheeling Township Elementary District 21, Prospect Heights Elementary District 23, Ar-

lington Heights Elementary District 25, Hawthorn Elementary District 73, Diamond Lake Elementary District 76, and Buffalo Grove-Long Grove Elementary District 96.

Also, Aptakisic-Tripp Elementary District 102, Lincolnshire-Prairie View Elementary District 103, Deerfield Elementary District 109, Mundelein High School District 120, Stevenson High School District 125, Libertyville High School District 128, four high schools in Northwest Suburban High School District 214 and the Special Education District of Lake County.

Village asks residents to take shorter showers

Wheeling Life 11-1-84

WHEELING — Officials are urging residents to curb their indoor use of water in the wake of still another breakdown in the village's soon-to-be-obsolete well system.

Well No. 7, located on Hintz Road west of Wheeling High School, went down Friday, Oct. 26, creating a "dangerous situation" in the village water supply, said Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance.

Gray is asking that residents limit their domestic use of water until the pump can be put back into service at near-full operating capacity. "This covers things like laundry and showers," said Gray. "If a person is used to taking 20-minute showers, they should cut their showers to 10 minutes."

CREWS HAVE been been working around the clock to determine the cause of this latest breakdown. Meantime, the village has worked

out an agreement to supplement its dwindling supplies by hooking up to a water line from Citizens Utility of Illinois near Harmony Village on Wolf Road.

The village first attempted to purchase water from Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights, Gray said, but these communities had none to spare because of the indefinite delay in the Lake Michigan water project. As a result, Wheeling contracted with Citizens Utility to provide additional water at "slightly higher" than normal rates, he said.

The village is paying \$2.17 per 1,000 gallons of water to Citizens Utility, which supplies water primarily to nearby unincorporated areas. The village regularly pays \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons of water.

"When you are in dire need of water, you'll get it any way you can," said Gray.

As for how long the conservation

plan will be in effect, Gray said Monday, Oct. 29, "We have to see what the demand for water is over the next few days. If compliance by the citizens is not there, then we'll have to continue to restrict domestic water use."

THE DELAY in the Lake Michigan water project, caused by a rupture Sept. 4 of the main reservoir has pushed the village well system to its limit, said Gray. Pumps are operating more than 20 hours every day, he said, a schedule which has prompted a series of costly breakdowns in recent months.

Also contributing to the current water crisis is the continuing problem with well No. 6 on Willow Road.

This pump failed last December and was replaced at a cost of \$36,000. But the pump again went off line in July due to another failure

and has remained out of service as the village has refused to pay for additional repairs.

"The well was repaired and put back on line and any subsequent failure should be covered by warranty," said Gray.

In addition, an electrical failure knocked out the No. 5 pump at Dundee and McHenry roads last month. This pump too was replaced just a few months ago, at a cost of \$18,000 to the village, excluding installation fees.

The well system is in an especially bad situation, Gray said, because these pumps 6 and 7 are among the four deep wells the village depends most on for its water supply.

"We're getting by, but that's about all that can be said," he noted. "If this were the middle of the summer we would have a severe situation and would not be able to meet maximum demands."



Traffic's jammed

RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC slows to a snail's pace on Palatine Road between Rte. 83 and Wheeling Road while construction crews extend a 3-foot-high barrier between the east and westbound lanes. The barrier is expected to reduce the number of head-on crashes. (Photo by Jim Geske)



Herald photo

NEW HOMES will be easier to buy under a low-interest mortgage program sponsored by Cook County. In 21 out of 101 participating suburbs, all of the loan money is earmarked for specific developers — a policy praised by the building industry, but criticized by others.

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Mortgage fund pool dries up for some

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Changes in a program geared toward first-time home buyers in Cook County will make more low-interest mortgage money available this year, but less of it will go toward existing homes.

In fact, the new restrictions in the program concern some Northwest suburban officials, like Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus, who said that too much of the money is set aside for specific home builders.

Home buyers in more than 100 Cook County communities — including virtually all of the Northwest suburbs — are eligible for loans carrying interest rates of 11.2 percent. The entire mortgage allocations in many suburbs, however, have been set aside for designated builders. That is the case in Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, Streamwood and

Wheeling.

In Wheeling, the total allocation of \$777,000 in assumable mortgages was reserved for one development — Ridgefield Development, which has 10 homes available in the 165-development on Wheeling Road north of Palatine Road, said its sales manager, Christopher P. Shaxted.

"I'M NOT HAPPY with it at all," Markus said. "It severely limits the bulk of the money. I don't think it should be reserved for all one developer. I asked the county, what if a small developer hadn't heard about the program?"

One Wheeling developer, Nate Neiberg, president of Meister-Neiberg Development Co., said he had 20 to 30 new homes that could have been eligible under the mortgage program.

"But no one notified us of the program," Neiberg said. "We heard of it too late. I wasn't lucky enough to get involved."

More than twice as much of the

money is set aside for specific developers this year, said Michael J. Harding, Cook County assistant comptroller.

LAST YEAR, 14 percent, or \$7.2 million of \$51.5 million in mortgages was set aside for specific builders — leaving \$44.3 million undesignated. This year, 31 percent, or \$19.2 million of \$61.8 million was set aside — leaving \$42.6 million undesignated.

The designated money will go to buy homes from 36 Cook County developers, who were made eligible by applying to the program and by providing 3 percent of the loan pool each requested — most of which will be returned to them.

The county comptroller's office, which sets loan policy guided by federal regulations, worked closely with builders associations to increase the percent of mortgages devoted to new housing, Cook County Comptroller Thomas P. Beck said.

Under the three-year-old program, the 101 suburban communities who asked to participate each were allo-

cated some of the loans, based on their populations.

IN THE program's first two years, at least one third of the money in each town was left for existing homes or for developers not designated in the program, Harding said. This year, no minimum per community was set — leaving 21 of those towns with 100 percent of their allocation reserved to specific new developments, Harding said.

Harding said, however, that the 21 towns have access to an additional \$1 million pool. That averages out to about a half a mortgage per community.

Officials from the county and home-builder associations said the policy spurs development and new jobs.

"It still is quite a slow housing market. This program produces more housing, more economic growth and more jobs," said David K. Hill, president of the Homebuilders Association of Greater Chicago, based in Rolling Meadows.

Cable TV firms schedule rate hikes

by John Slania

Herald staff writer

Cable television subscribers in the Northwest suburbs may be paying twice as much for programming within a few years, as local cable companies plan to raise their rates under recently approved federal legislation that deregulates the cable industry.

The legislation, which calls for the deregulation of the cable industry by 1987, soon will allow local companies to raise relatively low programming and service rates without seeking the approval of local officials.

Most local cable companies say they plan to automatically tack a 5 percent increase onto rates for basic service when the legislation takes effect Dec. 31. Optional programming, such as Home Box Office or Cinemax, already is deregulated.

BY 1987, deregulation may cause monthly basic service rates of \$5.95 to \$8.95 to rise to as much as \$15, while optional programming fees now at \$6.95 to \$11.95 a month will level off at about \$10, industry officials predict.

"It takes some of the politics out of it," said Brian W. Quirk, executive

vice president and general manager for Cablenet Inc. "From a practical matter it makes more sense. It makes us more sensitive to the market place."

When the industry is deregulated, relatively low local service rates are expected to rise to a level comparable to national cable prices, said Richard B. Parran Jr., general manager for Centel Cable Television of Illinois.

"For years, cable TV has been on its knees to the cities. After 1986, all bets are off. We will then have the free market set the rate, not local governments setting an artificially low rate," Parran said. "The industry will watch itself. If we raise the rate too high, we won't have any customers. We will set prices at whatever the market will bear."

MOST SUBURBAN cable companies said they will take immediate advantage of a clause that allows a 5 percent increase in basic service fees.

Cablenet Inc., which had asked local officials for permission to raise its monthly basic service fee from \$5.95 to \$7.95, will avoid seeking the approval of the 10 towns it

serves by implementing a 5 percent across-the-board increase for basic service and optional programming, Quirk said. The hike is expected to translate into an average increase of \$1 to \$1.50 a month to 48,000 subscribers in Arlington Heights, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Schaumburg, Streamwood and Wheeling.

Centel, which recently received local approval for rate hikes ranging from 19 to 29 percent for subscribers in Barrington, Lake Zurich and Vernon Hills, plans another 5 percent increase for basic service, Parran said. The 7,500 Centel subscribers in Lake County, which recently witnessed monthly basic service rates rise from \$6.50 to \$7.75, will see the fee rise to about \$8.15 a month, Parran said.

When a three-year price freeze agreement ends in January, Cox Cable plans a similar increase for 8,500 subscribers in Mundelein, Libertyville, Wauconda and Grayslake, said general manager Daniel T. Mills. The move will raise the monthly basic service rate from \$6.95 to about \$7.30, while higher costs are expected

for optional programming now at \$6.95 to \$9.95 a month, Mills said.

American Cablesystems, which recently purchased Warner-Amex, plans to raise prices once a 36-month rate freeze ends next year in Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine and Rolling Meadows, said Eric B. Schultz, the company's general manager. For the 25,000 subscribers, basic service costs ranging from \$6.95-\$8.95 could rise to \$7.30-\$9.40, while increases could follow for the optional programs now priced at \$6.95 to \$9.95, Schultz said.

"Given my druthers, I would still rather have some local participation. But we can live with this," said Eric Anderson, cable coordinator for the Northwest Municipal Conference. "In the long run, I think it will have a positive effect on the municipalities and customers."



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screened 260 applicants two years ago and ended up with 23 who made the department's eligibility list, generally considered a good percentage. And since then, said Gayle Bantner, chairman of the village fire and police commission, the caliber of recruits may have even improved.

"So far, they seem to be pretty high quality," he said. "The quality is better now than it was three or four years ago."



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TO REMEDY that misconception, or perhaps to de-glamourize police work, Pavlock says law enforcement educators need to take a more "open, honest approach" with criminal enforcement students, an approach that

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The Mount Prospect chief also said law enforcement schools must teach students more social sciences and communication skills.

"I see too many applicants who have gone through a two-year program and they know how to write reports, how to put on handcuffs and self-defense techniques," he said, "when that is about two percent of the job."



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THE ICE HOUSE, a structure built in the late 1800s on south Milwaukee Avenue, is once again in jeopardy after the Wheeling Plan Commission reversed a previous recommendation requiring its owner, Robert Chinn, to leave it intact for a year.

Ice house preservation now in jeopardy

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by Maribeth Vander Weele
and Bonny Davidson

Herald staff writers

The 100-year-old ice house behind Wheeling's Crab House Restaurant is once again in jeopardy.

The ice house, labeled by some a historical monument and by others an eyesore, was built in the late 1800s to store ice for the summer months. It has survived dozens of owners who used the companion building at 393 S. Milwaukee Ave. for restaurants.

But that survival is now in question, after the Wheeling Plan Commission last week reversed an earlier recommendation that the current owner keep the ice house intact for one year.

THE COMMISSIONERS' decision

to withdraw the previous recommendation made in July came after owner Robert Chinn asked for approval of new plans for improving and expanding his parking lot, Village Planner Richard D. Greenwood said.

Those plans and the commission's recommendation are expected to go before the Wheeling village board for a final decision in December.

In July, officials from the Wheeling park district and the Wheeling Historical Museum said the building ideally should be preserved.

E. Albert Fantl, director of the Wheeling Historical Museum, said he would like to obtain grant money to move and restore the old building.

"We most certainly are interested in preserving the building," he said.

"I'd like to get in there and appraise it."

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS, however, criticized both the park district and the Wheeling Historical Museum for what they called a slow response to the situation.

"We've played with the ice house for a number of years," Commissioner Christine S. Dologopal said. "The ugly structure is not worth moving to another site. We should not penalize Mr. Chinn with this any longer."

Wheeling park Superintendent David F. Phillips said preserving the structure is not a district priority.

"It's unfortunate that some things take an extended amount of time," he said. "There is a whole series of questions that have to be answered. There has to be a needs assessment. And, if

preserved, how would be it be marketed? That's nothing to say of cost or location. These are not easy decisions nor are they speedy."

Commission Chairman Paul Eisterhold said the ice house should not interfere with the development of the Crab House Restaurant's new parking lot and the adjacent Marcus-Ricart Office Center planned for preliminary construction this fall.

Owner Chinn, however, said tearing the structure down would cost him money.

"I could take it or leave it," he said. "If I want more parking, I'll raze it. But if they (the historical museum) want it, they can have it. I would be happy to have them take it."

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Village eyes parking ban revision

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Some restrictions on parking on private driveways where they overlap with public sidewalks are expected to be lifted by the Wheeling village board.

Trustees have agreed informally to change village regulations to allow parking over the sidewalks from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. when joggers, school children and other pedestrians rarely use the sidewalks.

The change, discussed in a "workshop" meeting of the village board, would be in response to a petition signed by 50 village residents.

Residents with too many cars to legally fit on a driveway routinely park on the streets to ease the overflow and to avoid a \$5 fine for parking across the sidewalk that runs through their driveways. But at night, street parking is not an option to avoid sidewalk parking because of a 2-to-6 a.m. street parking ban.

Harold Krueger of 902 Rose Lane said that dilemma puts many home-

owners in a "Catch-22" situation at night.

"What do you do with the cars?" Krueger asked.

Police Chief Michael F. Haeger said the night street parking ban allows police to detect out-of-area automobiles, decreases the number of abandoned vehicles and aids in snow removal and repairs of streets and water lines.

And the sidewalk parking ban prevents pedestrians from being forced to walk in the streets, he said. Parking on the driveway's "apron" — the area between the sidewalk and the street — if the sidewalk is not blocked is already legal, he said.

"The children going to school probably won't write or even mention how many times they had to walk in the street," Villager President Sheila H. Schultz said.

Violators of either rule are ticketed with \$5 fines.

To solve that dilemma, Haeger recommended the compromise of allowing over-the-sidewalk parking from

10 p.m. to 6 a.m. — a recommendation that is to go before the board either Nov. 19 or Dec. 3 for a formal vote, he said.

Two trustees — Roger A. Powers and Nicholas R. Fanella — favored

extending the morning hours from 6 to 7 a.m.

"Why make someone get up at 6 and move their car when they go to work at 7?" Powers said. "Why make them go out of their home twice?"

Trustees OK rehab program

WHEELING 11-15-84

WHEELING — The village will participate in two Community Development Block Grant programs, despite objections by some board members.

A \$30,000 grant will be used as part of an ongoing program to renovate single-family homes. A \$60,000 commercial grant is earmarked for fixing up old structures along Milwaukee Avenue.

This is the fourth year the village has participated in the residential

rehabilitation program. During the four years, Wheeling has been allocated \$200,000. Approximately \$103,000 in low-interest loans have been awarded under this program to date, said Village Planner Richard Greenwood, who said he expects that four more homes will be renovated with the remaining \$97,000.

GREENWOOD SAID that interest among homeowners is high for

this type of program, and he predicted the \$97,000 will be used up by next spring.

The commercial grant will provide a 50-50 matching fund to local businesses, which means half the cost of improvements will be shared by the applicant.

In addition to paying for half of the improvements, the village will also be required to pay an estimated \$9,000 to administer the first three of four scheduled projects.

Originally, the village had requested \$200,000 for this program, plus \$10,000 to help cover administrative expenses.

During discussion of the grant proposal, Trustee Nicholas Fanella criticized both the size of the commercial grant, which is down from past years, and the accompanying administrative costs.

"Why should we pay for such a small amount?" asked Fanella. "I

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Village OK's program

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don't even consider \$60,000 seed money."

BUT VILLAGE Manager Thomas Markus said the village should use

all available resources for needed improvements.

"We have to comprehensively attack the deterioration problem, even if this isn't a big ticket item," said Markus.

Further questioning revealed that an administrative error on the village's part during loan processing could result in forfeiture of the grant money.

However, Markus urged the board to approve the plan, explaining that to abandon the program at this point would be a disservice to the community. "If we turn down the Block Grant Program, it will definitely affect future allocations," said Markus.

Trustees Charles Kerr and Fanella voted against the proposal.

Controversial plan up for vote tonight

HERALD 11-19-84

The Wheeling village board is scheduled tonight to vote on the controversial plans to annex Arlington Country Club and convert it into a 1,024-unit apartment, condominium and town house complex.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Lexington Development Co., contract purchasers of the 131-acre property at Dundee and Buffalo Grove roads, is seeking village board approval to annex to Wheeling, to change the zoning from a single- to a multiple-family designation and to be allowed to vary from certain village regulations.

The Wheeling village staff will recommend the board approve the complex. Village Manager Thomas M. Markus called the plan "a quality development" and said annexing the property would prevent the developers from receiving plan approval from neighboring Buffalo Grove.

Wheeling business park gets OK

WHEELING LIFE 11-15-84

WHEELING — Preliminary plans for construction of the Edgebrook Business Center, a project delayed for six years due to concern over flooding, have received approval from the Village Board.

Plans for the 15-acre industrial park, to be located along the Wheeling Drainage Ditch at Northgate Parkway, were originally approved by the village in 1978, but federal regulations prohibited construction on the site because of its

proximity to a flood plain. To qualify for the National Flood Insurance program, the village adopted the federal restrictions and banned development on the site.

However, an updated study, prepared by Hazra Engineering earlier this year, determined the project would not affect flooding in the area. The \$8,000 cost of the new study was shared by developer Mario Egidi and the village.

EGIDI, WHO acquired the property in 1968, said the \$17 million development would take about three to five years to complete once groundbreaking occurs.

"We will be moving ahead with the items that need to be done in order to receive final approval and then will go to construction as soon as possible," said Egidi. He added that it will be about "two or three weeks" before final plans will be presented to the Plan Commission for its review.

Village officials are still waiting for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to endorse the new study before building permits

will be issued, said Village Engineer Michael Klitzke, but he added, "we don't anticipate any problems."

THE NEW plan is the same as the original proposal. Klitzke said except for some land grading revisions aimed at reducing the possibility of flooding.

In addition, the new plan calls for widening the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, which channels excess storm water, through the length of the development, he said.

"The creek will be widened on the north side to offset the impact of the development," said Klitzke.

Village staff backs golf course development

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer HERALD 11-17-84

The Wheeling village staff will recommend the village board approve the development of what could be the village's single largest condominium and apartment complex.

The controversial plans for the 1,024-unit development of Arlington Country Club and golf course will go before the Wheeling village board at 8 p.m. Monday. The meeting is expected to draw Wheeling and Buffalo Grove residents who oppose the proposed annexation of the 131-acre property to Wheeling, where 70 percent of housing is multifamily.

Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said the staff's recommendation hinged partly on the threat that Lexington Development Co. would take annexation plans — and expected increases in village tax revenue — to Buffalo Grove if Wheeling fails to approve them. He also praised the plan as "a quality development."

BUFFALO GROVE'S comprehen-

sive plan designates the unincorporated property at the northeast corner of Dundee and Buffalo Grove roads for a planned unit development, with as many as seven units an acre, a ratio that falls just short of the proposal of 8.1 units an acre that Wheeling is considering.

"Reality must control," said Robert Fialkowski, director of Wheeling's community development.

"While Buffalo Grove has magnanimously vowed not to annex the property with a density of 10 units an acre, Buffalo Grove has a recent history of aggressive growth and lenience on the standards of their comprehensive plan."

Fialkowski cited as examples Le Parc development at Lexington Drive and Lake-Cook Road, being developed at 11.2 units an acre; Chatham at Dundee Road east of Old Arlington Heights Road at 10.7 units an acre; Covington Manor on Dundee Road at 9.13 units an acre; and the Johnson property north of the Chevy Chase Golf Course on Milwaukee Av-

enue, at 12 to 15 units an acre.

WITH THE Lexington Development and future construction, Wheeling's housing when all vacant land is developed will be 72 percent multifamily and 28 percent single-family, village staff reports say.

But Markus said the percentages do not tell the entire story. "If it were annexed to Buffalo Grove, Wheeling wouldn't have the high numbers, but we would have all the problems these people associate with multifamily developments," he said.

Single-family homes could not be constructed at the club site because the cost would be too high and the homes would not be marketable, Fialkowski said.

Construction of single-family homes — for which the land is zoned — is one proposal advocated by a citizens group named Concerned Citizens Against More Multifamily, or CRAMM for short.

"IF THE PROJECT did go to Buffalo Grove, the density would be cut,"

said Yvonne Judy, spokesman from that group, which opposes the development on grounds it will eliminate open space and bring more people and more traffic problems to the area.

"If Buffalo Grove gets stuck with the problem, CRAMM will be there, too," she said. "And Buffalo Grove has only 25 percent multifamily."

Judy said the development also will decrease "community spirit" in the village and pull down property values by making the present multifamily housing difficult to sell or rent.

The proposed development — composed of 480 apartments in 30 two-story buildings, 168 town houses in one- and two-story buildings and 376 condominiums in two-story buildings — would generate an estimated \$553,000 in revenue from property, sales and motor fuel taxes, the village report says.

The site is surrounded mostly by single-family homes.

Limits on water remain in effect

Wheeling Life 11-8-84

WHEELING — Restrictions on indoor water use are still in effect this week, as village work crews continue their efforts to repair a broken water pump.

Limitations on domestic water use for laundry and showers were imposed last week as a result of the recent breakdowns of two village wells.

Well No. 7, located on Hintz Road west of Wheeling High School, went down Friday, Oct. 26, creating a "dangerous situation" in the village water supply, according to officials.

AT THE same time, Well No. 5 at Dundee and McHenry roads was out of service due to an electrical failure. However, that pump was put back on line last week. Well No. 7 is expected to be back in service later this week, at which time the village will lift restrictions on indoor water use, said Robert Gray, village operations and maintenance director. The ban on non-essential outdoor use of water will remain in effect, he said.

"The situation is not as critical now as when we were without both of those pumps, but it is still not good," said Gray. "We are meeting the daily demand for water, but the pumps are having to work continually to do it."

Residents who cooperated with village pleas to curb their indoor water use are being credited by officials for helping weather the storm.

"Thanks to the positive response we got from citizens, we were able to avert a potentially bad situation," said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

MARKUS ADDED that the timing of the breakdown of Well No. 7 also helped mitigate the impact. The most critical time for the village, he said, was during the weekend immediately after the wells went down typically a time of less demand because industrial and business water use is reduced.

To supplement village water sup-

plies during this time, the village got water from Citizens Utility of Illinois, a private firm which normally serves adjacent unincorporated areas. This water supply was discontinued when Well No. 5 was returned to service last week.

Well No. 6 on Willow Road remains out of service due to a dispute between the village and the contractor concerning previous repair work done on the pump.

Wheeling's well system will become obsolete when a pipeline bringing Lake Michigan water to the Northwest suburbs is completed. A problem with the pipeline reservoir in Des Plaines, however, has delayed the arrival of lake water.

Board moves meeting into the community

HERALD 11-12-84

The Wheeling village board is scheduled tonight to conduct one of its "roving" meetings to field residents' comments on a variety of issues.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. at Tahoe Village Clubhouse, 1771 Tahoe Circle Drive in Wheeling.

The board also is expected to receive a village staff report on parking ordinances that ban parking on public sidewalks that run through private driveways.

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Milwaukee Ave. grant approved

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees have accepted a \$60,000 federal grant through Cook County to partially fund improvements of businesses along the Milwaukee Avenue Corridor.

In a split vote, the village board accepted the grant to provide matching funds for local businessmen making the improvements.

In accepting the grant, the village agrees to act as collector for repayment of the loans. The village also will spend \$4,000 to establish the program and \$1,000 to \$1,500 to administer each loan, estimated Village Planner Richard D. Greenwood.

THE LOANS ARE targeted at businesses needing to make repairs to their buildings to comply with village building codes. Secondly, village officials say, the loans are to be used to spruce up a building's interior or exterior.

To qualify, the businesses must be located within the Milwaukee Avenue corridor, which also encompasses parts of Dundee Road, said Village Manager Thomas M. Markus. That area has been designated a tax increment financing district — an area in which the village buys land, improves it, and sells it to developers at a cut rate. The village receives some of the money back through property taxes.

GREENWOOD SAID THE latest financing tool will help the village with its plans to restore the area.

However, Trustees Charles Kerr and Nicholas Fanella opposed accepting the federal grant because the village's share of the costs of the program are too high.

"Why should we pay out of our pocket for a relatively small amount?" Fanella said. "I don't consider \$60,000 even seed money."

Fanella questioned whether better-looking buildings would justify the expense.

Markus suggested that accepting the grant now may lead to more funding in the future.

Public speaking HERALD 11-22-84

● The final vote for the proposed conversion of the Arlington Country Club into 131 acres of apartments, condominiums, and town houses, was postponed in the early morning hours Tuesday after Wheeling trustees agreed they needed several more hours for the discussion that began at 8 p.m. Monday. But after the village hall meeting — attended by some 275 Buffalo Grove and Wheeling residents — four of six trustees said that if some details in the agreement with Lexington Development Co. are changed, they will vote in favor of the development.

Trustee Charles Kerr said, "It (the golf course) is not going to stay open space. That's obvious. And we are going to give Wheeling residents a lot better deal than Buffalo Grove would."

Wildwood complex before committee

HERALD 11-26-84

The Wheeling Wildwood Apartments committee will meet tonight for the first time as part of a Wheeling village board meeting.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The special committee was formed to study the problems of overcrowding, lack of maintenance and vandalism at the Wildwood Apartment Complex on Dundee Road, west of Milwaukee Avenue.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS and Wheeling village officials, meeting to hammer out an agreement on how Pal-Waukee Airport will be managed after it is purchased by the two towns, will meet with state officials Wednesday to discuss the progress they have made.

The Pal-Waukee committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Before the two towns can complete the purchase of the airport, both must agree on how the airport will be run once it becomes a public facility.

HERALD 11-26-84

Cop weathers 20 years—



Squad 735 won't be the same without Public Service Officer Theresa Poulos behind the wheel keeping an eye on Wheeling. She is retiring after nearly 20 years of service to the village. (Staff photo by Bill Oakes)

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not particularly need the money.

In the years that followed she transferred jobs, from secretary to the superintendent of public works to public service officer, and she brought her work ethic and independent spirit with her — a fact that was not lost on her co-workers.

"Considering that she did not rely on that check, she really came to work while in a lot of physical pain," said Kimsey. He said that two years ago Poulos reported to work not long after a spinal operation.

Poulos doesn't plan to stop working just because she has retired from the police department.

Along with her husband, who works at the Cook County Highway Department, she will still run the family business,

Holiday Tackle Company, from their home. The company makes and sells fishing flies to customers as far away as South Africa and Germany.

Poulos said that they had considered moving but their only immediate plan is to take a trip to New Zealand and Australia.

Poulos says that her early involvement in politics, as a Democratic committee person for Wheeling Township, is beckoning her again and she might consider getting involved in politics again.

Summing up Poulos's legacy at the village, Kimsey said, "On the outside she is a little tough. But on the inside she's got a heart of gold."

"Yeah," said Poulos, "on the inside I'm all mush."

Public speaking HERALD 11-15-84

● Cook County this year revised its low-interest home mortgage program that allocates money to each suburb for single-family home loans. This year, the county in 21 suburbs reserved the town's entire allocation for specific housing developments, although after six months money not used will go into a common pool. In Wheeling, \$770,000 for assumable mortgages was reserved for one development — a move criticized by Village Manager Thomas M. Markus. He said, "I'm not happy with it at all. It severely limits the bulk of the money. I don't think it should be reserved all for one developer."

Officials indicate their approval of golf course plans

HERALD 11-21-84

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Most Wheeling trustees say they will vote in favor of the controversial \$60 million housing complex proposed for the Arlington Country Club by Lexington Development Co., after a final vote was postponed early Tuesday.

After debating the matter for 4½ hours, trustees delayed a decision until Dec. 5. About 275 Wheeling and Buffalo Grove residents jammed village hall to angrily argue against the planned conversion of the privately owned golf course into a sprawling condominium, town house and apartment complex.

Trustees, in postponing the vote, agreed that they still had several hours worth of questions about the annexation of the golf course property.

However, Trustees Charles Kerr, Joseph W. Ratajczak, Nicholas Fanella and Anthony Altieri said that if specifics of the annexation agreement are ironed out satisfactorily, they will vote in favor of the 1,024-unit development of the 131-acre club, now in unincorporated Wheeling Township at the northeast corner of Dundee and Buffalo Grove roads.

TRUSTEE ROGER A. Powers said he favors the development only if the density is lowered from 8.1 to about 6 units an acre — or a little less than 800 units. He also wants a traffic light installed at the proposed entrance. Failing that, he says there should be two entrances at the complex.

Trustee William A. Rogers only hinted at his stand. "Whether Buffalo Grove or Wheeling does it, it's going to be developed," he said. "We have to get the best possible development we can considering all the circumstances."

Lexington officials have said if their plans are rejected by Wheeling, those plans would be submitted to neighboring Buffalo Grove. That factor is one key to the Wheeling village staff's recommendation that the board approve

it. The argument was echoed by trustees who said they favor the plan.

"It's not going to stay open space," said Kerr, who lives in the Hollywood Ridge subdivision adjacent to the golf course. "That's obvious. And we are going to give Wheeling residents a lot better deal than Buffalo Grove would."

Arlington Country Club neighbors and members of a local citizens group called Concerned Residents Against More Multifamily, or CRAMM, contend the development will spur unmanageable traffic problems, air pollution and overcrowding. They say the development will lower property values in a village in which 70 percent of housing is multifamily and that it will consume one of the few remaining parcels of open land.

Buffalo Grove Trustee Bobbie O'Reilly told the Wheeling board Monday that if Wheeling approves the development, Buffalo Grove would receive the problems, but not the benefits the development would bring.

The development, which would contain 480 apartments, 376 condominiums, 168 town houses, and a five-acre strip shopping center, would stand one-half mile from Buffalo Grove's Fire Department but two miles from Wheeling's, she said.

In addition, the school children would likely attend Buffalo Grove schools, Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus acknowledged. The two exits from the complex — on Lake Cook and Dundee roads — actually spill onto roads within Buffalo Grove limits.

"We will have to increase our service with no compensation," O'Reilly said. "Buffalo Grove is spending in excess of \$200,000 to improve Buffalo Grove Road. We ask you to be a party to that cost."

Lexington Development President Ronald Benach said he sought annexation to Wheeling for a reason. "I think we can make a better deal in Wheeling," he said. "We can get better density here and lower fees."

Plain-speaking style helped retiring Wheeling cop weather past 20 years

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

She likes to tell it like it is. Plain and simple, and sometimes, in a language the clergy does not know.

The feisty, plain-speaking style of Theresa Poulos has gotten her through controversy and bad weather during her nearly 20 years of service to the Village of Wheeling. On Friday, she "threw in the spurs," as she puts it, and retired from her job as Community Service Officer.

Poulos' leaving caused a minor catharsis at the police department as she received plaques, a signed testimonial, and numerous cards and flowers from friends and colleagues who found it hard to say goodbye.

"People were so nice I nearly went 10-96 (crazy). I nearly went crazy," said Poulos. "You'd think I'd died or something."

At a banquet given in her honor on Friday evening at Algauer's and attended by 90 people, Poulos and her husband of 36 years, James, were treated to a chicken Kiev dinner, and a Dean Martin-style "roast."

Democratic Senator Alan Dixon joined Police Chief Michael Haeger in saluting the Poulos style of mixing generosity and efficiency. It's a mix that her former boss, and 27-year veteran of the police force, Sgt. Jack Kimsey is very familiar with.

"She calls a spade and spade," said Kimsey. "But when I needed something done, I could always count on her."

As Public Service Officer she was in charge of traffic control, village ordinance violations, business licenses, vending machines, garbage dumping violations, and abandoned vehicles.

Poulos says that her career has been a success because she has kept people honest and kept the village clean.

"I don't let people lie to me and I let them know where it's at," said Poulos. "When I first came to the job, this village wasn't as clean as it is now. I live here (in Wheeling) and I want to see a quiet and clean community. I think I accomplished what I wanted to."

Poulos wasn't always a village employee, however. She began her career as an entrepreneur and owned seven beauty salons before the family doctor said that her husband's health was failing and they both should get out of the business. He also suggested they move out of Illinois because of the climate.

Poulos began her involvement with the village in 1965 as a water biller at a salary of \$1.47 an hour. She took the job despite the fact that she says she earned enough from the sale of her business that she did

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COUNTRYSIDE

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Wheeling nears decision on Lexington project

COUNTRYSIDE 11-15-84

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

Home sweet home for the Arlington Country Club will not be where the buffalo roamed if the Village of Wheeling has anything to say about it.

And on Monday night the Wheeling Village Board will finally have its say on whether to annex the Arlington Country Club land where Lexington Developers have proposed a 1,024-unit development. If they turn down the plan, they risk having Lexington turn to Buffalo Grove for a home.

The prospect of losing a hunk of tax base to Buffalo Grove will weigh heavily on the decision of the board members, says Sheila Schultz, board president.

"The possibility of Lexington going to Buffalo Grove is a real one and I think we'll do what we can to keep them in Wheeling," said Schultz.

Lexington has tentatively agreed to buy the land if the present owner, Daniel Taggart, can arrange for a suitable annexation agreement with Wheeling.

Lexington, on behalf of Taggart, has approached the village and asked for approval of development plans as a prerequisite to annexation.

The politics of the development have been highly charged ever since the project was first proposed in spring of this year. Since then, political pressures have forced Lexington to change the type of buildings proposed, from five-story to three-story buildings, and to reduce the number of units from 1,255 to 1,024 and the density from over 10 units per acre to 8.13 units.

A group of organized homeowners called Concerned Residents Against More Multifamilies has promised legal and political ramifications if the board votes to accept a development with a density of more than 6 units per acre.

Schultz predicts that the board could still go either way on the issue. Village board elections are coming up in April of next year.

The staff at the Village of Wheeling has

said that it has no serious objections to the proposed plan and will recommend adoption of an annexation agreement.

Objections to the plan have been tempered by the Wheeling Park District's contention that it could not afford to buy the land and keep it open space.

"We had hoped for better results but I think we've taken the developers as far as they can be taken," said Park District Supt. David Phillips.

The park district will receive \$221,000 from the developer as compensation for a lack of recreational open space in the proposed development, and will retain the option of buying 11.5 acres of land in the southeast corner of the lot for future recreational use. Phillips said that he still had objections to Lexington's figures on the quality of open space and on the design of the property which creates no central recreation ground or pool.

However, the park district has not raised any serious objections to the annexation and the village's various advisory boards

(the Planning Commission, Zoning and Appeals Board and Appearance Commission) have not made any recommendations to the village board.

The complex, as proposed now, would be approximately 47 per cent rental apartments and townhouses. The condominiums would sell for approximately \$100,000 and the rentals for approximately \$500 a month.

Lexington estimates the development would produce surplus revenues for the village totaling \$359,958; \$801,564 for Dist. 21 and \$662,475 for Dist. 214.

Lexington says that the charge that the proposed density is too high is misleading because a single-family development would also yield about 1,768 people and 14 persons per acre.

CRAMM objects, saying that Wheeling is already 65 per cent multi-family residents and needs the type of homeowner that a single-family development would attract.

State proposes widening parts of Elmhurst Road

WHEELING HERALD 11-23-84

by Elida Witthoef

The widening of Elmhurst Road from two to four lanes through portions of Prospect Heights, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove is being proposed by state transportation officials.

Kenneth F. Macander, project and environmental studies section chief with the Illinois Department of Transportation, said engineers currently are doing traffic, accident and environmental reports on a 4.5-mile section of Elmhurst Road between

Palatine and Lake-Cook roads. But Macander said actual construction on the project won't begin until the late 1980's, when design work is completed and funding for the work becomes available.

Macander said the project probably will include widening Elmhurst from two to four lanes and installing a 16-foot median.

"There has been an increase in traffic along Elmhurst for a number of years and it has reached the volume where a four-lane highway is in-

dicated," said Macander.

THE COST OF the project, or how it will be paid for, has not been determined, Macander said.

An informational meeting on the proposed widening will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst Road. Macander said state officials will explain their studies and the project, and will collect comments from local officials and residents.

Officials from nearby towns say they will send representatives to the

meeting to hear the plans and comments from local residents.

Meanwhile, the on-again, off-again resurfacing work further south on Elmhurst Road through Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect and Wheeling has been completed, with the state putting the final touches on electrical wiring and lane marking.

Delayed by a financially troubled contractor, work on the three-mile project was stopped twice since the \$1.5 million project was started last spring.

Complex woes hit Wildwood

HERALD
by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Cultural barriers and absentee landlords are two problems of Wheeling's Wildwood Apartment complex, members of Wheeling's ad hoc Wildwood committee and village staff agreed Monday.

The five-building complex on Dundee Road and Wheeling Avenue, where the tenants are primarily Hispanic, has been plagued with problems of poor upkeep, overcrowding, loud parties, and fights in the parking lot since it was divided and sold off to five investors in the mid-1970s.

The ad hoc committee met for the first time Monday to define the problems of the 30-year-old apartment complex.

Committee member Christine S. Dolgopol, a Wildwood neighbor, complained of loud music, reckless driving, littering and public urination by Wildwood residents.

"WE HAVE picked out of our bushes beer bottles, a sandwich, a tortilla with scrambled eggs in it and diapers," she said. "We didn't have these problems seven or eight years ago."

Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said, "Anything here appears much better to them than the deplorable conditions of Mexico City. It's going to take commitment by them to become members of the community."

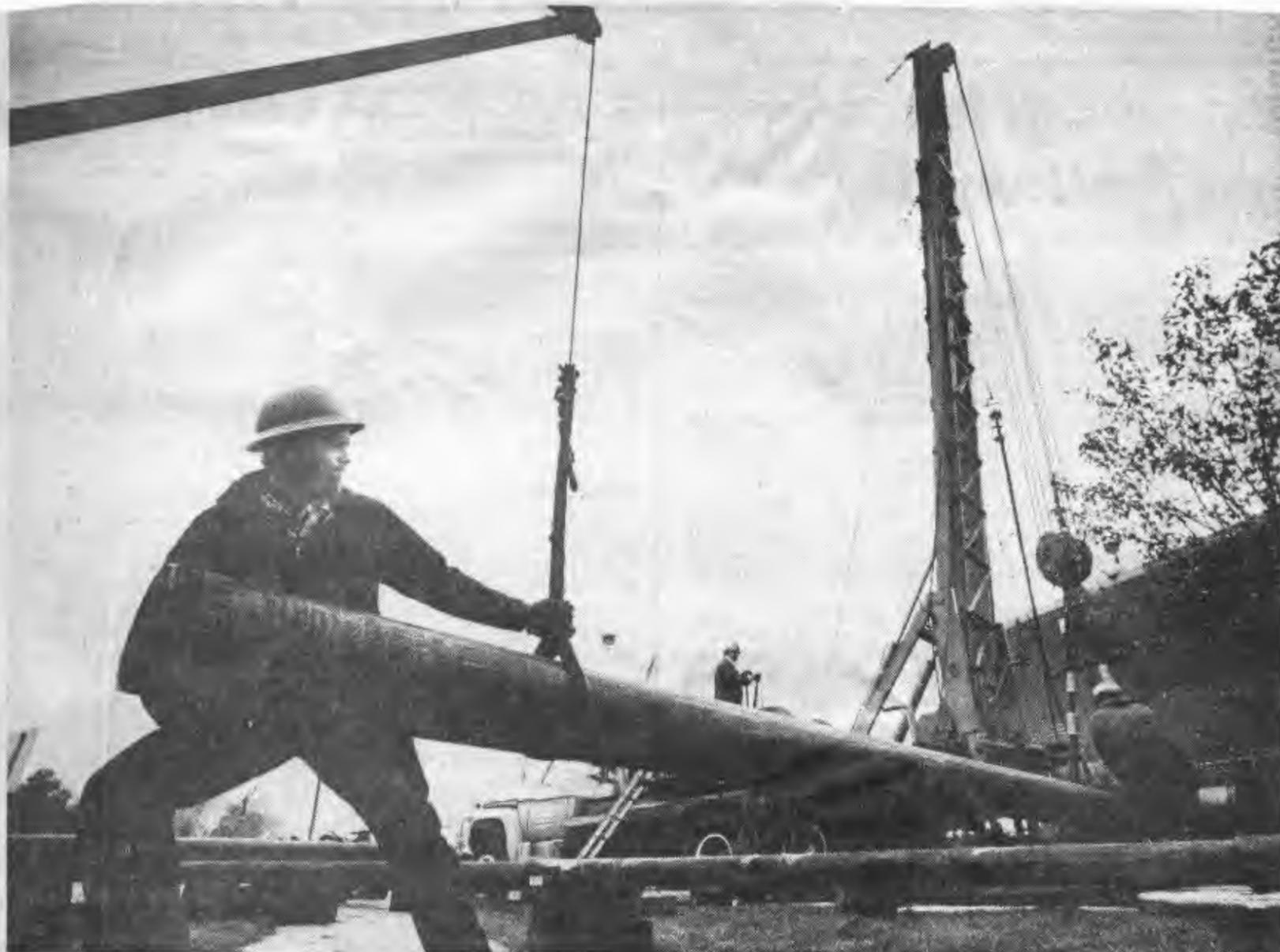
"Many are undocumented. They don't exist. They don't have a Social Security number. It's difficult to want to change your cultural ways if you don't want to become a member of the community."

Many of the residents earn money through landscaping during the summer and leave for Mexico in fall, he speculated.

BUT OTHERS are less transient, said committee member Sister Catherine Gibbons, who has visited many residents of the 90-unit complex.

"In every apartment I've seen, there have been attempts made to make it warm and nice and homey," she said.

The next committee meeting is tentatively set for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.



Herald photo by Scott Sanders

WORKMEN FROM the Aurora well firm, Layne Western Co., attend to a Wheeling well that failed in late October, leaving only one of the village's four deep wells working then, and the village water supply at a

critically low level. Workman Steve Lumbert guides a pipe out of the well so the crew can examine more closely the workings of the pump 1,000 feet down at the four-year-old well at Elmhurst and Hintz Roads.

Wheeling water cup running dry; lake hookup not minute too soon

HERALD 11-15-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

The "drinking straw" of the Wheeling water system is buckling under pressure.

The "straws" are the pipes and water pumps of the Wheeling wells; the cup, a layer of soil and rock 3,000 feet below ground.

"There's a lot of straws in the same glass," said Robert D. Gray Jr., Wheeling's director of operations and maintenance. Hundreds of wells throughout northern Illinois take three times more water from the layer than nature gives back, Gray says.

The cup, in short, is going dry. Like other Chicago suburbs, Wheeling has planned for its replacement: Lake Michigan water that should provide plenty of pure-tasting water for all.

The water will arrive not a minute too soon. For as Wheeling weathers a wait for Lake Michigan water — expected before the year's end — the village spends tens of thousands of dollars to patch and repair, maintain and replace the six of Wheeling's seven wells still operating.

It's a bittersweet procedure, for with the arrival of Lake Michigan water, the overworked wells will be abandoned, Gray says.



SEVEN WELLS served Wheeling until No. 2 was taken out of service in 1983. Wells 3, 5, 6, and 7, are deep wells that reach 1,300 feet underground and provide better tasting water than the shallow wells do.

IN FISCAL years 1983 and 1984 together, the village spent \$125,000 on well repairs, said Gregory J. Peters, finance director of Wheeling. In fiscal year 1985, a year so far wracked with well breakdowns, costs should go far beyond the budgeted \$50,000, Peters said.

But, as an emergency water situa-

tion late last month warned, the repairs are crucial.

On Oct. 26, a well at Elmhurst and Hintz Roads broke down, leaving only one of the village's four deep wells working and the village's supply below its average daily requirement of more than two million gallons. With reserves depleted, the fire department was placed on an emergency alert and water from a private utility firm was pumped in.

The failure of the village's newest well was the result of "a calculated risk," Gray said. The village had delayed scheduled maintenance of the four-year-old well in hopes the Lake Michigan water would arrive before more breakdowns.

"We didn't want to incur a \$20,000 to \$30,000 cost when in a few months we'll abandon the facility," Gray said.

Lake water's arrival — first expected in July — was delayed, however, by construction snags and by the September collapse of part of the system's main, \$25-million gallon reservoir.

AND THE VILLAGE lost its gamble, with emergency repairs expected to escalate in cost far beyond the price of a maintenance check. Water pumped in for 72 hours from Citizens Utilities of Illinois Oct. 26-29 alone

cost about \$7,500, Gray said.

The water situation in Wheeling was not always so threatening.

Six wells were built in Wheeling between 1955 and 1967 for a population no larger than 10,000. With one well added, one well redrilled and one taken out of service since then, the system now serves about 24,000 and dozens of new industries as well.

And ways of using water have grown in sophistication as well.

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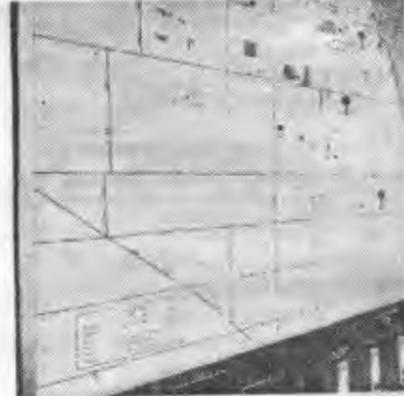
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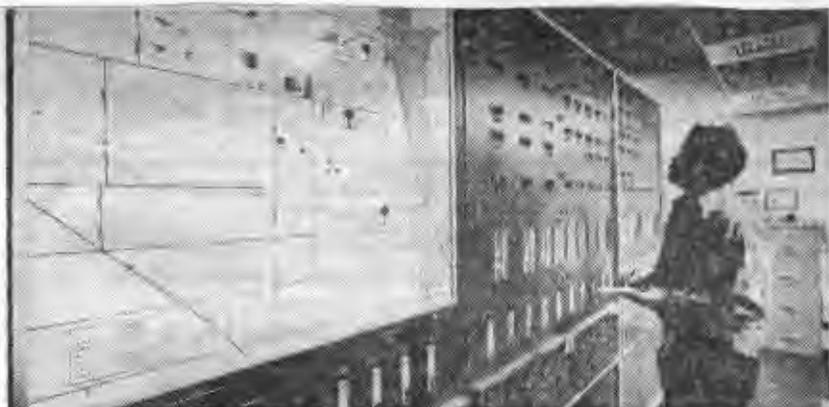
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In the Northwest suburbs, the water level of deep wells sinks 14 to 18 feet a year and the well pumps must be lowered or else hang in air hundreds of feet below ground, Gray said.

And to keep the wells working, the size of the motors must be increased — a costly proposition.

THE COST OF a new well averages \$150,000, Gray said. Electricity to operate the village system costs nearly \$300,000 a year, Peters said.

The pricetag of the wells' replacement, Lake Michigan water, is soaring well into the millions — \$15 million for Wheeling's share.

The costs have affected village taxes and water rates. This year the village raised its tax levy about 70 percent, primarily to fund the water project. In 1982, water rates were raised from 90 cents per 1,000 gallons of water to \$1.90, raising the average water bill from \$108 to \$228 a year.

In 1981, village officials predicted water rates would increase to \$3.83 by 1986 — now an unlikely scenario, Gray said.

"When you increase water rates, people tend to decrease use," he said. "The net effect as far as the village is concerned is that revenue goes down. There's a game to be played there."

Gray and other village officials are unwilling to speculate further whether Wheeling residents — through water rates and taxes — soon will be reminded again that meeting one of mankind's basic needs is no cheap venture.

Wheeling nears decision on Lexington project

COUNTRYSIDE 11-15-84

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

Home sweet home for the Arlington Country Club will not be where the buffalo roamed if the Village of Wheeling has anything to say about it.

And on Monday night the Wheeling Village Board will finally have its say on whether to annex the Arlington Country Club land where Lexington Developers have proposed a 1,024-unit development. If they turn down the plan, they risk having Lexington turn to Buffalo Grove for a home.

The prospect of losing a hunk of tax base to Buffalo Grove will weigh heavily on the decision of the board members, says Sheila Schultz, board president.

"The possibility of Lexington going to Buffalo Grove is a real one and I think we'll do what we can to keep them in Wheeling," said Schultz.

Lexington has tentatively agreed to buy the land if the present owner, Daniel Taggart, can arrange for a suitable annexation agreement with Wheeling.

Lexington, on behalf of Taggart, has approached the village and asked for approval of development plans as a prerequisite to annexation.

The politics of the development have been highly charged ever since the project was first proposed in spring of this year. Since then, political pressures have forced Lexington to change the type of buildings proposed, from five-story to three-story buildings, and to reduce the number of units from 1,255 to 1,024 and the density from over 10 units per acre to 8.13 units.

A group of organized homeowners called Concerned Residents Against More Multifamilies has promised legal and political ramifications if the board votes to accept a development with a density of more than 6 units per acre.

Schultz predicts that the board could still go either way on the issue. Village board elections are coming up in April of next year.

The staff at the Village of Wheeling has

said that it has no serious objections to the proposed plan and will recommend adoption of an annexation agreement.

Objections to the plan have been tempered by the Wheeling Park District's contention that it could not afford to buy the land and keep it open space.

"We had hoped for better results but I think we've taken the developers as far as they can be taken," said Park District Supt. David Phillips.

The park district will receive \$221,000 from the developer as compensation for a lack of recreational open space in the proposed development, and will retain the option of buying 11.5 acres of land in the southeast corner of the lot for future recreational use. Phillips said that he still had objections to Lexington's figures on the quality of open space and on the design of the property which creates no central recreation ground or pool.

However, the park district has not raised any serious objections to the annexation and the village's various advisory boards

(the Planning Commission, Zoning and Appeals Board and Appearance Commission) have not made any recommendations to the village board.

The complex, as proposed now, would be approximately 47 per cent rental apartments and townhouses. The condominiums would sell for approximately \$100,000 and the rentals for approximately \$500 a month.

Lexington estimates the development would produce surplus revenues for the village totaling \$359,958; \$801,564 for Dist. 21 and \$662,475 for Dist. 214.

Lexington says that the charge that the proposed density is too high is misleading because a single-family development would also yield about 1,768 people and 14 persons per acre.

CRAMM objects, saying that Wheeling is already 65 per cent multi-family residents and needs the type of homeowner that a single-family development would attract.

State proposes widening parts of Elmhurst Road

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The widening of Elmhurst Road from two to four lanes through portions of Prospect Heights, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove is being proposed by state transportation officials.

Kenneth F. Macander, project and environmental studies section chief with the Illinois Department of Transportation, said engineers currently are doing traffic, accident and environmental reports on a 4.5-mile section of Elmhurst Road between

Palatine and Lake-Cook roads. But Macander said actual construction on the project won't begin until the late 1980's, when design work is completed and funding for the work becomes available.

Macander said the project probably will include widening Elmhurst from two to four lanes and installing a 16-foot median.

"There has been an increase in traffic along Elmhurst for a number of years and it has reached the volume where a four-lane highway is in-

dicated," said Macander.

THE COST OF the project, or how it will be paid for, has not been determined, Macander said.

An informational meeting on the proposed widening will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst Road. Macander said state officials will explain their studies and the project, and will collect comments from local officials and residents.

Officials from nearby towns say they will send representatives to the

meeting to hear the plans and comments from local residents.

Meanwhile, the on-again, off-again resurfacing work further south on Elmhurst Road through Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect and Wheeling has been completed, with the state putting the final touches on electrical wiring and lane marking.

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HERALD

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Cultural barriers and absentee landlords are two problems of Wheeling's Wildwood Apartment complex, members of Wheeling's ad hoc Wildwood committee and village staff agreed Monday.

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The ad hoc committee met for the first time Monday to define the problems of the 36-year-old apartment complex.

Committee member Christine S. Dolgopol, a Wildwood neighbor, complained of loud music, reckless driving, littering and public urination by Wildwood residents.

"WE HAVE picked out of our bushes beer bottles, a sandwich, a tortilla with scrambled eggs in it and diapers," she said. "We didn't have these problems seven or eight years ago."

Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said, "Anything here appears much better to them than the deplorable conditions of Mexico City. It's going to take commitment by them to become members of the community."

"Many are undocumented. They don't exist. They don't have a Social Security number. It's difficult to want to change your cultural ways if you don't want to become a member of the community."

Many of the residents earn money through landscaping during the summer and leave for Mexico in fall, he speculated.

BUT OTHERS are less transient, said committee member Sister Catherine Gibbons, who has visited many residents of the 90-unit complex.

"In every apartment I've seen, there have been attempts made to make it warm and nice and homey," she said.

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THE COMPANY, which provides water and sewer services to about 13,500 residents in Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and unincorporated Des Plaines and Wheeling, sought a 36 percent rate increase in April, and requested that about 20 percent of the hike, or \$580,000, be granted on an interim basis, pending the commission's final decision.

Citizens now charges \$2.17 per 1,000 gallons for water and \$10 a month for sewer service. Company officials are asking to raise the bills permanently to \$2.95 per 1,000 gal-

lons while adding \$3.59 a month to its sewer charge.

Citizens said it needed the increase because of what officials call poor returns on their rates, a major sewer rehabilitation program and a \$1 million water line extension that will bring Lake Michigan water to utility company customers. In addition, company officials say the financial strain was compounded when the commission refused to grant a rate hike request in April 1983.

In rejecting the latest request, the ICC reiterated its 1983 ruling, stating that "the company's arrogant refusal to comply with commission orders year after year, to improve substandard service and to record all deferred

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THE COMMISSION'S 1983 order cited two reasons for denying an increase: "poor quality of service — including long-standing sewer backup problems and poor meter reading — and the company's repeated failure to follow the commission's direction to record deferred taxes on its books," a move that made it nearly impossible for the commission to calculate accurately the company's revenue requirements.

While Krause and most Citizens

customers breathed a collective sigh of relief over the rate hike denial, Citizens' General Manager Thomas E. Fricke said he thought rejection of the temporary rate hike "probably wouldn't" hurt the company's chances for the permanent hike. He declined to comment further until he saw the ICC's report.

ICC Hearing Examiner Steven R. Weiss said the commission will make a final determination on the permanent rate hike by March 1985. He was uncertain how the ICC's denial of the 20 percent increase would affect a final decision.

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"We put signs up in the buildings advertising the positions," Schultz said. "But no one volunteered. We're hoping that once people see that the committee has been formed, they'll come forward."

SCHULTZ SAID the committee proposed in August was not formed earlier because of "more pressing matters." The committee's first meeting will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 26 at the board's regular workshop.

Named to the Wildwood Committee were Sister Catherine Gibbons, a bilingual church worker associated

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"If the commission has found that Citizens continues to disregard customers and to provide poor service," Krause said, "I'm hopeful that when they hear the permanent rate increase, they will keep that evidence in mind."

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Krause, who along with trustees Theodore J. Wattenberg and Ralph W. Arthur have fought Citizens' rate hike requests tenaciously, said she was "extremely pleased" with the denial. "Citizens does not respond to residents," she added. "They only serve their shareholders."

THE COMPANY, which provides water and sewer services to about 13,500 residents in Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and unincorporated Des Plaines and Wheeling, sought a 36 percent rate increase in April, and requested that about 20 percent of the hike, or \$580,000, be granted on an interim basis, pending the commission's final decision.

Citizens now charges \$2.17 per 1,000 gallons for water and \$10 a month for sewer service. Company officials are asking to raise the bills permanently to \$2.95 per 1,000 gal-

lons while adding \$3.59 a month to its sewer charge.

Citizens said it needed the increase because of what officials call poor returns on their rates, a major sewer rehabilitation program and a \$1 million water line extension that will bring Lake Michigan water to utility company customers. In addition, company officials say the financial strain was compounded when the commission refused to grant a rate hike request in April 1983.

In rejecting the latest request, the ICC reiterated its 1983 ruling, stating that "the company's arrogant refusal to comply with commission orders year after year, to improve substandard service and to record all deferred

income taxes from all sources makes it abundantly clear that its least concern is its customers."

THE COMMISSION'S 1983 order cited two reasons for denying an increase: "poor quality of service — including long-standing sewer backup problems and poor meter reading — and the company's repeated failure to follow the commission's direction to record deferred taxes on its books," a move that made it nearly impossible for the commission to calculate accurately the company's revenue requirements.

While Krause and most Citizens

customers breathed a collective sigh of relief over the rate hike denial, Citizens' General Manager Thomas E. Fricke said he thought rejection of the temporary rate hike "probably wouldn't" hurt the company's chances for the permanent hike. He declined to comment further until he saw the ICC's report.

ICC Hearing Examiner Steven R. Weiss said the commission will make a final determination on the permanent rate hike by March 1985. He was uncertain how the ICC's denial of the 20 percent increase would affect a final decision.

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Panel named to study overcrowded complex

by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

A committee to study the maintenance and overcrowding problems at an east-side Wheeling apartment complex was appointed by Wheeling Village President Sheila H. Schultz this week.

Proposed in August as an Hispanic tenants' organization at the Wildwood apartment complex, the panel is composed of members of the religious community, Wheeling residents, and a neighbor — but no tenants of the sprawling complex that is home to mostly Mexicans and Mexican-Americans.

"We put signs up in the buildings advertising the positions," Schultz said. "But no one volunteered. We're hoping that once people see that the committee has been formed, they'll come forward."

SCHULTZ SAID the committee proposed in August was not formed earlier because of "more pressing matters." The committee's first meeting will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 26 at the board's regular workshop.

Named to the Wildwood Committee were Sister Catherine Gibbons, a bilingual church worker associated

with Wheeling's St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, among other parishes; the Rev. Steve Minnema, pastor of Wheeling's Community Presbyterian Church; Christine Dolgopol, a neighbor of the complex and a member of the Wheeling Plan Commission; and Wheeling residents Bruce Whitmore and Sophie Jurek.

The seven-building Wildwood complex has been plagued with problems since its developer sold the buildings to five different investors in the 1970s.

Neighbors and residents complain that the apartments, once considered "luxury" dwellings, abound with broken windows, overflowing trash bins, loud parties and fights in the parking lots.

Three Wildwood apartment owners were cited for violations in summer. Joseph Iscra and Ralph Rosales were found guilty of building code violations in Cook County Circuit Court, but fines were lifted from the pair when repairs were made.

Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said the Wildwood Committee's first meeting will include reports of Wheeling's building and police departments' attempts to ease the problems.



Herald photo by Bob Chwedyk

WITH FEDERAL LEGISLATION allowing the cable television industry to enter the free market, programmers such as Dan Capasso at Cox Cable Co. in Libertyville are focusing in on ways to add new spark to

their business. Deregulation of the cable industry is expected to bring viewers new programming, but it could also mean a doubling of subscription rates within three years.

New law frees cable TV industry, but may unleash consumer prices

by John Slania ^{HERALD}
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In their relatively brief existence in the Northwest suburbs and Lake County, cable television firms have lived largely under the rule of local officials who have held the legal right to make some costly demands — including limits on rates for basic service.

But the cable companies and local communities are nearing separation with the recent passage of the Cable Communications Policy Act, federal legislation calling for the deregulation of cable television business.

Within two years, the cable industry will be no longer be directed by the desires of individual towns, and will be able to determine its own rates and programming. In return for handing over the controls to the Federal Communications Commission, municipalities will receive a bigger slice of the profits by imposing higher franchise fees.

There are differing opinions on

just how cable TV will fare on the open market, but one thing is certain — deregulation will cost the customer money.

CABLE COMPANIES already are making plans to raise rates under the initial phase of deregulation in January. And with local towns charging higher franchise fees from the companies, that cost is likely to be passed along.

Even those trying to avoid increases by using satellite dishes will be affected, as broadcasters will be able to charge money for the right to receive satellite signals.

"The consumer comes out a bit on the short end in this. Consumers are going to be paying much more, no doubt about it," said Craig Leddy, a writer in Washington, D.C. serving as cable analyst for Electronic Media magazine.

After spending more than three years carving out legislation to meet the demands of battling municipal and industry factions, Congress approved an act that covers virtually all aspects of cable televi-

sion. Among the areas that affect subscribers the most:

- Rate regulation. By 1987, individual communities will lose their power to regulate subscription rates and programming. While awaiting deregulation, cable companies will be allowed to increase rates by 5 percent each of the next two years without seeking approval from municipalities. Once local regulation ends, rates are expected to double.

- Franchise fees. Communities which presently collect 3 percent of the revenue from cable companies will be able to receive 5 percent. The higher tax will be passed along to customers through increased rates. The only benefit to subscribers will come as communities will be able to put the money in the general municipal budget.

- Satellite dishes. The act makes it legal for individuals to use dishes to pick up broadcast signals from satellites. However, broadcasting companies can now scramble signals and charge customers for the right to receive decoded messages.

Locally, cable viewers already are on the verge of learning the price they'll have to pay for deregulation. With cable companies allowed to hike rates by 5 percent annually until full deregulation in 1987, suburban subscribers will be paying more beginning Jan. 1.

Cablenet Inc. plans to hike its \$5.95 monthly basic service rate by 5 percent to about \$6.25, while seeking similar increases for optional programming. The move will mean an average increase of \$1 to \$1.50 a month for the 48,000 subscribers in Arlington Heights, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Schaumburg, Streamwood and Wheeling.

Centel Cable Television of Illinois plans to hike basic service rates by 5 percent, from \$7.75 to about \$8.15 a month for the 7,500 subscribing homes in Barrington, Lake Zurich and Vernon Hills.

American Cablesystems, which recently purchased Warner-Amex,

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Even satellite dish cost may rise with cable deregulation

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will hike fees 5 percent once rate freezes end next spring in Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine and Rolling Meadows. The 25,000 subscribers will see monthly basic rates of \$6.95-\$8.95 rise to \$7.30-\$9.40, and optional program fees could also grow.

Cox Cable Co. will boost rates in January for its 8,500 subscribers in Mundelein, Libertyville, Wauconda and Grayslake. Basic service will rise from \$6.95 to \$7.30 a month along with optional program prices.

LOCAL CABLE executives welcome deregulation. After complaining that suburban communities set artificially low rates and treated cable television like a monopoly, cable officials are eager to enter the open market.

"We've had a difficult time running a business with the various political undercurrents. Instead of having to go to each municipality to get an increase in artificially low rates, the free market will set the rates," said Richard B. Parran Jr., general manager for Centel Cable Television.

With cable linked to less than half of all suburban homes, and losing ground to a growing video industry, local companies hope deregulation will allow them to shore up some of their losses.

"With VCRs and \$1 tapes, it's not like we don't have competition. We have competition in many other areas. Now we have the opportunity to enter the same market," said Brian W. Quirk, executive vice president and general manager for Cablenet Inc.

DEREGULATION ALSO is expected to bring changes in programming. Rather than having individual towns dictate what programs should be broadcast, cable companies can tailor packages to the demands of viewers.

The situation initially will result in some trimming of less popular cable channels, but companies plan to come back with leaner, higher-quality packages, industry officials said.

Local leaders have mixed reactions to deregulation. Some communities have grown weary of negotiations over rates and service requirements as well as trying to digest details of complicated franchise agreements. They feel it's just as well to have the FCC handling most regulations.

"In some ways, it simplifies some of the administrative things that were a burden to towns anyway. I guess no one wants to lose control, but I think we can live with this," said Eric Anderson, cable coordinator for the Northwest Municipal Conference, which represents 34 area communities and townships.

Others believe the legislation will allow cable companies to reduce their accountability to local towns. They think cable companies will lose touch with their viewers, eventually force-feeding them programming they might not want.

"FRANKLY, I'M not happy about it. This moves it more toward a bureaucracy and away from the personal relationship," said Barrington Trustee David F. Nelson, who heads his community's cable committee. "The attention we get from a local manager might not be as good as it was before. We're losing that personal touch."

Communities still will retain some controls, mainly by having the ability to renew franchise agreements and award contracts with more than one

cable company. And towns stand to benefit from a provision in the act that allows the collection of higher revenues through franchise fees that can be used for any municipal expense.

The revenues are not windfalls. Bartlett, for example, collects about \$20,000 in franchise fees each year, a small fraction of its \$8 million budget, while the highest benefactor, Arlington Heights, which receives \$120,000 annually, carries a \$32 million village budget. Still, local officials are eager to use franchise fees that that up to now have been frozen in escrow accounts.

"Some communities who find themselves short in the police department or public works might find this source of revenue welcome relief rather than having to get revenue from a new type of tax," said Mount Prospect Trustee Gerald Farley, chairman of the municipal conference's cable committee.

While cable companies object to the higher franchise fees, it will be the customer that will ultimately foot the bill, industry sources said.

"What it actually amounts to is a head tax," said Eric B. Schultz, general manager of American Cablesystems Corp. "Higher franchise fees are simply reflected in the (higher) rates."

Those believing they can avoid paying more for cable by using satellite dishes also will feel the sting of the new legislation. While Congress has finally deemed the dishes to be legal, it also allows broadcasters to scramble signals sent from satellites.

The scrambling of signals will result in satellite dish owners paying up to \$200 a year to lease decoders, or pay additional money up front when purchasing dishes now costing \$1,500 to \$5,000 each, said Chuck Witbeck, vice president of Earth Station Alpha, a satellite dish dealer in Mundelein. Witbeck said signal scrambling could begin by spring, as several broadcasters already are experimenting with the process.

It's impossible to forecast the full impact of the Cable Communications Policy Act, but experts agree that with the split from local regulators, the cable industry will finally be able to chart its own success.

Opinions vary on the ability of cable television to survive in the open market. But all those involved with the industry agree the key lies with cable's ability to offer fresh programming to beat the competition without pricing itself out of the market.

Promoters in the cable industry welcome the challenge. They say that despite the higher costs, viewers will enjoy programming more in tune with their desires.

"Viewers love us, and they'll love us more when they see what we can do without the burdens and barriers placed on us by the cities," said Edward Dooley, a vice president for the National Cable Television Association in Washington D.C. "We in the industry are in a much better position of reaching the customer and giving them what they want."

But others who have grown tired of the promises made by cable television companies view the legislation as one last chance for a struggling industry.

"If the prices are too high, I think people are going to kiss their cable goodbye," said Jeannine Aull, chairman of the Vernon Hills cable commission. "I'm just wondering whether they're tightening the noose around their own neck."



THE FOCUS OF local cable television is expected to change in coming years with industry deregulation. Viewers may see the trimming of less-popular entertainment channels, as cable co. high-quality programming packages.

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Lawyers to meet to resolve dispute over Pal-Waukee

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A small crack may have appeared in the impasse that has stalled talks between Prospect Heights and Wheeling on how Pal-Waukee Airport will be run.

Under the threat delivered this week by state transportation officials that failure to agree could mean a loss of federal funding for the airport's purchase — and could disqualify both towns from the deal — attorneys from both communities will meet to try to resolve at least one their differences. A report on those negotiations is due Dec. 12.

The focus of those talks will be finding a way for the two towns to resolve tie votes. Prospect Heights has insisted that a timely mechanism to break ties be included in the agreement, so important decisions will not be held up and impede the operation — and flow of revenue.

Prospect Heights Mayor John E. Gilligan says that investors will not buy revenue bonds used to purchase the airport if such a provision is not included. "We won't sell a bond if the

bondholder doesn't agree with the provisions, and bondholders won't buy bonds if they don't have guarantees that the airport will stay open and operating."

BUT WHEELING OFFICIALS say that most of the major decisions surrounding the airport will be bound by the purchase agreement signed with state and federal officials, and there is little need for a way to break ties.

"We are amenable to the negotiated method of ending a deadlock," said Wheeling Trustee William A. Rogers, "but we don't see too many deadlocks. Maybe a third-party negotiator that doesn't have a vote would be acceptable."

It has been proposed that tie votes on the eight-member airport commission be referred to the Wheeling village board and Prospect Heights city council when negotiating will not resolve the matter. If both towns also cannot agree, the tie-breaking mechanism can then be applied.

Beyond the tiebreaker, Gilligan admits other unresolved issues remain. "We're not trying to throw things in the way to block progress, but these are legitimate things to us," he said.

HERALD 12-3-84

THE FINAL vote on plans to convert the 131-acre Arlington Country Club into a condominium, apartment and town house complex will go before the Wheeling village board Wednesday.

The special meeting is at 8 p.m. at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Critics opposing the proposed 1,024-unit development by Lexington Development Co. of Arlington Heights say it will consume open space, increase traffic congestion and place added demands on government services. Last month, 275 Wheeling and Buffalo Grove residents appeared at a board meeting to protest the proposed plans for the property at the northeast corner of Dundee and Buffalo Grove Roads.

EDITORIALS

"Our aim: To fear God, tell the truth and make money."
—I. C. PADDOCK, 1852-1935

Don't risk losing airport

It should not have been necessary, but the Illinois Department of Transportation has given fair warning to Prospect Heights and Wheeling: Quit the wrangling or suffer the consequences.

The consequences are that unless the two towns can iron out their disagreements over how Pal-Waukee Airport is to operate under joint ownership with the state, the two communities stand to lose federal funding with which to buy the now privately owned airport.

Continued failure to come up with an operating agreement could disqualify both of them from participating in airport ownership. That would mean the state would be sole owner and neither Prospect Heights nor Wheeling would any longer have a say in airport governing policy or operations. We doubt that citizens of either community would be happy with that arrangement.

It is about time something happened to move officials of the two towns off dead-center in their negotiations. They decided months ago their respective communities should become partners with the state in owning Pal-Waukee, an arrangement under which the towns also would run the airport. Since then they have been wrangling over the form of commission to run the airport and its responsibilities. They are hung up on a couple of points: whether there should be a tiebreaker provision in the agreement and whether elected officials should serve on the commission.

The matter now has been turned over to attorneys for the two towns to see if they can resolve these two sticking points and come up with an acceptable compromise by Dec. 12.

Prospect Heights Mayor Jack Gilligan and Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz appear to have a real disagreement in principle on these two points, but is it worth losing the airport?

We believe that as responsible city officials, they should be able to reconcile their differences of opinion for the benefit of residents of both their communities.

Village OKs plans for industrial park

HERALD
by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer 12-4-84

Construction of a 64-acre industrial park in Wheeling is slated for spring, after the Wheeling village board Monday approved plans for the Palwaukee Business Center.

The Elk Grove Village developer of the 77-lot industrial park at Hintz Road west of Wolf Road said potential buyers of their lots have already begun contacting him.

"There's been a lot of interest in the park," said Robert G. McLennan of McLennan and Thebault Inc. There are few subdivisions available with small-business lots, he said.

The Wheeling center's 77 lots will average 25,000 square feet each, allowing construction of an 8,000-square-foot building, McLennan said.

MCLENNAN SUGGESTED a second reason for the interest: "There has been a cloud over commercial and industrial property in Cook County because of property

taxes. Development has been flying over to Lake County. But last month, Cook County granted some tax relief that will at least make Cook County more competitive."

The Cook County action granted "significant tax breaks" to manufacturers for the first eight years, he said.

McLennan and Thebault plan to cater the park to light industrial businesses, such as printing shops, machine tool manufacturers, electronic equipment importers and high-technology electrical shops, some of which have contacted him, he said.

The growth in the economy is coming at the small-business end, McLennan said.

Construction will occur in three phases through 1990. The south part of the property will be developed first, he said, followed by the northeast and northwest sections of the land that is surrounded mostly by industrial development.

Lexington's subdivision plans up for vote tonight

HERALD
by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer 12-5-84

Tonight the Wheeling village board is expected to decide whether a 1,024-unit development will be added to the village's rolls of multifamily housing.

Trustees are scheduled to vote on Lexington Development Company's controversial plans to annex the Arlington Country Club to the village and convert its 131 acres into a condominium, apartment and townhouse complex.

The meeting starts at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The Arlington Heights development firm purchased the estimated \$6 million property at the northeast corner of Dundee and Buffalo Grove Roads after soaring property taxes forced owner Dean Taggart to sell the unprofitable golf course.

NOW THE golf course, among

the last pieces of open land in Wheeling, is expected to be bulldozed into a \$60-million development. Last month, most Wheeling village trustees said they would vote for the annexation and building plans if some annexation agreement details were changed.

Their statements came after the final vote was postponed Nov. 19 in a four-and-a-half hour board session attended by some 275 Wheeling and Buffalo Grove residents.

Many of those residents are members of Concerned Residents Against More Multifamily (CRAMM), a citizens group whose membership has burgeoned in recent months.

The group was formed in spring to fight the development and all new multifamily housing in Wheeling, where 70 percent of housing is multifamily.

"Do they have to use up every ounce of space around here?" said

Yvonne M. Judy, a CRAMM spokesman. "It's going to be a little Chicago here."

The development would add 1,024 units to Wheeling's current 6,700 units villagewide.

MOST WHEELING board members said they will vote for the development to prevent what they say would otherwise be inevitable annexation to Buffalo Grove.

If Wheeling turns down the plans, Lexington likely would bring its plans, and the benefit of the extra tax revenue and control, to Buffalo Grove — an argument that is at the core of the staff recommendation to approve the development.

Trustee Nicholas Fanella notified the board Monday he will be an hour late for the meeting. Trustee Joseph W. Ratajczak notified Village President Sheila H. Schultz last month he would not be able to attend.

Streamwood names Wheeling cop

HERALD
by Ginny Lee
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Theodore E. Bracke, a former Wheeling police chief, has been chosen to head Streamwood's police force.

The 48-year-old Wheeling police lieutenant was chosen from a pool of seven finalists to replace former police chief Howard Cornell, who resigned in April to take a job in Broomfield, Colo.

Among the top candidates were Streamwood's acting police chief Paul W. Rauscher and deputy chief Louis Schoening. Village Manager Edward J. Emond said he chose Bracke because of his 23 years of experience and the professionalism that he would bring to the department. Emond's decision was endorsed by the village board Tuesday.

BRACKE, WHO lives in Riverwoods, served as Wheeling police



Theodore Bracke

chief from 1978 to 1981. Both his appointment and removal as chief in that town were marked political controversies.

In 1978, Wheeling Village Manager Terry Zerkle was fired when he refused to appoint Bracke chief under pressure from Village President William Hein and several trustees. Zerkle's successor, Carsten Leikvold, made the appointment. But Hein and

his forces were voted out of office in 1979, Leikvold resigned amid criticism from the new village board and new Village Manager Thomas Markus demoted Bracke to lieutenant, saying he "wanted new leadership in the police department."

"It was the prerogative of the village manager to put together his team, which I was totally in agreement with," Bracke said.

Bracke, who makes \$35,000 in his current position, will make \$39,000 when he comes to Streamwood in two weeks.

THE NEW chief said he plans no changes in the department until after an assessment that will take about 60 days. He said Rauscher will return to his post as deputy chief.

Bracke said that one of his top priorities for the force will be to receive accreditation.

Bracke will be sworn in on Dec. 18.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM Prospect Heights and Wheeling will meet Wednesday to continue discussions on how the two will run Pal-Waukee Airport after they buy it.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Prospect Heights city hall, 4 E. Camp McDonald Road.

Attorneys for both sides, ordered to meet to try to iron out some of the differences between the two towns, are expected to report the results of those negotiations. Both attorneys report some progress in the negotiations.

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THE WHEELING village board is scheduled tonight to hear a presentation on the annual village audit at one of its "roving meetings" being held throughout the community.

The board meets at 8 p.m. at Lexington Commons Clubhouse, 548 Lexington Drive.

The audit report will be presented by Lou Karrison of the village's auditing firm, Karrison & Byrne.

Committee to address problems at Wildwood

REMINDER 11-29-84

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

The Wildwood Apartment complex on Dundee Road has for several years been a cultural island surrounded by sometimes hostile neighbors.

In an effort to establish a bridge between the largely Hispanic community of Wildwood and the largely white, middle class community of Wheeling, the Wheeling Village Board Monday night commissioned an ad hoc committee to study the problems of Wildwood and other Hispanic issues in the community.

A resident at the Wildwood complex said at the meeting that many people in the complex live without a lease in two-bedroom apartments costing \$380 per month. She said that overcrowding, poor living conditions and prostitution are very real problems at the complex.

The Wheeling police have acknowledged that there have been complaints of prostitution at the complex but declined to comment on what measures are being taken to handle those complaints.

Reports that poor living standards, crime and overcrowding problems are growing worse at the complex served as the catalyst for the formation of the ad hoc committee, according to Wheeling Village

President Sheila Schultz.

The committee consists of Bruce Whitmore, a Wheeling resident with experience with a Human Rights Committee at his former residence in Deerfield; Steve Minnema, a minister at the Community Presbyterian Church near the apartments; Sister Catherine Gibbons, a nun dealing with Hispanic affairs at St. Joseph the Worker Church; Sophie Jurek, a resident living near the apartments; and Christine Dolgopol, a community activist who also lives near the apartments.

The committee members were chosen to reflect a cross-section of the views within the community, said Schultz. No resident from the Wildwood complex is on the committee, despite a plea from the village for volunteers.

The committee was formed in response to numerous complaints about appearance, repeated building code violations, police problems and social and cultural conflicts which have arisen between the complex and its neighbors, according to Schultz.

The ad hoc committee on Wildwood will meet for the first time on Tuesday at the village hall for what Gibbons calls a "chance to get better acquainted," and to

define their goals.

In addition to the village board and the ad hoc committee, members of the village administration were also present to discuss the history and problems that have arisen in their dealings with the complex.

One of the major problems that they mentioned was the existence of multiple, absentee landlords. Five landlords own different sections of the complex at present.

Tom Fennell from the Building, Housing and Zoning Administration said that since 1981 the apartments have been subject to regular inspection by village inspectors.

"The problem is that once we isolate the problem, about half the owners comply. Then the others comply after we haul them into court. But then the problems just start all over again," said Fennell.

The problem with regular village inspections is that the owners are using the village as maintenance inspectors, said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

"They use us for in-house maintenance efforts and then when we bring them to court the judge doesn't fine them," said Markus. "All they lose is the time it takes to go to court."

It is difficult to fine the landlords for

repeated violations because the judges are rotated and the same judge never hears the case twice. Each judge believes that the landlord is coming before him for the first time and usually just issues stern warnings, said Village Attorney James Rhodes.

Despite the regular citations for building code violations and the increased police patrols, village officials say that the problems at Wildwood may be less severe than had been feared.

The building department reports that most of the violations have been maintenance violations and few were safety violations. The police department officials said that the incidents at Wildwood are mostly noise violations and domestic quarrels.

The cultural aspect of the tension between Wildwood and its neighbors was also addressed as Dolgopol and others said the problem is more than absentee landlords.

"Let me lay it on the line, this is a cultural problem," said Dolgopol. She said that she could sympathize with the fact that many Wildwood residents are immigrants, but she said her

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grandparents were also immigrants and they made it in this country without bilingual education.

Markus said that the transient nature of the complex makes finding a solution more difficult.

"Many of these people just don't understand the customs of the United States," said Markus. "What we need is a commitment from these people. It takes time to learn these things but we are constantly dealing with people for the first time."

The difficulty of bridging this potentially sensitive cultural gap was exemplified by Trustee Roger Powers, who asked how the sanitary customs of this country could be explained to those who come from a different culture.

"How do you tell this to a person who may say to himself 'What's the big deal if I throw an apple out the window when back home in my country we threw our brothers and sisters out the window,'" said Rogers.

Schultz quickly said that she found the

remark to be offensive and stated that she believes that the residents of Wildwood want to be accepted in the community and that forming a "good Hispanic complex" is possible.

Few solutions to the problems of Wildwood were presented at the meeting however. Dolgopol suggested taking a census of the buildings and then knocking on doors in order to get Wildwood residents involved in the upkeep of their own complex.

Trustee Nicholas Fanella said that he favors a much more passive role.

"I support more passive roles for us before we go storming into a place and taking censuses and knocking on doors," he said.

Several members of the ad hoc committee said that one of the things they will be looking at is how other communities have dealt with similar problems and how to get more feedback from the residents of Wildwood themselves.

Buffalo Grove seeks Wheeling's compromise on project

by Mary Rowitz HERALD

Herald staff writer

12-4-84

With the Wheeling village board expected to give its approval Wednesday to controversial plans for a \$60 million housing complex, Buffalo Grove officials hope their neighbors are amenable to compromising on their concerns.

"I hope they will temper their acceptance of the project with our concerns," said Buffalo Grove Village Trustee Elliott Hartstein. "It will have the biggest impact on Buffalo Grove."

Lexington Development Co. wants to annex the 131-acre Arlington Country Club to the village of Wheeling so it can build a sprawling, 1,024-unit housing complex on the site, located at Dundee and Buffalo Grove roads in unincorporated Wheeling Township. The development would contain 480 apartments, 376 condominiums, 168 town houses and a five-acre strip shopping center. It would generate an estimated \$553,000 in revenue from property, sales and mo-

tor fuel taxes.

MOST WHEELING trustees last week said that if a number of details in the annexation agreement are worked out, they will vote in favor of the plan. However, they said they still have several hours' worth of discussion left before they sign the agreement, at which time the board likely will address Buffalo Grove's concerns about the project, a Wheeling official said.

Noting the recent public hearings Wheeling has conducted on the project, Robert Fialkowski, Wheeling's assistant village manager, said, "I don't think they've (the Wheeling village board) had a chance yet to address those concerns."

Buffalo Grove officials' major concern is the density of the project, which is 8.1 units per acre. That is lower than what Wheeling had earlier considered, which was 10 units per acre, Fialkowski said.

The club is also on Buffalo Grove's master plan. Under the provisions of that plan, the property could be developed at a maximum of 5.24 units



per acre, which would allow for 655 units.

ANOTHER MAJOR point of contention involves the traffic congestion the development would bring to Buffalo Grove since the two exits from the complex — on Lake-Cook and Dundee roads — will spill onto roads within Buffalo Grove village limits. In the same vein, Buffalo Grove hopes that Wheeling will help

pay for the \$200,000 in road improvements slated for Buffalo Grove Road.

Because the development would stand one-half mile from Buffalo Grove's fire department but two miles from Wheeling's, Buffalo Grove likely would answer service calls. Officials say a solution could be worked out whereby a Wheeling firefighter would be stationed in the Buffalo Grove firehouse.

Another worry of Buffalo Grove officials is the club's flood-control basin.

"It could have a serious impact on Buffalo Grove residents who live near the club," said Trustee Bobbie O'Reilly. "What are the safeguards to Buffalo Grove residents that they won't be flooded?"

Trustee William W. Reid said he "wouldn't rule out court action" if Wheeling doesn't find a reasonable solution to the potential problem.

Fialkowski said the Wheeling board probably will address that issue Wednesday, but added that the owner of the country club might end up being responsible for the basin's

maintenance.

STILL, BUFFALO Grove officials say their concerns seem to have fallen on deaf ears in Wheeling.

"We'll get the burden, not the benefits of the project. That's the real travesty of the thing," Hartstein said. "But what I'm most disappointed about is that our concerns about the density have fallen on deaf ears. You're just asking for problems if you don't have a reasonable ceiling on the density."

"We've already communicated our concerns, but either they're going to listen or they're not going to listen," he added.

O'Reilly said Wheeling officials may be indifferent to Buffalo Grove's concerns because they still harbor hard feelings that landowner William Johnson earlier this year dropped plans to annex 150 acres of land to Wheeling and came to Buffalo Grove instead. The village subsequently annexed the property, which surrounds the Chevy Chase Golf Course.

"WE STAYED out of it when we thought Johnson was going to Wheel-

ing. We did not initiate a thing. We don't know even know why Johnson left Wheeling," she said. "But I think there are hard feelings on Wheeling's part. Perhaps they think it will happen again."

Village President Verna Clayton said "there is no question" that Wheeling has hard feelings about the Johnson property.

Fialkowski declined comment on the Johnson issue.

O'Reilly said Buffalo Grove wants Wheeling to "get the best deal. In the long run, what's important is the product, no matter whose name is on it."

She said she would prefer to have all of Buffalo Grove's concerns ironed out before the annexation agreement is signed, and Reid said a future meeting between the two communities might be in order.

Said Hartstein: "It's never too late to try and improve something. Wheeling should do what's best for the community as a whole: Buffalo Grove, Wheeling and the surrounding neighborhoods."

New 'Confetti' nightclub makes bid for Wheeling

by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer HERALD 12-5-84

A Houston-based restaurant-bar chain is eyeing Wheeling's 'Restaurant Row' for one of its high-priced singles bars called "Confetti."

McFaddin Ventures, developers of the Confetti singles bar that opens in Schaumburg Thursday, would create an atrium for dancing and expand a 10,000-square-foot vacant office in the southwest corner of Wheeling's Riverside Plaza at Dundee and Milwaukee roads, said its president, Michael D. Boxberger.

To open the bar, the firm must obtain a lease, a Wheeling special-use permit and a Wheeling liquor license, said Robert W. Fialkowski, Wheeling director of community development.

MCFADDIN VENTURES — which is expanding from the Sunbelt into the Midwest at the rate of one new nightclub a month — would spend more than \$1 million on improvements to create the art deco bar, billed as "the never-ending, ever-changing party," Boxberger told the Wheeling village board this week.

If McFaddin Ventures secures the lease, enough parking, and the proper village permits, the "party" could begin in summer, said Roland Fulton, vice president for development services.

The nightclub would take in about \$400,000 a month in sales and be geared to upwardly mobile, well-educated persons ages 21 through mid-30s, Boxberger said.

"Typically they're in their first job out of school with disposable income and they're still young enough to want to go out and dispose of it," said Boxberger, whose \$23-million company has opened clubs throughout the country.

MCFADDIN VENTURE nightclubs operate a "conservative" policy toward liquor, Boxberger said. In the firm's 30 clubs throughout the country, each week it provides about 100 free taxicab rides to intoxicated drivers, he said.

Boxberger said Wheeling's Restaurant Row — a Milwaukee Avenue strip of restaurants that gives the village its reputation for fine dining — would be an ideal location for the club, that would make an estimated 75 percent of its sales in liquor and 25 percent from a light food menu offering pizza and sandwiches.

"We won't draw people away from the restaurants, but we'll play off them," Boxberger said.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said he favors McFaddin's informal proposal — a proposal that must be made in an application before the board can formally consider it.

"Wheeling needs an outlet for entertainment," Markus said. "We have had a great deal of success in bringing residents from other suburbs here. We get them here, but we don't keep them here."

The village trustees, in an informal poll, said that if the club obtains more parking, they would favor the entertainment business that would operate until 2 a.m. weekdays and 3 a.m. weekends.

New electoral slate aims opposition at multifamily homes

by Maribeth Vander Weele
Herald staff writer HERALD 12-12-84

A second slate of candidates — one opposed to more multifamily housing — announced plans Tuesday to run for the Wheeling Village Board.

Dubbed the People Organized for Wheeling Party (POW), the slate is headed by village presidential candidate Edward Main, whose bid makes the April election for village president at least a three-way race among Main, Village President Sheila H. Schultz and Wheeling Trustee Roger A. Powers.

A possible fourth contender is former Village President William Hein, who lost to Schultz in 1981 by 94 votes.

The POW slate includes clerk candidate Deborah Roseman, president of the Tahoe Homeowners Association, and for trustee, Christine Dolgopol, secretary of Wheeling's Plan Commission; Gregory Klatecki, a Holmes Junior High teacher; and Bing Zielka, secretary of Wheeling's Appearance Commission.

THE FIVE WILL campaign on a platform opposing more multifamily housing in the village, although the slate is not officially backed by Citizens Against More Multifamily, a group formed to fight the conversion of the Arlington Country Club into a condominium, apartment and town house complex.

"We're going to be looking for some support in that area, but we are not handpicked by (the multifamily group)," Main said.

The terms of trustees William A. Rogers, Joseph W. Ratajczak and Powers, and the clerk position of Elizabeth L. Hartman, who announced her candidacy for trustee

Monday, will expire in April.

Rogers and Ratajczak are running for re-election. Powers has not yet revealed his slate.

The general manager of Striker Lanes in Buffalo Grove, Main said, "The current administration has turned their eyes away from the people."

MAIN SAID THE current village board has acted against the wishes of its constituents in several recent issues. He cited the examples of the controversial Arlington Country Club, the planned construction of low-income housing in Wheeling and Wheeling's joint purchase with Prospect Heights of the Pal-Waukee Airport.

The 40-year-old Wheeling man, a resident for almost 10 years, has been a member of the Wheeling Appearance Commission since 1980 and became its chairman this year.

Dolgopol, 42, an economic development specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce, said she will focus on the multifamily issue in a village where 70 percent of housing is multifamily.

Zielka, 35, an industrial engineer with the Northrop Corp., a defense contractor in Rolling Meadows, served on the Wheeling Appearance Commission in 1978 and was elected its secretary in 1979. He has been the deputy committeeman for the Wheeling Township Republican Organization since 1978.

Klatecki, 43, is a science teacher, activities director and wrestling coach at Holmes Junior High School and teaches religious instruction at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Wheeling.

Roseman is a former school teacher.

Cultural hurdles called key to woes

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — An ad hoc committee, created by the village to investigate persistent problems at an apartment complex with a largely Hispanic population, is citing "cultural differences" as the major obstacle that must be overcome before conditions can improve.

The group, named to look into the situation at Wildwood Apartments, at Dundee Road and Wheeling Avenue, includes clergy and neighbors of the complex. The buildings have been cited for maintenance and building code violations in the past, and neighbors have complained about noise, public drinking and disturbances by tenants.

Village officials, however, say building violation cases are routinely dismissed when compliance is achieved, even though records show the problems recur, and near-

by residents claim disturbances among tenants are escalating.

"It seems like it comes back to haunt us all the time," Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey testified at the committee's first meeting Monday, Nov. 26.

TOM FENNEL, Wheeling building, housing and zoning administrator, said the village, prompted by complaints, inspected all the Wildwood apartments in the spring of 1981. He said that about half of the 90 units in the five-building complex were found in "unlivable condition" and the apartments were ordered cleared and refurbished. But compliance continues to be less than entirely successful.

Last August, following the latest round of inspections, village health and building officials issued 11 citations covering 35 alleged violations, mainly for broken windows, screens and gutters, littered hallways and stairwells, and needed repairs to the roof and electrical systems. All of these charges were later dismissed, frustrating officials in their efforts to clean up this long-standing problem.

The poor conviction rate, Kimsey said, is the result of multiple ownership of the buildings, combined with a transient and overcrowded tenant population that is hesitant to alert authorities to ongoing violations.

ONE WILDWOOD resident told the committee that overcrowded conditions prevail at the complex, where 10 to 15 people often share an apartment.

"It happens all the time," she said.

The woman also said there was a problem with prostitution at the apartment complex. Police, who confirmed the complaint, have also responded to citizen complaints of public drinking and excessive noise, along with calls about domestic violence.

Christine Dolgopol, a committee member who lives across from the Wildwood complex, said the problems associated with Wildwood are increasing and show no signs of letting up.

"Every summer the problem escalates," she said, "and frankly I do not see an end in sight."

The ad hoc committee indicated it would be exploring the problem from more of a social approach, rather than a law enforcement perspective. Members will be researching how other communities have dealt with similar problems involving language and cultural barriers.

"It's a cultural difference and it will take time and education to resolve," said Sister Catherine Gibbons, who works with Hispanics through St. Joseph the Worker Church.

Acknowledging that many of the tenants are migrant workers who do not feel a commitment to the community, Gibbons questioned whether the village has extended enough of a helping hand to aid the transition. "What is our commitment in Wheeling to provide for them?" she asked.

Resolve airport dispute or lose funding: IDOT

by Elida Witthoeff
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Prospect Heights and Wheeling could lose federal funds to buy Pal-Waukee Airport if both sides don't reach agreement soon on how to run the airport.

That stern warning came from Illinois Department of Transportation

officials who met Wednesday with representatives of both towns.

In addition, Robert L. Donahue, director of IDOT's aeronautics division, told municipal officials that failure to agree could also disqualify both towns from the airport purchase, leaving the state to buy the airport.

In a letter sent to Donahue, Federal Aviation Administration officials

said they are "quite concerned with the slow progress" being made as the two towns try to hammer out an agreement on how Pal-Waukee will be operated as a public airport.

Donahue said an agreement must be reached by Feb. 1 or the project could lose its funding.

"IT WILL HAVE been six months since we signed the agreement,"

Donahue said. "If we haven't moved forward by that time, I really expect they (FAA officials) would not process a grant application. We have great concern about that."

Both towns have agreed to have their attorneys meet to discuss major sticking points in the agreement and to report back by Dec. 12.

It has been nearly three months

since the two towns signed an agreement to buy the airport, but almost weekly negotiating sessions have failed to yield an agreement. Two points appear to be separating the towns: how tie votes among the proposed eight airport commissioners will be resolved and whether elected officials will serve on the commission.

Wheeling postpones action on Lexington plan

REMINDER NEWS 11-22-84

By MICHAEL COMERFORD
Members of an organized group of homeowners vowed Monday night at the Wheeling Village Board meeting that they will not swallow the "bitter pill" of the proposed development of Arlington Country Club without a fight.

However, it still remains to be seen whether the 131-acre multi-family Lexington development will be a "bitter pill" or good medicine.

The board meeting, packed with between 150 to 200 people, ran until after midnight as board members listened to unanimously negative feedback about the

project from the audience. Because of the late hour, the board tabled its final decision on the project until Dec. 5.

A member of Concerned Residents Against More Multifamilies, Tom Judy, promised lawsuits and voter retaliation if the plan is approved. He said that CRAMM objects to adding more multi-family dwellings because it would hurt the character of the community. He said that real estate brokers have testified that these units would be very difficult to sell.

"If you (the Wheeling board) vote for this plan then you better be prepared to do battle in April (election time)," said Judy.

"If this passes, then we will see you at the polls and see you Mr. Benach (president of Lexington Development Inc.) in court."

CRAMM attorney, Donald Kreager, added that the legal battle would also be expensive.

"There are many, many people, with deep pocket books who will do what they have to fight this."

Lexington Development Inc. has proposed 480 rental apartments in 30 16-unit, two-story buildings along the west and southern boundaries of the site.

The builder also proposes 376 condominium units in four 8-unit, two-story buildings, similar to what exists now in Lexington Commons off Old McHenry Road near Cedar Run in the village. The condominiums would be primarily situated in the center of the property.

Finally, there are 168 townhouse units planned along the northeast and east boundary of the site. These would be one- and two-story buildings in three- to six-unit buildings.

There are four recreational facility sites scattered throughout the development. Three of these are pool and cabana units, and the fourth is a recreation building and pool.

The Wheeling board is considering an agreement to annex the land. Because the land is more than 60 acres, the owner must agree to the annexation.

Buffalo Grove Village Board Trustee Bobbie O'Reilly told Wheeling board members at Monday's meeting that they need not fear that Buffalo Grove will steal the development from them. She said the plan, as proposed, is not in the best interest of the surrounding area.

"Buffalo Grove is not a threat to you. We

are not interested in accepting this development at a density of 8.1 (units per acre)" said O'Reilly. "You are in the driver's seat and we (the Buffalo Grove board) urge you to drive."

The Buffalo Grove board's objections to the development include its density, which board members say should be between four and seven units per acre and preferably less than six units per acre.

The proposed plan includes two exit points, one onto Buffalo Grove Road at Golfview Drive and the other onto Dundee Road in front of the Cambridge on the Lake complex. Both are in Buffalo Grove proper. The Buffalo Grove board has expressed concerns that the traffic study done for the developer, Lexington Development Inc., underestimates the traffic problem that the site will produce.

O'Reilly also said that Buffalo Grove would like to see the responsibilities of the site's floodway and floodplain to be guaranteed before approval.

She contended that Wheeling is giving too much away and that it should make the developer pay more for traffic lights at the entrances and for sewers.

Despite the Buffalo Grove board's statements that it is not interested in the land, Wheeling staff members weren't convinced.

"Although comments have been made that the village should not be cowed by the threat of development in Buffalo Grove, and Buffalo Grove has magnanimously "vowed" not to annex the property with a density of 10 units per acre, the facts are that the property is indicated on Buffalo Grove's Comprehensive Plan ... and Buffalo Grove has a recent history of

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Lexington development—

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aggressive growth and lenience on the standards of its Comprehensive Plan," said Bob Fialkowski, assistant village manager of Wheeling.

Fialkowski cites the following examples:

• Le Parc at Lexington Drive and Lake-Cook Road is being developed at 11.2 acres per unit despite Buffalo Grove's Comprehensive Plan calling for a maximum density of 10 units per acre.

• Chatham on Dundee Road, east of Old Arlington Heights Road, has developed at 10.7 units per acre despite lower-density building goals.

• Covington Manor, across from Chatham on Dundee Road, has developed at 9.13 units per acre despite a Comprehensive Plan calling for a maximum density of six units per acre.

• Although a major criticism of the Arlington project is that it is a multi-family project near single-family residences, all of the above projects in Buffalo Grove are adjacent to single family homes.

The staff members' recommendation to the board states that because the area will, in their opinion, be ultimately developed as a multi-family (because of the economics), the difference between Buffalo Grove's maximum allowable zoning of 7 units per acre and the requested 8.1 units per acre minimal.

The controversy between the two villages over the development prompted Wheeling Board President Sheila Schultz to say that Wheeling considers Buffalo Grove a good neighbor but also considers it as a possible competitor for this land.

"We are not anti-Buffalo Grove. They are good neighbors and we will keep their concerns in mind," said Schultz. "At the same time we have serious problems with

their zoning. They have zoned a 20-unit development near a Wheeling single-family development. We have evidence that their Comprehensive Plan is not sacred and they often vary from it."

Fialkowski said that the multi-family character of Wheeling is already set. He shows statistics that indicate that if all the remaining open land near the village were developed as single-family homes, then the ratio of multi-families to single-families would be 58 per cent multi-families to 42 per cent single-families. The current ratio is 70/30.

If Arlington is developed and open lands are developed according to the Comprehensive Plan, then the ratio would be 72/28.

The majority of the projects which contributed to that mix were approved by the village between 1969 and 1973, according to an in-house study conducted by the village of Wheeling.

Two charged with prostitution

HERALD B-5-84

Wheeling police Tuesday night arrested two women on prostitution charges at a village apartment complex.

Patricia Flannery, 19, 2643 N. Smithport, Chicago, and Marilyn B. Scott, 40, of 10106 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, were arrested at an apartment at 180 Wildwood, at 9:25 p.m., said Police Chief Michael Haeger.

Haeger said the arrests resulted from a three-week undercover investigation at the Wildwood Apartments

and was done in response to area residents' charges that prostitution was taking place at the complex.

Flannery was charged with prostitution and Scott was charged with soliciting for a prostitute. A third woman in the apartment was taken into custody by police, but was released without charges.

Haeger said the apartment was raided after an undercover officer was offered sex in exchange for money.

Continuing tiff delays agreement for Pal-Waukee

By Elida Witthoef

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With town leaders pointing the finger of blame at each other, Prospect Heights and Wheeling will try again this week to reach an agreement on how they will run Pal-Waukee Airport.

It's been nearly three months since the two towns signed the papers to purchase the airport. But almost weekly negotiating sessions have failed to yield an agreement dictating how Pal-Waukee will operate as a public airport. Major differences remain on two key points — whether elected officials from the towns should sit on the proposed eight-member airport commission and how the commission's tie votes will be resolved.

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz says elected officials should sit on the airport commission because of their accountability to the public. She also believes that ties can be negotiated, and a special tie-breaking mechanism is not necessary.

But Prospect Heights Mayor John E. Gilligan believes that citizens would be just as accountable as elected representatives. He also has said that a provision for breaking a tie must be included so the commission can't hold up the operation of the airport and impede the flow of revenue, which will help pay for Pal-Waukee's purchase.

REPRESENTATIVES from both towns will meet Wednesday with officials from the Illinois Department of Transportation to discuss the progress they've made. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

While no deadline has been set

for the agreement, Robert L. Donahue, director of IDOT's aeronautics division, said an accord should be reached by Feb. 1, 1985.

That's the date the towns must complete the next step of the purchase and file a request for federal funding for the second year of the project. The first phase of funding — \$6.8 million — already has been allocated, but none of the money can be spent until Prospect Heights and Wheeling agree on how they'll run Pal-Waukee.

Schultz says the village has an agreement and is waiting for Prospect Heights to make the next move in the negotiations.

"EACH TIME we came out to meet there were more things unresolved," said Schultz. "We were kind of committed to not towing in new material, yet each time we meet there's another new document."

"There is nothing more we can do," she said.

But Gilligan said city officials are also frustrated by Wheeling's failure to make changes in the agreement that Gilligan believes are vital.

"Because of a number of studies we know what we'd be satisfied with at a minimum. We talked about it early and it was pushed off the table," said Gilligan. "We insisted on bringing those things up long ago, and they aren't going to go away just because we haven't talked about them."

Both do agree, though, that the towns are committed to the project. "We'll be in it and we're going to stay with it," said Schultz.

"We'll be there whatever way is necessary without compromising our control of the airport," said Gilligan.

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William Rogers



Joseph Ratajczak



Elizabeth Hartman



Janet D'Argo

Schultz announces slate for spring elections

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz announced Monday the formation of the Wheeling United Party in preparation for the April 2 village elections. But the slate remained unopposed for only one day before another party announced its opposition.

The People Organized for Wheeling announced their opposition to Schultz's slate Tuesday, saying that the present board of trustees is unresponsive to the opinions of the public.

Schultz, who will seek re-election as

village president, denied that she has become less responsive to the public since her election in 1981 and stated that her tenure has been one of the most open in years.

"I don't think I have changed. I am every bit as responsive as I ever was," said Schultz. "But there is a difference between listening to the public, and bowing to immediate pressure."

Schultz speculated that POW's criticism of her is based on the fact that some close decisions did not go the way that they wanted them to go.

"If people don't get the response they want, then they start to feel you are unresponsive," said Schultz. "We (on the board) consider the needs of the whole community. We don't just respond to the immediate opposition."

Schultz's Wheeling United Party also consists of Trustee Bill Rogers, and Trustee Joseph Ratajczak running as incumbents to retain their present positions. Elizabeth Hartman, village clerk, will seek a trustee's job. Janet D'Argo, a long-time resident of Wheeling and a community activist, will be running

for the village clerk's position left open by Hartman.

Trustee Roger Powers has announced that he will run for village president. However, he has not announced a slate of candidates.

In response to the challenge by Powers, Schultz said that he does not have a good record on the board and she doubts his qualifications.

"I doubt he even knows what the position involves, outside the regular Monday meetings (from which) he is conspicuously

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Ed Main



Bing F. Zielka



Christine Dolgopol



Debbie Roseman

Former Schultz backers form opposition slate

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

The People Organized for Wheeling party exploded something of a political bomb Tuesday as members announced the formation of the party to challenge the political hierarchy on the village board.

POW members said their goal will be to protect the interests of the homeowner. This issue has been closely associated with a group of organized residents called Concerned Citizens Against More Multifamilies. However, POW candidates

say they are not members of CRAMM.

POW's announcement caught the other contenders for the board by surprise. Village President Sheila Schultz said she hopes that the issue of Wheeling's ratio of single-family homes to multi-family homes isn't the only issue in the race.

"I don't know what this will mean. I am a bit surprised," said Schultz. "I just hope this doesn't mean a return to single-issue politics. There are so many areas that need to be addressed."

Trustee Roger Powers has announced that he will soon be naming a slate of candidates that will run with him. He has also announced that he is running for the office of village president. The formation of the POW slate also caught him by surprise.

"I didn't expect it," said Powers. "I won't know what kind of effect this will have on the race until the issues are better defined. But it is generally considered that three choices are usually better than one."

Former village president William Hein said that he is considering the possibility of entering the race for either village president or trustee. He said that former supporters have been urging him to run but he has recently been busy with his businesses. He said that he has not been approached by Powers to run on his slate.

The new addition in the race for the presidency of the village is POW's Edward H. Main, chairman of the Wheeling

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Schultz announces slate for April elections—

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absent. I don't consider him one of the constructive members of the board," said Schultz.

Involvement in the controversial administration of former village president William Hein has left Rogers open to criticism that he would meddle with the responsibilities of the village manager, according to Schultz.

"I think he would go back to the old way of interfering with the administration," said Schultz.

Powers said that the real issue should be what the different candidates can do for the village.

"I'm not going to run on what she did wrong, but on what I can do right in the next four years," said Powers.

Powers denied that he would govern as Hein did but he did say that he will try to make the office of village manager more accountable to the public and elected

officials.

He suggests that village trustees have a review process by which they can monitor appointments and other major administrative decisions that the manager can now make without board approval.

The most likely issues to be political dynamite are the debates over the recent purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport and the proposed development of the Arlington Country Club.

Although the Arlington Country Club issue has yet to be decided upon, Schultz denies that its political ramifications will affect the decisions of the candidates.

"Our decision on Arlington will not be based on political impact. It will not be a pre-election vote. It's got to be non-political," said Schultz.

Schultz said that the board's decision will be based on "the whole picture," which includes taking into account the history of the area, the local and village-

wide impact, and the implications of the alternatives.

The sheer number of incumbents on the Unity Party ticket could give it the advantage of experience against most other perspective candidates, and Unity Party candidates are quick to stress words like "continuity" and "consistency."

"I think that the village is really on solid footing. This slate represents stability in government and that is especially important in Wheeling," said Schultz. "There used to be a seesaw effect. There was a different philosophy each election," said Schultz.

The Unity Party has stressed its record and cites accomplishments in solid waste management, flood control, traffic control, comprehensive street program, senior citizens center, participation in the Lake Michigan water pipeline and tax incentives for Milwaukee Avenue development.

Rogers said that the village is much better off than it was four years ago. He said that density, traffic and parking have improved and deceleration lanes have been added.

"Development-wise we have improved the density figures, traffic problems are fewer, more parking and deceleration lanes have been added," said Rogers.

Although the Unity Party slate is sticking together on many issues, the candidates do not want to be painted as being block voters who will follow the party line.

"Every one of us has his or her own views. We are not a bunch of yes-men. We all try to keep independent and open minds about the issues. We all pursue and think about the issues in our own way. We are different people attacking a problem from different directions but we are usually able to come to similar decisions on what is best," said Ratajczak.

Former Schultz backers form opposition—

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Appearance Commission. He said that POW represents a cross section of the village and if elected would be more responsive to the wishes of the people of Wheeling.

The other candidates on the POW slate are Christine Dolgopoi, Secretary of the Plan Commission and member of the Wildwood Ad Hoc Committee, will run for trustee; Greg Klatecki, a community activist and teacher at Holmes Junior High School, will run for trustee; Bing F. Zielka, Secretary of the Appearance Commission, will run for trustee; and Deborah C. Roseman, President of the Tahoe Homeowners Association, will run for village clerk.

In a policy statement to the press, the party states that its goal is to "Protect the interests of all village of Wheeling homeowners—single family homes, condominiums, townhouses and mobile

homes."

When asked how renters and apartment dwellers will fare under their proposed policies, Main said that renters should be encouraged to buy homes in Wheeling when they decide to finally buy a home.

POW's claim that it represents a cross section of the village is based on the fact that each of the candidates comes from a different part of the village. Also, some live in multi-family complexes, others in single-family homes.

Critics point out that none of the POW candidate have experience on the village board, and none of the candidates rents an apartment.

POW candidates point to extensive experience on village commissions and committees, and have said that one of their goals is to increase the number of single-family dwellings in the village.

The candidates of POW admit that one of

the largest factors contributing to their interest in running for the board is the Arlington Golf Course issue. However, they say they are interested in a wide variety of issues.

Main said that the issues that convinced him and others to break with tradition and opt for a potential three-party race are concerns over the construction of low-income housing in Wheeling, the purchase of the Pal-Waukee Airport, the passage of the 1984 tax levy which was up 71 per cent over 1983's levy, and the proposed development of the Arlington Golf Course near Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads.

POW's candidates for trustee seem to have mixed thoughts about their opponents Trustee Bill Rogers, Trustee Joseph Ratajczak and Village Clerk Elizabeth Hartman.

"I agonized over whether I should run against Bill Rogers because I have respect

for the man. Sheila Schultz was the person who first asked me if I'd be interested in working for a commission," said Dolgopoi. "We just don't see eye to eye and we'll each have to go in different directions."

Zielka was a bit harsher on his opponents. He said he believes that philosophy and style of leadership are the main issues.

"People should vote for the philosophy that the number of multi-families should be reduced," said Zielka. "The present trustees are mediocre, at best, and are not very sensitive to the family needs of Wheeling."

POW members have said that they believe Schultz, who won in 1981 by only 94 votes, will be in a more vulnerable position in this election because some of her most active supporters during the last election are now either POW candidates or members of its campaign staff.

Golf-course plan wins OK—at last

WHEELING LIFE

By GARY ROBERTS 12-20-84
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Last-minute revisions lowering the density of a proposed multifamily development on the Arlington Country Club golf course led the Village Board to grant final approval for the 974-unit project Monday, Dec. 17.

The residential project, to be built in stages over several years by Lexington Development Corp., calls for 162 townhouses, 382 condominiums and 430 apartments on a 126-acre site at the corner of Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads.

After months of public hearings, and intense citizen outcry against the project, trustees annexed the previously unincorporated property and then granted the zoning needed to begin construction. The board changed the zoning for the residential development from single family to multifamily and also awarded commercial zoning for a five-acre strip along Dundee Road for a shopping center.

The Village Board also granted variations concerning street and parking restrictions. The final plan will provide 2.38 parking spaces per

unit overall, while village requirements call for 2.45 spaces per unit.

THE APPROVED plan was the fourth revision in the last six months. Lexington earlier had requested permission to build 1,256 housing units, but opposition from nearby residents and a mixed response from village commissions forced developers to downscale their plan.

Lexington came to Monday's meeting with a 998-unit development proposal, but again was faced with board opposition on the issue of density, especially in the area targeted for apartments.

Trustee Charles Kerr, pointing out that the plan called for a density of 11.4 units per acre in the apartment section, asked Lexington to trim 50 more units to avoid overcrowding.

"When we're talking about units, we're really talking about people and that's where they are going to be crammed in," said Kerr. "I don't think we will satisfy everyone — through no stretch of the imagination — but I think it will help soften the blow."

LEXINGTON PRESIDENT Ronald Benach, noting that the previous compromise had already lowered the overall density of the project, was hesitant to eliminate more units. "Economically, it begins to slip away from us," he said. "I don't see how we can take the loss of 50 more units."

But when apartment density became the sole stumbling block, Benach agreed to trim 24 additional apartment units, reducing the overall density for the project to 7.7 units per acre.

"We went beyond what we expected," said Benach, but added that the final plan was a "fair and equitable compromise."

Another 11th-hour concession calls for Lexington to construct a sidewalk on the north side of Dundee Road across the development west to Schoenbeck Road. Benach said construction on the project could begin in the spring.

TRUSTEE ROGER Powers, the lone objector to the project, said he opposed the plan because of density and potential traffic congestion on
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Golf course plan OK'd

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Dundee Road.

Powers said the hundreds of people who testified during the public hearings, warning of problems that would arise from another multifamily development on Dundee Road, provided first-hand knowledge of the potential dangers.

"When you have 200 people opposed to it, it indicates to me that I could not be totally wrong," said Powers.

A citizens' group opposed to the project, CRAMM (Concerned Residents Against More Multifamily), will meet this week to decide if it will take its protest into court. CRAMM member Thomas Judy said Tuesday that legal action is probable, saying "it looks that way now."

Other opposition during the hearings came from the Wheeling Park District, which wanted more open space, and from the Village of Buffalo Grove, which was concerned over the density and the need for more police and fire protection on its eastern border.

Lexington project vote held off

HERALD-12-7-84

Citing a host of unresolved issues on the conversion of Arlington Golf Club into the village's largest multi-family complex, the Wheeling village board has delayed a final vote on the proposal until Dec. 17.

That decision followed a 4½-hour meeting Wednesday on plans by Lexington Development Co. to turn the 131-acre golf course into a sprawling complex of 1,024 condominiums, apartments and townhouses.

About 175 residents, many of them from neighboring Buffalo Grove, attended the hearing to register their concerns about the size of the project and its impact on local roads and surrounding property values.

AMONG THE unsettled issues are a request from the village for sidewalks to be built along the cul-de-sacs of the development. The village also wants a ceiling of 47 percent to be set on the number of rental units that are allowed at the complex, lo-

ated at Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads.

"None of the details seemed insurmountable," said Chicago attorney Lawrence A. Freedman, who represents the developer. "The concepts didn't seem that difficult. Now we have to work out the language."

Also a concern is the installation of traffic signals at the development's exit on Buffalo Grove Road.

THE VILLAGE will determine if it's possible for Wheeling to pay for the stoplight — a move that would speed its installation — and later be reimbursed by the state, said Robert W. Fialkowski, Wheeling's director of community development.

Usually the state, which has jurisdiction over Buffalo Grove Road, does not install traffic lights until traffic volumes warrant them, he said.

Trustees also are asking Lexington to place restrictions on any future

sales of apartments in the complex.

"We want to prevent the situation where a subdivision is sold by buildings and it becomes a real tacky problem on how to take care of the common areas," said Village Manager Thomas M. Markus.

Freedman said he will incorporate those and other suggestions into the proposed annexation agreement. His proposal will be reviewed by village staff before the Dec. 17 board meeting, Fialkowski said.



'Meeting of minds' reached on towns' airport differences

by Eida Witthoef HERALD
12-8-84
Herald staff writer

The attorneys trying to solve the differences between Prospect Heights and Wheeling on how to run Pal-Waukee Airport say a "meeting of the minds" has occurred on the major issue separating the two towns.

Wheeling Village Attorney James A. Rhodes said he has met with Prospect Heights City Attorney Donald J. Kreger and the two are "in basic agreement" on the issue of a mechanism to break tie votes between the two municipalities once they purchase the airport.

But Rhodes refused to reveal any details of his discussions with Kreger, pending his report to Wheeling village officials.

Kreger also said the two had "reached a meeting of the minds," but also refused to discuss the details.

"I've met with Kreger, and Kreger and I have talked and we're in basic agreement. Now he must go back to his people and I have to go back to mine," said Rhodes. "We've come to a meeting of the minds. The question is whether the boards in both towns will agree."

OFFICIALS FROM Prospect Heights and Wheeling ordered the two attorneys to meet and try to re-

solve the differences after months of meetings between the municipal officials did not yield an agreement.

Prospect Heights officials have insisted a mechanism to break ties between the towns be included in any agreement, so important decisions on running the airport are not held up, impeding operations or the flow of revenue from Pal-Waukee.

But Wheeling officials have said most of the major decisions surrounding the airport will be bound by the purchase agreement signed with state and federal officials and there will be little need for a way to break ties.

Rhodes said he expects to discuss the matter with Wheeling officials before both towns are scheduled to meet again Wednesday.

Both face pressure to reach an agreement soon. Late last month, state transportation officials warned that failure to agree could mean a loss of federal funding for the airport's purchase and could disqualify both towns from the deal. The state has set a Feb. 1 deadline for the agreement.

Officials from Prospect Heights and Wheeling will meet to further discuss the attorneys' negotiations at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Prospect Heights City Hall, 4 E. Camp McDonald Road.

Pal-Waukee governing board talks stall over number of seats to have

COUNTRYSIDE 12-6-84

The attorneys for Wheeling and Prospect Heights will meet next week for a "brainstorming session" in order to come up with solutions to their differences over how Pal-Waukee Airport should be run.

Wheeling Village Attorney James Rhodes said that he and Don Kreager from Prospect Heights will meet to discuss what the airport's governing commission will look like.

Wheeling village board members have objected to Prospect Heights's plan for a seven-member commission. Prospect Heights has suggested that three members come from each community and the tie breaker could be alternately selected from each community.

Wheeling board members have objected to this idea because Prospect Heights suggests that the first tie-breaking member, with a four-year term, should come from Prospect Heights.

In addition, Wheeling board members have proposed an even-numbered governing commission which would, because of its lack of tie-breaking ability, be forced to come to mutually acceptable compromises between the two communities.

Prospect Heights officials object to this because they believe the governing board would often be deadlocked.

construction would be completed before 1990.

Village ice house slips from historical value

by Renee Goldstein HERALD
12-8-84
Herald correspondent

The Wheeling park board plans to tell village officials it has no interest in preserving an ice house behind a Milwaukee Avenue restaurant, considered by some to be a landmark.

Representatives from the Wheeling Historical Society and village say the building on the Crab House Restaurant property, 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., is so run-down it is not worth the money needed to move and restore it.

The park board's decision almost certainly spells the demise of the 100-year-old structure once used to store ice hauled in from the Des Plaines River and the only one of its kind still standing in the Chicago area.

The village board will make the final decision on the fate of the building. It is currently mulling over a request from Crab House owner Robert Chin to put additional parking on the site. The Wheeling Plan Commission

has reversed an earlier recommendation it made that the ice house be left alone for one year so someone could have the opportunity to move it to another locale, and it is now urging that something be done sooner.

AT FIRST representatives from the Historical Society thought the building might be worth saving, but backed off from that stand after they inspected it and discovered that many of the original parts of the structure such as doors and roofs are no longer there.

"The insulation is gone. The boards are rotted away," reported Bob Buerger, a member of the Historical Society. Buerger said he doubts the ice house could even survive a move, stating the structure is so run-down it would probably fall apart.

Estimates to move and restore the building have run as high as \$150,000, and park officials made it clear Thursday night they don't want to assume that kind of cost.

Public speaking HERALD 12-13-84

● After receiving stern warnings from state aviation officials that failure to agree on how to govern Pal-Waukee Airport could disqualify both towns from the deal, Prospect Heights and Wheeling ordered their attorneys to meet and try to negotiate an agreement. After meeting with Prospect Heights City Attorney Donald J. Kreger, Wheeling Village Attorney James A. Rhodes said: "I've met with Kreger and Kreger and I have talked and we're in basic agreement. Now he must go back to his people and I have to go back to mine. We've come to a meeting of the minds. The question is whether the board in both towns will agree."

Schultz unveils

slate HERALD 12-11-84
by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village President Sheila H. Schultz Monday announced plans to run for re-election, bringing with her a slate of three incumbents and one political newcomer.

Listed on Schultz' slate for three trustee positions open in April are trustees William A. Rogers and Joseph W. Ratajczak and Elizabeth L. Hartman, village clerk for the last four years.

Campaigning for clerk on her first foray into village politics is 54-year-old Janet M. D'Argo, a bank teller at Hoyne Savings and Loan Association in Wheeling.

The 54-year-old Schultz will face 49-year-old Roger A. Powers, a village trustee, in her candidacy for a second four-year term as village president. Powers, who said he would run for village president this summer, said he will unveil his slate for trustees and clerk in about a week.

A THIRD possible contender, former village president William Hein, said he will decide whether to run again for village president "right after Christmas."

"An awful lot of people called and encouraged me to run," Hein said. "But I have some new business interests I'm looking after. I opened the Tire Pro Shop (in Wheeling) in February."

Schultz served as a trustee for two years before defeating Hein in 1981. Her 94-vote victory was sweetened when two of three trustees and the village clerk on her slate won.

Schultz listed as her first-term accomplishments the construction of the three-part senior citizens complex, the first comprehensive street program, the internal improvements for Lake Michigan water and the Milwaukee Avenue redevelopment plan.



SHEILA SCHULTZ

SHE CRITICIZED Rogers for "non-involvement" in village affairs.

"I've yet to see anything constructive come from Roger Powers," Schultz said, charging that Powers is uninformed on village and northwest suburban issues. "He puts in appearances at village meetings and that's it."

Rogers, a teacher at Regina Dominican High School, declined to comment on Schultz' candidacy, but said he advocates more aggressive marketing of village open space for single-family homes or light industry and more long-term financial planning for the village.

Running with Schultz are incumbent Rogers, 58, a purchasing manager for the textbook firm Scott Foresman & Co. of Glenview, and Ratajczak, 42, a process control computer programmer for the Kitchens of Sara Lee in Deerfield.

HARTMAN, 53, who said she decided four years ago to run for trustee in 1985, is a member of the Friends of Harper, the American Association of University Women, and the Sierra Club, and holds no other job than clerk.

D'Argo is a member of the executive board of Disabled Individuals Serving the Community in Wheeling Township, a volunteer for Companions Helping Understand Multiple Sclerosis and a member of the Catholic Women's Club of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Wheeling.

Business center OK tops voting

HERALD 12-11-84

The month of November in Wheeling marked the approval of preliminary plans for the long-delayed construction of Edgebrook Business Center, a \$20-million industrial park to be built north of Dundee Road between the Soo Line R.R. and Wolf Road.

Construction of the 14-acre industrial park north of the Wheeling Drainage Ditch was halted in 1978 when the federal government said it would worsen the village's flood problems.

Des Plaines developer Mario Egidi successfully contested the flood plain designation and his preliminary plans sailed through the village board.

The board also declared its intent to issue \$1.85 million in economic development revenue bonds to Custom Tapes Inc. for improvements the company plans to make on its Wheeling office building.

The board in November also waived \$243 in village fees for the Wheeling Park District on its Horizon Park project and agreed to buy two

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY						
	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
Selected decisions from the village board meetings of Nov. 5 and 26.						
To approve preliminary plans for the Edgebrook Business Center, a 14-acre industrial park. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES
To tentatively intent to issue \$1.85 million in economic revenue bonds for Custom Tapes Inc. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To waive \$243 in village fees for the Wheeling Park District for construction of Horizon Park. (Passed 4-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	PRESENT
To purchase two police squad cars for \$21,000 (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES

police squad cars for about \$21,000.

Despite a lack of a decision, the village board spent much of the month discussing a proposal from Lexington Development Co. to build homes on

the Arlington Golf Club.

Lexington, an Arlington Heights firm, plans to build a sprawling 1,024-unit condominium, apartment and town house complex there but

needs board permission to annex the unincorporated 131-acre property to the village and change the zoning.

The annexation agreement will be reviewed again by the board Dec. 19.

Wheeling fines 3 stores for selling liquor to minor

WHEELING LIFE 12-27-84

THE VILLAGE Liquor Commission last week levied fines against three businesses that sold liquor to an underage law enforcement officer.

Walgreens, 548 W. Dundee Road, was cited for its second offense in the last year and was fined \$500 by the Liquor Commission. In addition, the liquor license for Walgreens was suspended for three days beginning Jan. 4.

The Tahoe Village Pharmacy, 1760 Hintz Road, and Mark Drugs, 303 E. Dundee Road, were both fined \$350 for a first offense.

All three defendants were found guilty Sept. 6 in criminal court for the same offense. Additional fines

were imposed by the courts.

AT THE Liquor Commission hearing, Village Prosecutor Steve Handler said he sought stiff fines to discourage similar problems in the future.

"We should send a message loud and clear to liquor establishments that the village will not tolerate the sale of liquor to minors," said Handler.

The incidents stem from an August police undercover operation when a 20-year-old community service officer attempted to purchase a six-pack of beer at six different village liquor stores. Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said the three stores charged with selling

liquor to minors did not request proper identification from the buyer.

Haeger said his department has been conducting "selective enforcement" activities with an undercover officer for the past two years to ensure that liquor stores are abiding by the law. He said compliance checks are made at businesses where citizens have reported there are problems.

"On occasion there has been a problem in the village with sales to minors," Haeger said. "The police department is urging liquor stores to make an effort to card those people whose ages are truly in doubt."

Two slates WHEELING LIFE 12-13-84 seek office

WHEELING — Though winter has not yet officially started, the first sign of spring has surfaced. Rival slates have been announced for the April 1985 village elections.

Village President Sheila Schultz declared this week she will seek re-election next spring as part of the new Wheeling United Party.

Schultz's running mates vying for trustee positions include incumbent trustees William Rogers and Joseph Ratajczak, and newcomer Elizabeth Hartman, who is completing a four-year term as village clerk. Janet D'Argo will run to fill the clerk's vacancy.

A second party has also fielded a full slate of candidates for the spring election. Members of the People Organized for Wheeling party include Ed Main for village president; Christine Dolgopol, Greg Klatecki and Bing Zielka for trustees; and Deborah Roseman for clerk.

Main is currently chairman of the Wheeling Appearance Commission, Dolgopol is secretary of the Wheeling Plan Commission, Klatecki is a teacher at Holmes Junior High School, Zielka is secretary of the Appearance Commission and Roseman is president of the Tahoe Homeowners Association.

FOUR YEARS ago Schultz, Rogers and Ratajczak swept to victory under the Wheeling Upward Party banner, defeating the majority of then-president William Hein's slate of candidates.

President Schultz said a "big issue" in the upcoming campaign will be the stability that the Wheeling United Party offers local government.

"I think it is encouraging that the
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in race

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people who have been involved want to continue serving the community," said Schultz.

"We are excited about what is happening in the village and want to see that continue."

Trustee Roger Powers, the lone ally of Hein to be elected in 1981, is also considering a bid for the village presidency in April.

Two sides reach compromise on Pal-Waukee

The attorneys for the Village of Wheeling and the City of Prospect Heights have met and have come up with a compromise plan for running Pal-Waukee airport.

Representatives of the two municipalities have been meeting for months over how the airport governing committee will be composed. Prospect Heights has proposed an odd-numbered board and Wheeling prefers an even-numbered board.

Wheeling Village Attorney James Rhodes refused to discuss the plan worked out with Don Kreager, the attorney from Prospect Heights, until the plan is presented to the elected officials of both communities.

"We've come up with a solution that we think is viable," said Rhodes.

Rhodes said that he will present the plan to the Wheeling Village Board on Monday, Dec. 17.

The urgency of the intergovernmental agreement was made greater by a notification from the state that if no agreement was worked out by Feb. 1, 1985, the state might take over the running of

the airport.

However, Rhodes said such an action is unlikely and that an agreement may be reached as early as the first week in January.

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WILDWOOD AD HOC COMMITTEE

Members of the newly formed Wildwood ad hoc committee have met and say that by their next meeting, on Jan. 8, they hope to have more members.

The committee hopes to attract representatives from the various school districts in the area and residents of the Wildwood complex itself, according to Steve Minnema, a minister at the Community Presbyterian Church in Wheeling.

The complex, on Dundee Road near Wolf Road, has been the site of numerous complaints about loud music, crime, poor appearance and litter problems.

The committee was formed to study alternative solutions to the allegedly poor conditions at Wildwood.

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ICE HOUSE DOOMED

The Wheeling Park District, Village Board and Historical Society have given up hopes of saving the Wheeling Ice House which dates back to the 1800s.

The Ice House, which currently sits behind the Crab House Restaurant at 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, was inspected by members of the governing bodies who concluded that the structure is too rotten and unstable to be saved.

The Crab House Restaurant's owner, Robert Chinn, said that he plans to tear down the Ice House and add more parking space for his restaurant.

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OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

The Lake County Museum and Lake County Museum Association are hosting their third "Old Fashioned Christmas" program from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at the museum, on Route 176 about 7.5 miles west of Mundelein.

The program consists of the following: Natural ornament making workshop where visitors can make ornaments from

locust pods, teasels, grapevines and pinecones. Visitors can also make a Victorian Christmas card and postcard, take a horse-drawn wagon ride with Santa, listen to live folk music by Doug and Bonnie Isaacson-Miller from the Adler Cultural Center, enjoy refreshments and listen to Christmas stories.

There is a special admission of \$1 which covers all supplies and museum admission. Reservations can be made by calling the museum at 526-7878. The museum store, managed by the museum association, has been stocked with new merchandise, including handmade baskets, pillows, stenciled boxes, Victorian wrapping papers, notecards, candles made from antique glass molds, children's toys, etc. In addition, several handcrafted items will be raffled off that day. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the museum for its exhibits and programs. The store is open Sundays only, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call Rebecca Goldberg, museum supervisor, at 526-7878.

Wheeling eases parking restrictions

HERALD 12-28-84

Parking restrictions, which had left some multiple car owners in Wheeling in a "Catch-22," will be modified next week.

Cars had not been allowed to block the public sidewalk at the end of private driveways, forcing car owners with a shortage of driveway space into the street. But the village also

bans parking from 2 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the streets.

Village officials have agreed with a recommendation from Police Chief Michael F. Haeger and will allow cars to block the public sidewalk from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

WHEELING POLICE said they already have stopped enforcing the ordinance at night that bans parking on

public sidewalks. Residents previously received \$5 fines for parking over the sidewalk and risked fines for parking on the street overnight.

In recommending the compromise, Haeger said the night street parking ban allows police to detect out-of-area automobiles, decreases the number of abandoned vehicles and aids in snow removal and repairs of streets

and water lines.

And the sidewalk parking ban prevents pedestrians from being forced to walk in the streets, he told the board.

At any time, he said, parking on the driveway's apron — the area between the sidewalk and the street — is legal, as long as the sidewalk is not blocked.

Villages feud over housing proposal

WHEELING LIFE

By DAVVY NETCHIN
Correspondent 12-13-84

"I WILL not fight Buffalo Grove, I am not afraid of Buffalo Grove and I do not listen to threats, either court or political," Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz told an overflow audience at a special Village Board meeting Dec. 5.

The meeting was called so trustees could vote on annexation of a proposed residential development of the 131-acre Arlington Country Club property at Dundee and Buffalo Grove roads.

But after 4½ hours of discussion, no vote had been taken. The village staff was asked to revise parts of the proposed ordinances for reintroduction at a board meeting

as well as in response to statements by Buffalo Grove Trustee Elliott Hartstein.

The project has provoked controversy and opposition from many Buffalo Grove residents concerned over increased population density, flood control, traffic congestion and environmental impact. Many people have expressed a desire to maintain the property as a public park.

The proposed project, to be built in stages over several years by Lexington Development Co., would include apartment and condominium units as well as townhouses.

Court action by a citizens group calling itself CRAMM (Concerned Residents Against More Multi-family) has been threatened against the

approves the concerns have is what Hart- to Schultz.

"I DON'T think Buffalo Grove can claim that (it has) not been heard just because (it hasn't) received the answers (it) wants to hear," Schultz said.

"If either the public or press is trying to promote animosity between Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, they're going to be disappointed," she added.

"We're sensitive to our neighbors' concerns, we do listen, we do care," Schultz said, adding, "We will do what's good for the community as a whole. Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and the surrounding communities."

Residents opposed to the project expressed concern over a number of issues. Malanie Kowalski, 51 Old Oak Drive in Buffalo Grove, claimed that traffic impact studies done by Barton-Aschman Associates on Jan. 25, 1982 and on June 18, 1984, resulted in invalid survey results. "The study does not suffi-

ciently reveal the impact a development of this magnitude would have" on traffic, Kowalski said.

GERALD E. LINDGREN, representing Barton-Aschman, admitted that Kowalski was right in some of her criticism. But, Lindgren said, "I still feel very confident that these analyses...reflect a true condition" of the traffic impact.

"There will be times when there will be more congestion," Lindgren said, because "we can't put enough concrete on the ground to solve every problem every minute."

Terri Hulse, 917 Sunset, Buffalo Grove, pointed out a major discrepancy in estimates of annual net revenues Wheeling reportedly would receive from the project, which range from the \$5,000 projected by the village staff to \$127,000 projected by the developer.

OTHER SPEAKERS voiced concerns over parking density, danger-

ous crossing areas for children where no sidewalks are planned and unsightly "strip" shopping centers that might spring up near the development.

The standing-room-only crowd, estimated at 150 by one official, did enthusiastically applaud one suggestion.

Ben Brostoff, 225 Lake Blvd., Buffalo Grove, recommended maintaining the site as a park, with a swimming pool, tennis courts and jogging paths. He suggested calling it "Legacy Park" because the board would leave behind a legacy of responsible action.

But trustee William Rogers said the park districts of Wheeling and Buffalo Grove both have indicated that they do not have the financial resources to purchase and maintain the property.

AFTER LISTENING to the board debate the issues for three hours,

Geoff Goldberg, 200 Lake Blvd., Buffalo Grove, said, "The board is not addressing the impact of the project. They're dancing around the important issues. They're apparently committed to this project and I still don't understand why. The board seems to think that if it doesn't approve this, the sky's going to fall. That's their attitude."

"I haven't heard one resident ever speak in favor of this project, either from Wheeling or Buffalo Grove," Goldberg said.

Some speakers also indicated a willingness to accept single-family homes on the site, but Rogers said no builder has offered such a plan and that the board can only consider the current proposal.

Trustee Nicholas Fanella said public opinion has had some effect on the board's decisions and that there have been some major changes in the annexation agreement because of public opposition.

Wheeling

WHEELING LIFE 12-27-84

Angry residents, airport woes top list of pivotal year

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

THE YEAR 1984 will be remembered as a pivotal period for the Village of Wheeling; a time for facing up to major decisions head-on, but with the long-range consequences of these likely to remain unknown for years to come.

Topping the list was the much-debated decision in September to buy Pal-Waukee Airport. After more than five years of soul-searching, Wheeling officials opted to join Prospect Heights and the state in the shared acquisition of the facility.

Since the purchase was announced, however, problems have surfaced between the local sponsors on how to operate the airport. Agreement must be reached by a Feb. 1 deadline to allow for the release of federal funds, which will account for 90 percent of the approximate \$36 million purchase price. The state will pick up 5 percent of the remaining costs, while the municipalities share the other 5 percent.

OTHER DIFFICULT decisions concerned controversial housing developments that stirred the emotions of village residents. In February, approval was given to allow subsidized, low-income housing. The compromise measure, hammered out over months of public hearings, authorized the Cook County Housing Authority to build 13 residential housing units on four sites scattered throughout the vil-

lage. the congestion along Dundee Road and lower property values for single-family homes in the area.

One project that did not draw a negative response, however, was the construction of the Wheeling senior center, which had been delayed for over a year due to original cost estimates that exceeded budget allocations.

OTHER CONSTRUCTION projects continued in the village as

A look back at '84

lage.

Opposition to housing developments surfaced again when developers wanted to build an apartment and condominium complex on the Arlington Country Club golf course at Dundee and Buffalo Grove roads.

The 974-unit complex, approved Dec. 17, was opposed by residents who live near the country club. They jammed into the council chambers to protest the project which, they claimed, would add to

well. The second year of the four-year street improvement program totaled more than \$2 million, which was 37 percent above projected costs.

The Lake Michigan water project also encountered additional costs and delays. A rupture of the main reservoir in September delayed delivery of the lake water, now expected to arrive some time after Jan. 1.

With so much construction going on it should come as no surprise

that taxes are also on the rise. The real surprise will be in the amount of the increase.

In September, Wheeling trustees approved a 60 percent increase in the village tax levy, to be collected next year. Most of the increase is due to the Lake Michigan water project and the street rehabilitation program.

Other taxing districts also called for significant boosts in their tax levies. The Indian Trails Library District requested a 46 percent levy increase and the Wheeling Park District approved a 21 percent levy hike.

Similarly, High School District 214, which includes Wheeling High School, adopted a 10 percent increase in its tax levy from the previous year, while Wheeling Township School District 21 approved a 29 percent levy increase in August. The impact of all these increases will be felt next year when the tax bills arrive.

Also in District 21, John Barger took over the superintendent duties on Oct. 1 following the resignation of Carl Holmstrom.



Bumper to bumper

WHEELING AREA RESIDENTS got jammed in Palatine Road traffic as work crews extended a 3-foot-high barrier between the east and westbound lanes between Route 83 and Wheeling Road. The barrier, which went up this fall, is designed to cut down on head-on crashes.

Wheeling board okays Arlington development

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

The largest single planned development project in the history of Wheeling was approved Monday by the Wheeling Village Board as the developer agreed to cut the density figure to 7.7 units per acre.

The proposed development of the Arlington Country Club, near the corners of Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads, by Lexington Development Inc. was approved by the board after Lexington agreed to a series of compromises over density, parking, sidewalks and deceleration lanes.

Because the board approved the proposed development, Lexington can go ahead with its plans to buy the land and then annex to Wheeling.

At the meeting, Trustee Charles Kerr asked the developer to drop the density by 50 units and said that density was the most important issue of the project.

Lexington representatives agreed to drop another 24 units, all of which would be rental units. This compromise was acceptable to the board, which approved the plan pending the adjustment. Ronald Benach, company president, said that he

was not sure if he would scratch plans for one 16-unit apartment building or merely make the existing buildings less dense.

The 131-acre site will contain a 974-unit development that will include 162 townhouses, 382 condominiums and 430 apartments (the number of rentals will be locked in by the agreement). The condominiums would sell for approximately \$70,000 to \$90,000 per year, the townhouses for approximately \$90,000 to \$100,000 and the apartments would rent for approximately \$500 a month, according to Lexington estimates.

The density of 7.7 units per acre to which Lexington agreed is down from the originally proposed density of over 10 units per acre. The 22 per cent reduction in units meant that the developer had to drop 281 units from its original plan.

The new density figures project that the population of the complex will be approximately 1,690 people, according to rough estimates by the Wheeling Planning Department.

Because of the final compromise at the Monday meeting, the final site plan estimates for open space on the site, traffic

impact and financial impact on the village of Wheeling are not available. However, Wheeling village planners say they expect to see the final plans within a week.

The lone dissenting vote on the village board came from Trustee Roger Powers, who has announced his intentions to run for village president. He said that the density is still too high and the development will still cause traffic problems. The phased construction plan for the project means that large numbers of residents will be leaving the complex, before the development is complete, without the benefit of a traffic light, according to Powers. (See related story on Page 8.)

Other compromises that were made include Lexington's commitment to paying for 25 per cent of the costs of stoplights at the complex's exits at Old Oak Drive and Buffalo Grove Road, and at Cambridge on the Lake exit on Dundee Road. Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, the state and federal government would pick up the rest.

The developer also agreed to pay for left-turn lanes and deceleration lanes at both

exits.

The village allowed the developer to have a 2.38 parking spaces-per-unit ratio, less than the required 2.45 ratio, because the builder agreed to rule out recreational vehicle parking in the development and to reserve land for an extra 54 spaces if they are needed.

In addition, Lexington agreed to put in sidewalks along the cul de sacs in the development and along both Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads.

Wheeling Park District officials have already expressed their reluctant satisfaction with the open space ratios of the old plan. David Phillips, park district superintendent, said that he still had objections to Lexington's figures on the quality of open space and on the design of the property which creates no central recreational ground or pool.

Under that plan the park district would receive a \$221,000 donation from Lexington and an option to buy 11.5 acres in the southeast corner of the site. The money could be applied to buying between three to five acres at that site, according to park district estimates.

Election-year politics not a factor in Arlington vote, officials say

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

Take a businessman's plan to develop a golf course, throw in a healthy dose of neighborly concern from Buffalo Grove, a twist of bitter homeowners, a dash of pre-election spice, and you have got what is known as the Arlington Country Club stew.

From its very beginning until its approval on Monday night, the proposed development of the 131-acre site near the corner of Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads has been the stuff of which great political stews are made.

The decision to approve the development was hailed by Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz, who said that the fact that she and two other trustees are up for re-election soon, had no bearing on their decisions.

"The trustees looked at the project's impact on the immediate area and its impact on the rest of the village," said Schultz. Before the decision was made, she added that they would also consider the "alternatives."

One of the major alternatives the developer had if the plan was turned down was to go to Buffalo Grove with the project.

The more Buffalo Grove Village President Verna Clayton assured the Village of Wheeling that she would not consider a density of more than 6 units per acre, the more Wheeling planners pointed out that the Buffalo Grove Comprehensive plan allows for a 4- to 7-unit per acre development at that site. They suspected that members of the Buffalo Grove Village Board could have talked themselves into accepting a 7.75 unit per acre complex.

However, a group of homeowners calling

themselves Concerned Residents Against More Multifamilies (CRAMM), point out that the final density of 7.75 units per acre might not have been achieved if it were not for intense public pressure from both the residents of Wheeling and Buffalo Grove.

Members of CRAMM have said that the plan approved by the Wheeling village board is still unacceptable and they are considering legal action against the project. They say that the Wheeling Village Board's success in reducing the density of the project is due to pre-election pressure applied by the newly announced slate of village board candidates.

The People Organized for Wheeling party (POW) announced (one week before the Arlington Country Club decision) that it would challenge Schultz and trustees William Powers and Joseph Ratajczak in the next election. POW candidates say their party's central issue is to "protect the rights of the homeowners," and to fight the spread of multi-family developments. Edward Main, candidate for village president, said that he is not satisfied with the project as it is now.

The third candidate for village president, Trustee Roger Powers, echoed Schultz and said that his lone dissenting vote was not politically motivated. He said he has concerns over density and traffic flow.

The mixing of the stew began in April of this year as Lexington Development Inc. submitted its first plan for the site. The plan included single-family residences on a portion of the land. Then, for reasons still unclear, Lexington submitted another plan which consisted solely of multi-family

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dwellings.

CRAMM organized in opposition to that plan, drumming up enough interest to pack meetings on the issue. They hired a lawyer, who is also the village attorney for the City of Prospect Heights. While Donald Kreager was representing Prospect Heights in sensitive negotiations with Wheeling over the Pal-Waukee Airport purchase, he was also appearing before the Wheeling village board on behalf of CRAMM.

As Ronald Benach, president of Lexington Development Inc., went from park board meeting to plan commission meeting to zoning commission meeting, his plan for the development changed dramatically.

The 1,255 unit complex dropped to 1,024 units, then to 998 units, and finally to 974 units. The density dropped from more than 10 units per acre to 7.75 units per acre. Two five-story buildings were scratched from the plan and low density, high priced townhouses were planned for the eastern section nearest single-family homes in Wheeling.



Antique carriage collector Jack Thompson displays one of the carriages from the late 1880s that he is willing to donate to the Village of Wheeling. The Wheeling Park District and Historical Society are now studying the costs of displaying the antiques. (Staff photo by Bill Oakes)

Area resident donates antique carriages to Village of Wheeling

By MICHAEL COMERFORD

"Don't you hurry in the surrey with the fringe on top."

That line from the Broadway musical, "Oklahoma" describes the special pleasure that people got from riding in horse-drawn carriages, before automobiles were invented.

Now Wheeling residents will be able to recapture a bit of that pleasure. A local collector of antique carriages from the late 1800s has agreed to donate part of his collection to the Village of Wheeling.

To find a home for the antiques, the Wheeling Park District and the Wheeling Historical Society have agreed to form a joint, 12-member committee to study the possibility of acquiring an old coach house and several antique items from the late 1800s, specifically two carriages, a farm wagon, a hand plow and various farm equipment.

The donator, Jack Thompson, said that the estimated value of the antique equipment is between \$75,000 to \$100,000. He said that the only reason he isn't selling the goods is because he wants to see them stay in the area. His only stipulation is that Wheeling finds a place to shelter the equipment.

"I would like to see my carriages stay in the area," said Thompson. "They have to find a place for the carriages; they just can't sit outside. Deerfield built a new coach house for its carriages."

Thompson said that he is donating the antiques because he is moving but that collecting carriages and other horse-drawn antiques has been a hobby of his for nearly 40 years.

The proposed site for the antiques is

Chamber Park. Park officials and historical society members have said that a coach house would be a good addition to the area, which already features the Old Presbyterian Church and the old village hall.

However, the joint committee of park and historical society officials will study the costs and benefits of the project.

A preliminary estimate of the cost of moving the old coach house, from Thompson's residence at 4435 Lake Cook Road in unincorporated Cook County, to Chamber Park shows that the move could take \$3,500.

The alternative would be to build a new coach house; however, committee members have no solid figures on that yet. The advantage to a new coach house would be additional space. The historical society has blacksmith equipment, a sleigh, an old firemen's pumper and antique cars which could also be displayed.

Neither alternative would be very expensive, according to Bob Berger, a historical society member.

"I don't think a coach house would cost an awful lot. These things have historical value and it is hard to put a price on history," said Berger. "I do think that it would mesh very well with the farm history of this area."

Berger said that the antiques are especially valuable to Wheeling because much of the area's past has been sold off and moved to other parts of the country. He said the historical society is "enthused" by the prospect of keeping these remnants of Wheeling's past in Wheeling.

Wheeling approves condos

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by Maribeth Vander Weele

Herald staff writer

A \$60 million housing complex won the approval of Wheeling officials Monday after the developer agreed to reduce the number of dwelling units from 1,024 to 974.

Lexington Development Co.'s plans to convert the 131-acre Arlington Country Club into a condominium, apartment and town-house development had been bogged down by village concerns about dwelling density, which delayed a final vote twice.

The blueprint agreed upon Monday limits density to 7.75 units per acre — down from the 10-unit density the developer proposed when he first appeared before the Wheeling Plan Commission last summer.

"WE SPENT two sessions discussing various issues. None of them impact the board and the people of this village as much as density," Trustee Charles M. Kerr told Ronald J. Benach, president of the Arlington Heights development firm. "I think you can help the situation a little bit more."

Kerr and trustees Anthony Altieri Jr., Joseph W. Ratajczak, William A. Rogers and Nicholas R. Fanella approved Benach's requests to annex the property, rezone it for the project and relax some requirements on parking and other areas.

THE DEVELOPER also agreed to other changes in the project required by the village board mainly to improve traffic and ease congestion:

- The addition of a left-turn lane and a deceleration lane at both entrance roads to the development, one at Dundee Road across from Buffalo



Grove's Cambridge on the Lake housing complex and the other at Buffalo Grove Road across from Old Oak Drive.

- A commitment by the developer to front the money for traffic signals at both roadways if the state or Cook County agrees they are necessary but cannot afford to immediately pay the costs. The government will pay 75 percent of the cost with the developer paying the remainder.

- An overall increase in parking from 2.32 parking spaces per unit to 2.38, with land set aside for future parking space.

- The addition of sidewalks to the cul-de-sacs in the town-house section, the entrance from Buffalo Grove Road and the north side of Dundee Road.

- An increase in the width of the football-shaped road in the development from 35 to 39 feet.

- An agreement by the developer if he decides to sell the property, to sell it to no more than two owners.

- A ceiling on the number of apartment units at 430.

'Confetti' tossed at village

Nightclub plan unveiled

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

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WHEELING — McFaddin Ventures believes in mixing business with pleasure.

The Houston-based nightclub chain has expressed an interest in opening one of its fashionable singles bars in the Riverside Plaza at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

The fast-growing chain, comprised of 30 clubs nationwide and with an estimated net worth of \$23 million, is opening about one new club every month, said President Michael Boxberger. Last month, McFaddin Ventures unveiled its first Chicago-area club in Schaumburg, called Confetti, and is looking toward Wheeling as the home of another.

Prior to opening, however, the company must secure a village liquor license and a special-use permit to operate.

BOXBERGER RECENTLY appeared before the Village Board to test the waters on whether it is

feasible to pursue the Wheeling site.

Boxberger said his firm would spend \$1 million in renovating the 10,000-square-foot office space that is now vacant in the shopping center. This would include adding a 2,500-square-foot atrium that would add to the eclectic decor of the club.

Boxberger said the club would attract a singles crowd, ages 21 to 35, that is well-educated and upwardly mobile.

"Typically they are in their first job out of school with disposable income and they're still young enough to want to go out and dispose of it," said Boxberger.

He projected that the club would generate about \$400,000 in sales per month, three-quarters of which would come from liquor sales. In addition, a menu, featuring pizza and sandwiches, would be offered.

Roland Fulton, vice president of development services, said the club could open next summer if all vil-

lage permits are granted.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus said he was "enthusiastic" over the proposal, saying a nightclub would benefit Wheeling's 'restaurant row' along Milwaukee Avenue.

"In addition to the restaurants, we need an entertainment complex so the two types of businesses can play off of each other," said Markus. "We have a great deal of success in bringing people from other suburbs here. We get them here, but we don't keep them here."

Trustees also gave an approving nod to the project, but expressed concern over parking and liquor restrictions.

Boxberger said the village liquor license calling for a 2 a.m. closing time during the week, with an additional hour on weekends, would be "perfectly acceptable." He also indicated that parking would not be a problem because the surrounding shopping center does not use the parking lot during evening hours.

Omni House makes second request, gets \$4,000 more

Herald 5/17/83

Wheeling's village board approved giving an additional \$4,000 to the youth agency Omni House despite one trustee's warning that he was "disappointed" and it will "come back to haunt" the board.

Omni House returned to the board to ask for the increase in its \$40,000 grant. Executive Director Harry Wells said, because two new board members and a trustee absent at the original

budget approval might swing a second vote in favor of the increase.

The board voted 3-2 Monday to grant the \$4,000, but trustees William Rogers and Joseph Ratajczak voted against the increase for a second time. Charles Kerr, the trustee who originally proposed holding the agency's funding to last year's level of \$40,000, was absent from the meeting. Rogers proposed tabling the decision until the

whole board was present, but the board voted against that.

"I have no objection to Omni House," Rogers said. "But now I wonder if a lot of other people are going to come back and say, 'You voted not to fund us once but... We refused Shelter (Inc.) and other groups money.'

"I THINK WE are setting a precedent here. I'm disappointed in the

board and think it will be a move that will come back to haunt us."

New trustees Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Panella voted with Trustee Roger Powers, absent at the first vote, to approve the \$4,000 increase.

Len Requin, 773 N. Dennis Road, spoke against the increase pointing out that cuts have been made in many agencies and that the board had al-

ready discussed funding once.

"I think it's a slap in the face to the integrity of the board since they have already voted on this once," he said.

Omni House is a Wheeling-based agency that provides crisis help and counseling to youths in three townships. Its 1983-84 budget is approximately \$800,000, Wells said. Of that, \$346,000 is used in Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and Prospect Heights. Omni

House handles approximately 350 village residents in both Buffalo Grove and Wheeling, he said. Buffalo Grove approved \$45,500 in its 1983-84 budget, an 8.3 percent increase from last year.

A recent decision by the federal government to make all non-profit agencies pay social security, Wells said, has forced Omni House to provide \$36,000 annually for its 32 full-time staff members.

Pipeline easements cost \$150,000

5/23/83 Herald

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling is spending approximately \$150,000 to obtain easements and purchase land needed to lay pipelines for receiving Lake Michigan water, close to what engineers estimated the project would cost.

"We should have all the easements and land in hand by the middle of June," Village Assistant Manager Robert Flalkowski said. The village is purchasing four pieces of land and acquiring easement on another 14 to install

pipelines that will accept Lake Michigan water starting in the spring, 1984.

Only 190 feet of land still needs to be acquired to complete agreements on the 8,471-foot internal pipeline project. The village has contracts for 65 percent of the land now and preliminary agreements on another 32 percent, Flalkowski said.

ALTHOUGH THE village is spending less than originally planned for the pipeline that will bring in Lake Michigan water, Village President Sheila Schultz has said the saving probably

won't result in lower water rates or property taxes. Rebates to the citizens are unlikely but not out of the question, she said. It is possible the village will use the funds to finance delayed projects such as a sidewalk system.

So far the village has awarded three contracts totaling \$2.1 million for village water main construction — 14 percent or \$400,000 under original cost estimates — to handle the water coming in from the Lake Michigan pipeline.

Bids for the pipeline that will travel from Evanston to Wheeling, Buffalo

Grove, Arlington Heights and Palatine came in at \$54 million, 21 percent below estimates.

Wheeling still has to sign contracts for four water tanks estimated to cost from \$4 to \$4.5 million but Ya Tia Lin, a partner with the village's engineering company, expects those bids to also come in lower than original estimates.

In 1982, village officials trimmed an additional \$1.6 million off the cost of preparing the village's water system for lake water by revising engineering plans.

Wheeling's Schultz is AAUW Woman of Year

Reminder 5/19/83

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Long before the term "superwoman" became popular, Wheeling's Village President Sheila Schultz was successfully juggling career, family, home and community life.

Civic leader, mother of seven, working woman, community volunteer—are among the many hats that 53-year-old Schultz has donned during the past 25 years that she has called Wheeling her home.

Schultz was named "Woman of the Year" this week by the Buffalo Grove-Wheeling chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). She was awarded a plaque and feted Saturday at a luncheon at Chez Paul in Rolling Meadows.

"She was the unanimous choice of our executive board. Sheila Schultz seems to best represent the broadest involvement to her community; in her work with village government, her family and her church," said Mary Ann Forness, chairman of the AAUW's standing committee on women.

Schultz was selected from among five nominees who were recommended by more than 50 area social service and government agencies, schools and churches.

Schultz was recognized for her long-standing commitment and work to bring good government back to Wheeling, a village wracked by scandals and political feuds in the early 1970s.

"Her political involvement grew from volunteerism as a member of the Wheeling Village Public Relations Commission to her political work to clean up local politics," said Forness.

For more than a decade before her name first appeared on a ballot in Wheeling,



Sheila Schultz

Schultz was active in restoring open government to the village.

She won her first seat on the village board in 1979. Two years later, she ousted William Hein as village president with a slim 94-vote margin after a bitter and tough campaign.

Schultz said she is proud of her administration's work to improve and overcome a tainted image of Wheeling.

"We've worked to have open government in Wheeling, a community where all residents can be proud to live and raise their families," she said.

In receiving her "Women of the Year" award, Schultz said, "It's very gratifying to get such an award from a group of women that I respect for their studying and doing things. It's a quite an honor and a challenge to me. They've singled me out for their recognition and now I only hope I can live up to it."

No cyanide gas in Rinco plant

Herald 5/20/83

by Rena Wish Cohen

Herald staff writer

An Elk Grove Village silver recovery firm being investigated for cyanide-contaminated trash passed air gas tests Thursday, while officials continued to explore ways to clean up eight tons of cyanide-tainted waste produced by another firm.

Also Thursday, tests on 5,000 gallons of water removed from behind a vacant building in Des Plaines revealed a cyanide level of 850 parts per million — hundreds of times higher than the level generally considered acceptable for drinking water.

The probe is an outgrowth of a lawsuit filed by Illinois Attorney General Neil F. Hartigan last week against Film Recovery Systems Corp. of Elk Grove Village, a silver reclamation company accused of illegally storing cyanide-laden chips of film in 170 truck trailers throughout the Chicago area.

TESTS FOR hydrogen cyanide gas inside the plant at Rinco Corp., 1600 United Lane, Elk Grove Village, proved negative, said Philip Mole, director of the Cook County Department of Environmental Control. In contrast, Mole said, "huge quantities" of the gas were found at Film Recovery, where an employee died of cyanide poisoning three months ago.

The tests at Rinco were begun after officials earlier this week discovered a large open pile of possibly toxic plastic scraps inside the Rinco plant. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has not yet completed tests on those scraps, but Mole said Rinco uses a lower concentration of sodium cyanide than Film Recovery in its silver-extracting process.

Film Recovery salvages silver from scrap film and photographic film by cutting the film into chips and soaking it in a cyanide solution. Instead of detoxifying the leftover film, however, the firm allegedly loaded it into rented

trailers and parked them on land owned by truck-leasing companies. The chips could produce dangerous fumes if they ignited, officials say.

Of more immediate concern was a pool of contaminated water removed from behind a vacant building at 455 Jarvis Avenue, Des Plaines, that once housed Plaza Industries Inc., a third silver recovery firm under investigation. The cyanide level discovered in the water was "quite high," said Joseph Prince, regional toxicologist for the federal EPA.

PRINCE WOULD not say whether the water contained enough cyanide to kill but said someone who ingested it probably would suffer from "no get-up-and-go, headaches, maybe confusion and nausea."

Meanwhile, a tip about another possible violator in Wheeling proved unfounded. The warehouse where the company did business is empty, Mole said, and "there is no residue or evidence they were there recently." He

declined to name the company but said it was in the same business as the other firms under investigation.

A meeting was held in the attorney general's office this morning to finalize a plan for disposing of the contaminated chips. Options include incineration as well as neutralizing the poison with chemicals.

One neutralizing method apparently under consideration is the use of a chemical developed by Lawrence F. Johnson, Inc. of Elk Grove Village. Peter Johnson, the firm's vice president, said company officials contacted his company this week to discuss the process, which he said was preferable to incineration because it will not release toxic gases into the air.

County officials have begun making a list of the places where hospitals, photographers, lithographers and others send toxic used film. Mole said. These records will be used to monitor disposal practices to try to prevent further problems.

Trustees must decide

5/26/83 Reminder

Wheeling police fight change of hiring rules

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Wheeling village trustees will decide the fate of several proposed changes to the rules and regulations of the Fire and Police Commission which are already causing discord in the Wheeling police and fire departments.

The village board will be asked next month to approve the creation of at least two supervisory positions in the police and fire departments to be exempt from civil service and a requirement that all new police and firemen live within 20 miles of the village, under new guidelines proposed this week by the three-member Wheeling Fire and Police Commission.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger who recommended the changes in the rules and regulations to the Fire and Police Commission said he knows men in both departments are questioning the changes but that he believes the rules needed updating since the last revision in 1970.

He said the changes have been patterned after other communities and reflect a current trend among professional police and fire departments to exempt top management positions from civil service.

"As the chief of police, I want to be able to seek the most qualified men for this department. The major disadvantage with civil service is that it closes it off."

The police union, the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA), opposes the

new rule outright, alleging it will bring politics into appointments.

Members of the police department are signing petitions which state they oppose the proposed changes because "the potential for political abuse is maximized when the inherent safeguards of the Fire and Police Commission are eliminated."

The petition asks that all positions, with the exception of the police chief, remain under the jurisdiction of the Fire and Police Commission.

Under Illinois state statute, three-member civilian boards of fire and police commissioners appoint all officers and members of the fire and police departments, including chief, unless the board of trustees by ordinance gives the authority to appoint a chief to the village manager.

In other words, the commissioners control hiring, firing and promotion of police officers and firefighters.

The commissions are responsible for conducting written examinations for all persons applying to join their departments and then ranking the applicants according to their final grades for an eligibility list. Up to five points on the final grade can be added as preferential treatment to veterans and police cadets.

When openings in the departments come up, the commissioners are required to take the top name from the eligibility list. The

applicant must also fulfill physical and psychological requirements before he is deemed eligible.

The commissions, by their rules, must make similar procedures for promotion in the fire and police departments. All examinations for promotion are among the members of the next lower rank in that department. Promotions are made from among the three highest in merit and seniority in service and examination.

In recent years, however, several communities have begun to bypass the civil service requirements when naming top management and supervisors to police and fire departments.

The reasoning behind it is that top managers have a right to set up their own management teams as they do in the private sector.

Buffalo Grove, Palatine, Hoffman Estates and Barrington are among several neighboring communities which have exempt rank supervisory positions.

The Illinois Supreme Court in 1976 allowed Oak Park to circumvent the civil service system and appoint three deputy chiefs. It cited home rule power granted to communities with more than 25,000 in the 1970 state constitution.

The Federation of Police union had challenged Oak Park in court but lost in the decision which many interpret as granting home rule communities almost unlimited power to modify state statute on

hiring, firing and promotions.

Under the proposed rule changes of the Wheeling Fire and Police Commission, the position of lieutenant in the police department and the position of captain in the fire department would be eliminated. They will be replaced with the exempt rank of deputy chief.

It means the commission would no longer be responsible for the examination and promotion of candidates past the sergeant rank in the police department and the lieutenant rank in the fire department. The positions of deputy chief would be appointed by the police chief or fire chief, with the approval of the village manager.

The action of creating the exempt rank positions would open them up to job applicants from any police department. This is the union's strongest objection; that men who have served their entire careers with the Wheeling departments could lose promotions to outsiders.

Others argue it is ridiculous and archaic for anyone to believe that civil service should guarantee them a job for life or a promotion because of seniority.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he supports the rule changes of the Fire and Police Commission. "I think the majority of professional police and fire departments recognize the need for exempt rank positions. I believe it gives

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Holiday parade, service Monday

Memorial Day will be celebrated in Wheeling Monday with early morning cemetery memorial services and a 9 a.m. parade.

The parade begins at Walt Whitman Elementary School, 133 S. Wille Ave., travels north on Wille to Dundee Road, west to Wolf Road and then north to Chamber Park. Dundee Road will be closed temporarily.

Wheeling High School's band will be joined by members of village Brownie and Scout troupes and a Wheeling Fire Department truck. Representatives from Amvets Post 66 and the VFW Post 7178, both sponsoring the event, will be in the parade, along with some police and fire department officials.

POLICE CHIEF Michael Haeger will speak in the park after a short memorial ceremony by color guards from the two veterans organizations.

The color guards also will participate in early morning memorial ceremonies at Wheeling Cemetery, Arlington Heights Memory Gardens and Buffalo Grove's St. Mary's Cemetery.

The color guard unit will meet at



Wheeling Cemetery, on Dundee Road just east of Wolf Road, at 6 a.m. A 6:30 a.m. ceremony will follow at Memory Gardens, 2501 E. Euclid and veterans will meet at 7:15 a.m. at St. Mary's, 68 N. Buffalo Grove Road.

"Sometimes we get more veterans at those ceremonies than we do at the parade," VFW President Sonny Bradigan said. "I guess they find it a way to remember that this is our day."

A short prayer and rifle salute is planned at each cemetery.

Wheeling police —

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the manager of each department more authority.

"I don't believe we'd be bringing politics into appointments. In this day and age, we know the flaws of civil service and we should seek the best person for the position. I'm sure our officers are competitive with those from other departments," he said.

Markus said he expected the proposed rule changes to be before the village trustees sometime in June. He said trustees would receive a copy of all the rule changes along with recommendations from Haeger, Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen and the fire and police commissioners.

In addition to the exempt rank and 20-mile residency requirement other

proposed changes include:

- a two-year probation for all new officers, rather than the present one-year probation. The fire or police chief can also extend the probation for an additional year or the officer may be dismissed.

- a one-year probation for promoted officers. The fire or police chief can extend the probation for an additional six-months or the officer may be demoted to his original rank.

- a promoted officer may request a demotion to his original rank.
- veterans and community service officers, and other civilian employees of the department, can apply for an additional five points to their final grade when seeking to join the department.

Move to aid for youth agency illegal?

by Kathy Waugh

Special staff writer

Wheeling Trustee Charles Kerr said Friday the village board's decision to add \$4,000 to the budget for a youth agency may have been illegal.

Earlier this month, the village board voted 3-2 to grant \$40,000 to Omni House, Wheeling Township's youth bureau, the same as last year's level but \$4,000 less than requested. But last week, at the second meeting for two newly elected trustees, the board restored the \$4,000 on another 3-2 vote.

"I'm disappointed that they saw fit to change the decision of an experienced board over a new board with two new members who had only one meeting behind them," Kerr said. "I

also think this will set a precedent inviting every agency to return to the board for a second vote."

KERR, WHO didn't participate in the second vote because he was in the hospital, said the action was illegal because, according to Robert's Rules of Order, a motion to reconsider an earlier decision can be made only by someone who was in the majority on the original vote. The second vote was called by new board member Nicholas Fanella.

The same rule now prevents Kerr from calling for a third vote, but Village President Sheila Schultz said "we would have to look into it further" if Kerr brings up his complaint at the next meeting.

Schultz said she was aware of the

parliamentary rule for reconsidering earlier decisions but it did not apply to the second Omni House vote because the board was transferring money from a contingency fund, not adding new spending to the budget. "Our educated guess was that it was in line with parliamentary rules," she said.

In the original vote on Omni House's funding, Kerr, William Rogers and Joseph Ratajczak all voted to "hold the spending to \$40,000. When Fanella called for the second vote, Rogers made an unsuccessful attempt to delay a decision until Kerr could be present, and then Fanella, Anthony Altieri and Roger Powers voted in favor of the additional grant.

"I FEEL I deserve the respect of the board that, when it was suggested it be

tabled until I could attend the meeting, it should have been done," Kerr said. But Schultz said waiting would have been futile because, with Kerr tying the vote, she "probably would have voted to increase the funding."

Kerr also charged that Omni House Director Harry Wells was "unprofessional" in asking for a second vote. Before the second vote, Wells asked Fanella to submit a new motion because he was confident the proposal would pass with the new trustees in office.

But Kerr said Wells' handling of the deal makes it look "as if we don't have any brains to decide ourselves."

Wells could not be reached for comment.

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Harper College wrapup

No hike in ceiling for college loans

Although tuition costs have risen, the ceiling on short-term loans will

When David Laeriola leaves school in Streamwood at the end of the day he cannot play at nearby Dolphin Park or watch cartoons with friends.

Instead, he spends his afternoons at Lutheran General Hospital undergoing radiation treatments in hopes the cancerous growths in his lymph nodes can be stopped.

David suffers from Hodgkin's Disease, which is not common in children. The disease usually strikes people in their 20s to 40s. The cause is unknown and doctors are baffled, unable to explain why it struck David.

THE TREATMENTS often make him nauseous and his skin is soft and tender from constant exposure to radiation. Exploratory surgery in March found the disease has spread through-



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Funding only halfway there, but parade set
by Kathy Waugh Herald Staff Writer
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WHEELING FIREFIGHTERS and where it came in," he said.

found to be clean. "I can't find no place ing to the lake were traced and were said all drainage lines and pumps lead-

Wheeling Public Works Department, Robert Tassie, superintendent of the finished most of the cleanup.

fighters and townhouse residents had Probstle said late Sunday after fire-

what it is," Wheeling Fire Lt. Michael it got in here and we're still not sure

"We were unable to determine how west side.

Drive, situated on the village's far rows of townhouses on Lakeside Circle got into the lake, which is encircled by more baffled over how the substance what the oily goo was, but were even

Wheeling authorities were uncertain 1 1/2-acre lake.

found spreading into the subdivision's a substance believed to be tar was Coast oil spill Sunday afternoon when Wheeling resembled the site of a Gulf

The Lakeside Villas subdivision in

by Mike Muhr Herald Staff Writer
5/30/83

Wheeling 'tar' slick a mystery

little cleaner than Raiston.

ous ducks, but Amanda Templeman, who looks on, managed to stay a Villas subdivision proved to be a mess for several persons and num-

became filled with a tar-like substance. The incident at the Lakeside pulls a raft from a Wheeling subdivision lake which Sunday afternoon

A MESS from chest to foot, Alan Raiston, 662 Lakeside Circle Drive, Wheeling Public Works Department,

Herald photo by Nancy Stone



Chief plans talks with personnel

By DONALD LIEBENSON
Correspondent

SUMMARY

Wheeling Life 5/26/83

WHEELING POLICE Chief Michael Haeger plans to discuss with his staff the controversial plan he has proposed regarding the hiring of top-ranking police and fire officials. He will do so within the next two weeks, he said Monday, May 23.

The proposal, approved at the May 17 Fire and Police Commission meeting, would eliminate the positions of police lieutenant and fire captain and replace them with the re-named positions of deputy chief. The commission is responsible for the hiring, promotion and disciplinary actions of police and fire officers. Under Haeger's plan, he and Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen would appoint the new deputy chiefs.

Haeger's proposal drew strong opposition at the commission meeting by rank-and-file officers.

The proposal will next go before the village manager and then to the Village Board. Before then, Haeger said, he wants to explain his position.

"I need the option to choose a professional staff to be members of my management team," Haeger said. "One man cannot do it by himself, and his staff must work as a team. There should be a meshing of philosophies."

A petition, signed by personnel from the Police and Fire departments, in the form of a public statement, read as follows: "The potential for political abuse is maximized when the inherent safeguards of the Police and Fire Commission are eliminated. In the best interest of the citizens of Wheeling and the Wheeling Police Department, we feel all positions within the department, with the exception of the

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger is proposing a plan that would give him and Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen power to hire top-ranking officials for their departments. Under the plan, recently approved by the Fire and Police Commission Board, positions now filled by police lieutenants and fire captains would be eliminated and replaced with a new position of deputy chief. Staff members from both departments object to the plan citing the potential for abuse. They circulated a petition that supports leaving the system as it is now with all positions under the jurisdiction of the commission. The Wheeling Village Board must now consider the matter.

chief of police should remain under the jurisdiction of the Police and Fire Commission."

Said Haeger regarding opportunities for political abuse in the selection process: "I don't think politics can ever be totally eliminated, whether from the board or from the proposed assessment process." But if I had to determine, I would say there's less likelihood for abuse with the assessment process, because the persons in charge of assessing will not be a part of village government. They will be chiefs of police or perhaps village managers from other communities."

There are currently two lieutenant vacancies in the Police Department and two vacant captain positions in the Fire Department.

"The proposal doesn't necessarily mean that a person from the outside will be named to the posts. In fact, I think our own people will be assessed more fairly, because the assessors will be from the outside and more impartial," Haeger said.

The "exempt-rank" proposal is but one of two that the Village Board will consider. The other proposal deals with amendments to rules and regulations not provided by state law, which, according to Haeger, the board can pass under its "home rule" power.

Among the changes Haeger has proposed are more indepth testing procedures for hiring and promotions. They would include written and oral examinations and a series of exercises to assess five major categories: leadership, administrative skills, communications, the ability to function in emergencies and supervisory skills.

Haeger said that when an officer is promoted, there would be a year's probation period wherein the person's performance would be evaluated. The probationary period for new fire and police officers would be two years as opposed to the current one year. "It takes a longer period of time for training," Haeger said. "In the first year, there are three months basic training, and then an officer rides with his field training officer for five months. That leaves only four months to evaluate."

Other recommendations include a 20-mile residency requirement and a procedure for demotion.

Board President Sheila Schultz says she hopes to act on the proposals by the June 6 meeting. Haeger said he, too, would like to "have it in" within the month. But, he said, "My goal is to make sure there is complete understanding by my people on the proposal."

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

Selected decisions from the village board meetings of May 2 and 16.

5/30/83 Herald

						
	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
To give an additional \$4,000 to Omni House's \$40,000 allocations for 1983-84 overruling the original vote to keep funding at last year's level. (Passed 3-2).	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	NO	NO
To award the final of three pipeline contracts for village water mains to Guerra Construction Co. for \$695,000. (Passed 5-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES
To approve three road improvement projects totaling \$3.4 million to widen Wheeling Road to two lanes, straighten the north-south roads at Dundee Road at Northgate Street and Boehmer Avenue and improve the corner of Palantine Road and Wheeling Road. (Passed 5-0).	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
To return the power of liquor commissioner to the mayor alone, removing the board from liquor commission responsibilities. (Passed 5-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES

Lisa Schab

Wheeling



Where are we all from?

Write with your answers

5/26/83 Herald Neighbor

Wheeling could be considered a small town, but at the same time because of its high percentage of multi-family housing developments, it has a comparatively high rate of transience. It seems that I'm always running into someone who's either just moved into or just moved out of Wheeling. A friend suggested that I do a column on just that subject. Where are we all from? I know people living in Wheeling who came from New York, Los Angeles, Ohio, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Colorado, and the list goes on. And then, of course, there's a great body of residents who have been Chicago-area residents all their lives, but have drifted into Wheeling for one reason or another. Do you have a story? Let me know. And also, it would be interesting to see how many people who started out, or grew up, in Wheeling end up moving back here (kind of a reverse transience?).

Where do you come from? And why are you in Wheeling now — or why did you come back? Drop me a line at: Paddock Publications, The Wheeling Neighbor, Post Office Box 280 Arlington Heights, Ill. 60006. Let's find out just what Wheeling's melting pot is made up of.

SOME OF WHEELING'S RESIDENTS have been with us for quite awhile, and were happy to see the new Senior Citizen Housing Complex go up and become available for rental. This is a \$3.2 million housing project (it was subsidized by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department.) The building rises eight stories high, and now claims the title of the Tallest Structure in Wheeling.

The Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission reports that it is trying to locate a large storage place to keep furniture and equipment which is being donated to the senior center. Something such as a vacant warehouse space in one of the industrial areas that has truck access would be ideal. The space would be needed for approximately a year. If you have any ideas, or know of some space available for donation, please contact the Senior Citizens Commission by calling Julie Woods at 459-2620.

HERE IS A SERVICE FOR people moving into Wheeling, and perhaps even into America, for the first time. A tutoring center has been opened for non-English-speaking adults at the Kingswood United Methodist Church at 401 W. Dundee Road. This service center is established as a part of the church's outreach commission. Volunteer tutors are trained in the Laubach Language Institut method to work mainly with non-English-speaking individuals on a one-to-one basis teaching them basic English skills. The program is designed for speakers of other languages, and also for functionally illiterate adults. Volunteer tutor training, individual lessons, and learning materials will be available at the center. The Tutor Center will be open to the community on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon. Any adults who wish to learn English are invited to drop in or contact the center on Saturday mornings at 398-6770.

HOLY FAMILY AMBULATORY CARE CENTER, 201 E. Strong Ave., reminds you that too much salt can equal too high blood pressure; tonight they will be offering a 2 1/2 hour program on "Cooking Without Your Salt Shaker." A registered dietician will be present to give you tips on how to shop for food and prepare tasty meals while still keeping your salt intake at a lower level. Recipes will be distributed and samples will be available for taste-testing. That's tonight from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and the admission is free of charge.

Remember that this is a holiday weekend coming up — drive safely and have a happy day off.

A neighborly recipe: 1 tongue that does not slander; 1 mind full of tolerance; 2 ears closed to gossip; 2 eyes overlooking other folk's faults; 1 heart generous and kind; 2 hands extend to help others; 1 dash of wit, smiles, sunny disposition, and cheerfulness. Blend together the above. Form into one being and serve portions daily to everyone you meet.

Sticky mess still mystery in Wheeling

Reminds 6/2/83

It was a slick job. And Wheeling public works officials are interested in knowing who did it.

The job was the dumping of some 40 gallons of a sticky, black substance into a storm manhole in the Lakeside Villas subdivision. The stuff showed up Sunday on the acre-and-a-half lake in the development and it took the volunteer efforts of residents and the work of fire and other village officials to get the most of it cleaned up. By Tuesday, the cleanup was pretty well done and the investigation of the dumping was underway.

Bob Gray, director of public works, said Tuesday a sample of the goop is on its way to a private laboratory to determine whether it is a material used on roofing or on road work.

"We'll first have to pin it down to the industry involved and then we may get some leads," he said.

According to Gray, the material was very neatly dumped down a manhole next to a porch on one of the housing units. He suspects it was dumped to cause a problem, because it is not a location one would choose to dump something simply to dispose of it.

"It was too neat a job to be an accident and too much of a coincidence," Gray said.

6/1/83 Herald Fire hydrant flush beginning Monday

Wheeling's public works department will flush fire hydrants in the village beginning Monday.

Flushing will be done between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Village officials warn that residents may notice a slightly lower pressure and discoloration of their water during the flushing program, however, the water is safe to drink.

Residents are advised to check the color of the water before beginning laundry in order to prevent any staining.

Anyone with questions can contact the public works department at 459-2624 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Officials call tar dumping intentional

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer 6/2/83 Herald

Wheeling officials Tuesday discovered more of the tar-like substance that seeped into a man-made lake over the weekend and said they are convinced that the dumping was intentional.



would be harmful no matter how little or how much it is diluted.

VILLAGE CREWS were called to Lakeside Sunday when residents reported an oily substance floating on the subdivision's 1 1/2-acre lake. The substance covered the south end of the lake and fouled the feathers of the ducks that live there. While residents scrambled to save the ducks, village workers brought in straw to soak up the tar.

Cathy and Alan Ralston, 622 Lakeside Circle Drive, are housing 10 ducklings while they try to clean their feathers.

"They are doing pretty well because they are growing and their feathers are being replaced," Alan Ralston said. "It's harder to clean the other two big ducks we have, but I think they will be all right."

Jack Barnette of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency said his office checked into the spill but stopped

its investigation because "I doubt if we can ever come up with a solid conclusion for this one-time incident. The village workers will probably come up with the answers before we can," he said.

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4% pay hike planned for village staff

by Kathy Waugh

6-4-83 Herald

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus is proposing a pay hike of about 4 percent for 95 village clerical, professional and public works staff.

Board President Sheila Schultz said she thinks the increase will be "well accepted by the board" when it meets to approve the salaries at 8 p.m. Monday at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Not included in the increases are salaries for 30 police officers. Their salaries still are being negotiated.

MARKUS SAID the 4 percent increase applies to department heads as well as other employees. With the 4 percent increase Police Chief Michael Haeger's salary will be \$39,000; Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen, \$39,728; and Public Works Director Robert Gray, \$38,584. Markus's salary is set by the board and has not been discussed yet.

Markus said he compared other salaries in the northwest area before recommending the salary. As village manager, Markus can recommend salary increases in his office without negotiating with employees. He said he could not provide an average salary for employees.

The village's \$20 million budget, approved in April, did not list pay raises for 126 employees but contained a \$210,000 "contingency" that could have financed salary increases of up to 7 percent.

The village's 31 firefighters and paramedics received a 3 percent increase under terms of a two-year contract negotiated last year.

SALARIES ACCOUNT for 43 percent of the village's operating budget and a 4 percent increase will cost the village \$109,700. The recommended 4 percent increase for clerical and professional staff in village hall would be

retroactive to May 1 and cost the village an additional \$67,000 annually.

The increase for public works employees would cost the village \$42,700 over two years with a 4½ percent increase this year and 3½ next year.

Jeffery Kopper, on the three-man negotiating team for the 25 public works employees, said the employees went into negotiations looking for a five-percent increase but he was "pretty pleased" with the results.

Kopper said staff mechanics were happy, too, with a \$100-per-year allocation to help pay for tools since each worker is required to buy his own.

Lawn watering rules in effect for summer

6-8-83 Herald

Wheeling Village residents are being asked to restrict their water use during the summer months to help prevent a water shortage or low pressure, Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski said.

Lawn sprinkling and other non-essential uses of water are prohibited between 2 and 8 p.m. from June 15 to Aug. 15. During other hours, watering is allowed for odd addresses on odd

calendar days and even addresses on even calendar days.

The restrictions for non-essential watering include watering lawns and shrubs, washing cars and filling swimming pools.

Fialkowski said the annual safety measure prevents both pressure problems and a shortage of water in case of fire.

The week ahead

Pay hike expected for village workers

6/6/83 Herald

The Wheeling Village Board today is expected to approve Village Manager Thomas Markus's recommendation for a 4 percent pay hike for 95 of the village's 156 employees.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Board President Sheila Schultz said the raises should be "well accepted" by the board. The increase will cost the village \$109,000.

Included in the pay hike proposals is a one-year, 4 percent raise for the police and fire chief and director of the public works department along with clerical, professional and supervisory staff.

Contracts for 30 police officers are still under negotiation. Increases also include a two-year agreement with 25 public works employees for a 4½ percent increase the first year and 3½ the second year, for an average increase of \$1,700 over two years.

The proposal does not include firefighters, who get a 3 percent raise as part of a two-year contract, or policemen, who are negotiating a new contract.

Plan to use cop pension funds for loans may be left to courts

By Eddy McNeil

6/8/83 Suburban Trib

WHEELING OFFICIALS and trustees of the village's police pension board remain at odds over a proposed low interest mortgage loan program using pension money, and both sides agree the issue ultimately will be decided by the courts.

Both sides were polarized over the legality of the program, the first of its kind in the state, following a public hearing last week. Pension board members have tentatively scheduled a June 22 vote on implementing the program.

The proposal calls for using up to \$2.7 million to provide home mortgages of up to \$60,000 at 9 percent interest for 29 active and 6 retired Wheeling policemen covered by the fund. Money used in the program would earn at least 6 percent interest for the fund, with the rest of the money used to cover costs of administering the program.

VILLAGE ATTY. James Rhodes argued that the mortgage program would produce an investment return that is lower than that available from less risky investments. He said that could indirectly but illegally give the pension board taxing powers, since the village eventually could be forced to raise property taxes to make up for lost investment returns in the fund.

Attorneys for the village also have argued that state law requires the pension fund board to seek safe investments with the highest potential return, a position disputed by Michael Leibig, an attorney for the

pension board. Village officials have predicted that during 30 years the program would earn at least \$2.4 million less for the fund than other currently available investments. Policemen in the fund contribute 8.5 percent of their salaries, an amount the village is required to match. The village portion is reduced, however, by the amount earned on fund investments.

"DESPITE RECENT fluctuations in interest rates, any individual can see these are absurdly low interest rates," said Mark Lies, another attorney for the village.

Jack Kimsey, president of the pension fund board and a sergeant in the police department, said village officials are overestimating the use of the fund. He said only money required for mortgages would be invested in the program and the pension board could end the program later at specified dollar amounts if it wishes.

John Powers, a financial analyst for the Combined Counties Police Association, whose credit union would administer the program, reminded village officials during the public hearing that the pension fund belongs to its members. Although primarily intended to provide pensions upon retirement, he said there is no prohibition against using the money to benefit members in other ways.

Village Atty. Rhodes said a class action lawsuit filed against the pension board to block implementation of the program would be held in abeyance until the board votes on implementing the program.

Most village workers get 4% raises

by Kathy Waugh

6-8-83 Herald

Pay increases of 4 percent for 95 clerks, administrators and public works employees including the police chief, fire chief and director of public works have been approved by the Wheeling Village Board.

With the increases, Police Chief Michael Haeger's salary will be \$39,000; Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen, \$39,728; and Public Works Director Robert Gray, \$38,584.

A 4 percent increase will cost the village \$109,000. Village Manager Tom

Markus said he earmarked money for increases when making the budget. Police officers still are negotiating their raises and money for them also is available.

As the village manager, Markus is allowed to recommend salary increase in his office without negotiating with employees.

TRUSTEE CHARLES Kerr cast the only dissenting vote on the salary issues. He voted for the one-year 4 percent increases for clerks and professionals but against a separate two-year agreement for public works employees.

Public works employees will receive a 4½ percent increase this year and a 3½ percent increase next year. Included in the negotiated settlement was a \$100 annual allowance for three staff mechanics. Mechanics, who must supply their own tools, argued that auto parts change each year, forcing them to buy new tools as well.

Kerr voted against the public works contracts because of the \$100 allowance. "I don't believe they need any more freebies," he said. Public works employees are given uniforms and other equipment along with their sala-

ries. Jeffery Kopper, one of the three-man negotiating team for the 25 workers, said the public employees were "pretty pleased" with the results.

Not included in the increases approved this week are salaries for the village manager, 30 police officers who are still negotiating and 31 firefighters in the middle of a two-year contract who will get a 3 percent increase this year.

Board President Sheila Schultz said Village Manager Thomas Markus' salary and performance will be reviewed in November. Markus earns \$45,600.

Clayton, Schultz join lobby

6/9/83 Reminder
 Buffalo Grove and Wheeling village presidents Verna Clayton and Sheila Schultz, respectively, lobbied in Springfield yesterday for modification of public employee union bills.

Political observers agree the General Assembly and the governor are about to give public employees the right to organize for collective bargaining.

So municipalities are focusing their lobbying effort on binding arbitration, a provision which would give a state-appointed arbitrator the power to decide employee salaries and benefits if negotiations fail. Supporters of the provision say it is necessary in lieu of the right to strike; most of the bills prohibit public employee strikes.

Clayton and Schultz joined a statewide Illinois Municipal League lobbying blitz to

remove binding arbitration. Different versions of the bills have passed both houses of the General Assembly. Senate Bill 536 applies to all public employees, House Bill 375 to firemen, and House Bill 767 to police. The first deadline for passage of a bill through both houses is June 17.

"I have big concerns about the binding arbitration aspect because the only way to get more money is to raise taxes or cut services," Clayton said Tuesday. She added that a decision by a mediator in a salary dispute could force a village to operate with fewer people.

"We are a service organization and we've always stressed the importance of the individual citizen. With binding arbitration, people could be more beholden to the mediator," she said.

Hintz Road to close

6/9/83 Life
 Due to major construction, the Soo Line Railroad crossing on Hintz Road between Wolf and Wheeling Road will be closed to all traffic from Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 24.

Police Chief Michael F. Haeger said local traffic will have access to the industrial areas located on Glenn and Noel avenues and Chaddick and Acco Plaza drives.

Alternate routes of Wheeling and Wolf roads to Dundee Road on the north, and Palatine Road on the south, will be marked as detours.

Jack Kimsey to mark 25 years service here

Headline 6/9/83
 Sgt. Jack Kimsey will celebrate 25 years of service with the village of Wheeling on June 15. Jack was born and raised in Indiana. Following high school he joined the U.S. Navy and, while stationed at Glenview Naval Air Station, worked part-time as a radio operator in a central center dispatching for Wheeling, Northbrook and Northfield police departments. In January of 1958, when Wheeling obtained its first base radio and dial telephone, Jack was hired as a part-time radio dispatcher at \$1.50 per hour. On June 15, 1958, following discharge from the Navy, Jack became a full-time dispatcher for Wheeling. He continued in this position until he was sworn in as a Wheeling police officer on May 1, 1966. A year later he became Wheeling's first school liaison officer in school District 21. Jack was promoted to Sergeant on Dec. 1, 1970. During his tenure of service, Jack has been a watch commander, service division supervisor and traffic division commander.

Jack and his wife, Sue, and their son, Jeffery, 9, a third grader at Walt Whitman School, reside in Wheeling.

In 1968 Jack and Sue founded a youth group at the Community Presbyterian Church in Wheeling which mushroomed to almost 75 young people. He spent the next four years as a chaperon on weekend retreats from time to time in a bus which the group earned through fund raising activities. Jack is an elder at the church and sings in the choir.

Since 1972, he has volunteered his services to Wheeling Omni-House. He became a youth advocate and also worked with its Hot Line. In 1975 he was elected a member of the Omni-House board of directors and is currently serving his second term as president of the board.

Jack and his family enjoy sports, especially boating and camping. He and Sue are involved with Jeff's activities of swimming and baseball.

Public service

Night hydrant flushing

The Village of Wheeling's Water Division has begun flushing fire hydrants throughout the village. Flushing began in the Old Town area June 6. Hydrant flushing will be done between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. and will continue in other areas until the system has been completed. The flushing is an important preventative maintenance program and is done to remove particles and corrosion from the system. Residents may notice a slightly lower pressure and discoloration of their water during the flushing program, however, the water will be completely safe to drink. Residents are advised to check the color of the water before beginning laundry in order to prevent any staining.

Signs will be posted in areas designated for flushing one (1) day in advance. Questions regarding the flushing program may contact the Department of Operations and Maintenance at 459-2624 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Pipeline construction

Construction is well under way on the necessary pipelines to bring Lake Michigan water to the village. Through the period of construction, which is planned to continue through next winter, minor disruption is expected throughout the village.

Your patience is requested. If, however, any resident observes an unsafe situation around a construction site (such as barricades knocked down or unprotected holes) you are encouraged to call the village at 459-2600 (459-2632 after hours) to report the situation.

The actual use of lake water is expected to begin in the early summer of 1984.

Village truck and trailer stickers on sale

6/11/83 Herald
 Wheeling truck and trailer stickers must be displayed by July 1.

The stickers are on sale at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and until 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

People purchasing a sticker should bring their vehicle identification and license plate numbers. Those without plates can purchase a sticker now and advise the office of the plate number after getting new plates.

Trailer stickers are \$5 and truck stickers range from \$12 to \$35 depending on the weight of the vehicle. Any stickers purchased after July 1 will require an additional \$15 per vehicle.

Stickers can also be purchased by dropping a request in the night deposit slot in the lobby of the building. For more information, call 459-2600.

Hintz Road tracks to be closed to traffic

6/11/83 Herald
 The railroad tracks on Hintz Road between Wheeling and Wolf roads will be closed to all traffic beginning Monday and ending June 24.

The Soo Line Railroad Company is replacing tracks and the surrounding drainage system. Police Chief Michael F. Haeger said local traffic to industrial areas such as Glenn and Noel avenues and Chaddick and Acco Plaza drives will not be disrupted. Detour signs will direct traffic to Dundee Road.

Here's a salute to Sheila Schultz, Wheeling's village president. Sheila was named AAUW "Woman of the Year" recently for her outstanding work in civic affairs, family, and government. As mother, homemaker, and mayor, she has done a terrific job by setting an example for other women who have ambition to do

something else besides dishes and dusting. Congratulations, Sheila — it couldn't happen to a nicer person. *Reminder 6/9/83*

Pension-fund plan draws criticism

By DONALD LIEBENSON
 Correspondent

6/9/83 Life
 "The fund is supposed to give retirement benefits to its members, not low-cost loans."

In other village business, the board met in executive session Monday to approve Village Manager Thomas Markus' recommendation for a 4 percent pay hike for department heads along with the clerical and supervisory staffs. The cost of the salary increases will be approximately \$110,000. Board President Sheila Schultz said money already has been budgeted for the increases.

Included in the recommendation is a two-year agreement with public works employees for a first-year increase of 4½ percent and a se-

cond-year increase of 3½ percent.

EARLIER IN the evening, the board approved a request by McDonald's for a drive-through window at its restaurant at 188 East Dundee Road. This would be the first drive-through restaurant in Wheeling.

As part of the McDonald's plan, the original "arch" sign will be removed for the more standard, modern logo. The Wheeling McDonald's, built in 1961, was among the first 100 of the 9,000 McDonald's built in the United States.

Construction of the drive-through should begin in August.

The month of June was designated Parks and Recreation Month.



2% drop in '82 fire losses reported

6-9-83 Herald Neighbor
by Sherry Boemell
Herald correspondent

Fire losses in Wheeling last year remained virtually unchanged, falling only 2 per cent, according to a recent fire department report.

Losses due to fire were set at \$492,683, about \$11,000 less than last year, the report shows.

Capt. Ralph Perricone said that during 1982, only 12 per cent of the 2,394 calls answered by firefighters—291—were for fires. Sixty-five per cent—1,569—were for medical calls while the rest were for such services as investigating gas leaks, strange odors and smoke scares, washing down fuel spills and helping residents who have been locked out of their homes. The department also answers calls at Palwaukee Airport.

Perricone said the Fire Chief Bernie Koepen stresses that the fire department's 39 firefighters—supported by 13 paid-on-call volunteers—provide a service to residents.

HE SAID THIS POLICY can lead toward over-use of the department but firefighters do not wait for residents to find out about their services.

"Because it is ingrained in us, we also go out and say 'We're here,'" Perricone said.

"We would much rather have people call us, even for things we don't do. If we can't help, we'll find out who can," Perricone said.

Most of the village fires are in dwellings, just over half in the past 10 years, according to records. The number of these fires is steadily declining from a 10-year high of 91 in 1977-78 to 82 in 1982. The other main fire categories also are declining: business, industrial and field fires.

Separate records on car fires were started in 1982. The 64 car fires were the second highest category of village fires this year.

Perricone said discarding dried-out rubber hoses between the fuel pump and the carburetor with every fuel filter change could prevent many car fires.

PERRICONE'S REPORT SAID of the \$492,683 lost in fires last year, \$91,000 came in a blaze at a recreational vehicle and boat storage facility. Another business suffered a \$30,000 loss and the Wheeling High School press box suffered more than \$12,000 damage. In addition, he said, four homes, one of which burned twice, had \$120,000 in damage.

Wheeling paramedics handled about 95 calls a month last year or 1,145 during the 12-month period. Most were for illness and accident.

Car accidents accounted for more than 30

percent of the calls. Other types of injuries added another 20 percent of the runs.

Cardiac and other medical emergencies accounted for 470 calls, about 40 percent of the total. Cardiac cases alone were about 13 percent. The 47 overdose cases were about four percent of the total runs.

The 28 paramedics and nine emergency medical technicians on the department all work the paramedic program in addition to their duties as firefighters.

Although fighting fires is the department's main duty, preventing them through public education and updating village building codes also is important, firefighters say. First aid and CPR classes also are offered by the department on a regular basis.

PUBLIC EDUCATION OFFICER Lt. Mike Proebstel is in charge of fire safety instruction, which began two years ago Perricone said.

He said public education is the only way to eliminate fires, and that in five years the number of fires should decline as these programs take effect. He cautioned, however, that new hazards crop up as fast as others are eliminated.

Perricone was especially hopeful that the kitchen safety program at Wheeling schools

taught by firefighters will cut kitchen fires drastically in five years. Now he said the fires are increasing.

Though kitchen fires are common, careless use of cigarettes and matches cause more fires than anything else, especially in combination with upholstered furniture and bedding, Perricone said. He said a fire can burrow under padding for hours though the entry point seems to have been extinguished. In this and all cases of fire, Perricone recommended all fires be checked by firefighters to be sure they are out, which has the added advantage of having a proof report for insurance claims.

Knowing all the safety tips about these and various hazards is not enough. A smoke detector in the hall outside the bedrooms will tell you if there is a fire, Perricone said, which is the first step in escaping. A plan to get out of the house is the second step. Both can cut fire deaths in the country 70 percent, Perricone said.

A couple who had just moved to Wheeling this year was saved by their smoke detector, which warned them of a basement fire even though the detector was in a drawer in the second floor bedroom with them, Perricone said.

"Don't be home without one," he said.

Get smoke detector and firefighter, too

Herald Neighbor 6/9/83

Wheeling residents who buy smoke detectors from the Wheeling Jaycees can get a free firefighter as well.

The firefighter will come to their homes and determine the best locations for the detectors and provide a free home fire safety inspection if the residents wish. The UL-approved detectors are available for \$10 each at both the

Wheeling fire stations as part of an Illinois Jaycees Smoke Alarm campaign. The \$10 price is the wholesale cost.

To make an appointment for the free fireman after buying these smoke detectors (or others) or fire extinguishers, call the Wheeling Fire Department at 459-2662 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Towns' delay irks airport owner

Herald 6/11/83
by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

The owner of Palwaukee Airport said he is tired of waiting for Wheeling and Prospect Heights to decide whether to purchase the airport and is giving them two months to make a decision.

Airport owner George Priester said he has told the local officials to "make up your mind or we'll get other offers."

"I'm tired of talking to them and I've just given up," he said. "Every time they elect a few new officers they have to come out here and check the place out all over again."

The two towns have been talking about buying the airport for five years,

but last April's elections may have eroded the political support for the purchase. Two new Prospect Heights aldermen — Mandel Forester and Wayne Gangler — campaigned against the purchase, and the three newly elected Wheeling trustees — Charles Kerr, Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fannella — say they don't want the village to purchase the airport unless there is a threat it might close down.

PRIESTER SAID the Village of Glenview and "other northeastern suburbs" have expressed interest in purchasing the airport, but officials in Wheeling and Prospect Heights say they may not be able to meet Priester's deadline.

"Two months sounds awful short," said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz. "I suppose they could go ahead and check with other towns that might want to buy to put the pressure on. I don't know that we can make that kind of decision in good conscience in two months."

Christina Carlson, a senior alderman in Prospect Heights agreed. "I'm sure we can come up with an answer but not a final one in two months. I don't think that's possible."

Priester initially offered the airport for sale five years ago when he found out that if the airport was passed on to his son, inheritance taxes would wipe the family out. Since that time, a change in tax law has eliminated that

threat.

In addition, the Federal Aviation Administration has dropped its ban on federal funds for private airports, and Priester has applied for \$7.2 million in state and federal funds to repave the airport's main runway, acquire land for additional aircraft storage space and make other improvements.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights have estimated that they would need \$36 million to buy the airport and bring it up to federal standards and have requested \$32 million in federal funds to help cover the cost. But that application has not been approved by the FAA, and Schultz said the two towns also must wait for results of an environmental study.

Airport sale has residents reeling

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Fifty-two-year-old Harriet Orna Monday night pleaded with the Wheeling Village Board to answer her one question: "Will I have to move out of my house?"

Orna, 32 E. Hintz Road, is one of 15 residents who would have to sell their homes if Wheeling and Prospect Heights purchased Palwaukee Airport. She was accompanied by her neighbors Lorie Grandt, 14 E. Hintz Road, and Louis Pintacura, 1008 S. Wolf Road. All have lived in their homes for more than 22 years.

"I've lived here 25 years and I'm thinking of putting a roof on my house," she said. "That's \$4,000. I want to know if I'm going to lose my house." Her sons are planning to build another home on the property, she explained,

"should we build and hope for the best?"

Pintacura echoed her concern. "It started out as a little training field and then the people had no say in its expansion," he said. "Now they want to take my house."

In response to Orna, Trustee Charles Kerr said, "We can't give you an answer man, because when you get involved with the federal government they move at their own pace."

BOARD members pecked away at reasons for and against the village's five-year study of whether to purchase the airport. Wheeling and Prospect Heights have estimated they would need \$36 million to buy the airport and bring it up to federal standards, and have requested \$32 million in federal funds to help cover the cost.

The board edged closer to a final decision as it agreed that the purchase

would not be a money-maker for the village, and that no matter who owned it, the airport should stay open.

Trustee Roger Powers publicly supported the purchase, but other board members were not as optimistic about Powers' view that the airport would be a "financial investment for the community."

Trustee William Rogers said the cost to the village just can't be determined since studies were completed four years ago and those cost factors are now obsolete. New trustees Nicholas Fannella and Anthony Altieri kept quiet during the discussion.

Jim Schwoebel, representing 400 members from a citizens group fighting the sale, said, "We can see no conceivable reason for buying the airport. But, we fear the board is going to buy the airport whether the citizens want it or not."

Cable deregulation bill will send pay-TV costs up

by Al Cabbage *Herald*
Herald staff writer *6/16/83*

Cable television subscribers will pay more for their home entertainment in the future if a deregulation bill passed by the U.S. Senate becomes law. But then, they probably will pay more even if the bill isn't passed.

The Senate bill, passed overwhelmingly this week, forbids municipalities from regulating how much cable companies may charge users for basic service, something that will undoubtedly lead to higher monthly fees for subscribers.

However, the basic service fee for Northwest suburban cable systems is only \$6 or \$7, less than a third of a typical monthly bill. The rest of the bill consists of "premiums" such as all-movie channels like Home Box Office and sports channels which many subscribers take.

The premium channels, which cost between \$8 and \$10, are not regulated by any of the Northwest suburbs served by Toronto-based Cablenet and already are subject to price increases. Cablenet holds franchises in Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Schaumburg, Wheeling, Des

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Cable regulation: local franchises vs. proposed federal rules

Issue	Cablenet towns	Warner-Amex towns	Senate bill
Allow municipal rate regulation	Yes	Yes	No
Maximum franchise fee	5%	3%*	5%
Allow municipal buy-out of system	Yes	No	No
Franchise renewal	May change companies at will when franchise expires		Towns must prove company failed to meet standards

* Warner-Amex towns now collect a 3-percent franchise fee but are seeking to increase it to 5 percent.

Cablenet towns include Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Bartlett, Mount Prospect, Schaumburg, Streamwood, Hanover Park, Prospect Heights, Wheeling.

Warner-Amex towns include Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine and Rolling Meadows.

Source: Herald news reports; Northwest Municipal Conference



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Cable deregulation bill to hike pay-TV cost

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Plaines, Hanover Park, Bartlett and Streamwood.

AND TOWNS served by Warner-Amex Cable Co. — Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine and Rolling Meadows — have agreements that call for a three-year freeze on some premium packages, but allow the company to set its own rate after that period passes in 1985.

If Congress takes away the power of cities and towns to control rates, prices

are likely to increase after the three-year freeze expires, admitted Thomas Baxter, general manager of Northwest suburban operations for Warner-Amex. But some increases would occur anyway, he said.

Baxter called competition with other forms of entertainment in the Chicago area market "very, very tough."

"If we make a mistake and price ourselves too high, people will cancel services," he said. "Ultimately the

marketplace should decide and the marketplace, right now, is pretty tough. I don't think city officials need to worry about consumers — the consumers can take care of themselves."

But local officials fear the Senate bill usurps local control.

"It's an extremely bad, bad bill. It takes away all the control from municipalities," said Rolling Meadows Alderman Fred Jacobson.

THE BILL, sponsored by Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Arizona, would:

- Deregulate rates for basic service, the cheapest level of cable service, in most areas served by at least four regular television stations;

- Prohibit localities from charging a franchise fee of more than 5 percent of a system's gross revenues;

- Allow cities to consider new applicants for a franchise, but only after the term of the original license holder expires.

Police, fire rank plan opposed

by Kathy Waugh *Herald*
Herald staff writer *6/17/83*

Wheeling Village trustees Charles Kerr and Roger Powers say they will oppose Village Manager Thomas Markus' plan to remove four police and fire department supervisors from the control of the village's Fire and Police Commission.

Markus is recommending that the ranks of police lieutenant and fire captain be eliminated. Instead, both departments would have two deputy chiefs and the police department an unspecified number of commanders.

The new jobs would be under Markus' control instead of the Fire and Police Commission, which now has jurisdiction over hirings, firings, promotions and discipline in both departments. The change would also allow Markus to hire from outside the departments without first offering the job to qualified employees.

"The exempt ranks give fire and police chiefs greater input into the selection of their top ranking staff," Markus said. "That is essential for them to properly manage their departments."

"HOW IS THAT any different than me managing the city? I hire the police and fire chief," he said. "Working with people they have recommended will insure that the directions of the chiefs are carried out."

But Powers said the opportunity to hire directly outside the department will discourage officers who have been on staff for years, waiting for an opening they are "in line for. Where is the incentive for the officers working their way up in the ranks?"

Powers called Haeger's request for an open-ended number of commanders "unrealistic" and said it would be like "writing him a blank check for the department payroll." But Haeger argues that salaries for commanders would have to be approved through the normal budget system, giving the board a means of control over the payroll.

By providing chiefs with positions they could fill when they wanted to, Powers said, there is also a question of security for those officers when a new chief is hired. "What if tomorrow Chief Haeger gets run over by a car? We bring in a new chief and then is he stuck with Haeger's people in those top positions or does he get to pick his own," he said. "And then what happens to those that were Haeger's officers?"

KERR SAID he is not in favor of both a deputy chief rank and a commander rank.

"We are talking about a police department with 40 people in it and I'd be inclined to oppose any situation where the department is that top-heavy," he said.

The Fire and Police Commission voted 2-1 to recommend the change. Voting against the move, Jerry Vesecky said the chief had given him "no solid reason to change from the present system."

Employees in both departments, 52 of the 63, signed a petition objecting to the new rank because of "the potential for political abuse." But Markus said that was "the typical accusation. If you have corruption in a village it starts at the top, not in the middle."

Workers also object to Police Chief Bernie Koeppen and Haeger's right to hire from outside the department before first testing and offering the job inside. But, Koeppen said he sees no problem with filling the positions from

inside his department and plans to do so.

HAEGER SAID he would offer the job to anyone, including outside applicants, and give each an equal opportunity at the job.

Fire Department Captain Ralph Perricone said firefighters are wary of the exempt rank proposal and also oppose the elimination of the captain's position, just as Powers does. "They don't have as much objection to the deputy rank as they do to giving up the captain's spot. If they do that, then where do you go from the sergeant's position?" he asked.

The village board is scheduled to discuss Markus' proposal at 8 p.m. Monday at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Union says officials using 'scare tactics'

6/18/83 Herald
by Kathy Schaeffer

Herald staff writer

Local union organizers say municipal leaders are using "scare tactics" to stop passage of a collective bargaining bill now before the Illinois General Assembly and that the measure will not boost taxes or usurp local authority.

The labor leaders call recent vocal protests by Northwest suburban mayors against collective bargaining bills a "smokescreen" to hide the mayors' unwillingness to give up power they now hold over public employees who have no bargaining rights.

Local municipal leaders have spoken harshly against a package of collective bargaining proposals being considered by the Legislature. Especially

offensive, they say, would be the right to strike for most public employees and the right of police, fire and public safety employees to seek binding arbitration to settle contract disputes.

"I don't think they fear it as much as they say they do. It's just a smokescreen to cover up their loss of power," said John Zaleski, labor attorney for the Des Plaines Professional Firefighters Association.

PRO-UNION public employees say a collective bargaining law in Illinois only will give them the same rights private employees have had for 36 years and guarantee that municipalities bargain in good faith. They say statements that a collective bargaining law would cause more strikes and higher city costs are not true because

binding arbitration actually prevents strikes.

Now, without a collective bargaining law, cities and villages may bargain with organized employee unions, but they are not required to do so. There are no legal guidelines giving employees a say in salary or working conditions.

In the Northwest suburbs, only Des Plaines, Mount Prospect and Hoffman Estates bargain with recognized employee unions. Other towns negotiate with employee committees. But in all cases, the municipality now has the legal right to provide whatever salaries and other benefits it wishes, giving employees no legal recourse to disagree. Strikes are illegal.

"Whatever we have to say really

isn't considered. I think what's the hardest for us is the city won't talk with the officers at all when it comes to budget talks or salaries," said Officer Jeff Kubas, vice president of the Rolling Meadows Police Association. Of a right to collective bargaining, Kubas said, "It at least gets us heard."

Other union employees agreed. Even in Des Plaines, where employees are happy the city council has chosen to recognize three unions, the power is not equal on both sides of the negotiating table, employees say.

"THE MAYORS and the cities have full power over us. They have the upper hand," said Jim Brookman, a negotiator for the Des Plaines Professional Firefighters Association. "They're not interested in being told they have to

deal with us fairly," he said of critics of the collective bargaining bills.

Opponents of collective bargaining don't understand what binding arbitration is or how it actually could save money, labor-side attorneys say.

"You're not dealing with some uneducated individual you pick up off the street to decide things," said said Robert Sugarman, labor attorney for the Hoffman Estates Firefighters Association.

Union leaders point out that arbitrators do not have the freedom to specify any salary and benefit packages. An arbitrator must decide between the last-best offers presented by both sides before he was called in, said Richard Walsh, legislation and political director of the Illinois AFL-CIO office.

That requirement will assure that both sides will make realistic contract proposals, and set the limits on what the arbitrator can decide, union officials say.

UNDER TERMS of the legislation, all municipal employees other than police officers and firefighters would have the right to strike. While they say they do not want the right to strike, police and firefighters need an alternative to assure that communities bargain with them fairly, Brookman said. Binding arbitration is just that alternative.

As for comments by mayors that Northwest suburban public employees already are treated well, Sugarman said, "That's what the white plantation owners used to say."

Black cop sues Wheeling, charges racial discrimination

6/17/83 Herald
by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

A black Wheeling policeman is charging in federal court that he has been denied raises, accused of illicit sexual activity and harassed by Police Chief Michael F. Haeger because of racial discrimination.

In a suit filed in U.S. District Court,

Robert Pressley is asking for an unspecified amount in penalties from Haeger and the village, which he says has "created and supported a policy of discriminating against the plaintiff based on his race."

Haeger and village attorney James Rhodes would not comment on the suit. Pressley, a Wheeling police officer

since September 1978, is the only black policeman in the history of the village.

His suit refers to Haeger's attempt last September to suspend Pressley for two days without pay on charges that Pressley had been "engaged in sexual activity" in a van parked outside a Wheeling restaurant while off duty last Sept. 9.

WHEELING'S BOARD OF Fire and

Police Commissioners found that there was insufficient evidence to support Haeger's charge.

Haeger then withheld Pressley's scheduled pay raise from September until January, and then gave him only half the amount to which he was entitled, the suit charges.

In addition, the suit says, "Haeger

has made numerous inquiries into the plaintiff's private financial dealings," and has threatened Pressley with disciplinary action unless he pays his outstanding bills promptly. No such action has been taken against any white police officers, the suit says.

Other police officers also have subjected Pressley to "racial slurs, epi-

thets and jokes," the suit claims, including "racist cartoons" placed in his mailbox at the police station. Pressley said Haeger has refused to discourage such treatment.

Pressley is asking the federal court to declare the actions of the village and Haeger unconstitutional and award him compensatory and punitive damages.

Trustees increase manager's say in police, fire officer hiring

6/21/83 Herald

The Wheeling Village Board voted 4-2 Monday to give Village Manager Thomas Markus control over four police and fire supervisory positions previously under the direction of the Police and Fire Commission.

Trustees Roger Powers and Charles Kerr voted against the plan that will eliminate the rank of police lieutenant and fire captain and create two deputy chiefs in each department and an un-

determined number of commanders in the police department.

The commission currently has jurisdiction over hiring, firing, promotions and discipline in both departments. The change allows Markus to hire from outside the department without first offering the job to qualified employees, as is the current commission practice.

Powers objected saying, "Can you really justify changing the current sys-

tem?" He said Police Chief Michael Haeger has never worked with a full complement of three lieutenants — only one position is filled — and argued that the chief should try operating the system the way it was meant to work before attempting to scrap it.

KERR REJECTED the idea because Haeger did not spell out the duties for the additional supervisory rank of commander, which Haeger said would

not be filled at this time. "It looks to me," Kerr said, "like you're saying 'I think I'd like to have another rank. I don't know if I'll use it, but I'd like to have it.'"

The change, Haeger said, would "enable the chief to hire people with the best leadership ability, administrative skills and communication skills." He repeatedly requested the rank be "exempt" from the commission in order to get the "most qualified" worker and

can "delegate a great deal of his responsibility to people he truly trusts."

Police Sgt. Ted Leach repeated a concern officers have stated throughout the four-month reorganization of the department. "We have a wealth of talent in this department," Leach said. "We just want to be fair to the career officers here. Why do we have to go outside?"

A group of 50 officers and their sup-

porters gathered at the village meeting to show opposition to the change, but after a presentation by the police chief and discussion amongst board members, the board approved the changes.

Before the positions can be filled Markus must return before the board with the job descriptions and changes in the budget to provide salaries for the officers.

Northwest suburban crime rate decreases

by Pete Nenni
Herald staff writer

Following a state and national trend, all 14 Northwest suburban communities reported fewer crimes during 1982, according to an annual study released by the Illinois Department of Law Enforcement.

Local police said they were surprised at the decreases in light of last year's hard economic period. State law enforcement officials credited the country's older population, mandatory prison sentences, greater community awareness and local police patrols for the improvement.

The 1982 report showed there were 30,000 fewer crimes reported in Illinois, or a 7.6 percent drop in the state crime rate, marking the second consecutive year when the state's rate declined.

The greatest drop in crimes was found in rural areas, where the rate fell 14.5 percent. Crimes in cities with populations over 100,000 fell 9.7 percent, while suburban crimes declined 6.6 percent, the report said.

THE STATE'S figures do not include Chicago crime statistics because of recent disclosures that

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Chicago police officials did not accurately report all crimes committed in the city, law enforcement officials said.

In the Northwest suburbs, the statistics showed that murder was the only major crime to increase. There were 15 murders committed last year — one more than the record 14 set in 1981, for a 7 percent increase.

Other statistics showed the number of rapes in the Northwest suburbs fell 41 percent in 1982 and arsons dropped 15 percent, while robbery fell by 19 percent and burglaries declined 15 percent. Smaller decreases were seen in thefts, motor vehicle thefts, and aggravated assaults and batteries.

The largest drop was in Buffalo Grove, where the crime rate per 100,000 residents dipped 24.3 percent.

Schaumburg led the Northwest suburbs in the number of robberies, burglaries, thefts and motor vehicle thefts, and was tied with Arlington Heights for the most aggravated as-

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Businessman seeks OK for Burger King

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A Prospect Heights businessman is planning to build a Burger King restaurant on Dundee Road in Wheeling.

Sheldon T. Friedman said he will build a drive-through restaurant this fall at the corner of Dundee Road and Boehmer Avenue. Friedman owns a Prospect Heights and Buffalo Grove franchise from the Miami-based Burger King Restaurants.

"We have been trying to put a restaurant in there for some time, but

now we have come to a compromise on minor building and landscaping details and we are ready to go," Friedman said.

Construction on the 90-seat building should start in August and be completed by October. Friedman said he would hire 50 or 60 employees.

The Plan Commission will review the plans at 7:30 p.m. June 23 in the Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Crime down in all Northwest suburban towns

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assaults and batteries. Arlington Heights also had the most murders and arsons, while Des Plaines had the most rapes, the report said.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS had the highest crime rate in the Northwest suburbs, with 7,054.5 crimes per 100,000 residents. But Cook County Sheriff's Police Lt. Errol Levy said the figure is "erroneous" because it also takes into

account the heavily populated unincorporated area surrounding the city.

The crime rate figures in each community are prorated for a population of 100,000 for comparative purposes.

While the new figures showed a continuation of the encouraging trend toward fewer crimes, local police officials were at a loss to explain the reasons behind the statistics.

Many police chiefs agreed with Buf-

falo Grove Chief Leo McCann and couldn't pinpoint a reason for the decline and said the 1982 figures might be higher because of the bad economy.

"You'd think that when the economy gets worse, the crime rate would go up, but it doesn't — it's the reverse," McCann said.

"I DON'T think there's a police chief

in the suburbs who could give you any exact definitive explanation why this is happening," added Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger, whose crime rate dropped 14.9 percent in 1982.

Other police officials said the improvement could be due in part to a combination of better police patrols and more awareness by the general public to watch their property and call police if they notice a problem.

Village low-income housing nears

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Cook County housing officials plan to start work this fall on 17 housing units for low-income families at seven sites scattered throughout the Village of Wheeling.

Construction could begin as early as September, said Victor Walchirk, executive director of the Cook County Housing Authority.

The authority plans to build three single-family homes, one duplex and three townhouses, each with four apartments. One townhouse, one duplex and two houses will be built in the Strong Street and Mayer Avenue area, another single-family home will be near Manchester Drive and two townhouses will be off Hintz road at Maple Lane and Cornell Avenue.

Three years ago, in order to get a 100-unit apartment building for senior citizens, the village board approved a total of 20 low-cost housing units for families and voted to "take any necessary steps to guarantee" their construction. Since then, the housing authority has scaled back its plans because all of the land was not available, Walchirk said.

THE VILLAGE BOARD still must approve zoning changes for some of the sites, but village officials say that is simply a formality. "A deal is a deal," said Trustee Nicholas Fanella. "That was part of the original agreement when we got the senior housing."



But Donald Shapiro, 367 Charabanc Drive, one of the 70 residents that objected when the village approved the housing plan in 1980, still disapproves.

"I still object," he said. "I don't think it's right to throw all the poor people in one area. I'm not being a bigot or racist. I don't care if you're black, white

or green, if you take care of your place you take care of it, but I don't think they will.

"I know if it gets bad enough I'm going to move. I was chased out of Chicago that way."

Only Village President Sheila Schultz and trustees Charles Kerr and

Roger Powers remain from the 1980 village board that approved the low-cost housing, but Fanella and Trustee Joseph Ratajczak also said they will support the plan. Trustees Anthony Altieri and William Rogers said they have not made a final decision.

THE LOW-COST HOUSING will be scattered throughout the village so the low-income families can blend into their neighborhoods, Walchirk said, rather than have one section of town labeled as the area where "poor people live."

Local residents will have the first opportunity to rent a unit, he said. A family of four must have an annual income of \$13,850 or less to qualify. Renters pay 30 percent of their income.

The housing authority has built 800 townhouses throughout the suburbs since the first scattered housing project was completed in Evanston in 1978. In that first project, 26 single-family homes and townhouses were built on 10 sites.

"Our hope is that they blend right into the community so that people driving through the area don't even know low-income housing is there," he said.

The housing authority will operate and maintain the houses. More housing is needed in the suburbs but won't be built, Walchirk said, since federal funds have dried up. "We haven't any doubt that there is a need for this and I'm sure we will have more applicants than units to put them in," he said.

Builder returning to finish Longtree subdivision homes

A Schaumburg developer who deserted a Wheeling subdivision three years ago after building less than one-fifth of the planned homes has purchased the land again and plans to start construction within two weeks.

Jerome Meister, an attorney for Meister-Neiberg Builders, said his company will build 80 homes on the north end of the Longtree subdivision at Hintz and Schoenbeck roads.

Meister's company started construction on the 45-acre subdivision in 1978 but two financial institutions "called in" the loans in 1980 when only 24 of 157 planned houses were finished. Meister blamed the failure on high interest

rates and an idle housing market. Now Meister has plans to build split-level and two-story, three- and four-bedroom homes with family rooms, two-car garages and brick facing. Fireplaces and air conditioning are optional.

THE HOUSES will sell from \$85,700 to \$98,900, Meister said. The design and price is similar to the existing 24 homes.

Of the remaining lots, one is now owned by the village and used as a pumping station, 25 are owned by Tallman Home Investment Corporation and 27 are owned by First Federal Savings and Loan, both of Chicago.

Meister and Tallman Home Vice President Jay Fitts said they are negotiating for Meister-Neiberg to buy Tallman's property. Meister said First Federal has just signed a contract with an area developer, but First Federal would not confirm the sale.

In March, several Longtree residents complained to village police that the unfinished subdivision was a haven for bikers and motorists. They also requested that the weeds on the vacant lots be mowed during the summer months.

The police department put barricades across the unfinished roads and is contacting Meister to handle the weeds.



5 years later — still no decision

By DONALD LIEBENSON
Correspondent *Life* 4/16/83

WHEELING—Trustees kept their promise and held a special workshop June 13 to discuss the Citizens Airport Activity Group's report, which argues against the purchase of Palwaukee Airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

One issue was the worth of two conflicting studies, the village's and CAAG's, each apparently slanted to support opposite viewpoints. Calling it "one of the most important decisions they will ever face," CAAG spokesperson Jim Schwabol asked what he called the most-asked question: "Why does the village want to buy it?"

Trustee Roger Powers supported the purchase, calling it an "excellent investment," citing financial advantage to the community.

The board was clearly weary of addressing the same questions it has been tackling for the last five years, when the airport issue was first raised. However, there were still some questions for which there could be no answer. "How long do I have to live in my home?" asked Wheeling resident Harriet Orna. According to the studies, Orna is one of seven residents (along with nine businesses) who would have to relocate if the airport was purchased.

AFTER LISTENING to the board discuss the familiar financial and

environmental issues, Orna pleaded: "Let's get this over with. When am I moving? Five years? Ten years? Two years? I'm thinking of putting on a new roof. That's \$4,000. I'm carrying on like I'm going to live here forever, but I'm 52 years old. Should I keep up the property?"

"I don't care about inheritance taxes. Jets don't bother me. Mr. Priester has a right to sell, just like I have the right to stay." George Priester is Palwaukee's owner.

Schwabol said that public purchase of the airport failed on the issues of finance, safety, control, and the environment. He suggested a solution that would involve the continued private ownership of Palwaukee, along with extended use of Waukegan, Midway, and DuPage airports. He also suggested joint military and civilian use of Glenview Naval Base.

"We're not against the airport," he said. "We're opposed to the public acquisition of it. We fear the board is going to go ahead and buy the airport whether the citizens want it or not."

BOARD PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz reaffirmed the board's support for a referendum on the issue.

Also in attendance was Prospect Heights Mayor Jack Gilligan, who said that city would create a committee to answer CAAG questions and invited the village to participate. He added that he would

submit to the Federal Aviation Authority a list of minimum requirements needed before Prospect Heights would go ahead with the sale. He said he hoped to reach a decision within 60 to 90 days.

Schultz said later that it was doubtful the village could make such a decision before the FAA had responded to the village's pre-application for \$32 million in federal funds.

Responding to newspaper reports that his father had issued a two-month ultimatum, Charles Priester said that he felt five years was an adequate time for the board to make a decision and that he wanted to be excused from the promise that the Priestesters would not consider other offers while the board considered the issue.

"I'VE ANSWERED the same questions over and over again," he said. "We can't keep dragging."

Trustee Charles Kerr, the only member of the current board in office when the airport issue was introduced, explained the delay in making a final decision: "When you get involved with the federal government, you move at one pace, the federal government's pace."

The tension and fatigue were broken when Orna raised her hand and offered to buy the airport herself. "Just kidding," she said. "You've gotta make some jokes around here."

Towns get deadline for airport decision

By Dori Meinert

THE OWNER OF Pal-Waukee Airport has given an ultimatum to Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials who for several years have studied purchasing the airport.

Airport owner George Priester said he has given the two municipalities two months to decide whether they want to buy the airport, after which he will open discussions with other potential buyers. Glenview and other northeastern suburbs have indicated their interest in owning the airport, Priester said.

"I'm tired of it," Priester, 75, said. "Every time they [the municipalities] get a couple of new officers, they want a new study."

Prospect Heights and Wheeling have been discussing the purchase for almost five years. Each has submitted initial applications for federal funds after a consulting firm recommended the move last summer to ensure the airport's continued operation. The estimated cost for purchase and renovation is \$52.7 million.

HOWEVER, SEVERAL opponents to the proposed public purchase have won seats on the Prospect Heights City Council and the Wheeling Village Board, making the purchase less likely.

The numerous studies and discussions are "tiresome, but it's a terribly complex thing," said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz.

She said the towns probably wouldn't meet Priester's deadline, but that other municipalities wouldn't want to jump in either without studying the move first.

Priester has applied for \$7.2 million in state and federal funds for airport improvements, which he said he did to learn what stipulations would be attached to the money. Prospect Heights and Wheeling could still purchase the airport if Priester received the grants, Schultz said.

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Village Of Wheeling Starts Flushing Its Fire Hydrants

The Village of Wheeling's Water Division is in the process of flushing fire hydrants throughout the Village.

The flushing is an important preventative maintenance program and is done to remove particles and corrosion from the system. Residents may notice a

slightly lower pressure and discoloration of their water during the flushing program, however, the water will be completely safe to drink. Residents are advised to check the color of the water before beginning laundry in order to prevent any staining.

Signs will be posted in areas designated for flushing one day in advance.

Anyone with questions regarding the flushing program may contact the Department of Operations and Maintenance at 459-2624 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

This legislation is no bargain

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The feistiest fight in Springfield these days is over taxes. But not far behind is the brouhaha about collective-bargaining rights for public employees. On one side are labor unions, which realize that government workers are a large and relatively untapped source of members. On the other side are public officials, who fear their coffers will be depleted if the state gives government employees the right to organize themselves and negotiate wages, hours and working conditions.

A properly written collective-bargaining law could benefit both government and its employees and thus serve the public good. The main purposes of such a law should be to define the rights of employers and workers and set forth the ground rules for negotiations. Unfortunately, the collective-bargaining legislation pending in Springfield is unacceptable, chiefly for two reasons.

First, it gives most public employees the right to strike. Proponents of the legislation contend that government workers should have the same rights as exist among private-sector employees. That argument, though, ignores an important difference between government and business. A union can compel a private employer to heed its demands, because it can make him suffer financially. But a union can't hurt a government employer, for he gets paid, no matter what happens. Thus, in order to get its way, a union is forced to manipulate the political system and hurt the only one it can — the public.

Second, the pending legislation permits binding arbitration to resolve disputes involving police, firefighters and other security personnel (who would be forbidden to strike). If negotiations deadlocked, each side would announce its "last best offer," an arbitration panel would select one or the other, and both parties would abide by the choice. As many public officials rightly complain, such a provision would take decisions about government away from those individuals who were elected to make them.

Unless modified, this collective-bargaining legislation ought to be shelved.

The week ahead

Police, fire hiring proposal on agenda

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Wheeling's village board tonight will consider the village manager's proposal to take four police and fire department supervisors away from the village's fire and police commission.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Village manager Thomas Markus is asking the board to abolish the ranks of police lieutenant and fire captain, which are under the jurisdiction of the four-man commission now. Instead, Markus wants to appoint deputy chiefs and commanders himself.

Markus says he and the police and fire chiefs should have the power to choose their own supervisors, but representatives of both the police and fire unions have complained that Markus' plan would create "the potential for political abuse" in promotions.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM the federal EPA and a private consultant will discuss asbestos in Prospect Heights District 23 schools Tuesday night with the board of education.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the administration center, 700 N. Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights.

Asbestos, a fiber used in insulation, sound-proofing and fire-proofing, was discovered in several of the schools but the board has been uncertain of the danger it presents and how it can be removed or covered. Asbestos has been linked to cancer and other respiratory illnesses by studies on workers who had intense contact with the material for a number of years.

Fourth full of family activities

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HERE IT is — what you've been waiting for — the schedule for the St. Joseph The Worker Family Fest and Wheeling Fourth of July celebration!

First, some special attractions. The Las Vegas Casino opens at 7 p.m. daily with play until 11 p.m.

For a taste of Wheeling's restaurants, there's "Bits N Bites of Wheeling," featuring samplings from Beef & Stein; Billy & Company; Gazebo Ice Cream Parlor; Hackney's in Wheeling; Hans' Bavarian Lodge; Hein's Pub; Jamie's; Le Francais; 94th Aero Squadron; Red Hot Hideout; Ricketts; Tien Tsin; Toppers; and Wa-Pa-Ghettis.

Some of the games, rides, and fun contests include moonwalk, petting zoo, helicopter rides, pony rides, elephant ride, merry go round, dunk tank, high striker, and many many more. Here's the schedule:

On July 1 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. entertainment will be provided by a rock band at the lakefront. From 9 p.m. to midnight, Dave Coady, a Las Vegas show band, will take over. Games scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For adults, there is an egg-throwing contest; diaper derby for the crawling age youngsters; filling pop's shoes for ages 4 to 6; running for ages 1 to 3; football throw for 7 to 10 year olds; a high-school-age sack race; and bubble-blowing contest for all ages. The games are free.

Saturday's and Sunday's entertainment begins at 2 p.m. and features the Buffalo Shufflers, a banjo group, Saturday until 5 p.m. From 6 to 9 p.m. Cal Starr, country western music, will have the spotlight; and from 9 p.m. until midnight, Sam Dent Memorial Jazz Band is featured.

Free games and contests start at 3 p.m. with the candy grab for ages 1 to 3; frisbee throw, ages 4 to 6; wheelbarrow race ages 7 to 10; sack race, ages 11 to 13; shoe in a muddle, for high school ages; balloon toss for adults; and seed spitting for all ages.

From 6 to 8 p.m. the watermelon contest for all age groups; locked arms race for 4 to 6 year olds; shoe kick for 7 to 10 year olds; football throw for 11 to 13



June Stewart

year olds; water balloon toss for high school ages; tug o' war for adults; and another diaper derby for prewalkers.

Sunday's entertainment begins at 2 p.m. with a German folk band called Donaueschwaben Blaskapelle, until 5 p.m. Then, from 6 to 9 p.m. it is Dave Coady, and from 9 p.m. to midnight, Daybreak, a rock band, will perform.

Monday, the Fourth of July, begins with a parade at 10 a.m., with marching units, military units, floats, bands and antique cars.

Games start at 1 p.m. and go until 3. From noon until 3 p.m. Raintree, a rock band, will entertain; from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. it's the Moran Family show; and from 8 to 11 p.m., Matizo, a rock band. An hispanic marishi band is also on the agenda. Then at 9:15 p.m., the day will be highlighted with the fireworks display at Heritage Park.

The Internapoli Soccer Club and Wheeling Park District have been invited to play at Soldier's Field in Chicago, in a pre-game contest at 6:30 p.m., July 1, when the Chicago Sting plays the New York Cosmos.

The Internapoli Soccer Club, ages under 10, will play a Prospect Heights soccer team. The team is coached by Gary Dobbe, former Wheeling postmaster, with assistant coaches Erick Tollefson, Al Bresloff and Ben Neider. Team members are Cary Bresloff, Andy Demetriou, Mario Farina, Josh Ferguson, John Hackbard, Dario Jaramillo, Tito Knowles, John Kocol, Mike Neider, Andy Padjen, Mike Sanabria, Erick Schmidt, Danny Segal, Howie Shack, Geoff Tollefson, Danny Giard, and Ryan Williams.

Regular \$5 tickets are available at the Park District for \$4.



Helpful funds

WHEELING VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz, (center) accepts a check from Dave Saidel, president of the Wheeling Rotary Club while Marion Krozdahl looks on. The funds from the Rotary Club will be used to help furnish the village's new senior center. (Photo by Eva Paredes)

Wheeling deputy chiefs exempt from civil service

The Wheeling police and fire departments now have two deputy chief positions exempt from civil service protection and new police and firemen will now be required to live within 20 miles of the village.

These and other changes proposed by the Wheeling Fire and Police Commission last month were approved by the Wheeling village board Monday night.

The changes call for the rank of lieutenant in the police department and captain in the fire department to be replaced with the exempt position of deputy chief.

Moreover, the commission will no longer examine or promote past the sergeant rank in the police department and the lieutenant rank in the fire department.

Instead, the Wheeling police and fire chiefs will select their own deputy chiefs but Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus must approve any appointments.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger, who recommended the changes to the three-member commission, said he is "very pleased" with the board's action.

Haeger believed the rules needed to be revised since the last update occurred in 1970.

He also stated that civil service prohibited him from selecting the most qualified men for the department and that

similar changes in management positions have been made in other communities.

Members of the Wheeling police department originally opposed the changes and signed petitions stating that the "potential for political abuse is maximized when the inherent safeguards of the Fire and Police Commission are eliminated."

In addition, the petition called for the Fire and Police commission to retain its jurisdiction over all positions except that of police chief.

"The issue was initially controversial because it is a very radical change and a lot of information about those changes was unknown," Haeger said. He added that most of the police officers in the department are now willing to give the new system a chance, especially because it has been successful in other communities.

Still, members of the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) adamantly opposed the changes at the Monday night meeting since they felt that politics would influence the appointments.

What's more, they maintain that exempt positions hurt those people who have made their careers with the Wheeling Police Department since officers from other departments could apply for those positions.

In comparison, many people argue that

it is unfair for people to be assured a promotion or job stability on the basis that they have seniority.

Besides the deputy chief rank and 20-mile residency rule, the board also approved the following changes:

- A two-year probationary period for new officers instead of the current one-year probation.

- A one-year probation for promoted

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officers, unless the police or fire chief chooses to extend that period an additional six months.

- A promoted officer may request a demotion to his original rank.

- Veterans, police cadets, community service officers and civilian employees may apply for additional points on an eligibility test administered before they join the department.

'Family Fest' scheduled

ST JOSEPH the Worker Church, in coordination with the village of Wheeling, the Wheeling Park District, various area service groups and many other fine people, is planning a Family Fest, July 1-4.

Family Fest will be held on the grounds of St. Joseph the Worker Church and Heritage Park. Hours will be 6 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 1; 2 p.m. to midnight on Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and 3; and noon to 11 p.m. on Monday, July 4.

Some of the features offered are continuous live entertainment, Bits-n-Bites of Wheeling, featuring food samples from restaurants, a Las Vegas-style casino, a fireworks display and many games and prizes for all. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun!

Holiday festivities begin

The 4th of July festivities will begin Friday, July 1, at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 181 W. Dundee Rd. The weekend will feature continuous live entertainment, Bits-n-Bites of Wheeling (featuring *100+ samples from many* U.S. Choice



Glenview resident joins village police

A Glenview resident, Kenneth Sheffler, has joined the Wheeling Police Department as a patrol officer. Sheffler, 29, worked as an investiga-

tor in the Cook County public defenders office for seven years. He is a graduate of Glenbrook South High School in Glenview and was at the top of the eli-

gibility list for new officers.

Sheffler will attend a 12-week Chicago Police Department training academy in July.

4th of July parade, fireworks fund \$2,000 short

by Kathy Waugh

With two weeks to go, Wheeling's Fourth of July committee still needs to collect an additional \$2,000 for the holiday parade and fireworks.

Alberta Klocke, committee chairman, said just more than \$5,500 has already been collected. The committee needs \$6,000 for the fireworks display and another \$1,500 for prizes and three bands for the Independence Day parade.

Klocke is optimistic about collecting the needed money, but said the fireworks display could be cut back if the committee's last-minute fund-raising efforts fall short. The money is due July 4 to Galaxy Fireworks of Elmwood Park and three bands — Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and Antioch high schools — marching in the parade, she said.

"I think if we are short any money we might also consider what we have done in past years and passed the hat

around the night of the fireworks asking for donations," she said. "I'm very confident, though, that we will collect the money."

"WE MAY BE pleasantly surprised at the amount we collect," she said, adding that last year the committee collected \$5,000 in the final four weeks of preparation. "We will just keep collecting and if we have any left over it will go towards the parade and fireworks next year."

A plea for funds made through the

village water bills gained \$1,200 in tax-deductible donations, she said, and banks and several other businesses still have not responded to letters asking for contributions.

Door-to-door workers have collected \$500 so far, Klocke said, and will be collecting through the end of the week. About 50 cans are being circulated and only 16 have been returned. "If 16 cans can bring in \$500 then we might be able to make the money we need on the rest of the cans alone," she said. Last

year, 30 walkers collected \$2,200 in one week.

Wheeling had fireworks but no parade last year after the village and park district refused to donate money to the event. Klocke, and her volunteer committee of citizens, collected money for the fireworks when the park district backed out of the event just four weeks before the holiday. In the past, the Jaycees sponsored the festivities with a \$5,000 donation from the village.

If you have any questions, please call 541-0036. *Herald Neighbor*
\$10 smoke detectors 6/30/83

As part of a non-profit, educational project to acquaint Wheeling residents with the danger of home fires and fire protection, the Wheeling Volunteer Fire Department will offer smoke detectors at \$10 each.

The department will have a booth at Wheeling's Family Fest to provide the detectors and information on fire safety. Detectors will also be available anytime at the fire station, 255 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling.

Fire Chief Bernard Koeppen of the Wheeling Fire Department announced that the "Get Alarmed" program is geared to making the public aware of the benefits of equipping homes with modern smoke detectors. He stressed that until five years ago, the United States had the highest rate of fire-related deaths of all industrial countries. That rate is now dropping as homeowners, renters, and landlords realize the tremendous potential that smoke detectors have for saving lives and property.

Blood drive set

The second of three annual Community Blood Drives for Wheeling will be held July 13 from 2:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the village hall. Blood donated at these community drives is utilized by the Blood Center of Northern Illinois (a merger of the North Suburban Blood Center and the Michael Reese Foundation/Blood Center) to supply the 25 Chicago and suburban area hospitals it serves. The blood is used by the hospital in emergency life saving situations, for surgical procedures, medical treatments and some research. The Blood Center of Northern Illinois (BCNI) estimates 90,000 units of blood will be needed this year. Voluntary donations are the only source of blood so the need for donors is great. Blood donations will be desperately needed at this drive because the supply will be severely depleted by the July 4th holiday.

The donation of a unit of blood has often been characterized as "The Gift of Life," which it is.

Professional football player Virgil Livers of the Chicago Blitz will be the grand marshal for this year's 42-unit parade.

Livers, a 31-year-old Buffalo Grove resident, played with the Chicago Bears for five years before he was sidelined by a knee injury. After one year with the Green Bay Packers, Livers was drafted by the Blitz, a team in the new United States Football League.

Officers oppose change in hiring from outside

By DONALD LIEBENSON
Correspondent

DESPITE THE protest of several police and fire officers, the Wheeling Village Board voted Monday, June 20, 4-2 to approve Police Chief Michael Haeger's plan that would give him, Fire Chief Bernie Koepen, and Village Manager Thomas Markus an increased role in the appointment of four vacant police and fire supervisory positions.

The proposal eliminates the positions of police lieutenant and fire captain and replaces them with the now-exempt rank of deputy chief. Under the current system, the Fire and Police Commission is responsible for hiring, promotion, and disciplinary actions of the officers.

The change, which would allow Haeger to recommend candidates from outside the department, met with strong opposition from the rank-and-file. Approximately 50 people, most of them members of the Police and Fire departments, were in attendance. "We're at a crossroads tonight," patrolman Wally Fitzgibbons told the board. "Don't you hear your employees screaming that something's wrong?"

HAEGER STRESSED that he wanted to create an exempt rank in order to hand-pick "the most qualified candidate." He also contended that the change would open up a "closed system" for young officers, thereby increasing the officers'

motivation and competitiveness.

Saying he felt like the Christian in the lion's den, Police Sgt. Tad Leach called the plan unfair to officers inside the department. "Why go outside?" he asked. "Give us a chance first. If no one is qualified, then go outside."

"Should we bring in people from Mt. Prospect to fill your jobs?" Fitzgibbons asked of the board. "You're not asking for qualifications. If we don't develop the talent we have, we're going to lose it."

SPEAKING FOR the change, Chief James Taylor, director of public safety and police chief for Hoffman Estates, said the commission or civil service hirings sometimes gave "tenure to incompetents" and that such people were sometimes "impossible to remove."

"A man is a fool if he's looking for 'yes-men'," he said. "But he's also a fool if he doesn't surround himself with a supportive team." Haeger's plan, he said, would bring "a breath of fresh air and new ideas" to the department.

Police Chief Ron Pavlock of Mt. Prospect said the exempt rank system would develop talent within the department. He said that he created the exempt rank in other states and that seven people who worked in it are now chiefs of police throughout the country.

He added, however, that the ratio of outside to inside personnel hired was approximately 60 to 40 percent.

Trustees Roger Powers and

SUMMARY

The Village Board Monday, June 20, approved a plan by Police Chief Michael Haeger that allows him, Fire Chief Bernie Koepen and Village Manager Thomas Markus to have an increased role in appointing replacements to four vacant police and fire supervisory positions.

The action was approved despite objections by nearly 50 persons, many of them police officers and fire fighters, in attendance at the meeting. The change allows Haeger or Koepen to recommend to Markus candidates for positions in their respective departments who are from outside the department. Opponents to the measure contend that vacancies should be filled from within department ranks.

Charles Kerr voted against the change. Calling the plan "not in the community's best interest right now" he asked Haeger if the plan might promote stagnation among officers who "want a shot against peers and not against strangers."

HAEGER SAID the more in-depth assessment center testing of candidates would provide safeguards against political abuse. He said he would not necessarily hire from outside the department, but wanted the latitude to find "someone I trust and know can get the job done."

Also approved by the board were several changes to the Fire and Police Commission Rules and Regulations, including a 20-mile residency requirement for new officers, the establishment of a demotion procedure, and the extension to two years of the probationary time required for police and fire officers. Haeger said the extension was needed because a new officer

spends most of his first year in recruit school and there was not too much opportunity to evaluate their field work.

In other village news, Park Superintendent Dave Phillips said that in answer to complaints from the Chevy Chase Property Homeowners Association, he had submitted to the Illinois Department of Revenue a proposal to reapportion the district to erase the 6 percent tax differentiation between Cook and Lake counties.

The proposal will take effect next year. Residents had complained that it had not received adequate service since the Park District annexed the land in 1977 to justify the higher tax rates for their Lake County homes.

Association president Bernie Powers said the Park District had been very cooperative since the complaints were raised. He said an "ongoing relationship" was essential and that a representative would continue to attend Park District meetings.

Lisa Schab



Wheeling

Village wants you... for enjoyable Fourth

The Village of Wheeling wants you... to stay home this Fourth of July weekend. They claim to have the holiday planned for — guaranteed fun, good food, and fireworks. In fact, it's so great, they've decided to start the celebration three days before the Fourth of July.

You may have already seen the giant watermelon grinning at you from the front lawn of St. Joseph the Worker School on Dundee Road. The sign announces the festival dates, which will be July 1 through 4, and they're calling it a Family Fest. St. Joe's is working in conjunction with the Wheeling Fourth of July Committee. (You may have noticed their fireworks donation cans sitting in various locations throughout the village.)

Kathy Ferro, who's been helping out with publicity for the fest, says that last year's event was "quite a success" and "really fun." But in 1982, the fest was only two days in length versus this year's four, and she hopes that this will really give an opportunity for the whole family to come in.

Highlights of the weekend's activities will be free entertainment every night, a Las Vegas style casino for adults, fireworks (of course) and something new this year called "Bits and Bites of Wheeling."

Bits and Bites is designed after the lakefront festival "A Taste of Chicago," with at least 15 different Wheeling restaurants participating, including Hans Bavarian Lodge and the famous Le Francais. Bits and Bites will be running for all four days of the festival.

And for those who really want to be as "high as a flag on the Fourth of July" — there will also be helicopter rides available — promised fun for adults and kids alike.

Nightly entertainment at the fest will offer a variety of musicians from the German folk band Donaueschwaben Blaskapelle to singer Dave Coady and also the Moran Family.

During the day, a number of games and contests will be held, including some specialties to involve kids such as a water balloon toss, watermelon eating contest, diaper derby, and a bubble gum blowing contest. There will also be puppets, clowns and pony rides for the kids to enjoy. Every afternoon Bingo will be held (with cash prizes), and the whole weekend will be ended up with a bang and the delight of fireworks on the night of the Fourth.

Parking, admission, and entertainment for the fest are all free of charge. St. Joseph the Worker Church and school are located at 181 W. Dundee Road in Wheeling. The festival times will be: Friday, July 1, from 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, July 2, from 2 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, July 3, from 2 p.m. to midnight; and Monday, July 4, from noon to 11 p.m. Fireworks will be held at approximately 9:15 p.m. on July 4 at Heritage Park (222 S. Wolf).

For more information on the fest, call Linda Lindstrom, in charge of publicity, at 537-4940.

HERE'S SOME NEWS FROM OUR MEN IN THE SERVICE: Marine Cpl. Eric R. Fritsche is now on deployment in Okinawa. Fritsche, a member of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, Camp Pendleton, Calif., will be spending a total of six months overseas as part of the Marine Corps program. He is the son of Richard and Diane Fritsche of Milwaukee Avenue and Spur Court respectively, in Wheeling.

And also in the Marines, Marine Lance Cpl. Mike J. Rossi, who is a member of the 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade also at Camp Pendleton, recently participated in exercise "Kernel Blitz 83" on the southern California coast. Rossi was a part of the nine-day U.S. Navy Third Fleet training exercise involving more than 7,000 marines and sailors, 10 ships and aircraft. Rossi is the son of Al Rossi of Comanche Trail in Wheeling.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOREE POGUE of Wheeling who was recently inducted as a charter member of the national nursing society Sigma Theta Tau at Edinburg College. Loree is the daughter of Wade and Rosanne Duyon.

"Never expect gratitude; going to your best friend's funeral doesn't mean that he will return the favor." — James Holt McGovern

Older Wheeling streets first on list for repaving Herald 6/23/83

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Thirty-eight streets in the older sections of Wheeling will get a face-lift later this summer as the village begins more than \$1 million of repaving work and storm sewer construction.

The project begins the first year of a \$3.7 million four-year road improvement program approved last September to repair or replace 192 roads.

The money for this year's work has been saved up over the last three years, said public works director Robert Gray. To complete the project, the village is planning to borrow against

its future income from state gasoline taxes.

THE VILLAGE now receives approximately \$350,000 a year in gas taxes and uses most of it for pot-hole patching and minor repaving jobs.

Gray said 90 percent of the village roads will eventually be replaced or resurfaced. Replaced roads last 20 to 25 years. "The roads are just wearing out and as these older subdivisions get to be 20 and 25 years old we have to do something," he said.

Work includes 25 streets off Dundee Road in the area of Elmhurst and Schoenbeck roads and another 13 around Jeffrey Avenue and Manches-

ter Drive. All work will begin in July or August and should be completed by October.

"We picked these roads because they are the easiest to do with the resurfacing and can be completed before the summer ends," said Assistant Village Manager Robert Flalkowski. In the following years, he said, the village will replace roads more heavily damaged by years of wear-and-tear including those in the industrial areas. Major roads, controlled by the county and state, will not be affected.

INCLUDED IN this summer's work is \$90,000 in storm sewer installation

on George Road, S. Wayne Place, East Dennis Road, Cindy Lake and Robert Avenue. Those roads will be resurfaced or replaced next year.

Roads to be resurfaced are: Laurel Court, Center Avenue, Mors Avenue, Denniston Court, Yorkshire Place, Brighton Place, Dover Place, Renee Terrace and Deborah Lane.

BETWEEN JEFFREY Avenue and Manchester Drive, work will be done on: Park Avenue, Virginia Place, Jerone Place, Marvin Place, Anita Place and Stone Place. Jeffrey will be resurfaced from Milwaukee Avenue to Willie Avenue.

Partial repaving will be done on: Beverly Drive from St. Armand Lane to Valley Stream; Woodland Drive from Wilshire Drive to Cedar Drive; Kenilworth Drive and Chestnut Lane from St. Armand Lane to Sarasota Drive;

And on Coral Lane from Sarasota Drive to St. Armand Lane; Birch Trail from March Lane to Dundee Road; Willow Trail from Redwood Trail to Palm Drive; Anthony Road from the village limits to Schoenbeck Road; Fletcher Drive from S. Fletcher Drive to N. Norman Lane;

Also on S. Fletcher Drive from

Fletcher to Elmhurst Road; Marion Court from S. Fletcher Road to E. Norman Lane; Maureen Drive from Fletcher Drive to E. Norman Lane; Albert Terrace from E. Norman Lane to Maureen Drive; N. Green Drive from W. Green Drive to E. Merle Lane; Audrey Court from S. Merle Lane to E. Merle Lane;

And on N. Wayne Place from George Road to N. Dennis Road; Sunrise Drive from Lilac Lane to the west dead end; Crescent Drive from Manchester Drive to Wolf Road; Brighton Place from Denoyer to Yorkshire Place; and Portsmouth from Denoyer to London.

CSOs take drudgery out of police work Herald 6/27/83

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

At one time or another, everyone has to do the little jobs that go unnoticed but keep things together. In the Wheeling Police Department, things are no different.

The 30 policemen are relieved of some of the more dull and time-consuming activities like issuing tickets, responding to animal complaints and making sure weeds and trash don't get out of hand.

Community Service officers, like 18-year veteran Theresa Poulos, take care of those tasks. "She has every ordinance memorized," Sergeant Jack Kimsey said.

Kimsey supervises four part-time and two full-time officers. Most are college students interested in becoming police officers. CSO's, as they are called, aren't sworn officers. They do not carry guns and, although most people might not notice, they also wear different uniforms than the blue-suited patrolmen.

BUT POULOS IS quick to point out that their responsibilities and authority is just as strong.

"We take care of yard complaints where the weeds are high and garbage is stacked," she said. "Last week we handled a call on George Road where the debris and junk was so high it was just an eyesore.

"I wouldn't want to live next to that. It took some doing but we got that taken care of."

If it's non-criminal, the CSOs probably handle it, Kimsey said. CSOs write parking tickets, check to make sure businesses have their licenses, respond to reports of abandoned or illegally parked vehicles. CSO's occasionally even pick up stray rattlesnakes that find their way out of the Des Plaines River, he said, or other animals found on the loose.

Poulos said she and the other officers respond to several calls each day and work primarily on the day shift. Without hesitation, she adds that there is little trouble making it clear when an ordinance is violated.

"I HAVE A threatening way of telling them that they can take care of it or we will see them in court," she said with a slight chuckle. "It usually works because they know none of us are kidding."

Politely called the "senior" member of the CSOs, Poulos works with several young men and women hoping to be police officers. Four of Wheeling's six, Kimsey said, are in local colleges studying law enforcement.

"Young people aspiring to be police officers see first-hand what it is like," Kimsey said. And because they are young and ambitious, they are great to work with because "they are more dedicated and more gung-ho."

Their help in the department is immeasurable, he said. "With them handling non-emergency situations, it really frees the sworn officers up to do more things that they are responsible for," Kimsey said.



Herald photo

THE "SENIOR MEMBER" of the Wheeling Police Department, Theresa Poulos, and Lara Kappler are among the village's six community service officers. They handle most of the non-criminal complaints, like those about tall weeds, to free the patrolmen for other duties.

The week ahead Herald 6/29/83

Village to give OK on pipeline work

Wheeling's village board is expected to approve the second half of its contract work on the Lake Michigan water pipeline today, saving the village 14 percent from the original estimated cost.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending Pittsburgh-Des Moines Corporation be awarded a \$3.8 million contract for four water tanks. The village has already awarded contracts totaling \$2.1 million for other water main construction that will handle Lake Michigan water being piped in from Evanston.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the 14 percent savings would "probably not" be returned to taxpayers through an abatement but rather by the village working on other projects delayed in the past such as sidewalk installation.

Wheeling is sharing the cost of the \$54 million pipeline with Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine.

A NEW \$323,700 telephone system will be recommended to the High School District 214 Board of Education today by the administration.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the administration building, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

School administrators say the district can save nearly \$1 million over 10 years by awarding a contract to Mideo Inc., Chicago, instead of keeping its Illinois Bell system and estimating a 10 percent increase in rates each year.

DISTRICT 214 will also consider today spending \$14,000 for a new Pontiac STE sedan for Louis Christensen, who will become superintendent on July 1.

Low bids could save \$20 million on pipeline

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

With more than half of the work under contract, two pipelines to bring Lake Michigan water to the Northwest suburbs are expected to come in at least \$20 million under budget — allowing local officials to shave their increases in property taxes and water rates to pay for it.

Contracts for the Northwest Water Commission's pipeline to Evanston came in at 18.5 percent below the initial estimate. That price break, coupled with the fact that the pipeline group was able to secure a top bond rating to borrow money, will lower the project's total cost almost 10 percent, to \$205 million.

For its members — Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Palatine and Wheeling — the lower construction costs translate into a lower wholesale water rate of about 78 cents per 1,000

gallons next year, well below a two-year-old projection of \$1.35.

FOR THE JOINT Action Water Agency — Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and Streamwood — the outlook for a pipeline to Chicago is even better. With about one-third of the work under contract, costs are running nearly 31 percent below the estimate. Final construction costs were estimated at \$80.3 million.

The group also plans to renegotiate a portion of the \$124 million it has borrowed to begin work on the pipeline, which officials hope will produce a lower interest rate and thus even more savings.

But with an economy that is beginning to turn around and fewer contractors hungry for work, Elk Grove Village Manager Charles Willis, secretary of the pipeline group, says it's "somewhat doubtful" those lower bids will

continue at their current pace.

If the trend of lower bids were to continue at the present rate, towns that belong to the JAWA group would find themselves paying an average of about \$2 per 1,000 gallons of lake water, more than 16 percent below the most recent estimate of \$2.40.

THE COST OF building the pipeline and then paying for the water from Evanston or Chicago comprise the bulk, but not all, of the lake water costs. In addition, each town is responsible for raising the money for its own "internal improvements," like new storage tanks and water mains.

There, too, early bids are running lower than expected. But, again local officials are reluctant to speculate on what it will mean to final water bills until all the bids have been tabulated.

However, almost all local officials say they plan to pass along to residents whatever lake water savings evolve. That doesn't mean water rates or prop-

erty taxes will go down, however, but that they may not rise as fast or as far as expected.

The exceptions are Wheeling and Palatine.

In Palatine, officials say they will not be able to roll back a 59-cent property tax hike to reflect the lower construction costs because their earlier estimates were incorrect. They say the lower construction prices saved them from taxing for an additional 5 to 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation over the original projection.

In Wheeling — where much of the lake water costs also were tacked onto property taxes — officials say they want to use the extra money to complete other long-delayed projects — like repairing and building sidewalks — instead of a tax rebate.

Here is a look at the costs in towns waiting for lake water:

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS: Last year, village officials boosted water rates to

\$2.45 per 1,000 gallons, and projected a rate increase to \$2.99 in May 1983. Instead, water rates rose only 5 cents this year, to \$2.50, because of lower construction and financing costs.

Next year, the village begins to put some of its lake costs onto property taxes. Village residents will be paying about 10.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for lake water.

BUFFALO GROVE: The village will end up paying about 18 percent less than previously expected for construction, and a monthly service charge, which recently was increased from \$6 to \$15.20, will level off earlier. The village originally planned to raise the fee to \$22.25 when lake water arrives next year, but Finance Director William Brimm now says it will peak at \$21 in 1986 and then begin to drop.

That fee is part of a three-pronged lake water payment system that also includes higher water rates and prop- (Continued on Page 4)

Lower bids could save \$20 million on pipeline cost

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erty taxes. Next year, water rates are scheduled to increase from \$1 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.90. This rate also may not go as high as earlier predicted, but Brimm said he will not have an estimate until later this summer.

Property taxes will pay for internal improvements, which also should cost less than expected, dropping from \$5.5 million, to \$4.3 million. The village then will levy about 45.8 cents per \$100 valuation, well below earlier projections.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE: Finance Director George Coney said the village does not plan to raise water rates until all the construction bids are in and the village can get a more "realistic" cost figure.

Village officials have not discussed projected increases in water rates, nor will they speculate on them. However, a Kansas City consulting firm late last year predicted that village water rates would have to more than double, to \$2 per 1,000 gallons, in 1984 to pay for lake water.

HOFFMAN ESTATES: Village Manager John Dixon said if that trend of lower pipeline bids continue, the village may knock "maybe three or four cents" off a projected water rate increase to \$3 in 1984. Village residents now pay \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons.

HANOVER PARK: Unlike its neighbors, Hanover Park is easing into the lake water program and will continue to pump well water until 1987. Next year, the village will collect an additional 8 cents per \$100 assessed valuation in real estate taxes to begin repaying a \$1.6 million loan for water system work. That will add about \$15 to a typical homeowner's annual water bill, now at about \$222.

MOUNT PROSPECT: Despite the lower pipeline bids, Assistant Village Manager Jay Hedges said the village has not changed its projections either for property taxes or for the water rates. Currently, the water rate is \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons and is scheduled to rise to \$2.32 in May, 1984.

PALATINE: Two years ago, village officials estimated residents would pay

99 cents per 1,000 gallons plus about 59 cents per \$100 equalized assessed valuation, for a total of about \$231 a year for lake water.

However, Palatine's pipeline costs came in 13 percent less than the original estimates, but village officials say the tax rate and water rate probably will not drop. They blame former Village Manager Anton Harwig for incorrectly computing the future assessed valuation of the village when the earlier calculations were made.

Village officials say they are unable to project next year's costs because of a bitter lawsuit over the rates imposed by the village on residents of the nearby unincorporated areas who are served by the village-owned Ferndale Heights water system.

Village officials say the higher rates Ferndale customers are charged is necessary because of the massive internal improvements needed for the Ferndale system. But Ferndale customers, who say their water rates are the highest in the state, feel the village is trying to a profit on out-of-town wa-

ter sales in order to cut costs for its own residents.

Despite the confusion caused by the lawsuits, village officials say residents are seeing some savings from low construction bids. The original estimate shows that the village needed to collect \$2.7 million in taxes for water this year, but instead levied for \$2.2 million.

ROLLING MEADOWS: City Manager James Turi said there is "no way to predict" what the savings will be to water users, but said if the lower bids continue, "I'm hoping we won't have to go as high as we've said."

Currently, residents pay \$1.55 per 1,000 gallons. Rates are scheduled to increase to \$2.09 in 1984 and to \$2.50 the next year.

SCHAUMBURG: The village this year raised water rates 17 percent to \$1.71, and has scheduled another 17 percent hike next year, to \$2 per 1,000 gallons. But Assistant Village Manager George Longmeyer says that number will be reviewed later this year in light of the pipeline savings.

"We've gotten some excellent bids, but we still have some improvements to do and that could cost us more," Longmeyer said. "If costs continue to be 25 to 30 percent below estimates, then there may be a savings."

STREAMWOOD: Finance Director Douglas Ellsworth said the village may be able to pare down a water rate increase anticipated in 1985 to \$4.20 per 1,000 gallons instead of \$4.95.

Water rates in Streamwood next

year are expected to increase from \$1.80 to \$3.01 per 1,000 gallons.

WHEELING: Officials say the village's costs on the pipeline project have dropped about \$1 million, to a current projection of \$11 million.

Internal improvements under contract total about \$5.9 million, a 14 percent decrease from the estimate. Another \$4.3 million of local work and four new water tanks remains to be bid, and Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said he is optimistic that the cost will come to \$3.8 million.

The village last year raised property taxes 48 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and raised water rates 90 cents, to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons, an increase of about \$131 a year for a person with a home assessed at \$19,000.

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LIFE in Wheeling

Beware of trees that go 'swish'

Life 6/30/83



June Stewart

STRANGE THINGS happen sometimes. About the strangest that's happened around here was when Victor Medina returned home from work to find a giant box elder tree that had been standing firm now resting on its side. This 30-foot, fully bloomed tree rested on its side with branches on the fence, and its branches covered the Frank Beeman's car with the top branches resting on the roof of the Beeman's home.

"I saw it, but I don't believe it," said Victor. Most of the neighbors saw it happen and found it hard to believe, also. There was a "swish" as the tree simply fell over. Fortunately, no one was hurt and little if any damage was done. However, it took him a week to saw the tree up with the help of Mark Fulton and Frank Beeman. Seems the tree was the victim of wood ants who had made a nest inside the trunk. Since the tree bloomed as always, and since it seemed healthy, no one expected it to fall over. Let's face it—wood ants or not, how often does a 30-foot tree in full bloom fall over?

The Medina's son Alexander recently celebrated his first birthday. "A.J.'s" brother, Johnny, is at Children's Memorial Hospital recuperating from surgery.

The Spanish band will play Sunday, the 3rd, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday, the Fourth of July, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Father Vince McCaffrey, Al Reif and Carl Colandra have been working on the Family Fest since January. Of course, the Fourth of July Committee began work last year on July 5. "It's something for everyone—and something we would like each year," Colandra said.

There's still time to pick up tickets to the Chicago Sting soccer game tomorrow night. Tickets are \$5 at the door, but available from the Wheeling Park District for \$4. The Internapoli Soccer Club, based at the Wheeling Park District, will be playing the Prospect Heights Park District at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the pre-game contest.

If you have an old musical instrument, or other musical item you would like to get rid of, drop it off at the Wheeling Fire Department before Sept. 15. The music items will be sold at Old Orchard at a music mart Sept. 28 to Oct. 3, and the money will go for research into amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, sponsored by the Les Turner Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Foundation at the Northwestern University Medical School. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is commonly known as Lou Gerig's disease.

Next community blood drive is from 2:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. July 13, in the council chambers of the Wheeling Municipal Building. Anyone from age 17 to 65 can donate blood. Donors are screened at the center by blood center personnel so that those who do offer to donate may do so safely. Some 90,000 units are needed in Illinois this year. And the only source of blood is from donors. For more information, call 459-2600.

The Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry Third Annual Golf Outing is Aug. 10. A special package—18 holes of golf and dinner is available for \$20 per person. It's at Chevy Chase Country Club Golf Course. Call the Chamber for more information, of Lenny Manewith, 291-1170; Lee Roher, 291-0420; or Joan Karge, 541-5041.



Up, up and away

WHEELING'S FOURTH OF July Committee gets a boost as Marvin Hill, president of the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce, presents a check to Alberta Klocke, co-chairman of the committee, for \$1,000. The committee has been working since last year to arrange the 1983 holiday which will include a parade and fireworks. St. Joseph The Worker Church is sponsoring Family Fest, which will be held during the holiday weekend. (Photo by Eva Paredes)

Plans nearing completion for July 4th celebration

Food, drinks, games, fireworks and a parade are included in Wheeling's Fourth of July festivities which begin Friday.

The village Fourth of July committee has collected \$6,500 of the needed \$7,200 for Monday's 10 a.m. parade and 9:15 p.m. fireworks. Money is still coming in, said committee chairman Alberta Klocke, "so I have no doubt that we will make what we need."

Holiday fun starts at 6 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph the Worker's Family Fest '83. The four-day festival includes 14 area restaurants in Bits 'N Bites of Wheeling, \$60,000 worth of non-stop entertainment and organized games for every age group.

The festival, ending at midnight each night, will be in the 20-acre lot behind the parish and school, 181 W. Dundee Road.

Festival workers say things are coming together smoothly as electrical hookups, lights and trash containers are installed with tents for all the events. Rain won't hurt the festival.

publicist Linda Lindstrom said.

A \$3 maximum on any food sold at the Bits 'N Bites is helping to keep costs down as is the free gate entrance.

Action starts at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and at noon Monday, shortly after the 43-unit parade marches east from Elmhurst and Dundee roads, south to Heritage Park. Music includes jazz, folk, country and contemporary. Among the special attractions are a Las Vegas-style casino night each evening from 7 to 11, afternoon bingo and dozens of drawings for prizes.

Children are invited to a 4 p.m. Saturday puppet show by Rainbow Puppets called "Dorothy meets the Wizard of Space." A petting zoo, helicopter rides and pony rides are also planned.

Kids of all ages can compete in Frisbee, egg and balloon throwing, diaper derbies, sack and running races, candy grabs and tug-o-wars.

Monday morning's parade steps off from K mart's parking lot at the corner of Dundee and Elmhurst roads.

Bands from Antioch, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling high schools will join the eight community and five commercial floats.

Floats will be judged as they pass a reviewing stand in front of the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Village President Sheila Schultz, Wheeling High School employee Jim Whittington and Chamber of Commerce President Marvin Hill will choose first and second prize winners in both commercial and community floats.

Winners will be announced before the fireworks celebration which will begin at 9:15 p.m. in Heritage Park.

Because of the parade, Dundee Road will be closed off for about two hours. Police Sergeant Ted Bracke said. Traffic on Dundee Road will be routed south to Hintz Road and north to Lake-Cook Road. Traffic traveling north on Wolf Road will be routed around Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road, by taking Manchester Drive east to Milwaukee Avenue.

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Wheeling Volunteer Fire Department safety booth; Spur Club popcorn booth; AFS, and Wheeling High School Spur club booths.

Another attraction is "Mat and His Tribe" or "Mat Y Su Tribo."

Fingerprinting reservations taken

The Wheeling Police Department is taking reservations from village residents for another session of fingerprinting of children.

Parents wishing to have their child's fingerprints documented in August must make reservations by July 11.

"It's a security for parents in case something unforeseen happens to their child," Wheeling Police Sergeant Jack Kimsey said. "Some parent's feel it helps in identification if their child is missing."

The department does not keep the prints, but instead returns them to parents to hang onto. Kimsey said about one in 10 may someday be used to help identify a child.

THE AUGUST fingerprinting is sponsored by the Jaycees and Jaycees Jills. Dates and location of fingerprinting will be supplied after registration.

Children 4 years of age or younger must be fingerprinted by a parent. Volunteers will be available to assist. People 5 and older can be fingerprinted by

a volunteer with all those under 18 needing permission of a parent or guardian.

Pre-registration forms are available at the police department in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road; the Wheeling Park District office at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road; and the Indian Trails Library, 355 Schoenbeck Road. Forms must be returned by July 11.

For more information, contact the Wheeling Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 459-2632.



7/13/83 Herald Sewer to help Wheeling park flood problem

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

A storm sewer and catch basin will be installed at the east end of Horizon Park this summer, a move that Wheeling park district and village officials say should end flooding at the park and nearby residential areas.

Park Director David Phillips said crews will install a 150-foot sewer line and catch basin at the park, 375 Schoenbeck Road, by the end of August. He said the district will spend about \$2,600 for the drainage equipment, which will clear the way for district plans to put in ball fields and playground equipment in the 10-acre park. The sewer will connect with a new village sewer line on Robert Avenue, which is being laid as part of a \$1 million road improvement program by the village.

"It will be like putting a drain at the bottom of a bath tub," Phillips said, pointing out that the village or park employees pump the east end of Horizon Park nearly every time it rains.

THE NEW SEWER line will help to end flooding on Roberts Avenue and Thelma Court, said Robert Gray, public works director.

Thelma Court will get the most relief from the new storm sewer lines because water drains that way during heavy rains. A year ago, the village experienced its worst flooding in 25 years, putting basement floors in the area under water.

When the flood work is completed, the park is planning to develop the site, which has lain dormant in the eight years since its purchase. The district applied for a \$100,000 federal grant last week to install three baseball diamonds, a soccer-football field, a summer basketball and winter ice skating surface, and playground equipment for children.

Parking, lighting, picnic tables and park benches also will be added. The district purchased the lot for \$265,000 in 1975 using \$165,000 in taxpayers funds and a \$100,000 federal grant.

4 mayors join Little City fund drive

Four area mayors have joined a suburban group of city leaders who will be collecting donations for the Little City Foundation Aug. 12 and 13.

Sheila Schultz of Wheeling, Charles Zetek of Elk Grove Village, William D. Ahrens of Rolling Meadows and Robert J. Guss Jr. of Palatine have joined the committee of 70.

Committee members will stand on busy street corners, in shopping plazas and at commuter stations collecting donations while they hand out stickers of "happy-face smiles."

Established in 1959, Little City is a treatment and research center dedicated to the personal, social and economic development of the mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed.

It is in a residential community for the mentally retarded located on 60 acres of land in Palatine.

Proceeds will be used to fund programs for non-resident, mentally retarded children who can enjoy the facilities at the Variety Club - Karyn Kupcinek Social Habilitation Center.

For more information, contact the Little City office at 282-2207.

Fire department selling discount smoke alarms

Wheeling residents can buy smoke detectors at a discount rate from the Wheeling Volunteer Fire Department.

Detectors are being offered as part of a non-profit, educational project to acquaint residents with the danger of

home fires and fire protection. For \$10, one can be bought at the fire station, 255 W. Dundee Road, or this weekend at St. Joseph the Worker's Family Fest '83 - a four-day festival at the church, 181 W. Dundee Road, ending on the Fourth of July.

Until five years ago, the United States had the highest rate of fire-related deaths in all industrialized countries, but that rate is now dropping because people are realizing the life-saving potential of smoke detectors, said Wheeling Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

Selected decisions from the village board meetings of June 6, 13, 20 and 27.

	Allieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
To give 70 clerks and administrators in the village a 4-percent pay hike. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To give 25 public works employees a two year contract for a 4 1/4-percent increase in 1983 and a 3 1/2-percent increase in 1984. (Passed 5-1)	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
To give the village manager hiring, firing, discipline and promotional control over the top two positions in the police and fire departments and to create a commander position in the police department also under the manager's control. (Passed 4-2)	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
To award Pittsburgh-Des Moines Corp. a \$3.8 million contract to build four water tanks as the final bid enabling Wheeling to accept Lake Michigan Water. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

\$1 million road work slated for

Wheeling's roads will remain largely untouched by work crews this month, but in August a \$1 million project to resurface 38 local roads is set to begin.

State construction on Dundee and other major roads is not scheduled until 1984.

Robert Gray, public works director for Wheeling, said local roads will be closed for a limited time while resurfacing is done, primarily on streets in the older sections of town.

Paving will continue through the fall, weather permitting, he said. Work on the first year of a four-year street

improvement plan includes 25 streets off Dundee Road in the area of Elmhurst and Schoenbeck roads and another 13 around Jeffery Avenue and Manchester Drive.

WORK ON state-controlled roads, however, is not progressing as fast, he said.

"People ask why it takes so long but there is so much paperwork and procedures to be followed," he said. "We are also hoping that all the (Lake Michigan pipeline) water main work will be done by then so that we don't have contractors out tripping over each other."

The most prominent state construction work being discussed involves the resurfacing of Dundee Road from Milwaukee Avenue to Elmhurst Road. The state will accept bids in July to resurface Dundee from the Soo Ry. line to Wolf Road.

With the passing of the state gas tax bill, then resurfacing portions of Dundee Road could begin as soon as next year, said Les Swelca, Illinois Department of Transportation program chief.

SEVERAL LONG-RANGE projects call for the widening and resurfacing of other state roads. Still without fund-

ing is a \$1.7 million project that would add an additional lane to Elmhurst Road from Dundee Road south to Palatine Road. The state is also searching for funding to resurface McHenry Road from Dundee Road north to Elmhurst.

Three road-improvement projects totaling \$3.4 million will be underway next spring with funding by a North-west Municipal Conference federal

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4th parade to include bands, cars, even Santa

Wheeling's Fourth of July parade will step off at 10 a.m. Monday from the K mart parking lot on the corner of Dundee and Elmhurst.

Included in the the 45-unit parade are bands from Antioch, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling high schools. They will be joined by eight community and five commercial floats. Floats will be judged as they pass the reviewing stand located in front of the Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The parade will turn south at Wolf Road and end at Heritage Park.

Grand Marshall for the Wheeling Parade is professional football player Virgil Livers of the Chicago Blitz. Livers, a 31-year-old Buffalo Grove resident, played with the Chicago Bears for five years before he was sidelined with a knee injury.

After one year with the Green Bay Packers, Livers was signed by the Blitz, a team in the new United States Football League.

WHEELING'S FIRE AND police department will be represented in the parade along with Marine Corp color guard, Wheeling Park District, Wheeling Historical Society, Internopoli Soccer Organization, the Wheeling Jaycees, Cub Scout Troup 79, Brownie Troup 550 and Boy Scout Troup 48.

Mixed in with several antique cars will be color guards from the Lions, the Disabled Veterans, Amvets and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Also in the parade are members of the St. Joseph Board of Education, United States Navy SCC Military unit and the Clown Club of Wheeling High School.

Indian Trails' book van will be in the parade with the character E.T. and marching clowns, Wheeling Jaycee Jills clowns, a three-wheeler custom-made motorcycle, Arby's bull, a World War II jeep and Whippetree Condominium's horse-drawn buckboard.

Closing out the parade is possibly his earliest guest appearance of the year — Santa and Mrs. Claus.

BECAUSE OF the parade, Dundee Road will be blocked off and traffic will be routed around surrounding major streets, said Wheeling police Sgt. Ted Bracke. Dundee traffic will be routed north to Lake-Cook Road and south to Hintz Road.

North and southbound traffic can avoid the two-hour's of congestion by using Milwaukee Avenue on the east side of town and McHenry and Schoenbeck roads.

A 45-minute aerial fireworks display will be shot off from Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road, at 9:15 p.m.

Big Mama and Peter Costos, a duo that regularly entertain at the Palwaukee Motor Inn, will sing America the Beautiful just before the finale

Road work throughout area

7/7/83 Reminder

Contained within the Chicago Area Transportation Study report is information on projects which may cause delays or service level changes on portions of the transportation network in Northeastern Illinois as well as major highways in the adjacent parts of Indiana and Wisconsin.

Wheeling

Location: Palatine Road between Wheeling Road and Sanders Road
Description: Installing concrete barrier wall in the median
Duration: Present through July

Location: Ill. 68 (Dundee Road) at the Des Plaines River
Description: Bridge deck removal and replacement
Duration: Present through July

Location: Equestrian Overpass over Des Plaines River south of Lake Cook Road
Description: Equestrian overpass
Duration: Present to Oct. 21

Location: Euclid Avenue at Chester Street and Randhurst Drive
Description: Traffic signal installation

Duration: Present through October

Location: Hintz Road at Buffalo Grove Road
Description: Intersection improvement and traffic signals
Duration: Present through October

2nd Wheeling blood drive

7/7/83 Reminder

The second of three annual Wheeling blood drives will be held from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the village hall at 255 W. Dundee Road.

Eligible donors must be between the ages of 17 and 65 and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Donations will be given to the Blood Center of Northern Illinois, which serves 25 Chicago and suburban hospitals.

The center estimates that about 90,000 units of blood will be needed this year and that a healthy donor can give one unit of blood every eight weeks.

Dial assessor's office to obtain information

David Mighow 7/7/83

Public service

service to any resident. Children ages 1 through 4 must be fingerprinted by a parent. They will be assisted by a volunteer.

Any person 5 years or older will be fingerprinted by a volunteer. Those under 18 years must have a permission form signed by a parent or guardian. Anyone wishing to participate must fill out a pre-registration form available at any of the following locations after June 24: Wheeling Police Department, Wheeling Park District Office, Indian Trails Library. These forms must be completed and returned by July 11.

Upon receipt of the completed form, participants will be notified as to the date, time and location when volunteers will be available to assist them.

Fingerprinting will be done on various dates during the month of August at either the Wheeling Park District Office or the Indian Trails Library.

For additional information, please contact Officer Kaminsky of the Crime Prevention Unit at 459-2632.

Purchase smoke detector

As part of a non-profit, educational project to acquaint Wheeling residents with the danger of home fires and fire protection, the Wheeling Volunteer Fire Department will sell smoke detectors at \$10 each.

Detectors will be available anytime at the fire station, 255 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling. The program is geared to making the public aware

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Fingerprint program

With the fingerprinting of the children in the Wheeling schools completed for the year, the Wheeling Police Department, the Wheeling Jaycees and Jaycee Jills, are now offering this

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of the benefits of equipping homes with modern smoke detectors. He stressed that until five years ago, the United States had the highest rate of fire-related deaths of all industrialized countries. That rate is now dropping as homeowners, renters and landlords realize the tremendous potential that smoke detectors have for saving lives and property.

Receives scholarship

The Wheeling Fire Department announced that Firefighter Francis Gambro has been named recipient of the Andrew Hartell Scholarship. This prestigious scholarship was given by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Educational & Research Foundation.

Food, fireworks to highlight Fourth

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Water supply contract OK'd

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UPDATE

With the construction of the pipeline that will carry Lake Michigan water to the northwest suburbs half finished, village officials are optimistic that original costs estimates for the project may be high.

At a workshop of the Wheeling Village Board Monday, June 27, board members were told that so far, the project is showing a savings of approximately \$750,000.

The pipeline, which originates in Evanston, is expected to be finished by September with Wheeling residents receiving lake water by next summer.

The project is a joint effort through the Northwest Water Commission which includes Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine in addition to Wheeling.

The police department, in conjunction with the Jaycees and Jaycee Jills, recently completed the fingerprinting of children in grades K-8 in both parochial and public schools.

Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey called the program "a great success" and said the follow-up was for any child not fingerprinted at school. The new service will provide volunteers to assist parents. Children ages 1-4 must be fingerprinted by a parent. Those five years or older will be fingerprinted by a volunteer. Any child under 18 must have a permission form signed by a parent or guardian.

Kimsey said details have yet to be worked out on additional fingerprinting during the month of August, to be done either at the Park District office or at Indian Trails library.

The pre-registration forms can be picked up at either the Police Department, Park District, or Indian Trails library.

Elsewhere in the area, the newly formed nine-member Palwaukee Airport Citizens Advisory Committee-II held its first meeting Tuesday, June 21.

By DONALD LIEBENSON
Correspondent

WITH THE HOLIDAY weekend here, the plans for Wheeling's fireworks display are up in the air—literally. This, according to one of the directors on the Fourth of July Committee, Alberta Klocke, who promises this year's celebration will be the biggest and best yet.

The fireworks show will emphasize sky theatrics, with only one ground display, a 4x12 display of the American flag. Musical entertainment will be provided by "Big Mama," and Peter Costos, entertainers at the Palwaukee Inn's Final Approach restaurant. The show is scheduled to begin at 9:15 p.m. July 4 in Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

Earlier in the day, co-captain of the Chicago Blitz, Virgil Livers will be the Grand Marshal at the first Fourth of July parade in more than three years. The theme is "Hooray for the Red, White, and Blue," and among the 43 entrees will be 13 floats.

THREE HIGH-SCHOOL bands, from Antioch, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling, will perform. The 1.4-mile parade will kick off at 10 a.m. at Route 83 and Dundee and go east on Dundee to Wolf Road and then south to Heritage Park. The viewing stand will be in front of the Village Hall.

Floats from the parade will be on display in Heritage Park until 5 p.m.

But there's more to the Fourth of July than just parades and fireworks. The holiday festivities actually begin July 1 at the St. Joseph The Worker Church, 181 W. Dundee Road. The second annual Family Fest will feature continuous entertainment from musical groups to a Las Vegas style casino.

The highlight of Family Fest will be "Bits 'N Bites," samplings from

SUMMARY

THE FOURTH of July will be highlighted by the first parade in three years in Wheeling July 4 followed by a fireworks presentation later that night.

In addition to the parade and fireworks coordinated by the Fourth of July Committee, St. Joseph the Worker Church will be sponsoring its annual Family Fest July 2, 3, and 4.

The event will be highlighted by "Bits and Bites," featuring Wheeling area restaurants.

14 area restaurants, including Hackney's, Hans Bavarian Lodge, the Gazebo Ice Cream Parlor, Ricketts, Le Francaise, the 94th Aero Squadron, and Tien Tsin.

Other activities include afternoon Bingo games, sporting contests for all ages and a raffle.

HOURS FOR the Family Fest are 8 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 1; 2 p.m. to midnight, Saturday and Sunday; and noon to 11 p.m., Monday, July 4.

Preparations for this year's festivities have been a community-wide effort. The Fourth of July Committee collected \$6,500 in a massive fund-raising campaign. Both the Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees donated \$1,000. The Lions Club raised \$500 from a pancake breakfast with all the batter, butter and syrup donated by Granny Annie's.

The fireworks, which were contracted to Galaxy Fireworks of Elmwood Park cost \$6,000.

As part of their "Get Alarmed" smoke detector program, the Wheeling Fire Department will sell smoke detectors for \$10 at its Family Fest booth.



Herald photo by Sig Bokalders

DRUMS AND BUGLES. The Wheeling High School Band struts its stuff in the Fourth of July Parade on Dundee Road. The 45-unit

parade, which included a visit from Santa Claus, covered about two miles before more than a thousand spectators.

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Wheeling parade fit for any season

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

For a moment Monday, the Wheeling Fourth of July parade looked like a dress-rehearsal for Thanksgiving.

The grand marshal was a professional football player excited about going to the playoffs.

And waving from a red 1957 Lincoln, decked out in his familiar red flannel suit and flowing white beard, was none other than Santa Claus.

For more traditional Fourth of July celebrants, there were marching bands, floats, Boy Scouts and antique cars.

But why Santa Claus? "Well, we should have Christmas all year long," explained Don Paisley, as he stroked his white beard and hitched up his belt in the near 80-degree weather. "Peace and love all the time."

A **CONFUSED** youngster looked at the heavy suit and asked, "Aren't you warm?" Paisley replied, "I was real cold when I left the North Pole today and I didn't bother changing."

Chicago Blitz defensive back Virgil Livers said parade organizers thought a resident as grand marshal would be an attraction. Livers, a Buffalo Grove resident, was pleased to do the honors.

"I've lived here five years and I haven't participated in the community in any capacity," Livers said. "I was excited by the opportunity. It's different than watching a parade on TV."

Livers, who played five years for the Chicago Bears and a year with the

Winds deflate hopes for largest-ever flag. — Page 3

Green Bay Packers before moving to the USFL, said he is looking forward to the novelty of playoffs in the summer.

The 45-unit parade began at Dundee and Elmhurst roads and marched east on Dundee past a reviewing stand at Wheeling Village Hall and on toward Heritage Park. Bands from Antioch, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling high schools entertained the crowd.

THERE WERE color guards from the Lions, the Disabled Veterans, Amvets and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Also in the parade were members of the St. Joseph Board of Education, United States Navy SCC Military unit, and the Clown Club of Wheeling High School.

Included were eight community and five commercial floats, representatives of Wheeling's fire and police departments, a Marine Corps color guard, the Wheeling Jaycees, Wheeling Historical Society, Cub Scout Troup 79, Brownie Troop 550 and Boy Scout Troup 48.

There was a two-story model of a bull, a World War II jeep and a horse-drawn buckboard wagon.

Police blocked off a two-mile stretch of Dundee Road and routed traffic through Lake-Cook and Hintz roads. More than a thousand spectators lined the parade route, police said.

The week ahead

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Don Roth's asking for alfresco dining

Wheeling's Village Board, meeting Tuesday, is expected to approve an outside dining area for Don Roth's Restaurant, 61 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The outdoor patio will allow up to 40 restaurant goers to eat lunches and dinners outside during the summer months. Mark Robbins, manager of Don Roth's, said the outside dining should be ready within two weeks.

Outside dining areas are in demand, Robbins said. Don Roth will be the second restaurant in Wheeling to offer patio dining. The 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, 1070 S. Milwaukee, also offers outside dining.

The outside split-level patio will include a fire place and tables with umbrellas. Don Roth's has been open since 1968.

10 a.m. parade starts up holiday festivities

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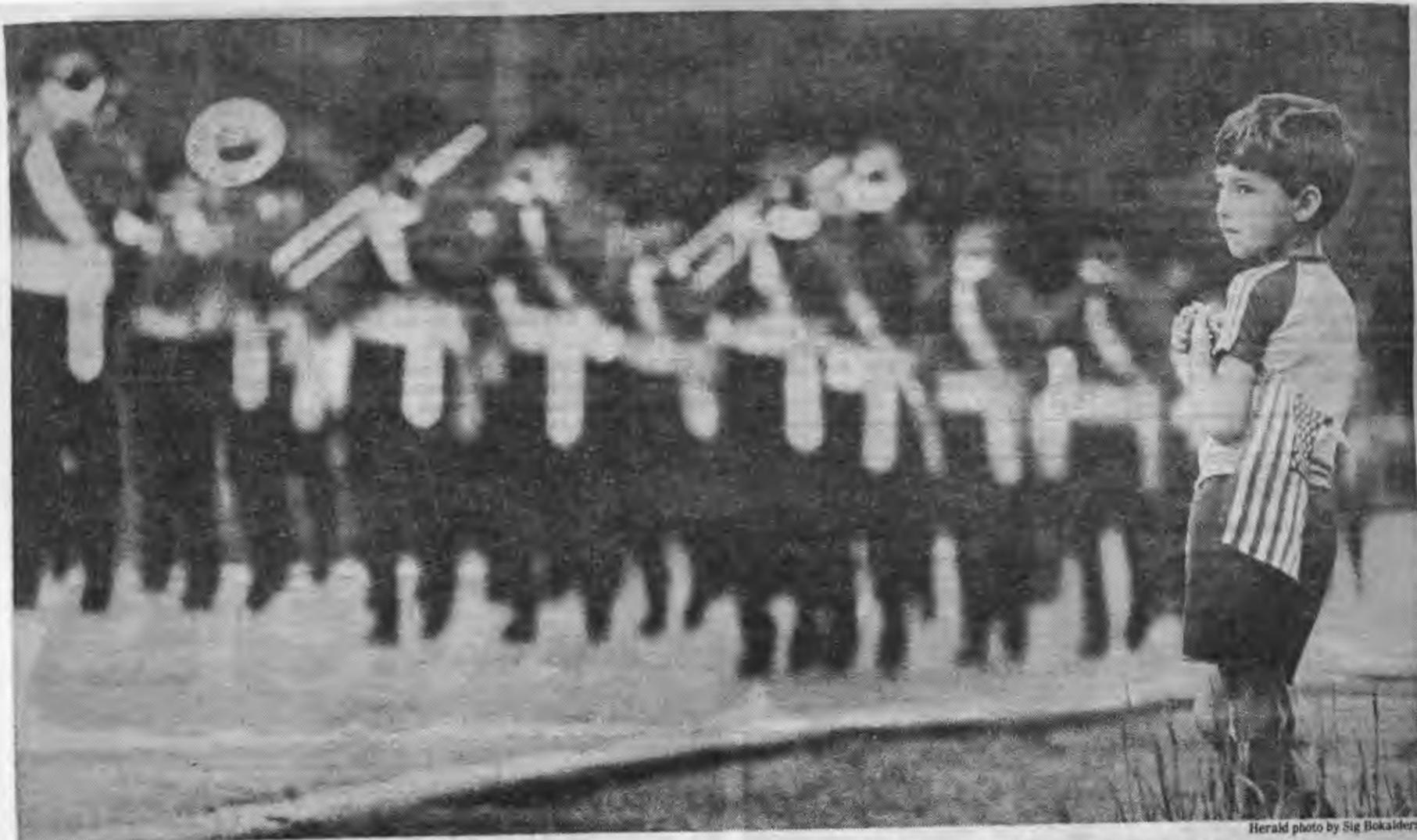
Wheeling parade-goers should set up their chairs early this morning in order to get a prime spot for the 10 a.m. parade that will travel from K mart's lot on Dundee and Elmhurst roads, east to Wolf Road and then South to Heritage Park.

Fireworks will fly from Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road, at 9:15 p.m. Before the 45-minute display, winners of the parade float competition will be announced.

Throughout the day, Wheeling residents can enjoy the festivities at Family Fest '83 behind St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 181 W. Dundee Road. Added



to the non-stop music are games, rides and food from 14 restaurants offering Bits and Bites of Wheeling.



Herald photo by Sig Bokalders

Village's Fourth means food, fun and parade

Herald Neighbor 7/9/83

Parades, fireworks, food... they were all part of Wheeling's Fourth of July Celebration over the weekend. The annual village parade wound its way along Wolf Road near Heritage Park where youngster, above, watched with a flag beneath his arm. And the food—and lots of it, too—was over at Wheeling's Family Fest, where

Hank and Eunice Brenner sampled some of the selections from village restaurants. The fest was sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker's Church.



Bargaining bill miffs local leaders

7/2/83 Herald

From Herald staff and wire reports

Local officials Friday decried a bill passed in Springfield giving collective bargaining to all public employees except police and firefighters, predicting the measure would end up costing local taxpayers more.

The Legislature Thursday gave final approval to the collective bargaining plan when Senators voted 33-23 to accept the major House amendment to the plan (S536) and agreed to four other amendments. The senate sent the measure to Gov. James R. Thompson. If Thompson signs the bill, it will take effect in July 1984.

Police and firefighters were stripped from the measure, however, as was a provision for mandatory binding arbitration to settle disputes.

Hoffman Estates Village President Virginia Hayter said the bill could mean fatter salaries for municipal em-

ployees, driving up the cost of local government.

"THIS IS ANOTHER mandated bill," she said "Do they (legislators) want to send the money to pay for it?"

Streamwood Village President Steve Gant agreed, saying the measure could "open up a Pandora's box" for villages by making them spend more than they can afford.

As a non-home-rule community, Streamwood can only increase its tax support through a referendum that Gant said would never pass, leaving the village only one recourse: to cut services.

Some officials said they were grateful the bill did not include police and firefighters, but still objected to it.

Hanover Park Village President Louis Barone said he sent a mailgram to Thompson on behalf of the village

urging him to veto the bill.

BUFFALO GROVE VILLAGE Manager William Balling said he had not seen the bill but added, "I won't like it." Even though it is "watered down," it's a "total mistake," he said.

No public employees should be allowed to strike because it does not serve the public's interest, he said.

"Time will show it's a serious mistake. The Illinois legislature made a terrible error," Balling said.

Under the proposal, public employees, except those in security positions and those deemed to be working in "essential" jobs, would have the right to strike if certain conditions had been met.

The conditions include a request for mediation and a five-day notice by unions of intent to strike.

Supporters have said the plan would

give public employees the same rights as those in the private sector.

Under the proposal, two labor relations boards would determine what "essential" jobs are on a case-by-case basis. Courts could issue back-to-work orders in strike situations if a work stoppage constitutes a "clear and present danger" to public health and safety.

The plan would allow binding arbitration only with the agreement of both parties. Municipal officials strongly opposed mandatory binding arbitration, saying rulings favoring employees could result in increased property tax bills.

In addition, employees and local governments could enter into agency shop clauses in which non-union employees pay the equivalent of union dues to finance the costs of bargaining agreements.



'Floating' Fourth!

Massive crowds, which included Jim Gutierrez and his daughter Marisa, enjoyed the Independence Day parade in Wheeling. (Staff photo by Eddy E. Montville)

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The week ahead

Trustees to discuss appearance panel
Herold 7/11/83

Wheeling's Village Board will discuss the appearance commission when it meets as a committee of the whole meets at 8 p.m. today in council chamber of the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The village board asked the appearance commission review its rules and policies and then return them to the board. The purpose, said Larry Oppenheimer, director of community development, is to eliminate any conflicts with other ordinances and decide if the 1980 rules still apply.

WHEELING RESIDENTS from at least two of the neighborhoods where Cook County plans to build low income housing say they will be at the zoning board of appeals meetings Tuesday and Wednesday to fight against their construction.

The board meets at 8 p.m. both days in the council chamber of the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The Cook County Housing Authority plans to build 17 low-income homes on seven different sites throughout Wheeling. Residents in the Strong Street and Mayer Avenue area, where half of the homes will be built, and others from Shamrock Estates near a Manchester Drive construction site said they will oppose the construction.

A PUBLIC hearing on the proposed \$4.5 million budget for 1983-84 will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday by the Prospect Heights District 23 Board of Education.

The board meets in the administration office, 700 N. Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights.

The proposed budget is 6 percent higher than last year, largely because of teacher pay raises ranging from 6.3 to 11 percent. The district's seven administrators would receive 2 percent raises.

Bulletin Board

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Police to 'print' kids beginning next month

FINGERPRINTING of the children in Wheeling schools has ended for the year, so the Wheeling Police Department, in conjunction with the Wheeling Jaycees and Jaycee Jills, is now offering this service to all Wheeling residents.

Children ages 1 through 4 must be fingerprinted by a parent, assisted by a volunteer; and those age 5 years and older will be fingerprinted by a volunteer only. A permission form signed by a parent or guardian is required for those under age 18. Candidates must fill out a pre-registration form now available at the following locations: Wheeling Police Department, Wheeling Park District Office and Indian Trails Library.

For more information, call 459-2632.

Village blood drive goes on Wednesday
Herold 7/12/83

The second of three annual community blood drives for Wheeling will be from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the council chamber in the Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Anyone 17 to 65 years old weighing 110 pounds or more may be eligible to give blood. Donors will be screened by blood center personnel to make sure it is safe for the donor to give blood.

Blood donated will go to the Blood Center of Northern Illinois to supply 25 Chicago and suburban area hospitals. An estimated 90,000 units of blood are needed each year. After donating, the Blood Center guarantees donors and their family any needed blood replacement for one year.

For more information call Village Hall at 459-2600.

Wheeling offers sale on race track tickets
Herold 7/15/83

Wheeling residents can enjoy a half-price day at Arlington Park Race Track on Sept. 11, compliments of the track owners.

Arlington Park provided 1,000 tickets free of charge to the Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission. Commission members and village hall workers are selling the tickets for \$1, saving half of

the \$2 gate price.

Money raised will go towards the proposed senior citizen center scheduled to be built next year.

Tickets are on sale at Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, and are available from any senior citizen commission member. For more information, call the Village Hall at 459-2600.

Teen sues police over murder arrest actions

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

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Attorneys for a Wheeling teenager filed a \$23 million civil rights lawsuit Wednesday against the Wheeling police department, charging it hired a hypnotist to "brainwash" the boy into confessing to murder.

The lawsuit comes four months after authorities dropped murder charges against William C. Boyd Jr., 16, of 408 Sunset Lane. Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro tossed out an alleged con-

fession by Boyd, citing evidence it was obtained illegally while the youth was under a hypnotic trance.

Four Wheeling police officers, a Cook County assistant state's attorney, a former Wheeling police officer and Cook County were also named as defendants in the suit filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

THE FORMER police officer, Clarence Trausch, is a "professional hypnotist" who used "brainwashing techniques" to obtain the confession, the suit alleges.

The confession led a Cook County grand jury to indict Boyd for the July 18, 1981 murder and attempted rape of Mary Kosinski, 14, a neighbor whose body was found in a shed behind the Boyd home. She died of strangulation.

Authorities had little evidence except the confession to link Boyd to the crime.

Boyd suffers "severe and permanent psychological and emotional damage" as a result of the experience and fears he will be imprisoned, the suit says. He was held in the Cook County Juvenile

Detention Center for 20 days. His parents mortgaged their home to raise \$10,000 for his release bond and legal expenses.

BOYD WAS 14 when arrested. Police said Boyd, his 12-year-old sister, the Kosinski girl and another 14-year-old boy were playing strip poker in the shed the evening of the murder. All but Kosinski left the shed around midnight; officials determined she was strangled at about 2 a.m.

Authorities had charged that Boyd returned to the shed and killed Kosin-

ski after she spurned his sexual advances.

The suit contends police questioned Boyd at the Wheeling police station for six hours without obtaining a confession. Investigators were "hostile, abusive and threatening," and Boyd was "dazed, bewildered and physically and mentally exhausted," according to the suit.

Investigators isolated Boyd from his mother, Carol, and discouraged them from calling an attorney, according to (Continued on Page 4)



Teen sues cops on murder rap

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the suit. Police told Carol Boyd they were calling a "doctor" trained to deal with stress, the suit states.

THE "DOCTOR" was Trausch, a Des Plaines psychotherapist and former Wheeling police juvenile officer. "He was a professional hypnotist hired for the specific purpose of hypnotizing Boyd and securing a confession," the suit says. "He had no medical training."

Trausch "falsely concealed his role" to Boyd and his mother, placed Boyd in a "hypnotic trance and suggested answers," the suit says.

Trausch testified during pre-trial hearings that he never hypnotized

Boyd. He said he used a technique called "guided relaxation," telling Boyd to close his eyes, breathe deeply and visualize where he was before he lost his memory.

Minutes later, Trausch said, Boyd shook his head from side to side "as if he didn't want to see something," contorted his face and said he had suffocated Kosinski with a pillow because she screamed when he returned to the shed to "get close" to her.

"IT'S UNFORTUNATE, is all I can say," said Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger, appointed in February 1982. "Since I've arrived we've upgraded training."

Haeger stopped short of criticizing officers named in the suit, but said, "If a murder occurs like that again, the method (in which) we will handle it will be above reproach." He said he would never allow a suspect to be hypnotized.

Three of the four detectives who worked on the Boyd case have left the department or were shifted to a different position. Detective William Hoos "simply resigned" and Acting Police Chief Ronald Nelson retired because of a disability, Haeger said. Detective Edward Theriault was re-assigned to the patrol division. John Stone is still a detective.

Low-income housing draws protests

Herald 7/13/83

About 90 people noisily protested the construction of 17 units of low-income housing on seven sites throughout Wheeling, with one resident calling the proposal "communistic."

The Cook County Housing Authority is seeking approval from the Wheeling Zoning Board of Appeals to build homes on lots smaller than required in village ordinances.

Late Tuesday, in the first of two public hearings, the board had denied four of five exceptions requested. The board will hear more requests for zon-

ing changes at 8 p.m. today at Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

NUMEROUS RESIDENTS said the low-income rental housing would destroy the character of their neighborhoods and lower property values.

Greg Klatecki, 278 N. Fifth St., said he thought some education should be provided to the low-income residents. "Are you simply going to throw these people in?" he asked.

"I know what these people are afraid of," Klatecki said. "They're afraid of the neighborhood running

down. They know what Cabrini-Green looks like."

One man, who did not identify himself, said, "We like the housing. We like equality in our country, but we don't like slums in one area. If you put one small house next to my \$200,000 house, I say OK, but if you try to build four or five I will object."

"I ASSURE YOU I make a revolution in Wheeling if you try to put more than one house in my area," he said. "That's not democratic, it's even worse than communistic."

Another man said "I'm against it 100 percent" and suggested the housing authority buy existing empty houses.

The housing authority plans to build three single-family homes, one duplex and three townhouses, each with four apartments. One town house, one duplex and two houses will be built in the Strong Street and Mayer Avenue area. Another single family house will be near Manchester Drive and two town houses will be off Hintz Road at Maple Lane and Cornell Avenue.

Village expects low-income housing opposition

Herald 7/14/83

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials say they expect opposition and crowds next week when the zoning board of appeals meets to hear requests from Cook County to build 17 low-income housing units in the village.

In anticipation of the large crowds, the board has scheduled two nights of hearings on the housing plans. The hearings are set for 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Village Hall

council chamber, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The Cook County Housing Authority plans to construct the low-income housing units at seven sites scattered throughout the village of Wheeling. If the plans are approved, one townhouse, one duplex and two single-family houses would be built in the Strong Street and Mayer Avenue area.

ANOTHER SINGLE-FAMILY house would be near Manchester Drive and two townhouses would be located off Hintz Road at Maple Lane and Cornell Avenue. Zoning variances are needed

for all the sites except the townhouse site off Hintz at Cornell Avenue.

Three years ago the village approved construction of 20 low-income housing units in an "agreement" that netted the village a 100-unit apartment building for senior citizens. The plan was cut back to 17 units when all the land was not available. At that time the board agreed to "take any necessary steps to guarantee" their construction.

Several board members have called the zoning changes "a formality," but

zoning board chairman Steve Walanka, who lives near the Manchester Drive site, said the zoning changes are not that certain.

"We'll recommend what we think is proper and hear each request on its own," he said. He said he is also checking with village attorney Jim Rhodes to see if his voting would be considered a conflict of interest.

Walanka and Village Planner Richard Greenwood say they expect the meetings to be filled with people.

"I'VE HEARD from several people

at the village that there's going to be quite a crowd," Walanka said.

One resident who plans to protest is Terri Minkus, 462 Stone Place.

"We feel if they build some sort of home in here that doesn't even look like ours and isn't worth it, then it is just going to stick out like a sore thumb," Minkus said.

Minkus lives in the half-finished Shamrock Estates subdivision where \$100,000-plus homes are built. She said she and others from her neighborhood are opposed to the low-income housing,

saying it will lower the value of the homes and keep other possible home buyers from moving into the area.

Bonnie Rieb, 197 N. Sixth St., said she also will be at the meeting to oppose construction of eight units in her neighborhood.

"I know this was a deal to get senior housing, but now they are cramming all the houses out here," she said. "This neighborhood gets everything dumped on it. I noticed none of these proposed houses are near any of the village officials' houses."

Lisa Schab

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Chamber gets brush off —needs contest artists

The Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry wonders, "Where have all the artists gone?" The announcement of their Chamber Directory Cover Contest isn't bringing in quite as overwhelming a response as they would like. Perhaps it's because they forgot to mention the rather enticing prize that is being offered to the winner. (Hint: It's green, and it doesn't grow on trees.) One hundred dollars will be awarded to the artist whose original design is chosen for the cover of the new Chamber Directory to be published this fall.

As mentioned before in this column, the directory, which will serve as a buyer's guide and informative brochure for the community, will be given out to every Wheeling resident and business, compliments of the chamber. A contest is being held for the cover design, which should "reflect the vitality, opportunity and the future of Wheeling." Entries — black and white, suitable for offset reproduction — are being accepted until Aug. 1. For more information, call 459-2613.

SUMMER IS CERTAINLY SHAPING UP, as did the railroad crossing on Hintz Road between Wolf and Wheeling roads. The delay was exasperating, the detour frustrating, but the shocks on my car say it was well worth the wait. Just one more minor aggravation that we no longer have to deal with!

IF ANY OF YOU SAW THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY LAST WEEK, I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating the Fireworks Committee on a stupendous show. The night was clear, the mood and music patriotic, and the grand finale spectacular. Thanks to all who put forth time, effort and funding to make this another happy and safe Fourth of July.

IF YOU THINK YOU LIKE TO WRITE, OR MAYBE IF YOU'D like to find out if you can write, or if you already know that you like to write, the Northwest Writer's Club may be of interest to you. The club is a comprehensive organization for published and unpublished writers in and around the northwest suburbs; all ages and disciplines are welcome to join. You may come just to listen, to seek advice, or to share your work. The Writers Club provides encouragement, manuscript critiques, marketing information, or other suggestions. Guest speakers will make appearances to share their experiences in the fields of writing and publication.

Members of the Writers Club represent all areas of the Northwest suburbs; meetings are held at the centrally located Mount Prospect Public Library located at Central Road and Route 83 in Mount Prospect. Meetings are held once each month, with the upcoming schedule as follows: July 25, Aug. 22, and Sept. 25, all at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Leigh Heflin at 837-7166 or Jan Raczon at 298-8717.

CONGRATULATIONS TO VASILIOS (BILL) VALIS who is the recipient of a college scholarship from W. W. Grainger, Inc. as a result of the National Merit Scholarship Corp. (NMSC) competition. Valis, 18, is a 1983 Wheeling High School graduate and the son of Evanthia and Emmanuel Valis of Wheeling. The award was presented with his scholarship certificate at an award ceremony hosted by WHS principal Dr. Thomas Shirley.

Valis was a member of the National Honor Society, and the Wheeling High School symphonic and marching bands. He plans to attend Chicago's Loyola University, majoring in pre-dentistry, this fall.

"Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel that you've done a permanent job." — Anonymous

Childerley 'grads' hold reunion

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DID YOU see where the Cook County Board refused to rent one of its 108 houses in the Forest Preserve to people who were hoping to use the house as a shelter for homeless girls?

On July 10, a group held a reunion at Childerley Park who are thankful someone had more compassion when they were youngsters years ago, than the Cook County Board has today.

Participants in the Childerley Family Reunion, along with really "old-timers" in Wheeling, recall that Childerley Park was originally the apple orchard on the Crane Farm. Original buildings on the farm, most located where Addoloratta Villa is now, housed widows and orphans. Crane Farm was founded in 1914 by Frances Crane Lillie, who worked with Jane Addams, founder of Hull House in Chicago. The farm was supported by interest on a couple of million dollars donated by Mrs. Lillie and her father, Richard Crane, a pioneer in plumbing fixtures. Organizers of the reunion in honor of Mrs. Lillie, Edna Wilkins of Schaumburg, and Alice Lighthart, of Glen Ellyn, were members of the Childerley Family before Crane Farm closed in 1939.

Edna Wilkins, a graduate of Wheeling School — now Walt Whitman School — the year the new auditorium was added — recalls how in 1934, her father died, widow-ing her 38-year-old mother with a 6-week-old baby, eight older children and two step-children.

Without a breadwinner, things looked pretty bleak until a church group directed the family to Crane Farm. "It was beautiful there," says Wilkins. "We had the best of everything — fresh fruit and vegetables, theatrical plays, costumes and costume room, festivals, swimming pool and playground. The children went to school in Wheeling, and besides, had classes and crafts at the farm. As an example," continued Wilkins, "for the Indian festival, a movie star, Chief Thunder Cloud came to teach us bead work and Indian dances.

"Everything was the best," she added. "We went to museums and the theater. Of course, we had chores — the older boys worked a few hours and then if they wanted to work over their



June Stewart

required hours they were paid," she added. "Every Christmas, a giant evergreen was decorated and the Chicago Tribune sent photographers — for the Rotogravure section."

Mary Mykytuik was the only baby born on the farm, said Wilkins. Her brother, Jack, still lives in Wheeling. "I graduated with Doris Meecham," she continued. "One of the few people who came out to the farm to visit from town."

Some of Mrs. Lillie's descendants still live in Wheeling. Virginia Haben and her son Jack Haben are related to the late Mrs. Lillie. Jack's wife is the former Lorraine Schmidt, whose father had the local butcher shop way back then.

Interested in preserving Wheeling's history? Forming, under the direction of Al Fantl, curator of the Wheeling Museum, is a book in the making with tentative title, "Historically Yours—Wheeling."

Wheeling is fortunate to have retired Popular Photography Editor Robert MacIntyre as managing editor of the volunteer project. Bob and his wife Barbara have been Wheeling residents for the past five years.

Consultant for authenticity is Pete Burnett, archeology and artifacts student.

From time to time, we will keep you posted on news about Wheeling's very own book. Anyone with historical information about Wheeling is welcome to submit it. Especially sought after are photographs and documented evidence of old dates and residents, etc. Contact Al Fantl, at the Wheeling Museum.

Last week we mentioned Johnny Medina was in Children's Memorial Hospital, recuperating from an operation on his foot. Guess who came home the day the paper came out? Yep, Johnny is home now, recuperating. Here's a get-well-soon wish, Johnny.

Bids \$190,000 over estimate

Senior center stalled

Life 7/14/83

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

THE PROPOSED construction of the senior citizens center, initially slated to begin this past May, has now been put on indefinite hold, officials said this week.

Wheeling President Sheila Schultz said the village has had to "pull back" on its plans to build the

facility because of financial concerns. The concern is that while the cost of the center was originally estimated to be \$480,000, the lowest bid received amounted to \$670,000.

"Some redesign is in order," said Village Planner Richard Greenwood.

THE FACILITY—to include a library, activities area and recrea-

tion room—is the final leg of a three-pronged construction program to improve the health care and housing of the area's elderly.

The planned unit project, located at 200 N. Milwaukee Ave., already includes a clinic, opened in 1980, and a 100-unit housing development, opened earlier this year. When the senior citizens center will become a reality, however, remains an un-

answered question.

ALTHOUGH Greenwood could not explain why the bids were so much more than projected, he said the existing soil conditions were probably a factor, relating to the overall structure of the building.

Greenwood also noted that only five qualified bids were presented. All have been rejected.

**The tax take:
how much local government will get**

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DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES	1981 taxes	1982 levy	1982 taxes	% change
Arlington Heights	\$8,397,324	\$9,214,421	\$9,216,926	9.8
Bartlett	889,023	1,068,615	979,398	10.2
Buffalo Grove	2,105,576	2,122,568	2,078,938	-1.3
Des Plaines	4,952,045	5,409,499	5,413,044	9.3
Elk Grove Village	2,725,033	4,717,743	4,681,489	71.8
Hanover Park	1,598,040	1,734,175	1,629,002	1.9
Hoffman Estates	3,412,673	3,702,578	3,702,980	8.5
Inverness	337,148	347,266	347,254	3.0
Mount Prospect	5,486,786	5,477,126	5,477,684	0.0
Palatine	2,046,780	4,864,213	4,864,883	137.7
Prospect Heights	No levy	No levy	No levy	
Rolling Meadows	1,475,824	1,475,514	1,475,348	0.0
Schaumburg	No levy	No levy	No levy	
Streamwood	1,504,722	1,538,014	1,479,942	-1.6
Wheeling	1,923,801	3,251,394	3,252,548	69.1

HIGH SCHOOL, UNIT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

Dist. 46	28,624,240	34,731,755	29,745,604	3.9
Dist. 207	29,754,268	30,443,138	29,904,721	0.0
Dist. 211	29,877,784	36,545,589	36,515,886	22.2
Dist. 214	42,635,934	49,286,901	49,294,051	15.6
Dist. 220	15,375,751	18,446,310	15,851,306	3.1
Dist. 509 (Elgin)	4,308,572	4,869,366	4,627,357	7.4
Dist. 512 (Harper)	8,703,988	9,860,417	8,976,867	3.1
Dist. 535 (Oakton)	8,870,530	9,888,000	9,386,188	5.8

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Dist. 15	19,008,358	20,979,270	20,597,371	8.4
Dist. 21	12,071,093	16,547,343	13,590,815	12.6
Dist. 23	2,812,277	2,918,927	2,916,155	3.7
Dist. 25	9,546,656	10,610,689	9,957,646	4.3
Dist. 26	2,905,440	3,475,269	3,260,832	12.2
Dist. 54	26,247,325	29,811,657	28,033,619	6.8
Dist. 57	3,384,578	3,594,081	3,594,438	6.2
Dist. 59				

have MX missiles, albeit only potentially, Reagan said. But Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., attacked Reagan in the official Democratic response, accused him of telling Congress to "give him every weapon he wants" before becoming serious about arms control. "As we say in Vermont," said Leahy, "that's like trying to swap a moo for a cow." He blamed the deadlock in the Geneva arms talks on Reagan's choice of advisers who he said are too inflexible or outright opposed to arms control. "It is time to... send in the first team," said Leahy, saying it is "harder to negotiate than to build weapons." An administration official said Reagan's address was "designed to have an impact on both the Senate and the House."

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10-year gap?

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By GARY ROBERTS *Life Staff Writer* 7-21-83

THIS VILLAGE will soon lose a small part of its heritage.

A new law recently adopted by the Village Board allows all tape recordings of meetings to be erased 30 days after the minutes have been formally approved. The measure becomes effective immediately.

"We're going to start getting rid of them right away," said administrative assistant Bheula Peterson.

THE OLDEST records to be disposed of will reflect local 'ernment

business from the early 1970s. Indeed, it is a sobering thought that those rare live recordings of the Village Board, the Plan Commission and the Police and Fire Commission in action, will be lost to the public forever.

Peterson emphasized, however, that the handwritten notes taken at all meetings will continue to be saved, providing history buffs the opportunity to judge, first-hand, the relative merits of the goings-on in government. Also, Peterson noted that the tape recordings will likely be kept for a full year's time, as a

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The tax take: how much local government will get

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DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES	1981 taxes	1982 levy	1982 taxes	% change
Arlington Heights	\$8,397,324	\$9,214,421	\$9,216,926	9.8
Bartlett	889,023	1,068,615	979,398	10.2
Buffalo Grove	2,105,576	2,122,568	2,078,938	-1.3
Des Plaines	4,952,045	5,409,499	5,413,044	9.3
Elk Grove Village	2,725,033	4,717,743	4,681,489	71.8
Hanover Park	1,598,040	1,734,175	1,629,002	1.9
Hoffman Estates	3,412,673	3,702,578	3,702,980	8.5
Inverness	337,148	347,266	347,254	3.0
Mount Prospect	5,486,786	5,477,126	5,477,684	0.0
Palatine	2,046,780	4,864,213	4,864,883	137.7
Prospect Heights	No levy	No levy	No levy	
Rolling Meadows	1,475,824	1,475,514	1,475,348	0.0
Schaumburg	No levy	No levy	No levy	
Streamwood	1,504,722	1,538,014	1,479,942	-1.6
Wheeling	1,923,801	3,251,394	3,252,548	69.1
HIGH SCHOOL, UNIT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS				
Dist. 46	28,624,240	34,731,755	29,745,604	3.9
Dist. 207	29,754,268	30,443,138	29,904,721	0.0
Dist. 211	29,877,784	36,545,589	36,515,886	22.2
Dist. 214	42,635,934	49,286,901	49,294,051	15.6
Dist. 220	15,375,751	18,446,310	15,851,306	3.1
Dist. 509 (Elgin)	4,308,572	4,869,366	4,627,357	7.4
Dist. 512 (Harper)	8,703,988	9,860,417	8,976,867	3.1
Dist. 535 (Oakton)	8,870,530	9,888,000	9,386,188	5.8
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS				
Dist. 15	19,008,358	20,979,270	20,597,371	8.4
Dist. 21	12,071,093	16,547,343	13,590,815	12.6
Dist. 23	2,812,277	2,918,927	2,916,155	3.7
Dist. 25	9,546,656	10,610,689	9,957,646	4.3
Dist. 26	2,905,440	3,475,269	3,260,832	12.2
Dist. 54	26,247,325	29,811,657	28,033,619	6.8
Dist. 57	3,384,578	3,594,081	3,594,438	6.2
Dist. 59	19,509,307	20,986,361	20,991,093	7.6
Dist. 62	12,053,750	12,169,301	12,171,954	0.1
Dist. 63	8,263,842	8,854,912	8,707,840	5.4
PARK DISTRICTS				
Arlington Heights	2,570,616	2,773,440	2,668,993	3.8
Bartlett	474,299	533,259	474,923	0.1
Buffalo Grove	635,960	801,756	714,227	12.3
Des Plaines	1,934,687	1,948,133	1,948,592	0.1
Elk Grove	1,745,774	1,953,279	1,956,058	12.0
Hanover Park	939,780	1,040,769	964,309	2.6
Hoffman Estates	1,204,812	1,446,088	1,410,575	17.1
Inverness	48,886	50,470	50,620	3.6
Mount Prospect	2,836,003	3,143,425	3,051,135	7.6
Palatine	1,932,875	2,202,315	2,204,686	14.1
Plum Grove Countryside	17,500	17,415	17,447	0.0
Prospect Heights	330,887	341,931	335,329	1.4
River Trails	461,504	480,406	474,669	2.9
Rolling Meadows	779,964	1,010,730	904,557	16.0
Salt Creek Rural	186,529	216,738	217,368	16.5
Schaumburg	2,503,436	3,055,348	3,045,078	21.6
Streamwood	504,342	572,730	535,051	6.1
Wheeling	1,208,138	1,559,218	1,413,569	17.0
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS				
Bartlett-Countryside	585,540	569,727	540,678	-7.7
Elk Grove Rural	715,487	874,398	829,960	16.0
Forest River	16,235	16,575	16,577	2.1
Forest View	7,353	9,932	9,933	35.1
Hoffman Estates	49,142	52,973	49,824	1.4
Long Grove	326,521	297,154	251,907	-22.9
North Maine	1,060,712	391,760	1,121,492	5.7
Ontarioville	386,012	871,556	773,971	100.1
Palatine Rural	1,375,018	1,524,400	1,439,814	4.7
Prospect Heights Rural	102,404	95,017	95,129	-10.0
Wheeling Twp. Rural	676,949	726,150	498,653	-26.3
LIBRARY DISTRICTS				
Bartlett	256,723	300,576	279,352	8.8
Indian Trails	1,011,425	1,158,441	1,004,164	-0.1
Palatine	1,098,919	1,364,528	1,156,298	5.2
Poplar Creek	723,467	837,508	773,366	6.9
Prospect Heights	325,229	341,435	309,182	-4.9
TOWNSHIPS				
Barrington	222,129	199,820	202,151	-9.0
Elk Grove	1,009,673	994,568	1,006,234	0.0
Hanover	660,356	751,702	754,412	14.2
Maine	1,173,619	1,314,769	1,332,577	13.5
Palatine	1,231,627	1,266,591	1,272,027	3.3
Schaumburg	3,071,426	2,986,174	3,006,114	-2.1
Wheeling	464,562	191,580	195,627	-57.9

* Local tax districts collect 1982 taxes this year. The amount of tax money a district collects is called the extension. The levy is the amount of tax money the district asks the county to collect.
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Zoning panel rejects most low-income housing plans

7/14/83 Herald

by Theresa Norton and Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writers

After a five-hour public hearing, punctuated with the protests of about 90 residents, the Wheeling Zoning Board of Appeals early Wednesday rejected all but one zoning exception sought by Cook County in its effort to bring low-income housing to the village.

Wheeling officials said Wednesday, however, that they would be willing to build low-income housing if they could convince the Cook County Housing Authority to build larger homes that would be more compatible with neighboring residences.

Cook County has asked Wheeling to allow it to build a combination of single-family homes, townhouses and a duplex in the village, but wants to construct smaller homes on smaller lots than allowed by village law.

Residents heatedly opposed the plans, saying the low-income houses would destroy the character of their neighborhoods and bring down the resale value of their own homes. Despite protests, however, the zoning board did decide to recommend that the ground-floor area of the duplex be less than allowed in the village.

THE VILLAGE is bound by a three-year-old agreement to allow up to 17 units of low-income housing in order to get a 100-unit apartment building for senior citizens. Several trustees said they believe the village can comply with that agreement and still require the county to build larger homes.

"I feel totally obligated to adhere to the original agreement, but I do not feel obligated to permit the necessary changes" requested by the county, said Trustee Roger Powers.

Trustee Charles Kerr said, "We made the agreement and I think we can live with it. But I don't think we should ignore our regulations just because it's government housing. We can ask the county to be more reasonable in its request."

Victor Walchirk, executive director



of the housing authority, said the county will consider the larger homes as trustees suggested.

"We're certainly amicable to those kinds of ideas," Walchirk said. "And we'll be following through with the necessary plans and materials at the other meetings hoping to work things out."

He declined to elaborate on specifics.

"I'M GLAD the zoning board voted it down," said resident Beth Saltz, 462 Stone Place. "We will all definitely be at the village board meeting and do whatever we can to get the village trustees not to vote for this. It's not for Wheeling."

She said the entire project is a "bad idea" but would be more agreeable if the houses were the same size as neighbors' homes.

"The right thing for the village

board to do is not have these (low-income houses), say they made a mistake (by entering the agreement) and it's better to get out of it now," she said.

Village President Sheila Schultz said she hoped the village board would still comply with the agreement to allow low-income housing because "it's a good thing for the community. There's a need for it. We have people in this town who, through no fault of their own, can not maintain a residence... Some of the finest people I know are in subsidized housing."

To qualify for the housing, a family of four must have an annual income of \$13,850 or less. All units are rented for 30 percent of the family income. Since the projects are federally funded, no property taxes are paid to local taxing districts.

No date has been for the village board's final decision on the request.

Private firm eyes lake water purchase

6/21/83 Herald

by Laura Carlson

Herald staff writer

Citizens Utilities Co. of Illinois plans to buy Lake Michigan water for its Northwest suburban customers and is considering buying it from four sources, its manager says.

Thomas Fricke, general manager for the Addison-based private water company, said he has discussed buying Lake Michigan water with officials from the Northwest Water Commission, city of Des Plaines and village of Glenview. He would not name a fourth source he said is under consideration.

The company, which provides water and sewer service to about 9,000 households in the Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Des Plaines and Wheeling area, was offered a place in the Northwest Suburban Municipal

Joint Action Water Agency building a pipeline to Chicago. But Citizens dropped out of the group late in 1981, saying not enough cost figures were provided.

FRICKE SAID the company did not feel it was getting the best deal possible from the JAWA pipeline and so it dropped out. "We plan to provide Lake Michigan water," he said. "We did not feel the arrangement that was being considered would fly — the costs kept going up."

Officials from JAWA, however, said they went out of their way to include Citizens in the pipeline plans. They say the company refused to pay for \$40,000 in engineering designs and estimates done for Citizens by the pipeline group.

Fricke said he has contacted James Holzgart, manager for the Northwest

Water Commission building a pipeline to Evanston, about buying lake water and has asked for some cost estimates.

Holzgart confirmed that he met with Fricke as recently as last Friday but said he has not had time to work up cost estimates for Citizens and wants to be certain the company is serious about buying water from the group. "If the commission had an indication as to their seriousness, I think we'd find the time to do it," Holzgart said.

THE COMPANY also has contacted Des Plaines officials about buying water for its Waycinden Park subdivision, an 1,800-home area that was annexed into the city of Des Plaines last year. Des Plaines Public Works Commissioner Jerry Matula said he has met with Citizens officials and discussed possible connections with the Des

Plaines system, which is 85 percent on lake water.

The next step, however, is for Citizens to send a letter to Des Plaines Mayor John Seitz asking for consideration to buy water, and Matula said no such letter has been received. Any request would have to go before the city council, and a rate would have to be worked out then, Matula said.

Fricke agreed that he is interested in buying Lake Michigan water for Waycinden Park from Des Plaines but said he is not ready to commit himself. "They're the preferred choice," he said, "but by the end of the year we should have a better idea of our figures. We want to be convinced we've got the best deal for our people."

Glenview officials could not be reached for comment.

Boyd's parents file civil rights suit

By BARBARA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Life 7-24-83

MURDER charges against William C. Boyd Jr., accused of killing 14-year-old Mary Kosinski in July 1981, were dropped last March.

But the case is not yet over.

Boyd's Schaumburg attorney, Michael T. Norris, filed a \$23 million suit in federal court July 13, alleging that his client, now 16, was mistreated by Wheeling Police. Norris charges police violated Boyd's civil rights in the manner they arrested and questioned him.

Named in the suit on behalf of Boyd's parents, William Boyd Sr. and his wife, Carol, are Wheeling police officers William Hoof, John Stone, Edward Theriault and Ronald Nelson;

Assistant State's Attorney Jeffrey Zehe, and Clarence Trausch of the Institute of Metaphysical Research in Des Plaines.

NORRIS SAID the suit is asking a total \$5 million in damages against all six defendants and a separate \$3 million in punitive damages against Zehe.

At issue is the allegation that police picked up the younger Boyd as a suspect in the murder of Kosinski, whose bruised and bitten body was found in a shed behind the Boyd house, and held him for 15 1/2 hours without food or sleep. He was denied contact with his mother and, ultimately, was subjected to hypnosis under which he confessed to the murder, the suit alleges.

Calling him a "trained hypnotist," the suit alleges that Trausch is a former Wheeling police officer who hypnotized Boyd and suggested answers or a confession without the presence of witnesses.

"HE BRAINWASHED the kid into a confession," Norris said.

The suit further charges Trausch with "professional negligence and malpractice for employing hypnotic techniques on a sick juvenile."

In charge of advising Boyd of his rights, Zehe, of the State's Attorney's office, himself didn't know or understand the implications of those rights as it relates to trying a juvenile, the suit charges.

Dennis Wolter, Assistant State's Attorney and second district supervisor, said he understood that Zehe had been served with the suit, but Wolter declined to discuss the case.

"I haven't seen the suit," said Wolter, who said he would not talk about it even if he had. "It would be improper for me to comment. The proper forum is in court."

HIS SENTIMENT was echoed by Wheeling Mayor Sheila Schultz, who said Friday, July 15, she had not seen the suit either. The suit names the village, and Schultz said she is uncertain if that means she will be served directly. In any case, whenever notice is received, Village Attorney James Rhodes will review the suit and advise the Village Board on how to handle the situation, she said.

Charges against Boyd were dropped March 28 after Judge Nicholas Pomaro ruled the confession obtained by Wheeling Police was inadmissible, on grounds it was involuntarily given.

Bulletin Board

Mortgage drive ups interest

Life 7-21-83

WHEELING IS receiving good marks, so far, for its role in the Cook County Mortgage Revenue Bond Program.

Six months ago, the village, along with other municipalities, entered into a special arrangement with the county to stimulate the housing market. Wheeling allocated \$1,190,000 which was to be reserved for use in the community for a period of six months and then unreserved funds from the total program would be pooled for use in any town.

A recent report shows that total reservations and commitments as of June 30 were 145 percent of the original allocation or \$1,724,000. Wheeling, therefore, made significant use of uncommitted funds from other towns, the report concluded.

According to the report, assuming an average loan commitment was \$65,000, 26 houses were purchased in this six-month period under the program.

Tax rates up in village

WHEELING RESIDENTS will be paying about 10 percent more this year in local taxes than last year, reports from the Cook County Clerk's office reveal.

Showing the biggest increase was the village of Wheeling, which saw its tax rate jump by 55 percent in 1982, collectible this year. Next highest increase was for the Wheeling Park District, registering a 26 percent hike during the same period.

Those taxing districts showing a lower tax rate include Wheeling Township, the Suburban TB Sanitarium and Harper Community College.

Wheeling expects to OK advice firm

The Wheeling Village Board is expected to hire a consulting firm tonight for a \$6,500 fee to write a job description for the newly created position of deputy chief in both the police and fire departments.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

In June, the board voted 4-2 to give Village Manager Thomas Markus hiring, firing and disciplinary control over four police and fire supervisory positions. The rank was changed from lieutenant, where four of the six current positions are vacant, to deputy chief.

The consulting firm of Harbridge House Incorporated, recommended by Police Chief Michael Haeger, would develop a job description and qualifications for the positions.

Haeger said he and Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen will fill the positions in the fall after Markus returns to the board for final approval of the job descriptions and needed changes in the budget to provide salaries for the officers.

2 summer festivals are planned for mid-August

Area residents can enjoy food, music and games at two annual summer festivals set for mid-August.

The Wheeling Jaycees are sponsoring a beer and bratwurst festival Aug. 7 at the Riverside Shopping Plaza, 71 S. Milwaukee Ave. Addolorata Villa's 13th annual spaghetti festival will be Aug. 14 at 555 McHenry Road.

The Jaycees will provide live German music and dancing from noon to 8 p.m. at Riverside. Bratwurst, corn, potato salad, beer and pop will be sold. There is no admission fee and the rain date is Aug. 14.

The Jaycees and Riverside look over

the annual village festival last year after the Wheeling Park District voted to cancel the festival because of parking problems. Originally a fund-raiser for the local historical society, proceeds now go to the Jaycees.

Addolorata Villa will reap the profit at its annual festival, held at the home for the aged. The noon-to-6-p.m. festival will include trout fishing, games, door prizes and a board walk of commerce.

An arts and crafts sale will feature things made by villa residents. Music, homemade pastries and beverages will also be sold.

Firefighters try to keep fires from starting

By MARY WRUBLEWSKI
The Wheeling Fire Department is there for the taking.

Besides fighting fires, the department also has a variety of fire safety programs available to the public on a request basis.

The programs—free of charge to schools, businesses and homeowners—are designed to educate the public on fire hazards and preventative fire measures.

Since Jan. 1, \$48,000 in property damage was done to businesses and homes in Wheeling because of fires, Fire Chief Bernard Koeppen said.

Many of the department's programs are geared toward children. Lt. Michael Probstole, who is in charge of Wheeling's public education programs, said.

For example, in May, a fire safety awareness program reached about 600 Wheeling pre-school children. Firefighters instructed the children on what to do if their clothes started on fire and warned them against playing with matches.

Probstole said he plans a similar program this school year for kindergarteners through fifth graders.

Some of the other programs the department offers are geared toward adults.

For instance, fire extinguisher demonstrations, home safety inspections, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes and instruction on how to assist firefighters during a blaze are also provided by members of the fire department.

In addition, tours, \$10 smoke detectors and blood pressure checks are also available.

The department is composed of 24 firefighterparamedics, nine firefighters, six lieutenants and one captain, fire prevention officer and secretary clerk.

From Jan. 1 to June 30, the department received 1,105 calls. Of that number, 732 were medical assists, 122 were fires and 251 were non-emergency calls.

Thursday, July 21, 1983

Picnic in the park finger pluckin' good



With bass player Cory Koskela, left, and the rest of the Wildwood Pickers providing the music, senior citizens and their families settle down to a picnic dinner the other evening at Chamber Park in Wheeling. Box chicken dinners were provided by the park district, and picnickers munched away while listening to the bluegrass beat.

Six-year-old Karen Weidner has an unusual vantage point as she takes in the concert.



Photos
By
Nancy Stone

Boyd retribution will cost \$23 million: lawyer

Reminder 7-21-83

By MARY WROBLEWSKI

Defense attorney Michael Norris sought to make good on his promise for retribution Wednesday when he filed a \$23 million civil rights lawsuit on behalf of Wheeling teenager William Boyd.

Boyd, of 408 Sunset Lane, was charged in July 1981 for the murder and attempted sexual assault of Mary Kosinski, 14. She died of strangulation.

Prosecutors dropped the charges in March 1983 after a judge tossed out Boyd's confession and arrest, citing violations of his constitutional rights and evidence that he was hypnotized when he confessed to the crime.

At the time, Norris promised to file a \$5 million lawsuit against Wheeling police for illegally holding Boyd in custody, separating him from his family, refusing him an attorney and concealing the fact that he was put under hypnosis to attain a confession.

During the 14 hours of intense interrogation and after being denied food or drink, Boyd went into shock and became hysterical, the suit states.

"You just can't do this to people," Norris said then.

The \$23 million lawsuit seeks \$5 million in actual and compensatory damages and \$3 million each from the six defendants, Boyd's parents, Carol and William Boyd, Sr., are also asking for \$5 million in damages.

The defendants include:

- Wheeling police officers William Hoos, John Stone and Edward Theriault;
- Ronald Nelson, then acting police chief;
- Clarence Trausch, a former Wheeling police officer, a trained hypnotist and a resident of Wheeling, and;
- Jeffrey Zehe, assistant state's attorney.

Cook County and the Village of Wheeling were also named in the suit.

"The acts of the defendants were intentional or were done with reckless disregard or callous indifference to the constitutional rights of William Boyd," the suit maintains.

Those acts, the suit states, have caused Boyd "to suffer severe and permanent psychological and emotional damage and trauma as a result of lingering impressions remaining from the unlawful hypnosis of him and his wrongful arrest and imprisonment."

Boyd, then a Wheeling High School freshman, was 14 when arrested. On July 18, he, his then 12-year-old sister Barbara, Kosinski and another 14-year-old boy were playing strip poker in a shed behind the Boyd home. Afterwards, Kosinski decided to sleep in the shed and the other three youths left.

Kosinski's partially clad body was found the next morning. One of her eyes was blackened and bite marks and scratches were found on her breasts.

Police charged that Boyd returned to the shed at approximately 2 a.m. and killed her because she had spurned his sexual advances.

Later that morning, Boyd was "arrested without a warrant and without probable cause," the suit says.

Hoos, Stone, Theriault and Nelson "deliberately and intentionally" separated Boyd from his family and began interrogating him in violation of his constitutional rights and his right to counsel, the suit says.

During this time, the officers "became hostile, abusive and threatening and repeated over and over that he had killed Kosinski (but Boyd) consistently maintained his innocence," the suit states.

The officers "continued their illegal interrogation until approximately 5 p.m. when Boyd developed physical symptoms of shock, including uncontrollable shaking, complaints of being very cold and chilled, and sobbing and hysteria." Yet the officers refused to allow Boyd to speak with his parents or an attorney, the suit says.

When Carol Boyd arrived at the police department to take her son home, she was told by the officers that Boyd "needed to see a doctor rather than a lawyer and that a 'doctor' trained to deal with problems of stress and fear would treat her son," the suit alleges.

The "doctor" was Trausch, a former officer for the Wheeling Police Department and a trained hypnotist who "hypnotized or placed the plaintiff in a hypnotic trance," the suit states.

Boyd "confessed to murdering Mary Kosinski by smothering her with a pillow, a manner which did not comport with the undisputed physical facts of the crime, i.e., that (she) had been strangled with a rope or other instrument around her neck," according to the suit.

The officers and Trausch "misrepresented, concealed and failed to inform either the plaintiff or his mother that Trausch was an ex-police officer and had been hired and would be paid solely for the purpose of hypnotizing (Boyd) and would not be rendering medical treatment as represented," the suit states.

However, during pre-trial hearings, Trausch testified that he helped Boyd "regain his memory through guided relaxation" and asked him to lie down, close his eyes and remember what happened the evening Kosinski was killed.

Zehe was then called in and received the written "confession," "knowing full well of the physical and mental condition of (Boyd and) that any statement given would be the product of hypnotic and coercive suggestion and hence not voluntary," the suit states.

Instead of taking Boyd to a juvenile detention center, which is required by state law, the officers "conspired" to take his dental impressions in an attempt to match the bite marks on Kosinski's body, the suit charges.

Boyd was then transported to the Audy Detention Home for juveniles and held on \$100,000 bond for 20 days. His parents mortgaged their home to meet the bond and pay for legal expenses.

On Aug. 6, a hearing was held in the Circuit Court of Cook County where the "confession" and dental impressions were primary factors in the court's decision to try and sentence Boyd as an adult.

He was indicted by the Grand Jury Aug. 14 where Theriault "deliberately misrepresented" the following facts, the suit states:

- he positively identified the marks and scratches on Kosinski's body as being made by Boyd, although only a preliminary investigation was underway. Further investigation revealed the bites could not have been caused by Boyd;

- he stated that in the opinion of a doctor in the medical examiner's office, the cause of Kosinski's death was suffocation, like Boyd "confessed" to, even though she died

of strangulation;

- he said Boyd voluntarily stated that he suffocated Kosinski; and

- he interpreted the suffocation, as described by Boyd in his "confession," as an accident and not premeditated murder.

On March 1, 1983, Circuit Court Judge Nicholas Pomaro suppressed the "confession" because it was given under involuntary hypnosis. He also suppressed the dental impressions, ruled that the officers lacked probable cause in arresting Boyd in the first place and found that his constitutional rights had been violated.

The state decided not to appeal the judge's rulings and on March 28, they dropped all charges against Boyd.

"I do not feel a similar situation will occur again because we've worked

diligently to upgrade our service," Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger, who joined the department in February 1982, said.

On behalf of officers Hoos, Stone, Theriault and Nelson, who have been instructed not to talk about the case, he said, "Even though those things are brought up in the suit, it doesn't mean they are fact."

He added that while the officers handled some parts of the case "admirably," other parts of the case were not. He would not elaborate or cite examples.

Hoos resigned and Nelson retired because of a disability, Haeger said. Stone is now acting supervisor of investigation and Theriault was reassigned to the department's patrol division.

EDITORIAL

Police on trial

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It was a brutal crime, the murder of 14-year-old Mary Kosinski in the back yard of the Wheeling home of 14-year-old William Boyd in July, 1981. When police announced they had a confessed killer in custody, it appeared that this crime, unlike so many others would not go unsolved. Justice would be served.

Not so.

Last week, the young man who was accused of the murder and his parents filed a \$23 million lawsuit against the Village of Wheeling, two police officers, the chief, the state's attorney on the case and a hypnotist employed by the police to assist in the interrogation of suspects.

The suit claims the Wheeling police detained William Boyd, in an interrogation room from the morning of July 18, 1981 until the early morning hours of the next day. He was denied food, water and rest. His mother was not allowed to see him. He was held without access to legal counsel.

By the time his mother was allowed to see him, about 7:30 in the evening, he was reduced to a "dazed, bewildered, and physically and mentally exhausted state," the suit claims. She found him lying on the floor of the detention room, wrapped in a blanket, shaking uncontrollably.

But, according to the suit, his ordeal was not over. The police asked a professional hypnotist to intervene. Fourteen hours after his detention, William Boyd, in his altered state, confessed to the murder of Mary Kosinski by smothering her with a pillow. In fact, she had been strangled with a rope, the suit claims.

William Boyd never came to trial. The confession was invalidated in court and the state chose not to prosecute.

Now, the Wheeling police are on trial.

We do not presume to pronounce judgment on the Wheeling police. That task falls to a federal court jury. But, the allegations in the lawsuit conjure up an Orwellian vision of 1984 mind control that has no place in this community.

When he took over as chief last year, Michael Hager told the press he would not have conducted the investigation in the manner it had been pursued prior to his arrival. In reality, 1984 is just five months away. We sincerely hope that, figuratively, it is not with us already.

Level of police training signals better protection for community

7-21-83 Herald

By MARY WROBLEWSKI

Wheeling Chief of Police Michael F. Haeger said he likes a good challenge. And since he arrived from Woodale in February, 1982, he has had a good deal to challenge him.

The police department, which has been surrounded by a number of controversies in recent years, is being restructured with the implementation of new positions and responsibilities for officers, task analyses and a clearly-defined list of policies and procedures.

These inter-department changes, Haeger said, will help officers to be of better service to the community.

Although some of the changes have already taken place, he said it will take another eight to 10 months before the

department sees more stability, adding that all changes are of an ongoing nature.

He said the future looks bright for the department and the community.

Presently, the brightest spot in the department is the high level of training officers are receiving for their additional responsibilities, Haeger said.

For example, the department now has a Specialized Accident Investigation Team, and a number of officers have already been trained for these positions.

The team, composed of a traffic investigation officer and a traffic evidence technician, does away with the need for outside detective work. The team also saves the department time and money, Haeger said.

In addition, the department also has

arson investigators, officers who are trained in interrogation and interviewing, field training officers who are responsible for new officers and an "excellent firearms training program," Haeger said.

The officers who have been chosen and trained for these positions are also responsible for designing their position's procedures, Haeger said, and their response has been enthusiastic.

"They are better qualified now and are capable of doing more than riding in a squad car for eight hours a day," Haeger said.

Only \$600 was allocated towards training when Haeger assumed his position in 1982. That number climbed to \$14,000 in fiscal year 1982 and will be about \$12,000 in fiscal year 1983.

Two deputy chief positions, which will be exempt from civil service, are also in the process of being instituted. Haeger has said he believes he will be able to choose the most qualified men for the positions and that similar programs have been successful in other communities.

Task analyses for the deputy chief positions are presently in the works.

In order to aid the department's supervisors with evaluations, task analyses are also being completed for the department's 30 officers, six sergeants and one lieutenant.

"You can probably think of 10 things a patrolman is responsible for, but when you clearly define his responsibilities, it's more like 90 or 100," Haeger said.

He added that once tasks are designated, staff members will know exactly what they are responsible for and supervisors can base promotions on merit.

Another change Haeger has instituted is the review, modification and update of the departments' policies and procedures. Two of the policies presently being modified are the Use of Force and High Speed Pursuit policies.

Finally, the department is clarifying its Administrative Review Order—which deals with complaints from citizens on an officer's conduct—and its disciplinary procedures.

Although Haeger said he doesn't want to "raise his flag" over his accomplishments thus far, he wants "the department to be one that the community and officers are proud of."

Board goes along with hiring plan

7-21-83 Life

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

THE VILLAGE of Wheeling will begin the process of writing a task analysis and job description for the newly-created police and fire positions of deputy chief, following board action Monday, July 18.

The decision was made when trustees voted unanimously to accept a bid of \$6,500 from the consulting firm of Harbridge House Inc. of Northbrook to develop a process for selecting and testing applicants.

THE CONTROVERSIAL plan calls for elimination of the police lieutenant and fire captain positions, replacing them with the rank of deputy chief, which would be exempt from civil service requirements. Police Chief Michael Haeger said the two deputy chief positions would function as division commanders with jurisdiction over field and support services to the community. He predicted these positions would be filled within six months.

The new hiring procedure allows Haeger to recommend candidates from outside the department. Haeger said the exempt-rank provision

was necessary to bring "a breath of fresh air" into the department, stressing the importance of being able to choose the most qualified person for his management staff.

"It's a break with tradition," said Haeger. "I consider myself a product of the exempt-rank system and I believe the State of Illinois must go further in this direction if it is to improve the level of professionalism in law enforcement. There is just too much inbreeding going on now."

BUT MONDAY NIGHT, the board was more interested in the cost of the project.

Trustees Roger Powers and Charles Kerr, who opposed the hiring of officers from outside the department from the beginning, labeled the proposal "extremely high-priced," questioning whether some of the work could not be done by Haeger himself.

Directing his comments toward Chief Haeger, Kerr said, "It seems to me that you—better than any outsider—would know what you want for deputy chief."

Haeger acknowledged that some of the work could be done in-house,

but said a major goal of the project is to achieve proper validation, "especially because of the exempt rank." Validation, or the credibility of the hiring process is basic to the success of the entire operation, he added.

HARBIDGE HOUSE consultant John Furcon was then called upon to explain the type of "validation" his company was able to provide.

Furcon said the criteria used in creating a new position are directly "related to successful performance in the job." To determine these standards, he said, would involve a poll of equivalent-ranked officers in neighboring communities to see what skills and qualifications should be required.

Furcon, whose resume includes such clients as McDonalds, Sears, the City of Detroit and the U.S. Department of Justice, then explained the different steps of the process. These include developing the test exercises, training the assessors, conducting the tests and making a final evaluation.

"Providing a job description is only a small part of what we do," Furcon said.

Variety, balance create environment that moves

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If you left Chicago early enough in the morning, the stagecoach probably would get you to Wheeling in time for lunch. And the lure of a lunch in what in the mid-1800s wasn't much more than a town known for its good food, was reason enough for passengers to be enthused about the trip.

A treaty made with Potawatami Indian Chief Half Da marked the beginning of the development of the land that was to become Wheeling. There was a virtual landrush as New Yorkers, primarily, came to Illinois by way of the Great Lakes to stake their claims.

A first residence was built in 1834, the first commercial building was constructed in 1837. It was a hotel-tavern for travelers. A general store followed.

By 1846, Wheeling was a built-up town for its time and the people who lived there could hardly have imagined the Wheeling of today, so awed were they then by the growth they were watching.

German dairy farmers found the access to Chicago ideal for their business, and another dimension was added to the town.

From an early reputation as a place to meet and eat and party, the community has grown to become a hometown and a stable, prosperous community with an active commercial and industrial sector as well as the services and amenities so important to a residential image.

Planning, begun in the 1950s, continues today, always with the emphasis on controlled growth, diversity of interest, and a real concern for all who live and do business in the town.

The multi-age population has topped the 21,000 mark and housing is composed of single-family units, condominiums, townhouses and apartments.

Transportation of goods and people is critical to an active town and Wheeling sits

well within its network of roads, rail lines, expressways and airports.

Health care is only minutes away with Holy Family Health Center, Northwest Community, Highland Park, Lutheran General, Glenbrook and Lake Forest hospitals close by, and a strong roster of physicians, dentists and other health professionals in practice in Wheeling or nearby.

Much of the time of Wheeling residents is devoted to community welfare in the form of volunteer work in a variety of capacities and organizations. Social life, also, is much centered in clubs and fraternal, service, educational and philanthropic groups.

A strong network of volunteers also serves as the right hand of village government, working on boards, commissions and advisory groups.

Wheeling is governed by an elected village president and board of trustees. Sheila Schultz is president and trustees are Charles Kerr, William Rogers, Joseph Ratajczak, Roger Powers, Nicholas Fanella and Anthony Altieri. Thomas Markus is village manager, a salaried position.

As Schultz looked back over the past year, she said there are some significant achievements in which the village can take pride.

The end of a water problem is in sight, she said, with the finalization of plans for the purchase of Lake Michigan water through the Northwest Water Commission.

"The pipeline is being laid and will be finished by next year," she said.

This summer, Schultz added, a program of capital improvements, basically on residential streets, will be underway and greatly benefit the community.

A grant to fund the construction of senior

citizen housing has been approved and comes as good news this year.

But, perhaps most of all, Schultz said she sees an increase in community cooperativeness, focused in greater turnout among civic groups and a general spirit of working together for a stronger community.

But, there is much to be considered in the future and major work and decision-making remains to be completed. Schultz said the water and streets programs will be continuing responsibilities and that state road improvements also are being

considered.

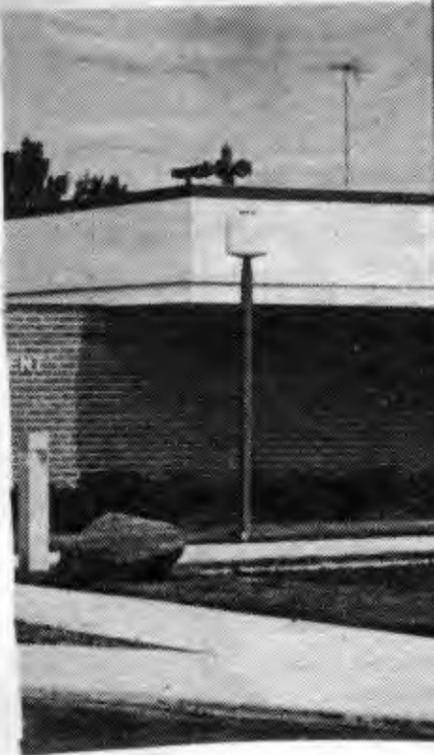
The proposed purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport by villages, including Wheeling, remains to be decided. "We have patience with that question," Schultz said.

And, an ongoing function of village government is planning and development of the right combination of residential, industrial and commercial activities. Schultz said there is property in Wheeling that is open to industrial-commercial uses and that the village is willing to discuss development and how various proposals fit into the village plans for its future.



forward with success

Village President Sheila Schultz presides over a modern-day village with such modern facilities as the fire department headquarters in the village complex.



Board hires consultant

Chief wants help in hiring deputy chiefs

Reminder 7-21-83

By MARY WROBLEWSKI

Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger scored another victory Monday night in his effort to institute two deputy chief positions—his way.

The Wheeling village board approved Haeger's recommendation to hire Harbridge House Incorporated in Northbrook, a consulting firm, to aid the department in developing the job description, task analysis, qualifications, assessment, recruitment, and selection for the deputy chief positions.

The board's unanimous approval came after a debate as to whether the village should spend the \$6,500 for the firm's services and whether Haeger himself could conduct what he says is "a very complex process."

"Every time we have to do something

that's out of the ordinary, we have to hire a consultant, so help me God. What is a police chief trained to do?" Trustee Charles Kerr asked Haeger.

"I feel the position needs to be validated, I don't know whether that's the best way to do this," Haeger said in reference to taking on the responsibility himself.

"It seems to me that you're the most qualified person to write the job description," Kerr added. That alternative, he pointed out, would save the village \$6,500.

However, John Furcon, a consultant for Harbridge House, said between only one-sixth and one-twelfth of that fee would go toward writing the job description.

Haeger said deputy chiefs from the Park Ridge, Northbrook, Palatine, Hoffman

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Crackdown is planned on sticker scofflaws

by Kathy Waugh *Herald*
Herald staff writer 7-23-83

Wheeling police and village officials plan to crack down on residents who have not purchased vehicle stickers.

As early as next week, the village will send out letters and then tickets to car owners who do not have a sticker, which should have been purchased in February, village finance director Greg Peters said.

Peters said the letters will inform car owners that they are "apparently" in violation and should contact the village.

Peters is matching a state list of vehicle registrations with the list of residents who have already bought stickers to determine who still must buy one. A \$15 late fee is charged to all people buying the \$10 sticker.

Once the two lists are matched, the village can send inquiry letters and for those not responding, a ticket will follow.

WHEN LETTERS and then tickets were mailed out in 1976, the village netted about \$18,000 to \$20,000 that went into the general operating fund for the village, Peters said. He would not estimate how many people might be in violation or how much money the village could collect if tickets were mailed out.

"Right now we are waiting for Buffalo Grove to print out a list of who has cars for us," he said. "We have the same zip code so they have the state list right now but once we get the list I think we'll be sending letters."

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said his officers will start a subdivision-by-subdivision check for stickers next week if the village letters are not sent out.

In Prospect Heights, village officials stopped issuing tickets to people on the state list that had not bought village stickers after discovering several people were issued tickets for cars they did not own.

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Estates and Rolling Meadows police departments will meet with him Thursday to discuss their responsibilities.

Then, the needs of the Wheeling Police Department will be determined so that a task analysis for the department can be designed, he said.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said "there's a great deal of merit" in Haeger's plan.

Once the task analysis is designed, Haeger said the department will advertise the positions in national police magazines.

The board approved the deputy chief positions, which will be exempt from civil service, June 20. He has said the exemptions will allow him to choose the most qualified men for the positions and that similar management changes have been successful in other neighboring communities.

In other action, the board:

- accepted a grant of easement for a water main on Route 83 and Hintz Road and Dundee and Milwaukee roads;
- granted a one-day liquor license to Addolorata Villa and to the Wheeling Jaycees;
- authorized the participation of the village in the Northeastern Metropolitan Enforcement Group;
- adopted rules of procedure and policy of the Appearance Commission;
- amended the vehicles and traffic ordinance; and
- accepted a grant of easement for a water main, ingress and egress on a private property.

Gilligan vows to battle townhomes

by Kathy Waugh *Herald 7/27/83*

Herald staff writer

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan says his city is ready to go to court to prevent the construction of four low-income townhomes in Wheeling near a Prospect Heights subdivision.

The townhomes are among 17 units Cook County Housing Authority plans to build on scattered sites throughout Wheeling.

"They're not going to put four townhomes there and we will take it as far as we have to to prevent that, even to court," Gilligan said.

Gilligan said his protest is based on a covenant signed 27 years ago that guarantees only single-family homes would be built on the site beside the Glendrake subdivision near Maple Lane and Hintz Road.

Prospect Heights alderman and resident of Glendrake, Wayne Gangler, said the city found out about the agreement through longtime Glendrake residents. A check of city records showed that the four Drake brothers who pur-

chased and developed the subdivision signed the land covenant in 1956.

THE COVENANT, registered with Cook County, was signed as a guarantee to people buying houses in the area that only single-family homes would be built there.

In unincorporated Cook County at the time, the village of Wheeling annexed the land in the '70s and the housing authority took over that covenant when they purchased the land in 1981.

Wheeling Attorney Jim Rhodes said he is waiting for word from the housing authority on the validity of the 1956 agreement.

"Whether that is still valid or not is the issue that will have to be determined," he said. "But the plan commission will go ahead and give consideration to both sides when they meet July 28."

Victor Walchirk, the executive director of the Cook County authority, seemed unconcerned by Gilligan's protest.

"I'm sorry the mayor of Prospect

Heights feels that way but the village of Wheeling has already formally recorded the approval to build on that site," Walchirk said.

HE SAID HOUSING authority attorneys have advised him that "we have a sound legal response to their question of whether we would be allowed to build."

In 1980, the village agreed to provide up to 20 units of low-income housing in scattered sites around the village in order to get a 100-unit senior citizen apartment building. Plans for the homes now are being considered by the Wheeling Plan Commission.

Last week, about 90 persons attended a zoning board of appeals meeting in Wheeling to protest construction of the homes. Residents complained that the homes were too small in comparison to neighboring houses and would lower property values. The zoning board ended up turning down all but one of the zoning changes requested by the county, a move that cast doubt on a project that village officials had agreed in principle to approve three years ago.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the existing plans may be rejected if they come to the village board "when you take into consideration that one of our advisory boards has already found them unacceptable." The plan commission will review the home plans at its July 28 and August 25 meetings.

THE ZONING BOARD recommended that the county increase the size of the homes, but Walchirk said that is not likely to happen.

Walchirk said federal Housing and

Urban Development plans restrict the size of homes that can be built while still leaving the county eligible for money to build.

"I would say these are closer to the maximum size for houses HUD allows than they are to the minimum, so there isn't much room to expand," he said. "It's important to remember, too, that our proposed buildings are within village codes so we are providing well planned, compact houses that meets the needs of the village and the low income people."

But Gangler, who owns a \$150,000 house behind the proposed construction site, said his neighborhood would "fight to the finish" to prevent anything but a single-family home from being built on the site.

Gilligan said the construction of townhomes in the area primarily covered by single family homes will only cause "depreciation of property values" and "needless trauma and suffering" to surrounding Prospect Heights residents.

Besides the four townhomes behind Gangler's home, plans also call for four townhomes on the south side of Hintz Road just west of Cornell Avenue and another four on the east side of Ninth Street just north of Strong Street.

Two single-family homes will be built by Sixth Street and Mayer Avenue and another at the southwest corner of Manchester Drive and Stone Place. The county also intends to build a two-family duplex at the southeast corner of Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue.

Low-income housing hearing reset Aug. 25

Because of an error in publishing a legal notice, a plan commission hearing scheduled for Thursday to discuss Cook County Housing Authority's plans to build 18 low-income housing units in Wheeling has been re-scheduled for Aug. 25.

Wheeling Village Attorney Jim Rhodes said the housing authority requested the delay after member discovered they would have to discuss the issue at the August meeting.

"I think they would rather just discuss this once," Rhodes said. "Since they have to be at the regular August meeting because the legal notice was printed wrong, they have requested that their dockets not be discussed at Thursday's meeting."

The housing authority wants to build 18 low-income houses at scattered sites in the village, but the village zoning board of appeals already has decided to recommend the houses not be built.

The commission will discuss other items Thursday including a request by Burger King to build a restaurant on Dundee Road at Boehmer Avenue and a request from McDonald's to install a drive-through facility at its restaurant at 188 E. Dundee Road.

Restaurant signs may lead to closing

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A Wheeling restaurant that has been open only eight months may lose its business license for installing illegal signs and outdoor seating.

Village Attorney Jim Rhodes said Chicago Bagel and Bialy Deli Restaurant, 1099 W. Dundee Road, installed two tables in front of its delicatessen without having the site plan approved by the village.

The restaurant also installed neon window signs without a permit and has violated rules for temporary signs,

Rhodes said.

The village board will decide whether to revoke the restaurant's license when it meets at 8 p.m. Monday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The restaurant is owned by Buffalo Grove resident Harold Harkavy, former owner of the New York Bagels stores on the North Shore. He could not be reached for comment.

HARKAVY SOLD HIS chain of North Shore stores and opened the

Wheeling restaurant in November. "Tough business" prompted the June installation of two stone tables that seat eight people, store manager Howard Kahn said.

"It's helped business by quite a bit," Kahn said.

But Rhodes said the restaurant's "violations have been ongoing," and signs were illegally installed "months ago." Certified letters to Harkavy were not picked up, he said.

Wheeling police cited the restaurant

in mid-June for illegal signs, Sgt. Jack Kimsey said. An August court date has been set.

In May, charges by Wheeling health inspector Dan Adams that the restaurant had a faulty refrigeration system, were dismissed. Adams said the refrigerator in the restaurant "did not meet the standards as I interpret them" but that the court decided otherwise.

The delicatessen offers nine types of bagels and bialys and other deli food including corned beef and roast beef.

Eight arrested in Wheeling bar raid

by Anne Burris *Herald*

Herald staff writer 7/27/83

Calling it a crackdown on underage drinking and illegal drug use, Wheeling police early Saturday morning raided a Milwaukee Avenue bar and restaurant, arresting eight people.

The raid took place between 12:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. Saturday at Billy and Co., 124 S. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling Sgt. Jack Kimsey said police have been watching that bar, along with others in the village, for the last two weeks.

"There has been a serious problem with blatant underage drinking and drug use in the village," Kimsey said.

Police made their initial arrests in the parking lot of Billy and Co., and later closed off the building, checking identification of those inside and arresting anyone under 21 and those pos-

sessing illegal drugs.

Arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance — cocaine — were Michael Durr, 24, 705 Elmhurst Road, Wheeling; Steven Miller, 23, and David Sobanski, 22, both of 83 Sixth St., Wheeling.

BOND FOR ALL three was set at \$3,000, with a court hearing scheduled for Aug. 3. Durr was unable to post bond and was being held in custody late Saturday.

Arrested on charges of possession of alcohol by a minor were Linda Lee, 17, 75 Constance, Northbrook; Forrest Wendt, 20, 845 Sheridan Road, Wilmette; and Everett Spears, 19, 505 Love Drive, Prospect Heights. Spears was also charged with resisting arrest after police had to wrestle him to the ground, Kimsey said.

Arrested and charged with criminal

damage to property and battery was Robert Walsch III, 27, 813 Stream Valley Drive, Wheeling. Kimsey said police were checking Walsch's identification when he allegedly kicked and broke the seat of a squad car and then struck a police officer.

Dominic Dellegrazie, 33, who gave police a Florida address as well as an address in Long Lake, Ill., was arrested for possessing stolen license plates.

All except Spears were released on \$1,000 bond pending an Aug. 3 court appearance. Walsch will be in court on Sept. 6.

BILLY AND CO. is owned by William Moss of Northbrook. Moss was at the bar at the time of the raid, but Kimsey said charges against him will be decided later after discussions with the state's attorney and the village attorney.

Seven undercover and nine uniform police officers took part in the raid, which is the first step in what Chief Michael Haeger called a "pro-active approach to overseeing and regulating the activity of local establishments in the community."

Kimsey said the investigation into the local bars began because "we have never had such flagrant violators before. On the weekend of July 8, we hit every bar in Wheeling, and we saw that we needed to get on to this one immediately."

The raid may not be the last in the village but Kimsey said he hopes it will be an example to other bar owners.

"It's unfortunate that we do have to do this," he said. "But people have to realize that they have a responsibility to themselves, their customers and the community."

Bike-athon set to benefit senior citizens

by Kathy Waugh *Herald*

Herald staff writer 7-23-83

Wheeling's Senior Citizen Commission and a local biking group, the Wheeling Wheelmen, are hoping to raise as much as \$10,000 in a one-day fundraising bike-athon for a proposed senior citizen recreation center, coordinator Phyllis Harmon said.

"We are hoping to turn this into a fun thing and really get a lot of people out to see how many miles they can ride," Harmon said.

A member of both the Wheelmen's club and the commission, Harmon said challenges have already sparked interest for the Oct. 2 event.

"The village president here, Sheila Schultz, has already said she will challenge the president of Prospect Heights and Buffalo Grove," she said. "We also have some dentists and doctors who are saying they will challenge each other."

Money collected would go toward \$80,000 needed to furnish a proposed township senior recreation center in Wheeling.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES have pledged \$5,000 and the Wheeling Rotary Club just donated \$500, bringing the cash contributions towards furnishings to approximately \$10,000. Individuals and area businesses are also "slowly but surely" donating furniture, village senior activities coordinator, Julie Woods, said.

The Cycling for Seniors idea came out of a senior citizen commission meeting where members were discussing the dozens of fundraisers in the works, Harmon said. "They were talking about raising \$65 a month with bake sales and by selling nick-nacks. That's good but I said, 'Hey you want to raise \$80,000 and you can't do that at \$65 a month.'"

Harmon said bikers can either sign up to donate a flat rate of \$10 or can solicit per-mile donations. "At one of these in Waukegan not too long ago they were challenging each other and the mayor ended up riding with pledges for \$225 for every mile," she said.

THE COMMISSION has already sent 160 letters to township businesses asking for donations, she said. Prizes and cash donations will be used to offset costs, "and then hopefully all the money raised in pledges will go to the center," she said.

Preliminary plans call for prizes to be awarded to every biker who turns in \$100 in donations. Other drawings will be included in the 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. event. Some businesses already have donated theater tickets, savings bonds, meals and cash, she said.

"The community has been responding quite well," Woods said. "When you talk to them about donating something for senior citizens I guess they just figure that that's a good cause."

Bikers will follow a 9½-mile course starting at Booth Tarkington school in Wheeling, traveling through Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights before returning to Wheeling.

Signup will begin in September, Woods said.

The week ahead

Interviews set for panel candidates

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The Wheeling Village Board meets tonight to interview candidates for four vacant seats on some of the 10 boards and commissions under the jurisdiction of the board.

The interviews begin at 7:30 p.m. with a committee of the whole meeting to follow in the council chamber of the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Board members will interview applicants interested in filling vacancies on the boards of health, ethics, municipal relations and the youth commission.

People interested in applying for an opening can fill out an application at village hall.

THE HIGH SCHOOL District 214 administration will recommend today that the school board award a contract for \$9,600 to Control Resources Corp. to remove asbestos at Forest View High School in Arlington Heights.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the administration center, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

The administration says the asbestos on the ceiling of a canopy in front of the school must be removed to meet guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency. Asbestos, a substance used for insulation, sound-proofing and fire-proofing, has been linked to cancer and respiratory diseases by studies done on workers who had contact with the substance over a long period of time.

IN LINE WITH the pay freezes recently given to teachers and administrators, the District 214 administration will recommend tonight freezing pay for substitute teachers.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the administration center, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

Robert Cudney, assistant superintendent for personnel, said the district spent \$530,600 in 1982-83 for 8,583 days of substitute teaching. The average pay was more than \$60 a day and is competitive with other school districts, Cudney said.

Substitute salaries to be recommended will be \$45 a day for regular substitutes; \$58 a day for an established substitute who worked 50 days or more during 1982-83 or 1983-84; \$50 a day for a regular substitute who works five days in the same assignment; \$63 for an established substitute after five days in the same assignment; and \$91 a day after 19 days in the same assignment.

THE WHEELING PLAN Commission will conduct a public hearing Thursday on four requests from the Cook County Housing Authority to construct low-income housing at scattered sites around the village.

The commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the council chamber of the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. The meeting also will be continued to the next regular plan commission meeting Aug. 25.

The county is seeking approval to build a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue and four townhouses each at Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue, Hintz and Maple Lane and Ninth Street just north of Strong Street.

THE HARPER COLLEGE Board of Trustees Thursday will set Aug. 25 as the date for a public hearing on the 1983-84 tax levy and the 1983-84 budget. The trustees are requesting local taxes for next year of about \$8.4 million. They plan to spend \$26.6 million during the upcoming school year.

The trustees will meet at 8 p.m. in the board room at the college, Algonquin and Roselle roads, Palatine.

The tax levy, the upper limit of taxes that the college will be able to receive next year, is 14 percent higher than last year.

MATERIALS REQUIRED OF all candidates for the November trustee election will be on display at the Harper board meeting. Two terms will expire this year. Those interested in running can receive information on filing procedures at the meeting.

Wheeling/daily briefing

Today's agenda

• The Wheeling village board meets as a committee of the whole at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Taxes are only part of the cost of living in area towns

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

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If the latest property tax bills caused Northwest suburban residents to do a slow burn, they should remember that those tax bills tell only a part of the cost of living in the suburbs.

In addition to tax bills, most residents pay for vehicle stickers, garbage collection, and water and sewer service — which can add from \$200 to almost \$550 to a Northwest suburbanite's cost of living.

It's those extras that make Streamwood the most expensive Northwest suburb in which to live. That village

was closely followed by the Lake County portion of Buffalo Grove and the Cook County portion of Hanover Park. By contrast, Elk Grove Village, Rolling Meadows and the west side of Des Plaines are the cheapest places to live in the Northwest suburbs, a Daily Herald survey shows.

For the purposes of the survey, a typical homeowner owns two cars, one pet, a home valued at \$85,000 and uses 10,000 gallons of water a month. Some towns were divided to show changes in tax rates and other charges as a town crosses county lines or residents fall into taxing districts with significantly different rates.

A breakdown of costs in area towns

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FOR EXAMPLE, MOST Arlington Heights residents who live north of Central Avenue pay taxes to School District 25, which taxes at a much higher rate than District 59, which serves residents south of Central Avenue. School districts account for almost one-third of the total property tax bill and are the main reason for the \$210 difference in taxes paid by residents on either side of Central Avenue.

Generally, the predominantly residential "bedroom communities" are the most expensive towns. Streamwood residents — who live in a village almost devoid of any business or industry — pay one of the highest property tax rates, combined water and sewer bills and vehicle sticker fees in the area.

On top of that, Streamwood is the only Northwest suburb to levy a utility tax, which adds about \$90 to a homeowner with a \$1,800-a-year utility bill. The end result is an annual cost of living of \$2,617.

Streamwood Village President Steven Gant blamed the high taxes on the

"anti-business" attitude of previous administrations and village boards. He said since he was elected two years ago, he has tried to attract new businesses to increase the property tax base and possibly reduce or eliminate the utility tax.

Even harder hit are the few hundred Hanover Park residents who live in Schaumburg Township District 54, High School District 211 and the Hanover Park Park District — all districts with relatively high tax rates. Those residents pay a combined tax rate of \$9.68 — highest in the Northwest suburbs — and an annual tax bill of \$2,250 on a \$85,000 home, which this year has

a taxable value of \$23,232.

WHEN VIEWED WITH the other costs in Hanover Park, the annual cost climbs to \$2,639.

One surprise in the most recent tax collection period came in Bartlett and Hanover Park, where residents in the Cook County portion of those villages were hit with higher tax bills than their neighbors in DuPage County. Usually, DuPage County residents pay higher property tax bills because their property is assessed at a higher rate.

Hanover Park Finance Director Robert Whyte said the lower DuPage County taxes probably are a result of

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There's more to cost than property taxes

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the complicated manner in which taxes are apportioned between the two counties. The end result is that DuPage County taxpayers will pay about 41 percent of all property taxes collected by the various taxing districts.

But the assessed value of property in the DuPage County portion of Hanover Park comprises more than 47 percent of the taxable value of all village property, which means residents in the Cook County portion make up the difference.

Whyte said it takes longer for growth, all of which has occurred in DuPage County, to show up in the calculations for distributing the tax burden, but eventually the disparity should even out.

in city residents' property tax bills.

But Rolling Meadows residents should count their blessings now — next year, city taxes might double and residents might pay for garbage pick-up and increased vehicle sticker fees. City officials say they anticipate sales tax revenue will be \$750,000 lower this year than originally expected because of decreased sales at Western Electric.

Despite some of those relatively low costs, residents are beginning to get only a taste of the rising cost of municipal services. Vehicle stickers are a prime source of providing funds for local roadwork and may soon increase in many towns that face extensive road repairs.

The cost of garbage collection also is expected to increase appreciably as lo-



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LIFE in Wheeling

Honored Amvets bring prizes home

A NUMBER of Wheeling area people received recognition for outstanding service at the 1983 Amvets Illinois Convention. And a Wheeling firm was among five employers with fewer than 200 employees to be awarded "Employer of the Year" awards at the state convention.

Phillip Carpenter Post 66 Amvets won "Post of the Year" award for 1983. The Post 66 Auxiliary was named "Auxiliary of the Year."

Individual Amvet of the Year from Post 66 was Frank Lipowski, and Post Commander Robert Hettinger was selected as a Division 1 senior vice commander. The Post 66 and Auxiliary were awarded the Peter J. McKiernan Memorial Hospital Award for "outstanding hospital service."

The Illinois Amvets Convention named Orval Kent Food Co. Inc. as one of five "Employers of the Year," with fewer than 200 employees. Congratulations to the men and women of Post 66 Amvets and Auxiliary for an outstanding job of volunteer service this past year.

HERE'S A special invitation to enjoy a day of golf and dinner at the third annual Golf Outing sponsored by the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Date is Aug. 17, at Chevy Chase Country Club. Eighteen holes of golf and dinner for \$20, or golf only for \$10, or dinner only for \$12.

Cost of sponsoring a "hole" of golf at the outing is \$25, plus a prize. Sponsorship is limited to the first 18 companies who offer. Tom Todd Chevrolet is sponsoring a "hole-in-one" contest. For more information about becoming a sponsor, or joining your neighbors at the golf outing, contact Jackie Pollack, 459-2613; Lenny Manewith, 291-1170; Lee Rohrer, 459-0420; or Joan Karge, 541-5041.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Richard Holt of Wheeling. This special message of birthday cheer comes thanks to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holt, also of Wheeling.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Sweeney. Many of you may recall her from the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank. Mary recently was appointed vice president of commercial lending at Union National Bank and Trust of Elgin.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Alan Eppenstein, who recently was selected as a member of the President's Cabinet of American Investors Life Insurance Co. He is a regional vice president with the company.

AT A PRE-first-meeting get-together of the "Historically Yours—Wheeling" group at



June Stewart

Chevy Chase Country Club. Al Fantl, curator of the Wheeling Museum, said he felt the book project about Wheeling's history was "finally off the ground" and a "reality." Writer Roberta Alcarese and Harper photography instructor Jeff Dionesotes joined the group. Barbara and Bob Johnson and yours truly were there. Chris Mayrose and Pete Brunette, who both have been doing a lot of practical work, missed the meeting.

Next meeting for people interested in contributing to the book is 10 a.m., Aug. 16, at the Chevy Chase Conference Room. Yes, the conference room is air-conditioned. Originally the meeting was scheduled for the Community Church in Chamber Park, but 90- and 100-degree weather brought about a change.

SPEAKING OF 90- and 100-degree weather — how long will it last? Now we know, don't we! When we have a warm winter, we have an even hotter summer. Someone mentioned, "It's been so warm this winter, we'll probably freeze this summer." Then there was the television weatherman talking about 80 percent humidity and it was pouring outside — one of the few breaks we've had in the hot and humid past few weeks.

COMING SEPT. 11 is "A Day at the Races" to benefit the senior citizens' furniture fund. Arlington Park Race Track donated 1,000 tickets, and you can pick up one from Senior Citizens Commission members or at the Wheeling Municipal Building. Tickets are being sold for \$1 in an effort to raise \$1,000 for the fund. "Last year's day at the races was a big success," according to Julie Woods, community development senior citizen coordinator for the project. Race day is a Sunday and, incidentally, Grandparents Day at the race track. First race is at 1:30 p.m. Slowly but surely the fund is growing, and it now has \$5,000, according to Julie.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the senior citizens furniture fund may do so. Area business has been contacted, and the Wheeling Day at the Races is the big event.

There's only one hitch in the program for the Senior Citizens Center and that is an "indefinite" delay in construction due to finances. Seems the bids were all higher than estimated.

A very taxing Water swells levy

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

TAXES ARE UP in the village this year. And there is a very good reason why.

Lake Michigan water is expected to start flowing to the village by the first part of next year, as a result of a massive pipeline construction project. But the flood of bills to pay for this undertaking has already begun to arrive.

This year's Wheeling property tax is up 69 percent from last year. And 85 percent of this increase is directly attributable to the Lake Michigan project, said finance director Greg Peters.

That means for the typical Wheeling home, with an equalized assessed value of \$19,000, tax bills jumped to \$236 this year, up from \$139 in 1982.

"It's better to start paying off the debt sooner, rather than la-

ter," said Peters.

All of which may provide little consolation to the beleaguered taxpayer. But perhaps an explanation will help.

As stated, the property tax hike is largely due to the Lake Michigan project, which is being paid off under a General Obligation Bond Debt Service levy. This levy, set in 1982 and to be collected this year, totals \$1,617,759, with the bulk of this amount credited to the pipeline construction. For purposes of comparison, the previous year's levy for General Obligation Bond Service amounted to just \$480,375.

But if the 236 percent increase is a little hard to swallow, bear up because it's not going to go away in the near future. This year marks the very first payment towards two separate General Obligation bonds issued

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for the Lake Michigan project, totaling \$12.15 million.

Without the debt service levy for Lake Michigan water, the village portion of the tax bill would have increased just 10.6 percent. However, with the additional levy, residents are burdened by a

significantly higher property tax.

In 1982, Wheeling reaped \$1,923,392 in property taxes. This year, local taxpayers are being asked to pay \$3,251,394.

The good news? Wheeling residents can look forward to a marked improvement in water quality once the Lake Michigan pipeline is thrown open. And clean water, it is agreed, is a priceless commodity.

Police arrest 8 in bar crackdown

WHEELING—Police arrested eight area residents after raiding a bar and restaurant last weekend in a continuing crackdown on underage drinking and illegal drug use at local bars.

The arrests were at Billy and Company, 124 South Milwaukee Ave. between 12:30 and 4 a.m. Saturday, July 23, according to Sgt. Jack Kimsey, who said police started watching the bar along with others in the village, two weeks ago.

"There has been a serious problem with blatant underage drinking and drug use in the village," Kimsey said.

Billy and Company is owned by William Moss of Northbrook, who was at the bar during the raid, according to Kimsey. Charges have not been made against him.

AFTER INITIAL arrests in the parking lot at Billy and Company, police closed the facility in order to check IDs.

Arrested on charges of cocaine possession were Wheeling residents Michael Durr, 24, of 705 Elmhurst

Road; Steven Miller, 23, and David Sobanski, 22, both of 83 Sixth St. Bond was set at \$3,000 for each with a court hearing scheduled for Aug. 3.

Charged with possession of alcohol by a minor were Linda Lee, 17, of 75 Constance Lane, Northbrook; Forrest Wendt, 20, of 845 Sheridan Road, Wilmette and Everett Spears, 19, of 505 Love Drive, Prospect Heights. Spears also was charged with resisting arrest after police had to wrestle him to the ground, Kimsey said. All except Spears were released on \$1,000 bond and scheduled for an Aug. 4 court hearing.

ROBERT WALCH, III, 27, of 813 Valley Stream, Wheeling, was charged with criminal damage to property and battery, according to Kimsey, who said Walch allegedly kicked and broke the seat of a patrol car and then struck a police officer.

Dominic Dellegrazie, 33, who gave police a Florida address, as well as one in Long Lake, was arrested for possessing stolen license plates.

Anti-drug unit OK'd but not unquestioned

Life 7-28-83
By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—The village will continue its participation in the Northeastern Metropolitan Enforcement Group (NEMEG) through 1983-84, as a result of board action Monday, July 18.

Wheeling has been a member of NEMEG since drug investigation unit was formed in 1970. According to the contract, the village will provide a full-time officer to work under the direction of NEMEG during the coming year.

BUT WHILE Wheeling has been a consistent supporter of NEMEG efforts to combat the illegal trafficking of narcotics, controlled substances and dangerous drugs, debate at the board meeting was not wholly one-sided.

Village President Sheila Schultz questioned the "accountability" of NEMEG, saying she is unaware of

the activities of the drug enforcement group.

Trustee Charles Kerr asked "what value" the program has to Wheeling, adding he might take a closer look at future participation if more information is not provided by NEMEG. "We've never been told what they do," he said.

POLICE CHIEF Michael Haeger defended the intergovernmental agreement, insisting that increased drug use must be fought on a united front.

Noting that board members had never before requested reports on NEMEG activities, Haeger said trustees will be "kept apprised" in the future. The chief added he would re-evaluate the village's position during the next year.

NEMEG director Robert Taylor was quick to respond to questions over whether Wheeling was getting

its money's worth.

"We are as accountable as we can be," said Taylor, who said a monthly arrest report is provided all communities.

A total of 42 separate state, county and local agencies now contribute either money or personnel to NEMEG. Participating municipalities include Elk Grove Village, Morton Grove, Des Plaines, Niles, Northfield, Park Ridge, Barrington, Wilmette, Winnetka, Schaumburg and Wheeling.

NEMEG infiltrates various drug networks through covert activities, which Taylor claims is the "best way to attack the problem." This approach has led to significant arrests in a number of multi-million dollar drug operations, he said.

The 45 officers under the control of NEMEG are deputized as state narcotic inspectors who focus primarily on the suburbs.

Most meet cable TV deadlines

by Debbe Nelson
and Al Cabbage

Herald staff writers

8/3/83

Cable television companies serving the Northwest suburbs have completed the wiring of 15 municipalities and have only to clear up problems in a few towns before service will be available to all single-family homes.

Tests in nine Northwest suburbs served by Cablenet Inc. showed the cable television firm apparently met its Aug. 1 construction deadline in all but three of the municipalities.

Officials from five municipalities served by Warner-Amex Cable Communications Co. of Rolling Meadows said that company has met its deadline for service to customers in those towns.

Service now is available through Cablenet to most single-family residences in Arlington Heights, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Mount Prospect, Park Ridge and Prospect Heights.

HOWEVER, TESTS detected major areas without service in Wheeling, Hanover Park and Schaumburg. The testers also could not determine whether wiring for local institutions, which will permit schools, libraries and hospitals to communicate with subscribers, is in working condition.

The company could be subject to fines of \$200 per day per municipality for any service deficiencies, pending a review by a local cable commission and the individual municipal boards.

Warner-Amex, based in New York, is a joint venture of Warner Communications Co. and Shearson/American Express. The local company has the potential to serve 50,000 households in Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine and Rolling Meadows. The firm hopes to build its current 18,000 subscribers to 23,000 to 25,000.

Buffalo Grove Trustee Stephen Stone, who has been monitoring Warner-Amex for that village, said, "It's my understanding they made the deadline. The system's operational in all parts of the village."

But Hoffman Estates Trustee William McLeod, the village's liaison to the cable firm, said about 2,000 homes north of the Northwest Tollway in Hoffman Estates are still without service and Warner-Amex has until Aug. 17 to make amends. A meeting with Warner-Amex is set Thursday to discuss the issue.

Warner-Amex is expected to be able to offer interactive cable service to its subscribers by the end of the summer. It is now beginning sales of the service in Palatine and Rolling Meadows.

THE AGREEMENTS between the villages and Warner-Amex indicated that the wiring of the system would be complete when the cable company had put the wires in place. Agreements with Cablenet, however, called for all cables to be in place and active in order for the completion date to be met.

Neither franchise agreement mandated that all potential subscribers had to be contacted by the Aug. 1 date.

Cablenet Inc., a Mount Prospect-based subsidiary of Cablenet Ltd. of Canada, currently offers service to about 100,000 households in the Northwest suburbs with approximately 25,000 subscribers now.

"On the whole, it looks like they did pretty well," said Eric Anderson, cable coordinator for the Northwest Municipal Conference, who monitors Cablenet's performance for the municipalities it serves.

"The surprise was that half the points in Wheeling didn't work, because Wheeling was the first system built," he said.

Under a franchise agreement with the coalition of towns, Cablenet was to have all of its institutional and single-family residential wiring installed and activated by Aug. 1. Cablenet now must have service available to 100,000 households within 30 days or face fines.

COMPANY AND municipal representatives checked the wires at more than 100 sites in nine towns for a transmission signal.

They are mystified as to why 60 percent of the test sites in Wheeling failed. Cablenet attributed the failure of nearly half the test spots in Hanover Park to a broken amplifier. In Schaumburg, the company blamed residents who blocked workers from burying the cables under their property.

Signals were found at all test sites in Arlington Heights and Prospect Heights. All but one or two produced a signal in the remaining towns.

"There are things to explain in most of these municipalities," Anderson said. "They (Cablenet) have until Aug. 12 to get back to us."

The company must explain all failures by then, he said. The test results

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Cable meets deadline in most towns; Wheeling big exception

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and company responses will be reviewed by the cable commission. The commission will recommend Aug. 17 if any delays are unjustified and subject to fines. The recommendations then will be passed on to the town boards for action.

"We're not going to be lenient with them," said Robert Fialkowski, assistant village manager in Wheeling.

However, the village will take into consideration Cablenet's explanations and the complaints — or lack of complaints — about service availability.

"We were surprised they did as badly as they did," he said, adding the test results are deceptive.

"I would not say that reflects the level of activation throughout the village. I think we have a lot more than 40 percent...I'm almost certain we have most of the line laid in Wheeling," he said.

CABLENET MANAGEMENT could

not be reached for comment Tuesday. On Monday, Cablenet Vice President Joe Batson said the company had employed extra crews to meet the Aug. 1 deadline. He predicted a "very small percentage" of the service area would fail the tests.

In Hanover Park, Administrative Assistant Mark Masciola said there are entire neighborhoods in the southern section of town not yet activated.

The village probably will try to collect the \$200 per day penalty if the problem is the company's fault. Village Manager Dennis Dawson said. But no fines will be assessed if external circumstances, such as negotiations with homeowners groups, are the cause, he said.

Schaumburg Village Manager Stephen Atkins acknowledged the village received complaints about people refusing to let Cablenet on their property. Despite that, Cablenet said it would meet the Aug. 1 deadline, he said.

Village officials are more interested in finding out what a realistic deadline is than in fining the company, he said. That way, they can pass along the information to residents who call wondering when they will receive service, he said.

"If the Aug. 1 deadline was too ambitious, that's unfortunate," he said. "As the village administration, we are doing our best to keep the fire lit under them, but we also have to be realistic. We were told the Aug. 1 deadline for sure. Now what's more realistic?"

The test crews could not find signals on institutional lines in all the towns, Anderson said. But the lack of signals could be due to improper testing equipment, he said. Cablenet is to study the situation and report back to the commission by Aug. 12, he said.

Officials of Streamwood, which was not included in the testing program, said cable wiring had been completed by the Aug. 1 deadline.

Village police crack down on underaged drinking

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer 8/4/83

Wheeling police have made 18 drinking-related arrests in the past month, in what Chief Michael Haeger says is a crackdown on underaged drinking to make up for lax work in the past.

"For whatever reason, routine checks to drinking establishments were just not being done before I came here or, if they were, there were no arrests being made," said Haeger, who came to Wheeling 1½ years ago. "I was aware of the problem about six

months after I came here and since then the problem seems to be growing."

Twelve of the arrests came when undercover and uniformed police officers from Wheeling and Buffalo Grove raided Billy and Co., 124 S. Milwaukee Ave., July 23. Violations included possession of alcohol by a minor, possession of cocaine, resisting arrest and criminal damage to property.

THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND, police arrested two store clerks working at Bell Liquor, 773 W. Dundee Road,

and Walgreen Drug Store, 548 W. Dundee Road, after they sold liquor to a minor without asking for identification.

All three owners must now face questioning by Village President Sheila Schultz, the village's liquor commissioner, and could have their liquor licenses suspended or revoked. No date has been set for the hearings.

"The problem appears to be growing," Haeger said. "Our patrol officers and investigators brought it to my attention and we decided to begin checking."

The chief said officers have responded to more parking lot fights, burglaries and thefts attributed to underaged drinking. "The problem is especially predominant on Milwaukee Avenue," he said.

Officers checked nine bars July 8 for drug or alcohol abuses, Haeger said, and in one — Billy and Co. — "we identified serious problems where there were blatant violations." Two arrests for possession of marijuana were made that evening. The raid and store clerk arrests followed.

"THE PROBLEMS THAT we have

seen have been predominantly in the bars," Haeger said. "There is some drug abuse and we are working to take care of that, too."

Three detectives are working with patrol officers to make random checks part of their regular routine. "This is something that should have been going on all along," he said. "It's part of our duties and responsibilities and I felt there just wasn't enough attention being paid to it when I arrived."

Haeger said it's too early to say if the drinking has been cut down as a result of the crackdown. More raids

could be on the way "if they are necessary," he said.

To keep the crackdown going, Haeger said he needs Schultz's support in the form of suspension or revocation of liquor licenses. "It's not necessary to pull a liquor license unless the place continues to break the law," he said, "but we need the suspension or other penalties by the commissioner as a sort of check system for the village."

Schultz would not comment on the pending cases, saying however that she supports the department's actions.

30 illegal alien suspects arrested at apartments

by John Slania
Herald staff writer 8/4/83

Thirty suspected illegal aliens were arrested Wednesday morning during a raid at the Wildwood Apartments in Wheeling as part of a police effort to "clean up" the complex.

Ten immigration agents joined Wheeling police in the 9:30 a.m. raid at the complex at Dundee Road and Wheeling Avenue, arresting residents unable to produce green immigration cards.

While agents had to chase down some of the suspects, most surrendered immediately, and the raid was completed in less than 30 minutes, authorities said.

Most of the 30 people arrested were Mexican men living in the complex and holding factory jobs in the area, said Rocky Roux, an investigator for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

AFTER BEING charged with illegal

entry, 25 of the suspects chose to voluntarily return to Mexico and were placed on an evening bus departing for El Paso, Texas, Roux said. Five people decided to contest the deportation and were being held on \$3,000 bond at the immigration service headquarters in Chicago.

Wheeling police coordinated the raid after a recent investigation of conditions at the Wildwood Apartments uncovered evidence that many illegal aliens were living at the complex, said Sgt. Jack Kimsey.

Since the mid-1970s, Wheeling officials have complained about conditions at the complex, including numerous building and fire code violations, overflowing garbage dumpsters, high weeds and broken furniture and abandoned autos in the parking lot.

BECAUSE THE 16 buildings in the complex are maintained by separate owners, officials have had a difficult

time enforcing building codes, Kimsey said.

A recent inspection of the complex prompted Police Chief Michael Haeger to mail certified letters Monday to the five building owners, ordering them to clean up the complex by Aug. 12 or face legal action, Kimsey said.

The inspection also turned up evidence of a large group of Hispanics at the complex, many of them illegal aliens, and Haeger contacted the immigration service Monday to develop plans for the raid, Kimsey said.

"We've been spending a lot of time out there. He (Haeger) wants to really clean up the whole area, and as far as the illegals are concerned, correct the situation," Kimsey said.

Because many residents were working at the time of the raid, Kimsey believes some illegal aliens escaped detection and planned to continue an investigation of the complex.

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer 8/4/83

WHEELING—Local officials are acting to solve a recurring flooding problem that has plagued a small pocket of homeowners for many years.

The Park District has approved a plan calling for the extension of storm sewer lines into Horizon Park at a cost of \$2,603. The construction project, expected to begin within a month, is being done in

conjunction with the village's extension of sewer lines to the area south of Roberts Avenue.

Bob Gray, Wheeling Director of Operations and Maintenance, said the storm sewer expansion is part of the village's four-year capital improvements program. Gray said the sewer project will be undertaken this year because Roberts Avenue is slated for resurfacing in 1984.

The village's end of the storm sewer project is still in design, Gray said, and no cost estimates

are yet available.

A HANDFUL of residents along Thelma Court long have been victimized by runoff from Horizon Park, immediately to the south. When ponded water exceeds the berm, homeowners are faced with the prospect of storm water flowing onto their property and into their homes.

"When it rains hard it runs down across our driveway like you had a faucet turned on," said Mary Tho-

mas, who has lived at 397 Thelma Court for 15 years.

The worst flooding, she said, occurred during the spring thaw following the heavy snows of 1979, when her basement received about a foot of water, ruining her carpet and resulting in a "For Sale" sign in her front yard.

Thomas cites the flooding problem as the "main reason" for putting her home on the market but, so far, it has not attracted any buyers

New plans spur senior center progress

Progress on a senior citizen recreational building is underway after construction plans were modified to reduce the size of the building and lower the cost.

Wheeling delayed summer construction plans for the Senior Citizen Center, on Milwaukee Avenue near Dundee Road, when bids came in April at about twice the architect's estimated cost.

The Chicago firm of Holabird and Root estimated the cost of the center at \$471,000, but the lowest acceptable bid was \$879,000.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the architects "missed the boat on the estimate," and the village spent the next three months negotiating with the firm, finally deciding that Holabird and Root would redesign the building at no cost.

The new design cuts the floor space from 7,000 feet to 6,000 feet, shrinking offices, conference rooms, an arts and crafts classroom and two multi-purpose rooms. The estimated cost of the new building is \$480,000, a figure based on spot checks with area contractors.

WHEELING PAID Holabird and Root about \$42,000 for the initial architectural designs and the firm will end its work with the village after this

project. Village planner Richard Greenwood said the decision to not have Holabird and Root oversee construction of the center was based on a "mutual agreement to save both of us some cost."

"The design allows us to build with an option to expand to a larger size," he said. Construction could begin as early as this spring and the building may be open by the fall of 1984.

Fighting, drinking add to apartments' bad name

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer Herald 8/16/83

Apartment dwellers sit on window sills watching children play in a parking lot littered with broken glass. Most buildings have screens missing and a few are without the windows. Weeds grow tall, and trash is strewn on lawns.

Outside, the playground has been taken over by a group of young men drinking beer.

"On the weekends they are lined up drinking," said Benito Arenas, who manages one of the seven buildings in Wheeling's Wildwood Apartment complex. "Our wives, they need to go shopping, but they get whistled at and the guys look at them funny and say 'Hey, my apartment is right here, want to come up?'"

The Wildwood complex, on Dundee Road just west of Milwaukee Avenue, is derisively called "tortilla flats" by its neighbors and some of its residents.

VILLAGE INSPECTORS and police have been trying to improve the bad conditions and control the fighting, drinking and noise. Last week immigration officials picked up 30 residents in a sweep to find illegal aliens.

Arenas said residents fear the hoards of single men who live, sometimes 10 to an apartment, in the other buildings and are charged "\$50-a-head."

Like some owners, residents blame the police for not "coming down hard" on other building owners to screen their tenants, arrest parking-lot drinkers and put some money back into maintenance.

Wheeling police and village workers say they are doing all they can to clean up things at the apartment complex, but say the courts dismiss any fines for owners once the minimum standards are met.

Wheeling police responded to 52



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TRASH AND BROKEN glass sit in a parking lot that faces Dundee Road. The litter is among the complaints resi-

complaints for fighting, noise and disorderly conduct in July. Police Chief Michael Haeger said. But only a handful of arrests were made because po-

lice can't pick up people for drinking on private property.

THIS WEEKEND, the department will start patrolling the complex by

dents in the Wildwood apartment complex continue to make to police and village officials. Other complaints in-

foot, Haeger said, in an attempt to correct the problems. Village workers, too, are involved as village inspectors issued dozens of citations last month

for violations including broken or missing screens, windows and doors, rusting metal, loose handrails, missing downspouts, crumbling bricks and exposed electrical wires.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the "unfortunate situation" has "gotten out of hand" and said some owners only pay attention once you get them into court.

"I think it has to be with the owners. They have to be more careful about screening their tenants. We can only enforce the minimum property maintenance standards they must adhere to."

But while the village is blaming the owners, the owners are blaming each other and the police. Residents blame both and say they just want to "live normal lives," Arenas said.

"What I want to know is who's going to do something about the apartments — the police, the owners, the sanitation department?"

CAROLE KATZ, a Skokie resident who owns a share in the building at 122436 Wheeling Ave., says the police and the village are "lax" and should be

clude that the buildings are run down, and that other residents drink beer in the parking lots and make noise.

harder on the other owners. Her building had only two minor citations issued when the village handed out letters for dozens of violations recently. The violations must be corrected by an Aug. 30 reinspection.

Like Rosales, Katz blamed the owners of surrounding buildings for contributing to the problem by renting to single men. Both Rosales and Katz only rent to families.

"Sometimes there are six guys in an apartment and if you go out into the parking lot at night there must be 1,000 people back there drinking," Katz said, blaming the landlords for the problems. "They really need to upgrade their tenancy."

The owner of the building at 185 Wildwood Lane, Naidnor Mohanrao, 20175 N. Rand Road, Palatine, also blames the police for not ticketing or arresting people drinking in the parking lot. "They are just encouraging those people to do that," he said. Drinking residents not only stand around the building they live in, but sit on lawns and cars around the other buildings.

Cablenet vows improvement by Friday

by Al Cubbage
and Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writers *Herald 8/6/83*

Although it missed its first deadline, Wheeling's cable television company is promising to complete construction next week and offer subscriptions to all homeowners.

Cablenet, a subsidiary of Cablenet Ltd. of Canada, still must pass a second test of its system next week to certify that service is available in all of the 10 towns it serves. In the system's first test on Monday, more than half of the company's signal-carrying lines in Wheeling were not working and isolated problems were reported in several other suburbs.

Frank Butler, Cablenet vice president of operations, admitted that the company had been caught off-guard by problems in Wheeling. He attributed the failure to a broken amplifier,

which relays the television signals throughout part of the town.

Butler said the company solved that problem and have its system operating by Friday.

"WE SAID we were going to do it and it didn't work, so now we have to prove that it will," Butler said.

By right, the village board could impose a \$200 fine for each day that the system remains incomplete. But Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said no decision on fines will be made until after the firm meets Friday with the Cablenet Council — made up of local officials from all 10 suburbs that gave their franchises to Cablenet — to explain service problems throughout the system. The council will then make a recommendation on whether fines should be imposed, based on whether the problems were within the company's control.

Cablenet also failed to meet its con-

struction deadline in Schaumburg, Hanover Park, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Des Plaines and Bartlett.

In Monday's tests, Cablenet's system was not working properly at four of seven points checked. Fialkowski said he thinks more than 40 percent of the cable is active but this week's tests did not reflect that. The test points were picked by the Cablenet Council and were primarily on the outskirts of town.

JOE BATSON, Cablenet vice president of sales and marketing, said that the company will be able to meet next Friday's deadline. The company also is required to hook up any customer within 30 days after selling the subscription.

Batson said the company should have no problems getting service to any single-family resident within 30 days, but he cautioned that residents of

condominium and apartment complexes may have to wait longer because separate service agreements have to be signed with each complex.

Cablenet has contacted approximately 60,000 of the 90,000 single-family homes in its area and will contact the rest — along with the 45,000 apartment and condominium dwellers in the area — in the next three to four months, he said. The firm has sold a total of 25,000 subscriptions.

The company now offers a basic package that includes all the Chicago TV stations, independent "super stations" from Atlanta and New York, and special channels for sports, religion and foreign-language programs. For an extra fee, subscribers can order premium channels for uncut films, children's programs and other special-interest shows.

The firm also plans to begin marketing a two-way "pay per view" service within the next year that would allow subscribers to choose films or special programming, such as sports events, on the spur of the moment for an additional fee.

Village may OK new center plan

Wheeling's Village Board today is expected to approve a smaller, and less costly, version of a senior citizen recreation center.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The building, on Milwaukee Avenue near Dundee Road, was designed to cost about \$471,000. But bids came in twice the cost predicted by the Chicago architectural firm, and the village halted plans for construction.

The firm, Holabird and Root, agreed to redesign the building by cutting 1,000 of the original 7,000 feet designed. By "mutual agreement," village planner Richard Greenwood said, the firm will not follow through on the construction of the building scheduled for next spring.

The board is also expected to ap-

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prove a \$7,500 contract with T. W. Davidson and Associates to oversee the construction of the building.

THE HIGH SCHOOL District 214 Board of Education will discuss tonight whether to poll residents on a variety of issues by putting questions on the ballot with the November school board elections.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the administration building, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

Superintendent Louis Christensen is expected to recommend some questions for the ballot. Board member John Gmitro proposed the idea, suggesting that residents be asked whether they support closing schools in response to declining enrollment.

Village agrees to purchase land

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The Wheeling Village Board has agreed to spend \$47,000 for an acre of land for a new water tank.

The land will be bought from Bernadine and Michael Horcher, 910 McHenry Road.

The tank, off of McHenry Road near

the Fairway Greens Apartments, is one of four needed to store Lake Michigan water next summer. The village will purchase Lake Michigan water from Evanston and pipe it from the lake through Wheeling to Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine.

Raid at Wildwood apartments nets 30 suspected illegal aliens

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Wheeling police raided Wildwood Apartments last Wednesday morning and charged 30 suspected illegal aliens with illegal entry in an attempt to clean up the complex.

Most of the people arrested were Mexican men who held factory jobs in the area, said Rocky Roux, an investigator for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

All of the men arrested were over 18 and failed to produce green immigration cards on request, Sgt. Jack Kimsey said.

Although Kimsey said he believes many of the illegal aliens in the complex escaped the raid because they were at work at the time, he said officers will continue their investigation of the apartments.

The complex, located at Dundee Road and Wheeling Avenue, was raided at 9:30 a.m. with the help of 10 immigration agents. The raid took only 30 minutes because most of the suspects surrendered immediately.

The raid was planned after a police

investigation uncovered that illegal aliens were living in the complex and the building's conditions were poor, Kimsey said.

After being charged, 25 suspects returned to Mexico voluntarily while the other five chose to contest the deportation, Kimsey said.

Wheeling residents and officials have voiced their complaints about the complex's physical disarray for years. It has been in violation of several building and fire codes, has overflowing garbage dumpsters and worn furniture and abandoned autos in the parking lot.

But enforcing the codes has been difficult, Kimsey said, because the 16 buildings in the complex are managed by five owners.

However, the owners have been ordered by Police Chief Michael Haeger to clean up the complex by Aug. 12 or they will face legal charges, Kimsey said.

"He really wants to clean up the area and correct the situation as far as the illegals are concerned," Kimsey said.

New architects for senior center

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by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board has hired a new architectural firm to oversee construction on a proposed senior citizen recreation center.

T.W. Davidson and Associates of Wheeling will be paid \$7,500, \$500 less than the original architects would have been paid, to organize work on the Wheeling Senior Center. Plans call for a building on Milwaukee Avenue just north of Dundee Road and next to a 100-unit low income senior housing complex.

Construction on the center, sched-

uled for this fall, was stalled when contractor bids came in at twice the cost estimated by the architectural firm, Holabird and Root of Chicago.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said the firm "missed the boat" on the estimate since the five contractors bidding all doubled the estimated cost.

Holabird and Root agreed to redesign the building at no extra cost, Village Attorney James Rhodes said, but did not want to continue working on the project. Being allowed to back off the project was part of the agreement the village reached while seeking to have the plans redesigned, he said.

ARCHITECT ROY J. Solisburg would not comment on why the bids were twice the original estimate.

"We requested they stay on but they said no," Rhodes said. "They said they were already losing money on the deal and didn't want to lose any more."

The new design is 15 percent smaller in floor space and eliminates an outdoor gazebo and patio area. The plan cuts floor space from 7,000 square feet to 6,000 square feet by reducing the size of a classroom, office space and the two multi-purpose rooms.

Village and surrounding senior citizen groups plan to hold meetings, classes and luncheons in the center.

Tentative plans call for card tables and places where senior citizens can watch television, read or sit and talk with friends.

The new design is estimated to cost \$480,000, \$9,000 more than the original estimate. But the cost of the building will not be known until bids are submitted again by contractors and the board chooses one.

Holabird and Root said a check with contractors familiar with all the details of the project helped determine the new estimate.

A spring construction start is most likely, Rhodes said. Work should be completed by fall of 1984.



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Construction of shopping center starts

A development firm has begun building a five-acre shopping center between Wheeling and Buffalo Grove. The River Run Shopping Center, in an unincorporated area at the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Inverrary Lane, will house about 25 businesses and is expected to open by November.

About 20 percent of the center already is rented, said Burt DuBoe, of DuBoe Development Co., Skokie, the leasing agent. He said tenants will include a convenience store, a dry cleaner, a pizza parlor, a video equipment store, a music and dance studio, and a chicken and ribs restaurant.

DeBoe said he also is negotiating leases with a liquor store, an ice cream shop and a beauty shop. He said he will try to lure a pharmacy, bakery, currency exchange, clothing stores and more, varied restaurants.

The location was selected because there is "definitely a need for commercial space in that area," DuBoe said. "People who live near there have to drive a long distance in any direction to get to a commercial area."

"TO GET A PACK of cigarettes they probably have to drive two miles," said the architect, Jerrold Brim, of the Brim-Braun firm in Skokie.

Brim said the one-story, masonry and stucco building is designed for "localized service type of stores as opposed to national chain stores."

A 26-foot wide landscaped walkway and plaza, with benches and bike racks, will be built in front of the stores, Brim said.

The parking lot will have spaces for 240 cars, Brim said, and has two entrances off Milwaukee Avenue and one off Inverrary Lane.

DuBoe said the building will be completed in October, when the businesses will move in and do their own interior work.

Rain wasn't enough, sprinkling bans still on



by Jim Davis 8/10/83
 Herald staff writer

A BURST of water spews onto a Northwest suburban lawn, a reminder of how tough it is to keep the grass green. Local officials make it tough too, with Hanover Park joining Elk Grove Village as towns that have declared a total ban on outdoor water use.

Despite a brief break from the hot, dry weather of the past few weeks, sprinkling bans remained in effect Thursday in two Northwest suburbs and other towns are stepping up enforcement of their restrictions on water use.

A storm that hit the Chicago area Wednesday evening brought high winds and considerable lightning that resulted in one death and power failures throughout the area. But it left little rain, ranging from about a quarter-inch in Elk Grove Village to a tenth of an inch in Hanover Park. And officials in those two towns said that is not enough rain to make them remove the

recently imposed water restrictions. Hanover Park Wednesday imposed a ban on all outdoor use of water — washing cars, sprinkling lawns and filling swimming pools — when the village's pumps reached their capacities. Police Chief Robert Sauer said he expected the ban will last about two weeks.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE imposed a sprinkling ban on Tuesday after water reserves had dipped to dangerously low levels. Village officials promised to levy fines ranging from \$25 to \$200 against violators, and the village board also voted to spend \$30,000 to lower pumps deeper into the ground to reach rapidly-diminishing water supplies.

Village Manager Charles Willis said there is "a high potential for a major

water shortage" and said further water conservation steps — such as asking residents to shower every other day — may be issued. Two firms were cited Wednesday for violating the water ban.

Sprinkling bans are not new in the Northwest suburbs, but Hanover Park has not imposed a ban since 1979 and Elk Grove Village since 1977. Most towns have some kind of water restrictions that apply each summer, with many of them opting for the "odd-even" system, where residents with odd-numbered addresses can water their lawns on odd-numbered days.

In Arlington Heights, officials warned that wells have been working around the clock to keep up with cur-
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Water restrictions intact despite stormy weather

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 rent demand. But water levels at several wells have become "critical," which could force a sprinkling ban any day, said Don Renner, village utilities superintendent.

BARTLETT POLICE Chief Fred Ciccione said 50 warning tickets have been written since Sunday to violators of local sprinkling restrictions. He said repeat offenders will be issued citations which carry fines of up to \$500.

As water usage doubled that of cooler months, officials in Streamwood began stepping up their enforcement, writing six warning tickets this week. Repeat offenders may be fined \$15 to \$20, said Sgt. Henry Jones.

Officials of the Illinois State Water Survey said two years ago that deep wells, now the primary source of water, will produce only half as much water by 1990 and will not be worth the cost of operating them.

Adrian Visocky, a state hydrologist, said that plans by most Northwest suburbs and DuPage County to build pipelines to Lake Michigan water supplies and abandon local wells won't be enough to stop that trend. He said underground water reserves will continue to drop and other water sources for towns throughout Northern Illinois will have to be found.

Lake water won't be piped into the Northwest suburbs until next year, but village officials often are reluctant to spend the money to fix the wells. In

Buffalo Grove, for example, two pumps are out of service and village officials opted not to foot the \$100,000 repair bill since lake water will arrive there next summer.

Here is a look at the water situation in other towns:

- Wheeling is pumping about 3.9 million gallons of water daily, nearly double the amount for the winter months, and Public Works Director Robert Gray says current sprinkling restrictions are keeping the situation under control. But because of the hot weather, Gray says the village will extend its sprinkling restrictions an extra month, to Sept. 15. Also, there are a few scattered complaints of "milky" water flowing from taps in the northwest portion of the village.

- Buffalo Grove came within 300,000 gallons of its pumping limit on Sunday, and similar usage was reported on Monday and Tuesday, said Gregory Boysen, director of public works. If that limit were to be reached, the village probably would have to impose a total ban on watering lawns or washing cars, he said.

- Schaumburg public works officials say a two-week-old ban on daytime lawn sprinkling has helped divert any serious water shortage. Dave Varner, of the village's public works department, said no tickets have been issued for violations of the new law. "Right now, police and public works people are just stopping at individual homes

and letting them know about the ban," Varner said.

- Mount Prospect. Three of the 10 wells that serve the village are in "serious trouble," said Public Works Director Herbert Weeks, but water reserves have not yet dipped to critical levels. Police have been driving through neighborhoods and warning residents who violate the village's sprinkling restrictions, and the Old Orchard Country Club was fined \$200 Wednesday.

- Palatine Village Manager Michael Kadlecik said six of the village's 14 wells are out of commission but said reserves are still at acceptable levels. Police have been issuing verbal warnings to violators of the village's sprinkling restrictions but have issued no tickets, he said.

- Hoffman Estates. Larry Miller, village water superintendent, said the village has been pumping about seven million gallons a day during the recent dry spell, more than double the amount produced during the winter months. He said water supplies have remained "adequate" throughout the dry spell.

- Rolling Meadows Water Supervisor Robert Nixon credits a newly-built storage tank and higher water rates for the fact that the city's reserves are at a comfortable level.

- Des Plaines has been buying water from Chicago for 17 years and hasn't imposed a sprinkling ban during that period.

Dogs, people team up for hunt

by Laura Carlson *Herald*
Herald staff writer 8/14/83

It could be 3 a.m. when the police call Marj Kantak. But she's up, out of bed and dressed for work in minutes.

Marj and her German shepherd, Remy, work as a team. She puts on her khaki uniform and loads up a backpack filled with dog food, water and other supplies. She and the dog may drive 10 minutes or two hours to help the police search for missing people, lost children or, occasionally, bodies.

Kantak, a Mount Prospect resident, is the founder of Illini Search and Rescue Service — a volunteer group of 14 suburban Chicago residents who have dogs trained for tracking and are willing to help out the police.

After about 11 years with the group, Kantak remains its pivotal point, maintaining a telephone answering device in her home to take calls around the clock.

"You become involved in this work and it becomes a way of life. You can't let it go," she said.

So when the phone rings in the middle of the night, she knows it's likely to be a police officer calling for help. Kantak immediately phones the 14 other members of the group — from areas as far apart as Chicago to Des Plaines, Wilmette and Naperville — to ask if they can help search. They meet, usually within an hour, with their German shepherds, bloodhounds, golden retrievers, English springer spaniels, Gordon setters and Samoyeds — all trained to track human scents.

WHEELING POLICE Chief Michael Haeger, who has worked with the group several times, said, "If you call them in you definitely need them. And they've been through it so many times before that you almost look to them for advice."

Often, the search is for missing youngsters or teenagers who may have run away, although recently the group tracked an 84-year-old woman who had wandered away from a nursing home. Nursing home employees had searched the immediate area thoroughly, they thought, until the tracking dogs stopped at a large clump of bushes "25 feet from the door she walked out of," Kantak said. The woman was found sitting in the bushes and high grass.

The dogs are trained to track from a specific scent, such as a piece of clothing or other personal article, but they also can track just for a human "blood" scent. Many searches do not end with finding the person, but are nevertheless important so police can rule out that the person is in the area. Kantak says the group has a 100 percent success rate because "when the

dogs have told us there was nothing there, there's nothing there."

Haeger said the group is valuable because most local police departments don't have police dogs, and even police dogs are not always the best trackers of human scents.

"You usually find police dogs trained for a variety of things, but not for that specific thing. The bloodhound is usually the dog you're looking for," he said.

HAEGER SAID he believes Illini Search and Rescue is the only group of its kind in the area.

"I'd hate to see anything happen to them, let me tell you. They're tremendous," he said.

Illini Search and Rescue helped track down a knife used in a murder in DuPage County and came out twice on a search for a missing girl, combing a forest preserve and the Morton Arboretum near Lisle. The girl has never been found, Haeger said.

Last Memorial Day, the Wheeling Police Department called the group to help search for two missing youngsters, ages 9 and 12. The 14 members and their dogs spent five hours searching a large area but found no trace of

the boys, who later turned up alive and well in the town of Fox Lake near the Wisconsin border.

The group members work only at police direction, Kantak stresses, and they are not after publicity or "pats on the back," she said. In fact, she is reluctant to discuss the cases the group has worked on, saying, "We have an agreement with the police — they give out all the information."

She went on, "We are not police. We do not carry defensive arms and our dogs are not trained to protect us like the police dogs are. We do not do criminal pursuit."

AFTER THE search in Wheeling, Haeger asked the village to donate \$100 to Illini Search and Rescue to help the volunteers with the costs of training the dogs and keeping supplies they carry with them on searches.

"They came, 14 of them, on short notice on Memorial Day and saved us a tremendous amount of manpower," Haeger said. "They gave me far more than the \$100. We certainly couldn't maintain that type of service. The donation is designed to make sure they can keep it going."

Village board wrapup

Road contract OK'd with Addison firm

The Wheeling Village Board approved a \$893,000 street repair contract with Franzen-Peters Inc. of Addison.

The bid was 11 percent under a village estimate for the cost. The extra \$110,000, Village Manager Thomas Markus said, will go back into next year's road fund.

The road work includes resurfacing of 38 roads, primarily in the older sections of Wheeling near Dundee Road where Elmhurst and Schoenbeck roads connect, and around Jeffery Avenue and Manchester Drive.

The work is the first of four years of road work that will eventually replace or repave nearly all the streets in Wheeling.

Sportmart loan approved

The village board also voted to sponsor a low-interest loan of \$1.25 million for Sportmart Inc.

The sporting goods chain opened a store last week at 240 E. Dundee Road in the remodeled Jewel grocery store.

The village's sponsorship will allow Sportmart to borrow the money at a reduced interest rate because the investors who buy municipal industrial revenue bonds do not pay income taxes on their earnings. The company remains responsible for repaying the loan.

The Sportmart store replaces a Jewel supermarket that closed in December.

Attorney's contract renewed

The village board also renewed its contract with Village Prosecutor Steven J. Handler for \$750 per month.

Handler was hired a just over a year ago from among 30 attorneys seeking the position.

The \$750 fee is \$100 over his fee for the last year, Village Manager Thomas Markus said, but lower than other fees asked by competing attorneys and firms, which ranged from \$800 to \$1,600.

Handler has his own firm at 666 Dundee Road, Northbrook.

Neighbors cry foul over garbage

In response to complaints of lax police work from some residents in the Tahoe Village Condominium complex, Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said he has told his officers to ticket people who put their garbage out before the scheduled pick-up days.

Homeowners in a nearby Buffalo Grove subdivision have long complained of garbage from the Tahoe condominiums littering their lawns. But representatives of the Tahoe homeowners association say the police department won't ticket the violators. Haeger said only one citation has

been issued in the past six months for violating the garbage ordinance in Tahoe. He said he will send out warning letters and begin issuing tickets if the problem persists.

HAEGER ALSO said he has requested that officers in the area "make a walk around the clubhouse" where Tahoe Village President Debbie Roseman said area youths have vandalized windows and walls.

Roseman said some residents are causing garbage problems for the entire complex by dumping trash at the end of their street before pick-up days.

Haeger said his officers can't ticket people if they don't know who put the garbage at the end of the street.

Wheeling is also feeling the pressure from neighboring Buffalo Grove where village officials contacted Wheeling because residents in the Cambridge subdivision were complaining of trash on their lawns.

Tahoe Village residents said they too would like to have the problem taken care of but it's "ridiculous" that they have had to talk officers into issuing citations for violations, Roseman said.

Social service agencies forum set for seniors

Representatives from 14 local social service agencies will present information and answer questions Wednesday at the Wheeling senior housing building, 200 N. Milwaukee Ave.

The Wheeling Senior Citizen Commission is sponsoring the event, which will include representatives from the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, Social Security Administration, the state's attorney's office and Wheeling Township.

The forum is from 10 to 11 a.m. in the community room. People attending are asked to park in the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong Ave., which is right next door.

For more information, call 459-2620.

Palwaukee buyer sought

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer *Life* 8/10/83

AFTER NEARLY five years of delay in negotiations with Wheeling and Prospect Heights, Palwaukee Airport officials are now actively seeking other buyers for the privately owned facility.

Airport manager Charles Priester said last week he is "exploring other avenues" because of the lack of commitment expressed by the municipalities.

In 1978, airport officials agreed to give the two communities the first option to purchase the airport. But that was five years ago, and, Priester said, the ensuing period has proven "frustrating" and the time has come to seek out "other potential buyers."

"This is not a threat," said Priester, who is the son of airport owner George Priester. "We just feel a decision (by the municipalities) can reasonably be made at this time. The communities are the most probable sponsors for the purchase of the airport, but we can't wait forever."

HOWEVER, Wheeling officials contend they have gone as far as they can, at this time, toward buying the airport.

"There is a misconception that we're holding things up," said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski. "The village is moving ahead with its plans, contingent upon an acceptable package being drawn up to purchase the airport. The (Federal Aviation Administration) is what we're waiting for. We have initiated the process, and there is nothing more we can do."

In March 1983, the two municipalities submitted to the FAA a pre-application request for \$32 million to purchase and improve the airport. This figure reflects about 90 percent of the total cost. Under the plan, the state would pay 5 percent, while communities would pick up the remaining 5 percent.

This course is being taken, said Fialkowski, because it is not feasible to proceed with the project without FAA funding. Until the

FAA is in a position to commit the money, the village is not in a position to sign any papers, he said.

HOLDING UP the FAA funding decision is an environmental impact study commissioned after the pre-application request was filed. This report, being prepared by the Aeronautics Division of the Illinois Department of Transportation, is expected to be completed this month. Only at this point can negotiations between the municipalities and the FAA begin in earnest.

But that may come too late for Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Priester contends that the FAA determination should have "no bearing" on the communities' decision whether to buy. He said that specific financial terms could be worked out after the municipalities have committed themselves to purchase the facility. But FAA officials do not agree.

"I don't see the municipalities going ahead with their purchase plans without FAA money," said John Guidotti, supervisor of the FAA's Chicago district office in Des Plaines.

Guidotti warned that funding for the entire purchase price is not likely to come all at once, and perhaps not at all. The first step, he said, is a "favorable finding" from the environmental impact study.

After this report is received, it will take a minimum of 60 days for the FAA to evaluate the results and make a decision on the application for federal funds.

PETER SERINI, acting manager of the FAA airport division, said he expects the Palwaukee application to receive a high priority when it is delivered to Washington, D.C. for a final decision. Serini said Palwaukee is considered a "reliever which helps congestion at O'Hare Airport."

Noting that Palwaukee Airport is second in the state in the number of aircraft operations, Serini said the local site is a "very important part of the airport system." He added that FAA officials most likely would prefer to have this facility publicly owned.

Lakewater pipeline plans flowing well ahead of schedule

by Al Cabbage
Herald staff writer 8/12/83 *Herald*

While Northwest suburban residents struggle to cope with wells going dry, two pipelines being built to end those problems by bringing Lake Michigan water to the area are on schedule, officials say.

Richard Gatti of McDonough Engineering, consulting engineers, told Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency directors Thursday night that engineers are "confident" the 52-mile pipeline will be completed on schedule in the spring of 1985.

Gatti and senior project manager Edward Fagan of the engineering firm of Metcalf and Eddy said construction work on the pipeline now under way is moving at a faster pace than engineers had expected.

Approximately 50 percent of a 4.6-mile leg of the pipeline in Mount Prospect has been completed, the engineers said, while the contractor on a 6.6-mile stretch of pipeline from Schaumburg to Hanover Park may be able to com-

plete his work in eight months instead of a year, as engineers estimated.

WHEN ASKED BY JAWA directors if water would be available by early 1985, Gatti said, "We feel confident in that because of compressed schedules like this."

When complete, the JAWA pipeline will stretch from city of Chicago supplies at O'Hare Airport to the suburbs of Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and Streamwood. The huge line is expected to cost approximately \$118 million.

Nearly 90 percent of the pipe has been laid for another 45-mile pipeline that will carry Lake Michigan water from Evanston to four Northwest suburbs. Construction of that \$54 million line, which will serve Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Palatine and Wheeling, is scheduled to be finished in June 1984.

Both pipelines are expected to provide the Northwest suburbs with ample supplies of Lake Michigan water, ending problems caused by inadequate or aging ground-water wells.

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Village trustees to discuss tax levy

The Wheeling village board will consider tonight a \$3.96 million tax levy, up 21 percent from this year's taxes.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Board members say they won't approve an increase in the levy, but village Finance Director Greg Peters said the 21 percent increase won't appear on tax bills once the village abates nearly \$1 million in taxes later this year.

Under a loan agreement needed to pay for Lake Michigan water, the village must levy money to pay for each year's payments. But the project is running 21 percent under cost, Peters said, so the village won't need to collect the whole amount and will be abate some taxes.

Police contract talks fail; federal mediator requested

Negotiators for 30 Wheeling Police officers have declared talks at an impasse and are requesting a federal mediator.

Officer Anthony Cinquegrani, one of the three on the police officers' negotiating team, said salaries are the primary stumbling block, but he would not say what the union is demanding.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he has talked to the officers "several times" since the spring, but he would not discuss specifics. Officers'

salaries now range from \$19,552 to \$26,353.

Negotiations between the police officers and the village started in April, Markus said, but the contract expired May 1 without a settlement and the two sides have not met since July 28. No date has been set for talks with the mediator, Markus said.

In April, the village board approved 4 percent increases for 137 village employees. The only employees not in-

cluded were the police officers and the firefighters, who are in the second year of a two-year contract that gave them a 3 percent raise.

Officers Edward Thertault and James Kuzynowsky are on the officers' negotiating team. Markus, who sets salaries for village employees, is representing the village.

Last year, without the aid of a federal mediator, officers negotiated a 5 percent, one-year pay hike for officers

Downward trend in vandalism continues

8/14/83 Herald

by John Slania and Mike Muhr
Herald staff writers

An aging population, stepped-up patrols and new laws making parents financially responsible for the actions of their children are being credited for the drop in incidents of vandalism in communities across the Northwest suburbs.

Three years ago, an epidemic of smashed windows, graffiti and wanton acts of destruction reached a crest that had parents, school officials and police

worried they were losing the war on vandalism.

In an effort to stem the tide, several Northwest suburban communities enacted laws making parents responsible for the acts of vandalism by their children. Police stepped up patrols and various consciousness-raising programs were started.

STATISTICS NOW indicate a change took place between 1981 and 1982, a reversal that can be credited to changes in the laws and enforcement but that police and community leaders are at a loss to fully explain. Vandalism

dropped in 12 of 14 Northwest suburbs and increased only slightly in the other two.

Incidents of vandalism fell by 38 percent in Elk Grove Village — the largest decrease in the suburbs — dropping from 632 incidents in 1981 to 513 in 1982.

In Streamwood, the number of incidents also showed a big drop — 32 percent — from 708 to 480.

Arlington Heights showed a 23 percent decline, from 1,509 incidents in 1981 to 1,157 last year.

Rolling Meadows, with a slight 5

percent increase, and Hoffman Estates, with a jump from 604 incidents in 1981 to 809 in 1982, were the only towns to buck the trend.

The new-found respect for the property of others isn't confined to the Northwest suburban area. Statewide figures reflect the same pattern. In 1980, the Illinois Department of Law Enforcement recorded 175,784 incidents of vandalism, a figure that dropped to 153,627 the following year for a 13 percent decline. Unfortunately, figures for 1982 were skewed because of what spokesman Bob Fletcher

called the "peculiarities of reporting" by the Chicago Police Department.

WHILE THE DECLINE is good news, there were still 8,565 reports of vandalism last year in the Northwest suburbs, with incidents falling under the categories of criminal damage to property, trespass to property, criminal damage to a vehicle and trespass to a vehicle.

In 1982, the acts of destruction included slashing 76 tires in a single night in Mount Prospect, spray painting anti-Semitic symbols on a school in Buffalo Grove, smashing windows and

ransacking classrooms at a Hanover Park school and cutting cable television lines in Arlington Heights.

Still, the frequency of these incidents has continued to drop since the late 1970s when local police could expect a vandalism spree almost every weekend.

"We would like to think it was because of increased patrol, good investigations and follow-up by the youth officers, but we don't know if that's the whole thing," said Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey, who saw vandalism fig-

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ures drop 12 percent in his village. "It's hard to dissect the overall picture because there are a lot of variables involved."

THOUGH POLICE officials offer a variety of explanations for the trend, a decline in the adolescent population seemed to be the reason most often cited.

While census figures throughout the '70s charted a steady growth in the adolescent population, the '80s have shown a decline, most evident when area schools are closed for lack of students.

"Whenever you have growth, you have more kids, and when you have more kids, you have more vandalism," said Hoffman Estates Capt. B.J. Good-year.

Figures for Illinois for the past decade show the number of youths in the 10-17 age group dropped by nearly 1 million, from about 1.76 million in 1970 to 768,000 in 1980.

In Arlington Heights, that age group shrank from 12,676 in 1970 to 10,847 in 1980. In Des Plaines, the number of youths declined from 9,555 to 7,537 in the same time period.

BUT THE POPULATION shift does not provide a full explanation for the trend. In Elk Grove Village, for example, the number of youths increased slightly during the decade, but the village has experienced a steady decline in vandalism over the past few years.

One explanation for the seeming disparity is that youths aren't the only age group committing vandalism. Jeff Kubas, crime prevention officer for the Rolling Meadows police, said while juveniles are the main offenders, "We do get damage by all types of people."

Kubas said there is a noticeable difference between the vandalism com-



Vandalism on the decline in Northwest suburbs

Town	1981	1982	Percent change
Arlington Heights	1509	1157	-23
Bartlett	291	259	-11
Buffalo Grove	467	421	-10
Des Plaines	875	703	-20
Elk Grove Village	632	513	-38
Hanover Park	670	666	0
Hoffman Estates	604	809	+34
Mount Prospect	1149	1002	-13
Palatine	507	441	-13
Prospect Heights	385	342	-11
Rolling Meadows	376	396	+5
Schaumburg	966	907	-6
Streamwood	708	480	-32
Wheeling	534	469	-12

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mitted by older people as compared to that done by the younger generation.

Adults generally commit vandalism directed toward a specific individual and with a purpose in mind, he said. Vandalism committed by adolescents, however, appears to be done indiscriminately and spontaneously, he said.

Jerry Blain, a youth and family counselor at Orni House in Wheeling, said there are actually several possible motives behind youths' destruction. Among them, he said, are attempts to be accepted by a peer group and a way to vent their feelings.

Blain said many youths commit vandalism out of anger, while "for a lot of kids it is a cry of help."

"I'VE TALKED to kids who said their main purpose of getting in trouble is to find out what their parents would do. And that's a real important question for adolescents," he said.

Whatever the motive, several police departments said stepped-up police patrols and newly established crime prevention programs have helped in keeping the destruction on the wane.

In Mount Prospect, for example, police credit a special youth tactical unit for the town's 13-percent decrease in incidents of vandalism. The two-man tactical team patrols from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., searching solely for youths committing crimes.

Arlington Heights police have devel-

oped a program designed to teach school children responsibility at an early age, centering on visits to classrooms in the third, fourth and fifth grades.

"We emphasize criminal damage to property is an immature act; you don't see older people involved in it," said Crime Prevention Officer William Burtis. "I think they're sharp enough to realize it's immature. They want to

present a grown-up attitude to their peers."

STREAMWOOD POLICE credit the decline there to the popular Neighborhood Watch program, where residents look out for each other, and a bike cadet program that utilizes high school and college age youths to keep an extra eye out for mischief.

"It's taken a while to get the programs sold to the community, but I

think the effects are shown here now in black and white," said Streamwood Deputy Police Chief Lewis Schoening, who has seen the village's vandalism rate drop by nearly a third.

Most communities have also enacted "parental responsibility" ordinances to deal with the problem, requiring parents to pay restitution for vandalism caused by their children.



Village okays tax hike, but foresees reduction

Reminder 8/18/83

By MARY WROBLEWSKI

The Wheeling village board unanimously approved a \$3.96 million levy for 1983 Monday night, up 21 per cent from last year's levy of \$3.25 million.

However, village Finance Director Greg Peters said that after the board abates \$977,172, the levy will actually be 9 per cent lower than last year.

Peters attributed a majority of the increase to a loan the village took out for a pipeline that will channel Lake Michigan water to the village. But because of lower construction costs for the pipeline, the village has been making payments with current village revenue.

The pipeline loan affected taxpayers' pocketbooks last year, too, when the board raised taxes 69 per cent. The hike resulted in a \$91 average increase in tax bills.

The board will be able to abate the \$977,172 in September. The abatement can't occur before then because of a limitation on a bond ordinance in the debt service fund, which is where the \$977,172 will be taken from.

The abatements consist of \$81,440 in motor fuel tax funds, \$849,200 in water and sewer funds plus loss and costs.

The abatements will drop the 1983 levy to \$2,979,371, \$272,023 less than the final 1982 levy. As a result of this decrease, a taxpayer with a home assessed at \$19,000

will save \$23.94.

Peters based his calculations on a equalized assessed value (EAV) of \$294,904,430 for 1983, up only 3 per cent from 1982.

However, Peters said the increase was a conservative estimate because the village has seen no less than a 3.75 per cent increase in its EAV over the last five years.

"I've been saying it for years, especially around this time of the year," Peters said, "but it's always better to overestimate expenditures and underestimate revenues."

Based on the 3 per cent figure, Peters said the final tax rate will be approximately \$1 on every \$100, a slight decrease over last year's rate.

Although Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village is in a "good financial position and is very healthy" he said additional commercial development in Wheeling would bring in more sales and property taxes. Future property taxes, he added, will depend on the amount of sales tax Wheeling businesses pull in.

"It costs less to shop locally, but a lot of people wonder, 'What's one penny on the dollar?'" Trustee Roger Powers said.

"It adds up to about \$1.5 million in the general fund," Markus said.

In other action, the board:

- issued a \$1.25 million bond for an industrial development revenue bond for Sportmart's new Wheeling facility at 240 E. Dundee Road;

- jointly acquired property at 232 N. Milwaukee Avenue with Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines. Wheeling paid \$15,000 for the property and the hospital paid \$70,000;

- voted to retain the services of

prosecutor Steven J. Handler for \$750 a month. Although 30 applicants applied for the position, their fees were in the \$1,000 range;

- authorized that an additional \$2,926 be spent to resurface Dundee Road from the Soo Line train tracks to Wolf Road; and

- awarded a contract to Premier Stripping, Inc., of Prospect Heights to install thermoplastic lane markings on Northgate Parkway and Lexington Drive

Tighter sprinkling rules extended into September

8/17/83 Herald

The village of Wheeling has extended its sprinkling restrictions by one more month because of the hot, dry, weather, public works director Robert Gray said.

Residents are barred from watering lawns between 2 and 8 p.m. every day. During other hours, people with even-numbered addresses can use sprinklers on even-number days and those with odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days.

The restrictions were to have ended this week, but Gray extended them until Sept. 15. He said the restrictions are necessary to ensure that Wheeling is not faced with a water shortage or low pressure because of heavy use during the day.

Gray said the move was more preventive than any-

thing else. "Our seven wells are pumping at capacity about 20 hours a day right now and if the demand for water was to increase because people started watering their lawns than we might have trouble," he said.

RAIN IN August and September should bring enough water into the northwest suburbs to raise the level of water in the wells, he said. Gray said each well has dropped 20 to 30 feet.

Wheeling is currently pumping 3.9 million of gallons of water a day compared to an average of 2.5 million gallons during the fall, winter and spring.

Police have given warnings to "several" residents who violated the ban, Chief Michael Haeger said, but have issued no citations.

Residents appeal 'unfair' assessment

by Kathy Waugh 8/19/83

Herald staff writer

Saying their tax assessments are unduly high and unfairly calculated, more than half of the residents in a 564-unit Wheeling condominium association are filing an appeal with the township assessor's office.

Peg Mooney, president of Lexington Commons Homeowners Association, said she is organizing residents who paid their "unfair tax bills" this year but are trying to avoid the same high bills next year.

All property in Cook County is assessed every four years and the last assessment was in 1980. But condominium associations are assessed every year that new units are added to the complex. Lexington Commons has been reassessed each year since 1980.

"I PAY about \$400 more than I did in 1980 when they assessed everyone else," Mooney said. "For me, I'm a widow and \$1,600 in taxes on one apartment with three bedrooms is too much."

Wheeling Township Assessor Dolores Stephens said she will be looking into the complaint and understands the position homeowners are in.

"If everyone else was being treated that way it would be fair," Stephens said. "I can't feel it's fair to the ones who bought two and three years ago."

Stephens said reassessing the property for added units is logical because it's like adding on to a home, but she also pointed out that single-family home improvements are only tacked onto assessment every four years and "whether that's fair is debatable."

Condominiums are the only type of

complex in the pinch, she said, because apartments and townhouses are usually "built in one full swoop," and single-family homes are assessed separately.

Stephens said condominium owners also must recognize that when they moved in they knew they were going to be assessed for the pool, tennis courts or whatever luxuries are included in the complex.

Condominiums are taxed as one piece of property and "anytime there is a new tax number there has to be a reassessment," said Dick VanEcco, a spokesman for the Cook County Assessors office.

"HOW ELSE would we do it," he said. "You have to give the value of the property and condominiums are considered under one tax number."

VanEcco said the county would follow through on the appeal as it has in

the past for other complaints. State assessment laws stipulate that any unit be reassessed when there are changes, he said. Single-family homes are all handled separately by the assessment office and don't have to be reassessed when changes are made in the neighborhood.

But residents say they are most concerned that the real value of their property is no longer represented when taxes are assessed.

"Any time a new parcel is added, a reassessment is done," Jeffrey Robinson, 483 Thornhill Lane said. "My bill has gone up about 30 or 40 percent since 1980 and I'm paying about \$1,200 now for a two-bedroom."

Robinson is one of nearly 300 owners filing an appeal with the township assessor because of "high" tax bills on their \$60,000-to-\$65,000 units.

Road repair bid means savings

8/19/83 Herald
Bids for the first year of a four-year road resurfacing project in Wheeling came in 11 percent lower than the \$1 million estimated cost, said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

The extra \$110,000 will be "re-scheduled back into next year's part of the project," Markus said, cutting down on the amount of money that will have to be borrowed for the final three years.

Road work begins in three weeks on 38 of the older streets in Wheeling with this year's work financed by gas taxes saved over the past three years. Resurfacing work will be done on 25 streets off Dundee Road in the area of Elmhurst and Schoenbeck roads, and another 13 around Jeffrey Avenue and Manchester Drive.

"Some minor interruptions may be expected on the roads, but there won't be any closed for long," Markus said. "We hope to get the work done before the snow flies this fall."

FRANZEN-PETERS, Inc., of Addison submitted the lowest bid at \$893,000, which is expected to be approved at Monday's village board meeting. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The four-year project is expected to either repair or replace 90 percent of the village roads. Most of this year's work is on old subdivision roads that are "just wearing out," said Public Works Director Robert Gray.

To complete the four-year, \$3.6 million project, the village plans to borrow against its future income from

state gasoline taxes.

Roads to be resurfaced are: Laurel Court, Center Avenue, Mors Avenue, Denniston Court, Yorkshire Place, Brighton Place, Dover Place, Renee Terrace and Deborah Lane.

Between Jeffrey Avenue and Manchester Drive, work will be done on Park Avenue, Virginia Place, Marvin Place, Jerome Place, Anita Place and Stone Place. Jeffrey will be resurfaced from Milwaukee Avenue to Willie Avenue.

Partial repaving will be done on Beverly Drive from St. Armand Lane to Valley Stream; Woodland Drive from Wilshire Drive to Cedar Drive; Kenilworth Drive and Chestnut Lane from St. Armand Lane to Sarasota Drive.

PARTIAL REPAVING also will include Coral Lane from Sarasota Drive to St. Armand Lane; Birch Trail from March Lane to Dundee Road; Willow Trail from Redwood Trail to Palm Drive; Anthony Road from the village limits to Schoenbeck Road; Fletcher Drive from South Fletcher Drive to North Norman Lane.

Reduction in size for senior center

8/25/83 JH
WHEELING—Plans are back on track to build a senior citizen center, although it will be smaller than first proposed.

A downsized version of the recreational building become necessary when bids were returned at nearly twice the amount originally estimated by the architect.

The firm of Holabird and Root had projected the cost of the center to be \$471,000, but the lowest bid received was \$879,000. The architects have agreed to redesign the building at no extra cost to the Village, after being paid \$42,000 for the original design.

The recreational center will feature office space and several multi-purpose room in a design that allows for future expansion, said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Village Attorney James Rhodes said the downsizing of the facility was a "reasonable alternative," reached after three months of negotiations with the architectural firm. Rhodes compared the original building plans to a "cadillac," saying the village was looking for a more modest means of transportation.

Ironically, Holabird and Root recently won a National Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects as "1983 Firm of the Year" for its original design of the senior citizen center.

Rhodes said construction may yet start late this year, with completion expected in 1984.

Dundee work set next week

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Resurfacing will begin Wednesday on a section of Dundee Road through Wheeling.

Arrow Road Construction Company of Mount Prospect was awarded the \$257,000 contract to repave a stretch of about two-thirds of a mile from Wolf Road west to the Soo Line rail road tracks. Gene Malanka, a representative of Arrow Road, said Dundee will never be completely closed off.

Work includes patching and resurfacing some areas, removing the center barrier and adding a center left turn lane. Work on the state highway is being overseen by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The road work is in front of the village hall, post office and police and fire departments. But although Village Engineer Mike Klitzke said he expects some traffic back-ups, there should not



be any delays for emergency vehicles.

"THE ROAD will be open to traffic at all times but the work will definitely involve some delays and tie-ups," he

said. "If they (drivers) could avoid it during construction it would help to reduce congestion."

Under the state contract, Arrow Road has a 30 working days to complete resurfacing.

Arrow also was the low bidder on a contract to resurface another quarter-mile stretch of Dundee Road between Elmhurst and Old McHenry roads. That contract has not yet been awarded, but Malanka said once it is, the two projects would be combined.

The state also plans to have Dundee resurfaced from Wolf to Des Plaines River roads, a distance of about four-tenths of a mile, but has not yet offered the bids for contracts. Lee Swieca, chief of program development for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said work on the final section is also planned for sometime this fall.

The week ahead

Liquor panel vote set for approval

8/22/83 Herald
The Wheeling Village Board tonight is expected to approve a November referendum asking voters to choose between a single liquor commissioner or a liquor commission made up of the entire village board.

The board meets at 8 p.m. tonight in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Wheeling shifted from a liquor commissioner to an all-board commission two years ago but a recent Illinois court decision forced the village to "come in line" with state statutes and return to a liquor commissioner in May.

Village Attorney James Rhodes said recent court cases give him sufficient confidence to support the village if the commission was established by referendum. Board members asked for the referendum, saying the board as a whole can make a more impartial decision than a one person.

Dundee repairs about to start

8/25/83 JH
WHEELING—A stretch of Dundee Road, from the Soo Line railroad tracks east to Wolf Road, is scheduled for construction next week.

A \$257,000 contract with Arrow Road Construction Company of Mount Prospect calls for Dundee Road to be resurfaced, along with replacing the existing center barrier with a center left turn lane. Construction should be completed within 30 days.

To cope with expected delays, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski urges motorists to "start earlier" for their destinations. Although Dundee Road will not be completely closed, tie-ups and increased traffic congestion will likely result, he said.

8/22/83 Herald
THE WHEELING PLAN Commission is scheduled to hear Thursday zoning requests from Cook County Housing Authority that will allow low income family housing units at scattered sites though out the village.

The commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the board room in village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Cook County is seeking zoning variations for four of seven pieces of land where it plans to build 17 units of low income housing.

Residents surrounding the sites, including two officials from the city of Prospect Heights, say they'll take the housing authority and Wheeling to court before they'll let the houses be built. Residents say the units will not be kept up, are too small and won't blend in with surrounding homes.

Voters to decide liquor license control in village

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

8/20/83 Herald

Wheeling voters will be asked to decide Nov. 8 if the power to issue, suspend or revoke liquor licenses should be returned to the entire village board.

Approval of the wording of the referendum — which will only be advisory, but a first step to returning that control to the board — is expected on Monday.

The village board two years ago voted to have final say in liquor license matters, stripping former Village President William Hein of that power after a squabble over the manner in which he was handling the job. Village President Sheila Schultz, who defeated Hein in the 1981 election, had

been a long-time critic of Hein's position as liquor commissioner while his parents held two liquor licenses.

But a few months ago, state liquor officials said the village is required, like most other towns, to appoint its village president as liquor commissioner.

SCHULTZ SAID she hopes residents will view the return of village board control over liquor licenses as "the best and most impartial way of doing this" and a way to avoid future conflicts.

"Boards change and village presidents change and it's possible in the future to have a village president with a potential conflict of interest," she said.

The board is acting now since "we are in a lull period"

and there is no local election until 1985, she said. "That way people won't think this is politically motivated for one reason or another."

Although Schultz and the trustees advocate the seven-member commission as the fairest way to hear cases, the commission has had no formal hearings for liquor violations since it was formed 2½-years-ago, although three cases currently are pending.

When creating the commission, the board also gave the village manager power to suspend licenses for 30 days. The move took most of the cases out of the commission's hands and left Village Manager Thomas Markus with much of the disciplinary duties.

A WEEK after the board ousted Hein as liquor commissioner, police picked up two minors who said they had bought beer at Hein's Pub. Shortly after, the board learned Hein had handled two previous cases of the pub's beer sales to minors by calling his mother, Ida, and recommending that a clerk be fired.

Markus issued only a warning at that time, but after two more instances involving the pub selling liquor to minors were reported later that year, he issued a four-day suspension of the liquor license of Hein's Pub.

After Markus issued a one-day suspension to Bell Liquors earlier this year, the state liquor board overturned that decision and also ordered Wheeling officials to return its liquor commissioner to power.

Police issue warnings to ordinance violators

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

8/24/83 Herald

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said his officers have distributed about 400 warning letters to residents who are violating village parking laws.

Village board members and Haeger said they have fielded dozens of complaints since the letters went out.

Haeger said his department is concentrating on those who abandon their vehicles, fail to buy licenses or park them on lawns, across sidewalks. Some also have been warned that it's against village law to keep a recreational vehicle parked in a driveway for more than 24 hours, Haeger said.

Still others have been warned against putting out garbage before sundown; allowing vacant property to become overgrown with weeds or watering during the 2 to 8 p.m. sprinkling ban.

"WE PRETTY much enforce upon complaint but what we would like to do is get people more familiar with the ordinances so they know when they are in violation," he said.

Everyone is getting a "first time, carte blanche of two weeks, so we can return to enforcing the ordinances," Haeger said. "We've had some negative comments but most have voluntarily complied with the requests."

Last week, Haeger said he would increase ticketing after residents in the Tahoe Village condominium association complained that parking and garbage violations were not being enforced.

"If you look at any home you can write up to four or five ordinance violations," Village Manager Thomas Markus said. "We have had lax enforcement of ordinances for such

a long time and the residents just don't know about some of them. It's going to take some time for them to become familiar with them."

MARKUS SAID he and the chief agreed to take a "soft line" on violators, first giving warning letters and then following through two weeks later with tickets if they are necessary.

But families like William Bushnell's, 47 Cedar Lane, say they are in a pinch when they try to comply with parking ordinances. "We have four boys and all of them work and have cars," Bushnell said. "I'm not going to kick them out of the house."

To keep their six cars off the streets during the 2 to 6 a.m. parking ban, the Bushnells already park two cars in their neighbor's driveway. But cars in their own driveway cross the sidewalk every night, Bushnell said. "I don't see how we can comply," he said. "I think you have a lot of citizens who are entitled to some consideration."

Trustee Anthony Altieri said he also parks across the sidewalk at night. "I'm in violation of that," he said, "but I don't know what else to do with my cars."

BUT HAEGER said the department isn't interested in ticketing people who park across the sidewalks at night, but rather those who park during the early morning hours and during the afternoons. "Our prime concern is at 7 or 8 a.m. that the sidewalks not be blocked especially when kids are going to school," he said.

"The one-time situations, the exceptions to any ordinance aren't what we are after," he said. "A lot of people aren't aware these ordinance exists and we want to make people aware of them and establish compliance."

Storm knocks out power to 2,000 Wheeling homes

8/26/83 Herald

About 2,000 Wheeling homes were without power for just over an hour when a thunderstorm swept through the Northwest suburbs Thursday afternoon.

National Weather Service spokesman Paul Swope said only ¼-inch of rain was reported at O'Hare Airport, but areas to the north were harder hit with Antioch registering about 1¼ inches.

The Weather Service said today is expected to be hot and humid with a 40 percent chance of more showers. The high is expected to approach 90.

Commonwealth Edison said its only major power outage in the Northwest suburban area was in Wheeling, where residents in two areas between Old McHenry Road and the Des Plaines River lost power after lightning struck

a power line on 12th Street near Dundee Road.

Barbara Arnold, a spokesman from the power company, said power went out at 1:05 p.m. and was restored to residents at about 2:10 p.m. The Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, and Indian Trails Library, 355 Schoenbeck Road, were without power but did not close.

Lightning also struck the roof of a condominium at 271 12th St., blowing a small hole in the roof but causing no fire, said Wheeling Fire Lt. Richard Theobald.

Theobald said the strike, which occurred at about 1:20 p.m., caused minor damage to a section of the attic and did not result in any injuries. Firefighters were called to the condominium by a resident who smelled smoke.

Subdivision, developers compromise

8/26/83 Herald

Developers of a Wheeling subdivision are promising to build larger houses near existing homes to appease residents who fear their property values will go down.

A Northfield construction firm, C.A. Hemphill and Associates, plans to complete the Woodcrest subdivision near Hintz and Wheeling roads. Started in 1978, only 27 of 224 homes were built on the 60-acre lot before construction stopped in 1981.

Residents in those 27 homes are worried that their homes, bought for \$125,000 to \$140,000, will lose some value because of the proposed homes. The new houses are to be sold for

\$90,000 to \$130,000.

About 40 residents attended a Wheeling Appearance Commission meeting to complain about Hemphill's plans.

Charles Schwartz, 909 Tanglewood Drive, said residents "were happy that Mr. Hemphill made a concerted effort to compromise with us.

"BUT EVERYONE would be a lot happier if they were building the same-sized homes," he said.

Hemphill plans to build three- and four-bedroom, ranch, bi-level and two-story homes. After residents' objections, Hemphill said it would not build ranch homes in the eight empty lots

near the area where homes already exist.

The company also guaranteed that only four of the 22 empty lots in the east corner of the property would have ranch homes on them. The remaining lots are to the south of the existing homes and will be filled with whatever the company wants.

"I don't think anyone is real happy about it," Schwartz said, "but Mr. Hemphill kept saying 'Wouldn't you be happier with a completed subdivision?'"

"If the development is finished it's going to make it a lot easier to sell my house," he said. "Everyone is happy to know that the subdivision is going to be completed."

SCHWARTZ SAID he and others in his neighborhood have no plans to ask the village board to stop the construction.

Candace Anderson, 879 Tanglewood Drive, said she, too, is satisfied with the compromise.

"People wanted homes just like ours and that's not possible," she said. "This is better than having an empty field full of garbage nearby."

The existing homes have a floor space between 2,100 and 2,400 square feet, said Thomas Fennell, building and zoning coordinator. The new homes will have floor space between 1,500 and 1,700 square feet.

Residents knock low-income housing plan

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WHEELING RESIDENTS like Terri Minkus are up in arms over a plan to build low-income housing in their neighborhoods. The village agreed to ac-

cept the low-income units three years ago in order to get a apartment complex for senior citizens.

by Jim Davis and Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writers

Three years ago, Wheeling officials, eager to provide affordable housing for the village's growing senior citizen population, jumped at the Cook County Housing Authority's offer to build a high-rise building with 100 apartments for the elderly.

There was only one catch. The county also wanted to build some housing for low-income families and extracted a promise that when the time came the village would approve all the necessary zoning changes.

At the time, it all seemed so simple and easy. The low-income housing would be scattered throughout the village, the county promised, to avoid the stigma attached to building a conventional housing project. At the original public hearings on the subject, only two residents showed up to ask that the low-income housing be kept out of their neighborhoods, and the village and county quickly agreed.

The \$3.2 million senior citizens apartment complex was finished in April and is home to 96 people, mostly from Wheeling. And now the county is back with plans for 17 low-income housing units — some as small as half the size of the pri-

vate homes nearby.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS suddenly find themselves confronted with hundreds of angry homeowners.

"I never had a house given to me," said Jan Katz, who lives near the site of one of the proposed low-income buildings. "It's not fair to me. I worked hard so I could live here. I don't want low-income people moving in here."

Adds her husband, Larry, "The house they are putting in is something like 700 square feet and that will fit in my basement."

Similar concerns are voiced by Terry Minkus, of 462 Stone Place Drive. "They don't fit in here," she said. "This is a neighborhood that is mostly \$100,000 homes. It will look silly."

Most of the complaints revolve around typical homeowner concerns that arise whenever a developer tries to put a small house next to a large one. But sometimes a hint of racial fear creeps in. Some homeowners make references to Cabrini Green, and one woman asked that she not be quoted by name because "they" might burn down her house.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS say the residents are being over-dramatic. The county wants to build single-family homes, duplexes and four-unit townhouses, they point out, not a mammoth high-rise like Cabrini

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Wheeling re-evaluates low-income housing agreement

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Green. And housing authority director Victor Walchirk stresses Wheeling residents who meet the low-income guidelines — not refugees from the Chicago housing projects — will be guaranteed first chance at the housing. According to the most recent census, more than 30 percent of the households in Wheeling are considered "low-income."

"We're a cross-section of socio-economic factors," said Village President Sheila Schultz. "I like it that way. And I think we have an obligation to look out for our people who are deserving of better housing."

She acknowledges the argument of residents who say smaller homes built in their neighborhood may lower property values, but adds, "I question whether one single-family house — if it's well-done for its price range — that it would necessarily bring down property values throughout the neighborhood."

STILL, THE outcry from the neighbors was enough to convince the village's zoning board to reject all but

one of the zoning exemptions sought by the housing authority. Another advisory board, the village's plan commission, will hold its own hearing Thursday before the controversy reaches the village board for a final decision.

So far, Schultz and the village trustees have given no indication that they will try to back out of their three-year-old promise, but some officials, like Trustee Charles Kerr, acknowledge that the board might have moved a little too fast three years ago.

"It's the old carrot and stick thing. They dangled the senior housing in front of us and we went after it," said Trustee Charles Kerr. "I think we kind of forgot about the low-income housing." Had the village been addressing the low-income housing issue alone, Kerr says he would have asked more questions about the size, quality and location of the buildings.

The village also has placed itself in a procedural bind. Three years ago, it took out legal ads, notified the local media and conducted the necessary hearings — everything it legally was

required to do. But only recently did the village take the additional step of posting notice on each site inviting the neighbors to comment on the proposal. Now that the neighbors are commenting in no uncertain terms, it only adds to their anger when they learn that the deal already has been struck.

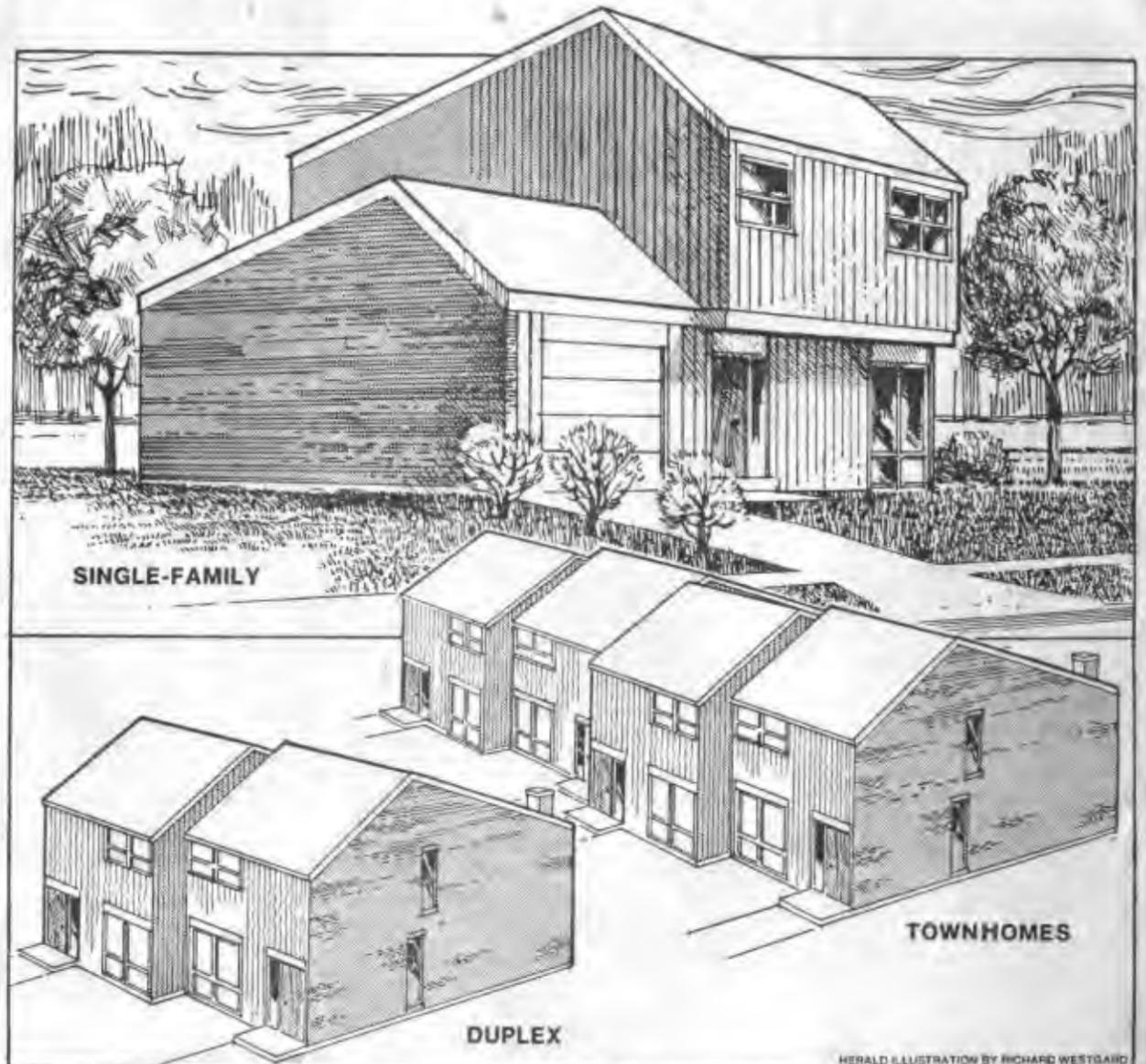
IRONICALLY, THE plans for the so-called "scattered site" housing were hatched in an attempt to allay fears that housing officials were trying to transplant crime-ridden big-city housing projects into the suburbs.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development — which funded the Wheeling project — is under court orders to stop its practice of cramming low-income tenants into housing projects built in poverty-ridden areas. That was the result of the landmark Gautreaux decision, named for the late Dorothy Gautreaux and other residents of Chicago housing projects, who convinced a federal judge 14 years ago that the Chicago Housing Authority and HUD were guilty of racial discrimination by failing to provide housing outside low-income neighborhoods.

From that decision grew the idea of scattered site housing. It involves building new, but small, houses, duplexes and townhomes throughout the town. In theory, the homes will blend in with the surrounding neighborhood, and the low-income tenants will make friends with their more affluent neighbors. But the county has actually built only 26 units of scattered site housing — all in Evanston, where local officials say the experiment is working well — and federal budget cuts have brought the public housing program to a virtual halt. Officials from both HUD and Cook County say Wheeling's 17 units will be the last low-income housing project built in the suburbs for some time.

MEANWHILE, studies compiled by the local officials themselves say there was a need for about 159,000 units of low-income housing in Cook County, said Harry Gottlieb, deputy director of the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities, a group responsible for enforcing the Gautreaux decision throughout greater Chicago.

But he said "no more than a few thousand" housing units have been



AN ARTIST'S rendering shows the housing that the Cook County Housing Authority wants to build in Wheeling. Residents are complaining that the new dwellings, although attractive, will not fit in because they are only half as large as some of the neighboring homes.

made available since then, most of them in privately owned apartment complexes where the landlords agree to accept rent subsidies.

Evanston got its low-income housing in a package similar to the one being offered to Wheeling — a 100-unit building for the elderly plus 26 units of low-income family housing.

When the low-income housing was built five years ago, recalls Evanston Mayor Jay Lytle, it also was a "volatile" proposal. But with only one exception, he said, the tenants have fit well into their new neighborhoods. One family had a teenage boy who was "loud and abusive and had been involved in some criminal activity," he

said. "But when you look at that as one case out of 26, I don't know if you get any better crime percentages out of the general population."

And of the most commonly heard residential complaint, the depreciation of home values, Lytle said, "I don't think (the low-income housing) affected them one bit."



Cable late, but fines not likely

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent *Life* 8/25/83

WHEELING OFFICIALS will not seek to impose penalties against Cablenet, Inc. for late completion of cable television service, said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski.

During an initial spot check of the Wheeling cable system on Aug. 1, it was discovered that four of the seven points tested failed to activate.

The testing involved tapping into the cable lines at prearranged points to determine signal strength and audio levels.

IN WHEELING, construction accidents on Aug. 1 cut some of the cable lines. However, when they were re-tested Aug. 12, all but one were active, according to Eric Anderson, cable coordinator for the Northwest Municipal Conference.

"To have four out of seven points fail was obviously a fluke," said Fialkowski. He added that he had been surprised by the first test results because "it was my understanding the system was activated for quite a while."

Fialkowski said Cablenet "appears to be making progress" and that the delay seems to be "more of

a maintenance problem than anything else."

According to the terms of the franchise agreement, 100 percent activation was required by the Aug. 1 deadline, or a \$200-a-day fine could be imposed by Wheeling against Cablenet, a subsidiary of Cablenet Ltd. of Canada. The Village Board will make the final determination on whether to impose penalties.

At a meeting of the Northwest Municipal Cable Consortium Wednesday, Aug. 17, Cablenet officials defended the construction schedule to the 10 north and northwest suburbs holding contracts with Cablenet.

REPRESENTATIVES from the other communities, including Prospect Heights, Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Park Ridge and Schaumburg indicated various degrees of satisfaction with the system. Hanover Park Trustee James Strawn, however, said he would recommend imposing a fine against Cablenet.

Cablenet has completed approximately 1,200 miles of its system, capable of serving most of the 135,000 households in its service area, according to a letter written

by Cablenet President Walter Weckers to officials of each of the municipalities. Exceptions include areas where owners have refused Cablenet the right to dig, particularly owners of apartment and condominium buildings.

"For all intents and purposes, Cablenet has shown its full commitment to its contracts," Cablenet Executive Vice President William Chain told the group. "Anyone, for the most part, can call and get service within 30 days and I'm proud of that."

Tests of the system at various points in each municipality on Aug. 1 showed portions of the system in several villages were not working, but after being re-checked on Aug. 12, most were operational.

Chain and Cablenet Vice President Frank Butler handed out to each representative an individualized report on each community specifying in detail the points on the map that are not active and giving the reasons why. Butler said many of the points were listed because the company was denied right of entry onto the property. But, he noted, that may change if legislation pending in Springfield is signed into law.

CABLENET also is working on restoration (landscaping and cleaning up areas where underground cables were installed), the operation of studios and mobile vans and the programming and use of its institutional network.

As the construction phase "winds down," Butler said, restoration crews are able to catch up with the workload.

The institutional network has the power and the equipment necessary, but people at the schools, libraries and villages have to be trained to use the machines, Butler said. Wheeling was the first institutional system built, but the company has no monitoring system on it. However, it will work properly as more institutions are "hooked up," he said. Institutions wanting cable television service can get it within 30 days of placing an order.

As far as certification of activation, each village board must meet to decide whether the cable system is complete and as to what date it was completed. Each board will then decide whether to levy penalty fines.

Each community also has a cash escrow as "insurance that the restoration will be completed," said Anderson.



Gearing up *8/25/83 Life*

THE WHEELING FIRE Department's Jeff Hoff gets ready to participate in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System underwater rescue and recovery team training drill held Sunday, Aug. 21. Firefighters practiced techniques of rescue and

recovery, including a staged rescue of victims trapped in a car. The drill sessions are held monthly and this month were hosted by the Northbrook Fire Department. Participants came

from fire departments in the area, including those of Wilmette, Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Deerfield and Northfield. (Photo by Sandy Bertog)



Herald photo by Nancy Stone

POINTED REMARKS. An upset Greg Klakecki points a finger at the Wheeling Plan Commission while stating his displeasure at a meeting to consider a plan to approve low-income housing sites.

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Residents jam hearing, object to low-income housing plan

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Over 120 Wheeling area residents jammed the village hall Thursday evening to object to the construction of 17 low-income housing units in scattered sites throughout the village.

Despite the crowd's opposition to the housing, the Wheeling Plan Commission voted 4 to 3 to approve a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue. But they recommended against a townhouse at Ninth and Strong streets. They were still considering two other sites late into the evening.

The Cook County Housing Authority plans to build two single-family homes, a duplex and a townhouse near Strong Street and Mayer Avenue. Another single-family home is planned near Manchester Drive and two townhouses would be located near Hintz Road, at Maple Lane and Cornell.

Residents railed against the construction, saying they will lower property values, bring in poor families

"some on welfare" — and would not be maintained.

"WHO INSPECTS these houses inside to make sure the people keep them clean?" said Jan Katz, 459 Stone Place. "When the wife has to go to work to meet the needed income, we'll hope they don't leave 2- and 3-year-olds at home alone. They won't have time to clean the house."

Bob Issleb, 295 N. Sixth St., said his \$100,000 home is within a block of three sites and faces a proposed low income duplex. "I'm really burned up about this. I'll take one, if I have to, but not three."

"These homes won't fit in," said Beth Saltz, 463 Stone Place. "They don't have garages and people in this area all have two-car garages with cars in them."

Although the housing authority denied the possibility, Joseph Diugosz, 920 Tanglewood, said he was worried the village would be forced to meet "racial quotas" and have to bring people in from the city.

Nancy Lambert, a member of the Wheeling Zoning Board of Appeals, got a rousing round of applause as she spoke against the construction.

"We are requesting the board deny the approval of this site because the housing is not compatible," she said, adding she was representing the zoning board.

"You are here to represent the people of Wheeling and they are telling you they don't want this. Listen to them."

Paul Eisterhold, chairman of the plan commission, was forced to bang his gavel several times to quiet the rumble of dissatisfaction in the crowd — once as the crowd chanted "vote no, no, no."

Residents also questioned how the houses would lower their property values but Victor Walchrik, executive director of the housing authority, said studies indicate property values won't be affected.

"Our survey says there is no loss in property value," he said.

Bagel and Bialy Deli alters signs; village drops charges

The village of Wheeling has dropped its charges against a local restaurant.

The village had threatened to revoke the business license of Chicago Bagel and Bialy Deli Restaurant, 1099 W. Dundee Road, when it installed illegal paper and neon signs and outdoor seating. But Thomas Fennell, Wheeling's building and zoning coordinator, said the restaurant has complied with all the village requests but one and will not be closed.

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"The restaurant owner completed all the required actions to drop the warning," Fennell said. "A sign permit was issued and paper signs have either been taken down or brought into conformance."

The owner, Harold Harkavy of Buffalo Grove, has applied for a site plan modification to allow two stone picnic tables to be returned to the front of the store, Fennell said. No date has been set for a hearing on the request.

Firefighter tires of fighting attitudes, moves on

by Kathy Waugh *8/21/83 Herald*
Herald staff writer

After three years on the job, Wheeling's only female firefighter is leaving the department to fight fires in California, where she hopes her co-workers are "a little more receptive to females on staff."

Rebecca Taylor, 27, says she holds no animosity toward her co-workers and superiors, but adds that some of the hostility she felt as the only female on the firefighting crew hastened her departure.

"The fact that it didn't let up after three years certainly was a factor in

my leaving," she said, "but I'm not sure it's going to be different anywhere else."

Her last day of work in Wheeling is Monday, and a week later she'll join the fire department in Santa Monica, where she won't be the odd-woman out. That department is three times the size of Wheeling's, and officials plan to hire up to seven female firefighters within the next year.

"I'M NOT going to lie about it and say everything was easy here," Taylor said. "There were some problems. It's not easy being the only female in an all-male world."

She said the other male firefighters "were pretty tough" on her. "But I won't say the guys pushed me out. Our major problems were just personality conflicts and attitudes."

Taylor is one of about 250 women nationwide who fight fires on a full- or part-time basis. Female firefighters also work for the Elk Grove and Des Plaines departments.

Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen acknowledged there were problems between Taylor and the other firefighters, but declined to discuss specifics.

"You are going to have trouble when you have a gal busting into a man's

world," he said. "But I think everyone learned a lot from it."

He said Taylor might feel more comfortable at her new job.

"SHE'LL BE with a department that has about 110 men in it and they are putting 5, 6 or 7 women in," he said. "Maybe she'll like having some of her own people there."

Taylor decided in college that she wanted to be a firefighter. She graduated with an engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York, but spent many of her extracurricular hours with a club that worked with emergency rescue squads.

She studied emergency medicine and her decision to take up a firefighting career followed naturally.

She started with the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District on a part-time basis, but, again, pressure from fellow workers in part led her to move on to her Wheeling job.

Despite her lone-woman status in the Wheeling Fire Department for the past three years, Taylor isn't the village's first female firefighter. That distinction belongs to Cathy Strong, who joined the department in 1979. After a year, she left to fight fires in Des Plaines.



Rebecca Taylor

Low-income housing talks to continue

9/21/83 Herald

Hearings on a controversial plan to construct 17 low-income housing units on seven sites scattered throughout Wheeling will continue Sept. 22.

Following a lengthy hearing Thursday night, the village plan commission adjourned after making recommendations on two rezonings. Over the opposition of about 120 residents, commissioners voted 4 to 3 to approve a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue. They did, however, recommend against building four town homes at Ninth and Strong streets.

The plan commission still must determine whether to recommend approval of four town homes, at Hintz and Maple roads, and four other town

homes, at Cornell and Hintz roads. Three proposed single-family houses do not require rezoning and are not being considered by the plan commission.

Approval of the entire housing package, which is being built by the Cook County Housing Authority, rests with the village board.

PAUL EISTERHOLD, chairman of the plan commission, said the primary objection to the townhomes proposed on Strong Street is that the units "would stick out like a sore thumb." He said the plan commission is not opposed to multi-family apartments in that area because it already is filled with six flats.

"Town homes wouldn't meet the Cook County Housing Authority's goal of having low-income units blend into a neighborhood," he said, adding that the county should instead build a four-flat or six-flat.

The county has planned to build scattered-site housing for low-income families in Wheeling for the past three years. The village board at that time promised to approve all the necessary zoning changes to also obtain a much-wanted senior citizen apartment building that was completed last April.

But now it's become "a very emotional issue," Eisterhold said. "A lot of people really felt that they didn't know

about it. I'm trying to let them discuss things that are relevant to public housing."

THE PLAN commission was willing to approve the duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue because there are other duplexes in the area, Eisterhold said. It will serve as a "buffer" between single-family homes, and commercial and industrial uses that border the area, he said.

But the three commissioners who voted against that plan said the area is better suited for houses. They sided with residents who argued that building the duplexes on smaller lots will result in lower property values in the neighborhood, Eisterhold said.

Wheeling, Palatine among towns that post industry gains in 1982

Countryside Reminder 7-28-83

Despite an overall loss of industry in Illinois, Chicago and Cook County, the villages of Wheeling, Arlington Heights and Palatine posted gains in industry during 1982.

Suburban Cook County, with 106 villages, gained 58 new manufacturing plants in 1982. However, the City of Chicago lost 88 plants, resulting in a countywide loss of 30 plants. The balance of the state lost 137 plants.

Chicago now totals 5,992 manufacturing companies, suburban Cook County has 4,990 plants and the balance of the state has 8,752, according to the latest survey in the Illinois Manufacturers Directory.

This is the first year that Cook County suburbs failed to offset Chicago's loss in industry, said Howard Dubin, publisher.

Wheeling has 178 industries, up 7.8 per cent from the 1981 total of 165. Arlington Heights has 143 industries, up 6.7 per cent from 134. Palatine has 78 industries, up 4 per cent from 75.

Of the top 20 industrial cities in Cook County, Elk Grove Village has the most industry in suburban Cook County with 598

plants, up 3.6 per cent from 577. Other Cook County cities that gained industry are Des Plaines, Melrose Park, Northbrook, Glenview and South Holland.

Of the top 20 industrial cities in Cook County, eight posted gains, two remained even and nine lost industrial plants. Suburbs with the largest losses include Evanston, Schaumburg and Rosemont.

The inability of county cities, especially those with large populations and large numbers of firms to maintain stable numbers for even two consecutive years indicates an unsteady economic climate, Dubin said.

He attributed Illinois' manufacturing decline to a poor business climate fostered by high workers' compensation and unemployment insurance systems as well as high taxes on business in general.

The 1983 Illinois Manufacturers Directory has 1,456 pages listing 30 facts about each manufacturer or processor in the state. It is available from Manufacturers' News, Inc., 4 E. Huron St., Chicago, for \$110.

Wheeling police raid nabs underage drinkers

Counterside Reminder 7-28-83

By MARY WROBLEWSKI

After a two-week investigation into underage drinking at Wheeling bars, police raided Billy and Co., 124 S. Milwaukee Ave., Saturday morning and arrested eight people, including four Wheeling residents.

The raid, which took place between 12:30 and 4 a.m., began after police checked identification of the bar's customers in the parking lot, Sgt. Jack Kimsey said.

Seven undercover and nine uniform police officers then closed off the building and checked the identification of the patrons inside the bar and arrested those who were under 21 and who possessed illegal drugs.

Kimsey said police officers began their investigation during the July 8 weekend because there has been a "serious problem

with blatant underage drinking and drug use in Wheeling. We saw that we needed to get on to this one immediately."

Arrested on charges of possession of alcohol by a minor were Linda Lee, 17, of 75 Constance, Northbrook; Forrest Wendt, 20, of 845 Sheridan Road, Wilmette; and Everett Spears, 19, of 505 Love Drive, Prospect Heights, who was also charged with resisting arrest.

Robert Walsh III, 27, of 813 Stream Valley Drive, Wheeling, was charged with battery and criminal damage to property after he allegedly hit a police officer and kicked and broke a seat in a squad car.

Dominic Dellegrazie, 33, who gave police both a Long Lake and Florida address, was charged with possession of stolen license plates.

The five, excluding Spears, were released on \$1,000 bond and are scheduled to appear in court Aug. 3. Walsh's court date is Sept. 6.

Michael Durr, 24, of 705 Elmhurst Road, Wheeling; Steven Miller, 23, and David Sobanski, 22, both of 83 Sixth Street, Wheeling, were charged with possession of cocaine.

Bond for the three was set at \$3,000 and all but Durr was unable to post the money. Their court date is scheduled for Aug. 3.

Billy and Co. has been owned by William Moss of Northbrook for the past 2 1/2 years. During that time, the restaurant has been highly rated in the Chicago area for its food but is known better by some for the bar which attracts a diverse clientele after the dinner hour.

Billy and Co. presently has a liquor license which allows Moss to serve alcohol until 4 a.m. However, Kimsey said if charges are filed against him, his license could either be revoked or suspended.

Before Moss appears before the liquor commission, Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger will file a report on the raid to the village manager and the village president, Kimsey said.

Moss declined comment on the raid on the advice of his attorney, Robert Baizer, who was unavailable for comment.

Although Kimsey said it was unfortunate the raid had to take place, it may not be the last raid of Wheeling bars.

"People have to realize they have a responsibility to themselves, their customers and their community."

Wheeling may bring charges against club

Sub. Trib 7/20/83

By Eddy McNeil

WHEELING AUTHORITIES are considering bringing charges against the owner of a popular nightspot after police made drug and underage drinking arrests there over the weekend.

Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey said Monday that village officials and the Cook County state's attorney's office are reviewing a police undercover operation at Billy & Co., 124 S. Milwaukee Ave., that resulted in the arrests of eight people early Saturday. He said the raid capped a check of all village liquor license holders over the last several weeks.

"The reason for this approach was that we've never seen the flagrant abuses that we saw there," Kimsey said of Saturday's actions.

Arrested and charged with possession of cocaine were Michael Durr, 24, of 705 Elmhurst Rd.; Steven Miller, 23, and David Sobanski, 22, both of 83 6th St., all of Wheeling, Kimsey said. The three were released on \$3,000 bond each and are scheduled to appear in Cook County Circuit Court on Aug. 3.

Kimsey said Robert Walsh III, 27, of 813 Valley Stream Dr.,

Wheeling, was arrested on charges of criminal damage to property and battery after he allegedly struggled with a policeman. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is to appear in court Sept. 6.

ANOTHER MAN, Dominic Dellegrazie, 33, who listed addresses in Florida and in Long Lake, Ill., was arrested and charged with possession of a stolen license plate. He is free on \$1,000 bond pending an Aug. 11 court appearance.

Everett Spears, 19, of 505 Love Dr., Prospect Heights, was charged with resisting arrest and underage drinking during the crackdown, Kimsey said. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is to appear in court Aug. 4.

Linda Lee, 17, of 75 Constance Lane, Northbrook, and Forrest Wendt, 20, of 845 Sheridan Rd., Wilmette, were charged with underage drinking. They were freed on their own recognizance and are to appear in court Aug. 4, Kimsey said.

The owner of the establishment, William Moss of Northbrook, could face suspension or revocation of his liquor license if charges are filed with Village President Sheila Schultz, who also serves as the village's liquor control commissioner.

Residents oppose hazardous wastes at local company

by Kathy Waugh *8/83*

Herald staff writer

A handful of Wheeling residents are objecting to the continued operation of a chemical processing plant that handles hazardous wastes just south of the village.

"I'm sure that if anyone knew about it they wouldn't want it here," said Ann Lander, 462 Anita Place, who lives about a mile north of the SET Liquid Waste System plant.

The company has been in business since 1980 at 350 Sumac Road. With a staff of about 20, it re-processes industrial cleaning solvents so they may be used again. The wastes it removes from the solvents are stored in 55-gallon drums until they can be shipped to a disposal site.

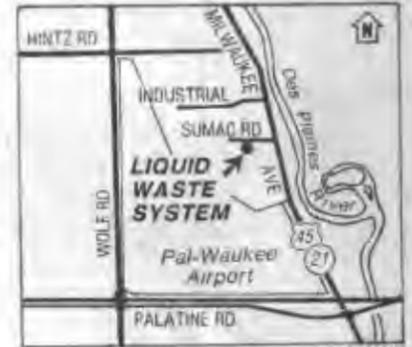
The firm has been operating on a temporary permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, but now has applied for an EPA permit to continue its operations for another 10 years. The EPA has scheduled a public hearing for 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Residents became aware of the operation after reading a notice for the public hearing about the permit.

BUT RESIDENTS in Lander's neighborhood are against the hazardous waste found at SET. "I just learned about it a month ago and I'm worried," Lander said. "Who wants it? Who needs it? We don't think it enhances Wheeling's image and its going to turn off people thinking of moving here."

SET General Manager Bob Van-Stright could not be reached for comment.

EPA spokesman Hak Cho said the company is a small operation and although it can store up to 200 gallons of waste temporarily, probably only 20 to



50 drums will be on the site at any one time.

"They are not generating any hazardous waste on the site and they are disposing of the waste at an approved site outside of the Northwest suburbs," Cho said. "Our check shows they meet all the necessary requirements for the EPA standards."

Cho said the EPA has never received a complaint about SET, and Wheeling Health Director Dan Adams said he has found no problem with the operation.

CHO SAID the potential hazard is no different than people who live in houses with boilers that can blow up. "This permit is actually a benefit to the residents because the company must maintain itself," he said. "They can't even close down without checking with us. It insures that once the facility is closed they won't just lock the gate and run to Jamaica."

Adams said new federal regulations also may require other Wheeling area companies to hold a public hearing to prove they are within EPA standards.

Village President Sheila Schultz said she is waiting for the staff recommendations before commenting, and that she is watching the situation carefully.

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WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY						
To pay a consultant \$6,500 to develop and fill six deputy chiefs positions created by the village board in June. The new positions will be under the direction of the village manager and not the Fire and Police Commission as were the eliminated lieutenant's spots. (Passed 4-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	ABSENT
To give Libertyville resident William Johnson \$95,000 in exchange for nearly two acres of land and easement rights on surrounding land in order to build a village water tank for Lake Michigan water. (Passed 4-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	ABSENT
To allow Don Roth Restaurant, 61 N. Milwaukee Ave., to install an outdoor patio. (Passed 5-0)	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Seniors still *Life 9/1/83* to get center

WHEELING—Plans are back on track to build a senior citizen center, although it will be smaller than first proposed.

A downsized version of the recreational building became necessary when bids were returned at nearly twice the amount originally estimated by the architect.

The firm of Holabird and Root had projected the cost of the center to be \$471,000, but the lowest bid received was \$879,000. The architects have agreed to redesign the building at no extra cost to the Village, after being paid \$42,000 for the original design.

The recreational center will feature office space and several multi-purpose room in a design that al-

lows for future expansion, said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Village Attorney James Rhodes said the downsizing of the facility was a "reasonable alternative," reached after three months of negotiations with the architectural firm. Rhodes compared the original building plans to a "cadillac," saying the village was looking for a more modest means of transportation.

Ironically, Holabird and Root recently won a National Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects as "1983 Firm of the Year" for its original design of the senior citizen center.

Rhodes said construction may yet start late this year, with completion expected in 1984.

Extend sprinkling restrictions here

Harold Haglboe 8/25/83

Due to the extremely hot weather and lack of rainfall, Wheeling officials have extended the sprinkling restrictions to Sept. 15. Lawn sprinkling and other non-essential uses of water are prohibited between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Public service

During other hours, odd addresses may water on odd calendar days; even addresses may water on even calendar days.

Board and commission members announced

Village Pres. Sheila Schultz, with the consent of the board of trustees has appointed or reappointed the following to village board and commissions:

Board of Fire and Police Commissions — Mary Ellen Westrich; Appearance — Marilyn Minter; Board of Health — Grace Lazar, Myrna Myers, Susan M. Castle, Linda Handler, Barry J. Fieldsteel; Plan Commission — Paul Eisterhold, Vicki Lynn Shepherd; Senior Citizen Commission — Marion Krogdahl, Marshall Balling, Gertrud Wolf; Zoning Board of Appeals — Nancy Lambert.

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Crowd hits public housing

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer *Life 9/1/83*

WHEELING—A crowd of more than 100 persons packed the council chambers in opposition to the Cook County Housing Authority's plan to build 17 low-income housing units here.

At the end of the marathon five-hour session Thursday, Aug. 25, the plan commission had endorsed a proposal to build a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Ave., but recommended against building four townhouses on Ninth Street, east of Strong Street. The commission took no final action on two other proposals calling for the construction of four townhomes on Hintz Road, west of Cornell Ave., and four more townhouses on the southeast corner of Hintz Road and Maple Lane.

Plan Commission hearings on the

other proposals will continue Sept. 22.

THE SCATTERED-SITE housing project is part of a 1980 agreement between the village and the housing authority that called for construction of a high-rise building for the elderly in Wheeling. The \$3.2 million senior housing center was completed earlier this year and provides housing for nearly 100 residents, most of whom are from Wheeling.

In return, the village promised to "assist" the housing authority in building low-income "family sites" in Wheeling, at some future date. For the Cook County Housing Authority, the future is now.

Seven locations where the subsidized housing is to be built have been selected and purchased by the county, in cooperation with village

officials. But the spirit of cooperation is lacking among the residents at the public hearing.

Irv Benjamin, 889 Tanglewood Dr., one of many who are against the proposal, voiced opposition to the public housing because these properties would not be required to pay local taxes. He argued that Wheeling property owners would have to subsidize the services received by these low-income residents.

COOK COUNTY Housing Authority executive director Victor Walchirk maintained however, that "not one dollar, from the county or from Wheeling, will go to the development and ongoing maintenance" of the low-income housing.

Addressing another fear, Walchirk said the first priority for future residency would be given to

Wheeling residents. Racial quotas do not apply, he said.

In addition, Walchirk claimed there would be a "very stable tenant population" because of the economic limitations of renters.

Also speaking from the audience was Nancy Lambert, 122 Berkshire Dr., and a member of the Zoning Board which recommended denial of virtually all housing authority requests a month earlier.

"The proposed housing is not compatible with the surrounding homes in the area," said Lambert.

To be eligible for residency, the income for a family of four cannot exceed \$13,850. Tenants would be required to pay only 30 percent of their income for rent, while also having a \$9 to \$12 allowance taken off their monthly rent to help pay utility bills.

Liquor issue goes to voters

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer *Life 9/1/83*

WHEELING—A binding referendum on whether to transfer control of liquor license matters from the president to the entire Village Board will be presented to voters on Nov. 8, as a result of action taken Aug. 22 by trustees.

Officials earlier believed the referendum would be advisory in nature, but a check with state authorities revealed that the people will have final say on who will exercise control over liquor.

Two years ago, the board stripped former Village President William Hein of his power to issue, suspend and revoke liquor licenses.

However, several months ago, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission

ruled that the board acted improperly, saying a referendum was necessary to transfer authority of liquor issues from the president, who serves as the village liquor commissioner, to the board.

THE CONTROVERSY arose when Bell Liquors, 767 W. Dundee Road, was issued a one-day suspension by the board for selling liquor to a minor.

Bell Liquors appealed the decision to the state Liquor Control Commission, which ruled against Wheeling and was subsequently backed up by the courts. A circuit court judge ruled that the village had, in effect, initiated a change in the "form of government" which can only be done through a referendum.

Consequently, President Sheila Schultz has, once again, been invested with the sole authority to issue, suspend and revoke liquor licenses. But even the liquor commissioner would rather share her authority with the other board members.

"The potential for abuse is greater if all power rests with one person," said Schultz. She therefore supports the establishment of a liquor commission, made up of all board members, to decide liquor license matters.

IF THE REFERENDUM is approved by voters, Wheeling will become the first community in the state to have the decision-making on liquor-related issues done by a commission, said Village Attorney

James Rhodes.

Although other municipalities have formed liquor commissions as recommending bodies, Wheeling would be unique in authorizing a commission to make the final decision. And though the village would be breaking new ground by this action, Rhodes is confident that Wheeling is acting wholly within the law.

"From the research that I have done," he said, "I believe we are on 100 percent sound footing."

The success of the referendum would give the Village Board "two-fold responsibility" on liquor issues, Rhodes said. Already trustees are responsible for approving special use determinations, which are required of all new liquor establishments.

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WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY						
	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
To approve a \$3.9 million levy for 1983, up 21 percent from this year's taxes. (Passed 6-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To authorize modifications by Holabird and Root of Chicago that will cut down the size of meeting rooms in the proposed senior citizen recreation center to be construction next spring. (Passed 6-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To contract \$893,000 in street repair work with Franzen-Peters Inc. of Addison for work on 39 streets in the older sections of Wheeling. (Passed 6-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To sponsor a low-interest loan of \$1.25 million for Sportmart, Inc., a sporting goods chain. (Passed 6-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

The week ahead

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Village eyes storm sewer line repairs

The Wheeling Village Board on Tuesday is expected to approve a \$82,800 contract with Vincent Divito of Bloomingdale for storm sewer line improvements on five streets in the older section of town.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Drainage work will be done on George Road, South Wayne Place, East Dennis Road, Cindy Lake and Robert Avenue. All but Robert Avenue are in one of Wheeling's oldest subdivisions, Dunhurst. Robert Avenue is east of Indian Trails Library off of Anthony Road.

The work will be financed with motor fuel tax money. Approximately a 1/2-mile of pipeline will be added to the ends of the lines and sewer grates installed to get water off the roads faster, Public Works Director Robert Gray said.

Wheeling ready to use federal funds for s

by Kathy Waugh *9/5/83 Herald*

Herald staff writer

Rather than risk losing \$1.1 million in federal funds available to fix leaky sewers, the village of Wheeling is going ahead with a two-year-old \$3.6 million plan to improve and replace sewer lines.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is funding 75 percent of the project including the original survey and proposed engineering studies. In the next two years the government plans to reduce the amount reimbursed from 75 percent to 45 percent.

"We are running out of time on our federal grant and hopefully we'll have this in by next year," said Robert Fialkowski, village assistant manager.

The village plans to pay its share of the cost out of water and sewer fees collected, Fialkowski said. If done during the 75-percent reimbursement time, the village would only have to pay about \$900,000. With the federal government picking up 45 percent of the tab, the village would have to provide \$2 million.

OF THE \$3.6 million, about \$1.5 million is needed to install a relief sewer at Dundee and Hintz roads.

"That will relieve the overflow in that area during heavy rains," Fialkowski said.

Other work includes improvements to a number of sewer mains in parkways north of Hintz Road. Cracked pipes, shifting land and poor construction originally prompted the improvements.

A Chicago engineering firm, Clark, Dietz and Associates, completed the study in 1982 and village staff is recommending they be hired as the consulting engineers for the study. The board will vote on the \$118,000 engineering contract at its meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

In 1981, the village spent \$140,000 to have television cameras take pictures of sewer lines in the village to see where breaks or cracks have occurred. The study showed about \$3.6 million would be needed to repair all the leaks that were causing rain water to leak into sewer lines. The Metropolitan Sanitary District ordered the village to eliminate leaks in the lines.

THE ENGINEERING company would be hired to handle



engineering for the public land only and the village has no immediate plans to take care of the private property lines, Public Works Director Robert Gray said.

Gray estimated that a small part of the work, about \$159,000, could be charged to the 157 homeowners where lines are leaking on their property.

"That would be about \$1,000 for each family, which might be a hardship," Gray said. "But then it's up to the board to decide how that might be paid off. Are they going to fund that 100 percent, share the cost or say to the homeowners, 'Hey, you are responsible for making this comply.'?"

All of the leaking lines are north of Hintz Road and primarily in the Dunhurst subdivision constructed in 1955 at Dundee and Elmhurst roads.

Home, business building jump boosts economy

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

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9/6/83

A sudden increase in home building and new businesses in the last six months is pulling Wheeling out of hard economic times, providing jobs for the unemployed and giving many residents an opportunity to get off welfare.

Wheeling businesspeople and village officials are cautious about its pace but say a recovery is definitely visible. Unemployment lines are getting shorter, welfare workers are handling 20 percent less people, new businesses have moved into town and sales tax revenue was up 4 percent in the first four months of the year compared to the first four months of 1982.

The most visible improvement in the economy can be seen in the home building market where construction will soon start on three partially-completed subdivisions that have been idle for the past three years. If completed as planned, the three subdivisions would add 275 new single-family homes to Wheeling's tax base, as much as \$9 million, said Village Finance Director Greg Peters.

"We've seen a constant gradual increase since last spring but things still are very slow compared to the early '70s when interest rates were lower and we had a real housing boom out here," Village Planner Richard Greenwood said.

DESPITE A climb in house sales and construction, things still can't compare to the times like the fall of 1978 when four multi-family units were being constructed at the same time to provide nearly 400 needed housing units.

Now things are slower, Greenwood said. Eight homes were sold in Wheeling last July, compared to only four in July 1982. Construction is underway on nine homes in one subdivision. Companies are taking their time to make sure they don't build more homes than they can sell.

In the Northwest suburban area, home sales were up 55 percent for July compared to July 1982 sales figures, according to Map Multiple Listing Service in Palatine.

Not including the subdivisions where construction is planned, Wheeling also has about 300 acres of undeveloped residential land, primarily in the north end of town, Greenwood said. Anywhere from 900 to 3,000 homes could be built on the sites depending on whether the developments are single-family or multi-family dwellings.

While apartment dwellers were deciding whether to buy or build a house last year, businesses were also working to stay afloat in the recession. But the larger companies weren't affected like the small ones, said Robert L. Hanson, vice president of ACCO International Inc. ACCO produces paper fasteners, bindings and punches.

"**WE HAVEN'T** gone on a big hiring spree either, though," he said. ACCO employs about 250 people, mostly Wheeling residents, he said. "Our company has been relatively fortunate with riding through the tough times and we have definitely seen signs of a return of prosperity."

However, new smaller businesses have been popping up all over Wheeling in the past year. "There have been more requests for small business loans in the last six months than there have been in the last three years," said Rob Ferrari, vice president of Wheeling Trust and Savings.

Arnold Wolff, president of The Enterprise Companies, a local business that manufactures paints, varnishes and waxes, said his company didn't lay off workers, instead choosing to eliminate positions by attrition.

"We still haven't started hiring again but we are really encouraged by the recent retail sales figures for the larger chains like Sears," he said. "Things are definitely on an upswing. We are expecting a good year after a tough one last year and think that next year will be good, too."

In addition to existing businesses, several Chicago-area chain restau-

rants and independent businessmen are taking advantage of the improved economy and starting up new businesses.

LAST NOVEMBER, a Buffalo Grove man opened the Chicago Bagle and Bialy Deli Restaurant on Dundee Road. In February, the board voted to let a Winnetka-based pizza chain, My Pie International, move into the former Lum's Restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue.

The following month an Arlington Heights man announced he would open a restaurant in the Southpoint Shopping Center at Wolf and Camp McDonald roads. At the same time, the national chain, Burger King, indicated it plans to build a restaurant on Dundee Road.

Other small enterprises have opened in the last year, including a beauty salon and auto parts store, both on Dundee Road. A Niles-based sporting goods chain moved into town in August, hiring 55 employees.

Sportmart moved into the village after the village board sponsored a \$1.25 million low-interest loan enabling them to move into a vacated Jewel Food Store. The construction of Sportmart has also helped Wheeling keep alive its downtown development plan that has sat idle since people stopped improving or moving in new businesses.

"Sportmart has fit right into our redevelopment plan," Greenwood said. Cook County also constructed a 100-unit senior citizen apartment building in the village's downtown area near Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road.

WITH THE boom in retail and service businesses, increased employment opportunities can also be found.

The Illinois Job Service office in Mount Prospect, which covers an area bordered by Niles, Barrington, Lake County and Bensenville, has experienced "a doubling" in the number of employers requesting jobs in the past four months, according to James Balle, office manager.

Last year at this time, Balle said the office would have "175 to 200 jobs available" on a daily basis. Now, Balle said, "well over 400" employers request workers each day.

"You used to always see lines coming out the door here," he said. "It wasn't unusual to see a line that stretched the length of the parking lot."

About 300 people a day would walk into the office looking for work last year, he said. Now, the number has decreased to about 200 and lines at the Job Service office on Central Road and Main Street in Mount Prospect only materialize in the morning before the office opens.

"Even then, it's only about four people," Balle said.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP is continuing to spend about \$350,000 annually to provide welfare assistance, but Township Supervisor Phil Rogers said the number of individuals and families who need help is dropping.



ONCE CALLED THE Longtree Subdivision, new developers have taken over construction of the 45-acre development at Hintz and Schoenbeck roads and are now calling it Kingsport Village North. The development is one of three that sat idle during the past recession because no money was available to build and no one could afford to buy a house. Two smaller subdivisions still are idle.

"There's no question about the improvement we have seen," he said. "It's encouraging. We noticed back in April and May that people who had been on the rolls for a while went back to work."

In the first eight months of 1983, 308 less people needed aid from general

assistance, dropping the number aided from 2,268 to 1,960.

Those helped last year peaked at about 350 people per month last year, but that number has dropped to about 200 each month and resulted in 209 fewer cases for township workers to handle.

Cablenet sales lagging behind competitor's

by Richard Chin and Sandra A.R. Smith
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9/1/83

Although Cablenet officials say half the households in the Northwest suburbs eventually will buy cable television, only one-fifth of the families in the company's nine-town service area have signed up so far.

The company had signed up a total of 21,887 subscribers as of Aug. 1, or 19 percent of the households in Schaumburg, Wheeling, Des Plaines, Hanover Park, Streamwood, Bartlett, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and Arlington Heights.

In comparison, Warner-Amex Cable Corp., which has franchise agreements with five other Northwest suburban towns, has sold subscriptions to 38 percent of its households, the nationwide average for all cable television systems.

Joe Batson, vice president of sales and marketing for Cablenet, said his salesmen are selling the service to nearly every other household they visit. He predicted that half of the households will sign on by next spring.

"Our capacity is 5,000 subscribers per month," Batson said. "We can't handle any more than that." Cablenet's franchise agreement requires that homes offered service must be signed

on within 30 days, and Batson said the company will not promise service to a subscriber for a deadline it cannot meet.

BATSON ESTIMATES that all those who want cable will have service by "early spring."

Although Batson admits that Warner-Amex may have "worked faster" in its marketing efforts to sell cable service to as many households as possible, he said Cablenet appears to be selling higher-priced packages to each customer.

Cablenet reports that its average viewer pays about \$31 a month while Warner-Amex subscribers pay an average monthly charge "in the twenties," according to Warner-Amex General Manager Jerry Campbell.

Most Northwest suburban residents who do subscribe are buying several "premium" stations, such as movie and sports channels like HBO, Showtime and Cinemax that hike the monthly cost well beyond the \$6 to \$7 charge for the basic cable package.

Batson said Cablenet sales are heaviest in the "very middle income" communities like Streamwood, where television watching is more popular. There is 50 to 60 percent penetration in the homes approached by sales people in Wheeling, Hanover Park and Streamwood, he said. Arlington

Cable television sales

(as of Aug. 1)

Warner-Amex	Subscribers	Households	Rate
Buffalo Grove	3,739	7,851	48%
Hoffman Estates	5,187	13,015	40%
Rolling Meadows	3,738	9,407	40%
Palatine	4,358	11,706	37%
Elk Grove Village	2,948	9,812	30%
TOTAL	19,970	51,791	38%

Cablenet

Streamwood	2,579	6,661	39%
Des Plaines	4,648	19,268	24%
Arlington Heights	4,285	21,561	20%
Mount Prospect	3,857	20,512	19%
Wheeling	1,697	9,559	18%
Hanover Park	1,465	9,368	16%
Schaumburg	2,483	20,364	12%
Prospect Heights	585	5,179	11%
Bartlett	288	4,635	6%
TOTAL	21,887	117,107	19%

Heights and Mount Prospect, on the other hand, are signing up 40 percent of the households contacted, he said.

THE SMALLEST Cablenet community — Bartlett — is also the town with the fewest number of subscribers. Batson said the reason is that the sales force has been concentrating on the larger towns such as Arlington Heights, Des Plaines and Mount Prospect.

But Valerie L. Salmons, Bartlett village administrator, said she believes the company has had trouble selling in her town. "In their anxiousness to mar-

ket, and they have done this, they are marketing areas that aren't ready to be done."

She said residents have complained about "disrespectful, unprofessional and unresponsive" service from the company.

Local officials say they are more concerned with making sure that the cable companies meet their franchise agreements and finish the construction of cable lines that were supposed to be done by Aug. 1, rather than worry about cable sales.

Waste plant will be subject of hearing

Life 9/18/83
WHETHER A CHEMICAL processing plant should be allowed to continue operations will be the subject of a public hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

SET Liquid Waste System, located at 350 Sumac Road, just south of Wheeling, is seeking a final permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to allow storage of hazardous waste materials.

SET General Manager Bob VanStright said his company "cleans up" industrial solvents, preparing them for re-use. The waste removed from these solvents is stored in 55-gallon steel drums before being shipped to a disposal site, he said.

THE RECYCLING of chemical solvents, said VanStright, comprises only a small part of his business, which he described as basically a trucking company.

VanStright said he has "not had any negative reaction" to his busi-

ness, either from local officials or nearby residents.

SET has been in operation under an interim EPA permit issued in November 1980 in accordance with new federal regulations. The final permit will be issued only if all the "stringent requirements" are met, said EPA regional spokesman Robert Hartian.

Hartian stressed there is "nothing new" being done at the site, but that the final permit will only complete a two-part process.

WHEN THE Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act was adopted by Congress, all existing firms dealing with chemical waste were immediately issued interim permits to operate, with final authorization to be awarded only after a thorough review.

"I see no problem with issuing the final permit (to SET) at this point," he said, adding the EPA has received no complaints concerning SET.

Firefighter awarded prestigious scholarship

Wheeling Firefighter Francis Gambro has been awarded the Andrew Hartell Scholarship, a prestigious scholarship given by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Educational and Research Foundation.

The scholarship program is designed to assist fire service personnel in the attainment of their educational goals, through attendance at courses in topics related to the fire service, either at their local Community College, upper division college, or through certification courses sponsored by the foundation.

Vehicle sticker law

The Wheeling Police Department has begun an all-out effort in vehicle sticker enforcement. If you do not have a 1983 vehicle sticker properly displayed on your car, you are subject to a citation. Vehicle stickers may be purchased at the village hall during regular office hours which are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. If you are a new Wheeling resident, please bring proof of your move-in date. If you have recently purchased your vehicle, bring in proof of purchase date.

Cable television

All areas of the village are to be serviceable

9/8/83 Neighbor Public service

by Cablenet for cable television. If you live in an area not subject to condominium or homeowner association agreements, you should be able to receive service within 30 days of a request to Cablenet. If you cannot, or if you have any other problem with Cablenet that you cannot resolve with the company, please call Eric Anderson at 253-6330.

Lake Michigan water

Work is well under way in bringing Lake Michigan Water to Wheeling. The internal pipeline improvements are approximately 75 percent completed, and work has begun on the receiving reservoirs. The main pipeline to Evanston is over 80 percent complete. It is expected the village will begin receiving lake water next summer.

Day at the Races

Sunday, Sept. 11, is "Wheeling Day at the Races" at Arlington Park race track. Proceeds from this event will be used to help furnish Wheeling's new senior center. General admission tickets can be purchased at the reduced price of \$1 from Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission members or at the Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

The day's activities will include a race in Wheeling's honor and a post race award presentation by President Schultz and Wheeling officials. The first race will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the last race around 5 p.m. Tickets may be obtained by mail, simply mail your check, made payable to the "Village of Wheeling," along with a stamped self-addressed envelope, to the village at 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090. The Wheeling Park District will provide bus service to senior citizens. (For bus service information only, call Lisa McCord, 537-2222). For more information, call 459-2600.



FRANCIS GAMBRO

Village officials to check waste plant operation

by Kathy Waugh Herald
Herald staff writer 9/8/83

Wheeling village officials say they want to inspect the hazardous waste facility operating outside their city limits as one condition for it gaining a permit from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

SET Liquid Waste System, 350 Surrack Road, has been operating on a temporary EPA permit since 1979 that allows it to reprocess industrial cleaning solvents and temporarily store hazardous and toxic waste on the site. Now, the business is seeking a regular

10-year permit that requires a public hearing.

Residents and village officials say they'll be at that meeting Tuesday because they are concerned about their safety.

"We just want to reassure our citizens and say to them that we will be watching," Village President Sheila Schultz said. "To say another agency is going to take care of it is fine but we'd rather be checking, too." Schultz will represent the village at an EPA hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Chevy Chase Club House, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

SCHULTZ WILL present a prepared

statement telling the EPA that the village is "seriously concerned" about the operation, wants to make periodic inspections at the plant and receive copies of any EPA reports regarding the company.

Village officials also want the EPA to know they have no interest in a long-term storage facility or a disposal site at the site.

Although the Wheeling Fire Department, which services the area, currently makes periodic checks at the site, SET General Manager Bob Van Stright said the village would be welcome to come out and inspect the site whenever it likes.

"We're happy to have anyone stop by," he said. "In fact, I think that's a positive situation because the immediate thing people think is that we are a major installation with grave potential for disaster."

Van Stright said the company's primary function is to transport hazardous waste to the most appropriate disposal site. Sometimes that means to a permanent waste disposal site and other times to a facility that will clean the waste from the liquid.

AT THE SET plant, the process of cleaning liquid waste might only occur once a week, he said. Then, the liquid

and the remaining waste are put in separate EPA-approved, 55-gallon drums to be transported to different sites. Most liquid is returned to companies or sold to others. The waste is transported to an EPA-approved waste disposal site outside of the Northwest suburban area.

The reason for the EPA hazard rating is that the liquids are highly combustible, Van Stright said, which is why the fire department checks the facility on occasion. "Everything we do is contained so even if there is a problem it is contained within our facility and there are no residences close by," he said.

Village gives OK to Burger King construction

9/9/83
Over the protests of one trustee, the Wheeling Village Board has approved plans for a new fast-food restaurant on Dundee Road.

Construction on a Burger King outlet at Dundee Road and Boehmer Avenue is expected to start within the month, and the restaurant will be open by November.

Village Trustee William Rogers voted against the restaurant, saying it would aggravate traffic congestion on Dundee Road.

"I have great reservations about approving another fast-food restaurant on Dundee Road," Rogers told the board. "Dundee carries the most traf-

fic of any road and has the most problems."

Rogers said he feared additional traffic at the intersection near the Soo Line Rail Road tracks would just "add to the hazard we already have." But Village Manager Thomas Markus said the restaurant would add traffic to the street primarily at lunch time, when

there is not a traffic flow problem.

"I guess I'm recommending this because of the double bang of both property taxes and sales taxes," he said. "I think more commercial attracts more commercial. That may be a naive view."

Sheldon T. Friedman, owner of

Burger King restaurants in Prospect Heights and Buffalo Grove, said he plans to start building the drive-through restaurant "as soon as possible."

The 95-seat restaurant will have about 90 part-time employees, Friedman said.

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Low-interest home mortgages get OK

The Wheeling Village Board voted Tuesday to apply for low-interest home mortgages for a second year in a row after people moving into the village borrowed \$1.7 million last year at below-market rates.

People buying their first home in Wheeling may be eligible for low-interest mortgage rates through a county program that binds the borrowing power of several towns together to lower interest rates on \$50 to \$55 million the county will be loaning out.

Last year, the village exceeded its original allocation of \$1.2 million and was granted an additional \$500,000 in the process of awarding about 25 low-interest loans. The amount of money available for each town will depend on how many towns vote in the next week to participate in the program.

First-time homeowners or people who have not owned a home in three years can apply for the funds in the first six months they are available. Loans are granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Storm sewer contract awarded

The board also awarded a \$82,881 contract for storm sewer work on five streets in an older section of town.

Vincent DiVito of Bloomingdale was the lowest bidder to extend sewers lines about 200 feet at S. Wayne Place, E. Dennis Road, Cindy Lane, George Road and Robert Avenue.

Funding for the work is from state motor fuel taxes. Engineers for the project had estimated the cost would be \$86,413.

The new sewers are part of a \$1 million road work project that will eventually repair or resurface nearly every road in Wheeling, Public Works Director Robert Gray said.

Hein's Pub request denied

The board denied a request to install a guardrail between Hein's Pub and the Riverside Plaza.

Riverside Property Manager Joseph Pierro requested the rail when owners of the Riverside businesses complained that beer and auto parts trucks were driving through the plaza parking lot as a way to avoid the light at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Pierro said trucks were damaging the "image" of Riverside as a quaint city street. But the village board requested Riverside owners talk with Hein's Pub spokesman William Hein and try to voluntarily eliminate the truck traffic and still allow the traffic to travel between the stores, lightening the traffic on Milwaukee Avenue.

Hein said he will attend the next Riverside owners' meeting and "would be more than willing to put up the proper signs."

Two tag days are approved 9/8/83

The board approved permits for two tag days, one by the Kiwanis Club of Wheeling Township and one by the American Diabetes Association.

The Kiwanis Club will hold its annual fundraiser, Peanut Day Drive, September 23. In the past year, the club sponsored scholarships and contributed money to Northwest Community Hospital, senior citizens rest homes and other organizations in the township requesting money.

Club member will be located at Illinois Interstate 83 and 68, 68 and Milwaukee Avenue and other major intersections in town.

Members of the Illinois chapter of the American Diabetes Association will be stationed at Wheeling shopping plazas Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

The association raises funds to promote and support research, and to provide patient, professional and public information about diabetes.

Apartments in disrepair; owners hit

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

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Wheeling Police have issued citations to the owners of two buildings in the Wildwood Apartment complex because they failed to clean up the building and grounds.

Owners Gosette Weber and Joseph Iscra were cited after police found broken glass in the parking lot, uncut grass, missing screens and trash scattered on the lawn, said Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey.

"It was just a horrible mess," Kimsey said. He re-inspected the complex off Dundee Road just west of Milwaukee Avenue after issuing dozens of warning notices to owners in Au-

gust for missing screens, broken windows and doors, rusting metal and crumbling brick.

"THEY ARE keeping things clean in the north end of the complex and in another building, but when we went out there the other areas were a mess," Kimsey said.

"They have garbage piled up all over and there is glass in the parking lot. There was a couch just lying near trash bins and another one abandoned behind a building."

Weber has a Niles post office box address and Iscra's management is handled through a Wheeling post office box number for Rilippo Investments. Neither could be reached for comment.

Kimsey said despite the mess, people in the complex are responding fa-

vorably to the department's decision a month ago to put foot patrols in the area at night.

"THE PEOPLE I'VE talked to seem pretty pleased with the police coverage and we have seen a dramatic drop in the response calls there," he said. Police Chief Michael Haeger said officers responded to 52 calls in July — the worst month — and almost all were late in the evening and for fighting, noise and disorderly conduct.

The number of calls has dropped and only two arrests have been made, Haeger said, both for reckless driving in the parking lot.

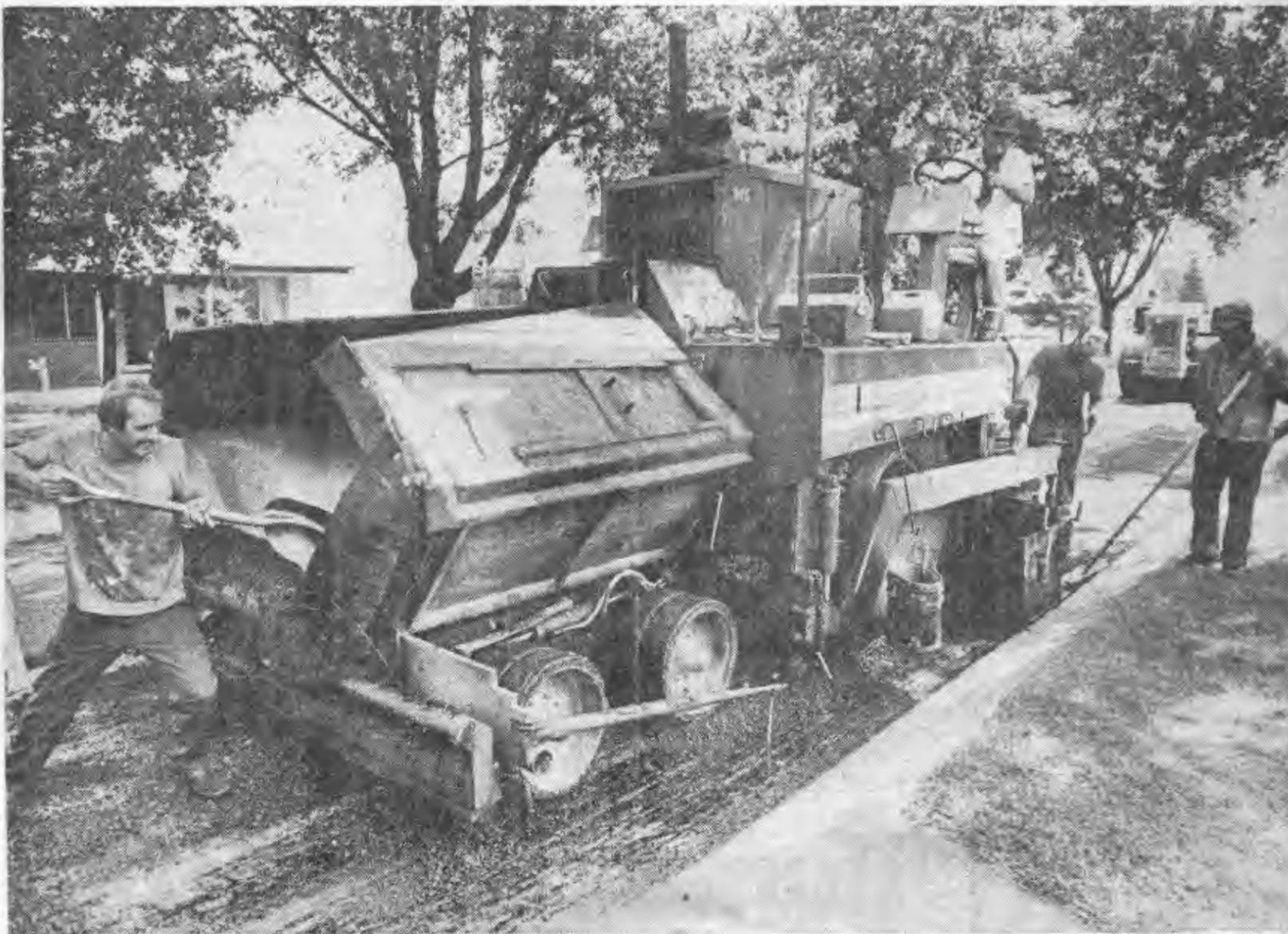
Police and village workers has been fighting a non-stop battle to clean up the complex since the original owner

sold the buildings to five different people sometime in the 1970s. Now, the owners don't live in the buildings and most don't invest much money or time into keeping them straight, Kimsey said.

Another problem, Haeger said, is that the courts dismiss fines to owners once they meet the minimum standards, giving the village no clout to try to get things cleaned up. Weber and Iscra have a 9 a.m. court date Oct. 6.

"I would like to see more cooperation from the owners at Wildwood," Haeger said. "If the conditions continue then we will cite them every day until it's taken care of."

Haeger said a judge could issue up to \$500 for a violation of a village ordinance.



Herald photo

Street scene

Herald 9/10/83

The Wheeling public works department spent most of the hot Friday afternoon repairing pavement in the Manchester Street and Jeffrey Avenue area. This year's \$1 million street repair project is part of a

three-year plan to replace or repair nearly all the roads in Wheeling. The work is being paid for by state motor fuel tax money reserved by the village over the past few years.

Village police and officials reach tentative agreement

Wheeling police, who have been working without a contract since May 1, say they've reached a tentative agreement with the village.

Village Manager Thomas Markus confirmed the agreement, which could be ratified by the village board as soon as next Monday, but like police union negotiators, would not release details of the settlement.

Police negotiators requested a federal mediator when talks came to an impasse in August. Officer Anthony Cinquegrani, one of three negotiators for the village's 30 officers, said salaries were the primary stumbling block in talks.

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Officer Edward Theriault, also a member of the negotiating team, said an agreement was reached and "language is just being ironed out" after the two sides met last week.

Last April, the village board approved a 4 percent pay hike for most village workers, but Theriault would not say if the police pay hikes were comparable.

Markus said both sides agreed to hold details until they are released to village board members.

Police officers' salaries now range from \$19,552 to \$26,353. Last year, policemen negotiated a 5 percent, one-year pay hike.

Time runs short for small airports

by Al Cubbage

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Small airports are the buffalo of the Chicago aviation world, a once-numerous species now rapidly dwindling.

Aviation officials want to save them from total extinction, but a combination of economic pressures, local opposition and public apathy are keeping general aviation and reliever airports on the endangered list.

Despite the rapidly growing population of business travelers and continued use by recreational flyers, Chicago-area general aviation airports are a vanishing breed.

The numbers tell the story. In 1946 there were 47 airports in the six-county Chicago metropolitan region; today there are 25.

And by the end of October, there will be one less.

ELGIN AIRPORT, a small airfield at the intersection of the Northwest Tollway and Route 31 on the outskirts of Elgin, will close its doors Oct. 31, the latest casualty of the economics of suburban sprawl. The 185 acres where planes and hangars now stand will be annexed to the city and developed into a new industrial park.

"Being that close to the toll road, the land is very attractive for development," said Richard Heimberg, attorney for the land's purchasers.

The story is a familiar one in Chicago-area aviation.

Multistory office buildings now shoot up from the former runways of Chicagoland Airport in Lin-

colnshire. In 1978, facing increasing property taxes and local community opposition to plans for expanding the field, owner Art Schelter closed up shop.

Schaumburg Airport, home of 125 planes and the site of more than 100,000 takeoffs and landings annually, is also doomed. With the land estimated to be worth some \$75,000 an acre and already slated for industrial development, the airport is not expected to survive another 10 years.

"A few years ago we did a study of the region's airports, the Chicago systems plan," said James Bildilli, chief of planning for the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics.

"THERE WERE about 13 different combinations of what could happen and we're following the worst case right down to the wire."

IDOT's aeronautics division and the Federal Aviation Administration estimate that by the year 2000, only 11 airports will exist in northeastern Illinois, including O'Hare International, where small airplanes are decidedly unwelcome. Those 11 airports will be able to handle 2.4 million takeoffs and landings a year, but aviation officials estimate there will be a demand for 4.1 million such operations annually at that time.

The number of hours flown by general aviation airplanes nationwide is expected to increase by 61 percent from the 1981 level of 41 million hours to 66 million in 1994, the FAA forecasts. Most of that growth will result from the increasing use of business jets.



Herald photo by Dave Tunge

At the controls of their 24-passenger jet, George Priester, left, and his son Charles are the guiding forces behind Pal-Waukee Airport. The airport has become the center of corporate travel in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Two economic trends have spurred business travel. Industries, seeking to take advantage of lower taxes and wage scales, are moving their manufacturing plants outside major metropolitan areas. Airlines, at the same time, have dropped service to smaller communities, generally less profitable routes.

As a result, business travelers

have turned to private aircraft.

TO SERVE those travelers, the FAA and IDOT recommend that by the year 2000 several existing airports be improved and four new general aviation airports be developed in northeastern Illinois, plus one in northwestern Indiana.

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by Kathy Waugh

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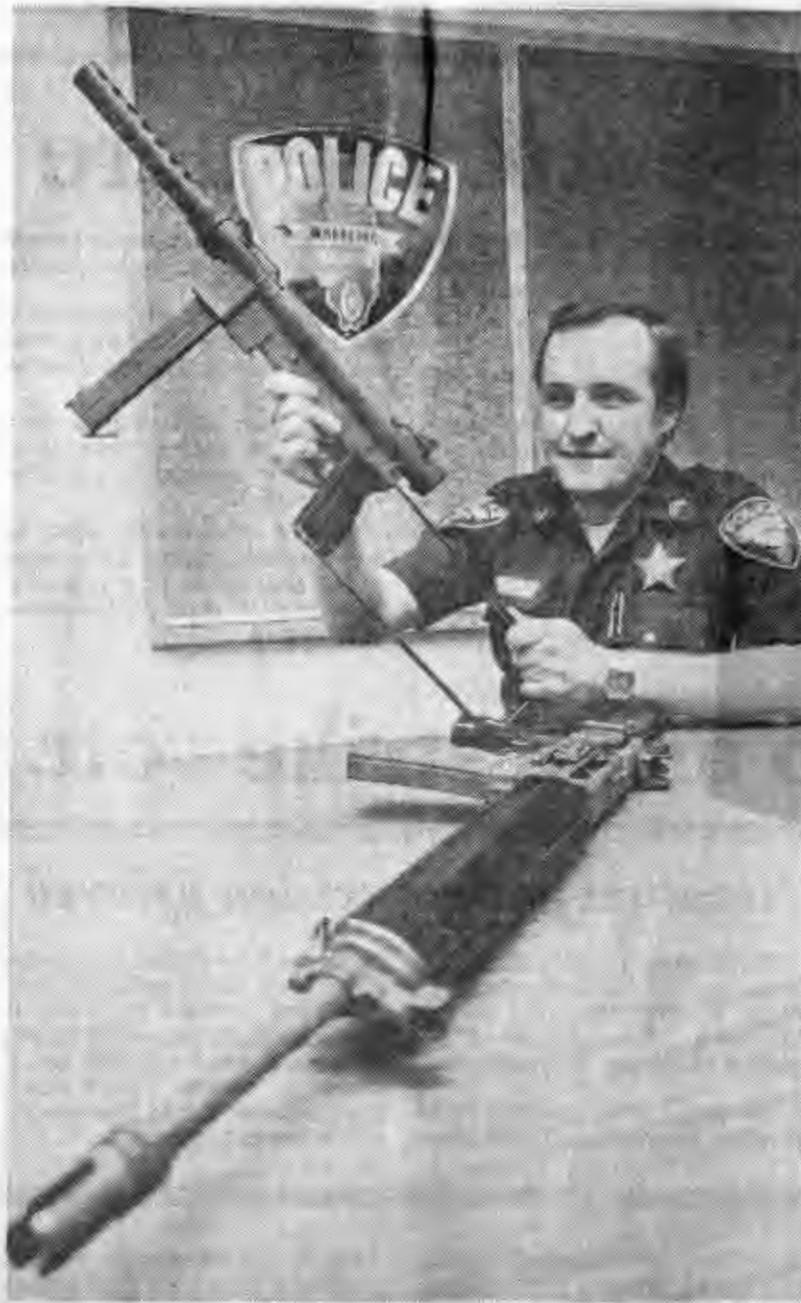
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Fire tax levy down; no drop in bills seen

The Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District board has adopted a \$340,000 levy for 1983, down 31.6 percent from this year's taxes.

But board Treasurer David Wiltse and district Attorney James Ryan say they don't think tax bills will drop next year because there are a fewer number of property owners being taxed.

"I don't think there will be any significant difference," Ryan said. "If anything it will be just a slight bit lower than last year."

Tax bills should become steady after levies have jumped up and down in past years because board member were unsure how much of the district would be left to tax, Ryan said.

Two years ago, Buffalo Grove disconnected from the fire protection district because it did not want to pay to be in the district when it has its own department.

Last year, Wheeling pulled out of the district to even tax bills for all residents. Before that time, all Wheeling residents except some living in an old section of Wheeling were paying for both their own village fire protection and the district's protection.

The rural fire protection district does not have its own trucks but rather contracts with other fire and ambulance departments to have areas covered in unincorporated Wheeling Township and in Prospect Heights.

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Airports dwindle, demand still high

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there's no question about the demand. We need to improve the airports that exist today, first, and try to get new ones built," said Louis Yates, FAA Great Lakes region chief of planning.

The two agencies have targeted several area airports for improvements in the next decade in order to keep general aviation traffic out of O'Hare. While most of the airports are publicly owned and the municipalities want them upgraded, a large hole remains in the regional plan: Pal-Waukee Airport.

The busiest privately owned airport in the country and one of only three private airports with an FAA control tower, Pal-Waukee is the result of the farsightedness of George Priester and his son, Charles, the two driving forces behind the facility.

Since buying the airport in 1953, the two men have taken a small gravel-runway airfield and made it a center for corporate travel. Multimillion dollar, twin-engine turbojets streak in and

out of Pal-Waukee almost every minute of daylight hours.

BUT THE Priesters want to sell Pal-Waukee and no willing buyer has stepped forward. The Priesters and the municipalities of Wheeling and Prospect Heights have conducted a long, intricate courtship dance, but so far neither town is willing to commit itself to buying the airport.

Charles Priester believes, however, that if neither town will purchase the airport, another government agency will.

"The facility is absolutely essential to general aviation in northern Illinois — we have to provide for the needs of business at the airport," he said.

Earl Smith, former president of the Illinois Aviation Trades Association and the operator of a flying service in Downstate Olney, agrees. Smith said he flies passengers into the Chicago area three to four times a week. Without the reliever airports, he and other Downstate operators would be forced into O'Hare.

"We try not to go into O'Hare unless we absolutely have to," Smith said. "But if both Pal-Waukee and Meigs closed, we'd have no choice. It'd be a disaster to lose them."

The status of Meigs, Chicago's lakefront airfield, is still uncertain. Former Mayor Jane Byrne wanted to close the airport permanently and use the land for part of a new lakefront park that would house the 1992 World's Fair. Mayor Harold Washington, who has been less enthusiastic about the fair, has not taken a position on Meigs.

THE FAA is willing to consider a temporary closing of Meigs for a year prior to the fair and during the six-month-long event, but the agency wants the airport re-opened, Yates said.

The uncertain futures of Pal-Waukee and Meigs illustrate the classic problem faced by general aviation airports: How to persuade communities that the airport benefits the general public.

"There's no question that the airport indirectly benefits people, but they can't see it," said the FAA's Yates. "It's not like seeing the money being spent on streets where they can get in their car and drive down the street."

"It's difficult (for the public) to see the value of an airport because they're not in the aircraft going down the runway."

IDOT and the FAA have begun a study of how much each Illinois airport contributes to the local economy, but that will not be completed until late this year, Bildilli said.

HOWEVER, AN economic impact study of Southern Illinois Airport in Carbondale, completed in February, showed that airport contributed approximately \$27 million to the local economy.

The airport had approximately 150,000 takeoffs and landings last year, said airport manager Gary Shaefer, with about half of those general aviation aircraft. The economic impact study showed that the 15 businesses at the airport employed 354 people, had a total payroll of \$4 million and generated \$10 million in business.

But making local communities aware of such economic benefits, especially in the Chicago area where land is so valuable, is proving difficult.

"The biggest problem is people have visions of 727s landing in their backyards," Bildilli said. "People see the airport and hear the noise, but they don't see the benefits."

So the FAA and IDOT, armed with their new economic impact statements

and with more than \$100 million available for improving Illinois general aviation airports, will begin searching for communities that may want a new airport.

"We're more than willing to work with any community and sit down and discuss it with them," Yates said. "The need is there."

Local airport usage



Airport	Planes	Annual takeoffs and landings
DuPage (West Chicago)	465	166,000
Pal-Waukee (Wheeling)	534	157,000
Waukegan	256	128,000
Schaumburg	122	109,000
Aurora	170	105,000
Elgin	60	84,000
Crystal Lake	103	67,000
Campbell's (Grayslake)	87	55,000
Antioch	3	2,000

Source: 1983 Illinois Airport Inventory Report, Illinois Department of Transportation.

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Officers 'point out' property violations

COMMUNITY SERVICES Officers of the Wheeling Police Department have begun a neighborhood-by-neighborhood ordinance canvass to detect violations and to issue letters to residents informing them of the violations noted on their property.

The program was initiated in an effort to informally notify residents of violations without taking an enforcement action requiring a fine or court appearance.

"Many residents may not even be aware they are committing a violation, so this program is either letting them know for the first time or reminding them of the ordinances," Police Chief Michael Haeger explained.

"We usually find a neighbor is reluctant to report a violation being committed by another neighbor, and then you find a large number of violations which just continue to exist. The Police Department and, in particular, the Community Ser-

vices Officers then have a responsibility to ensure all residents voluntarily comply with the ordinance. The voluntary compliance makes Wheeling a nicer place for all of us to live," Haeger said.

THE LETTERS will be followed up in two weeks with the issuance of warning notices, and then citations will be issued for all future or remaining violations. Special attention is being paid to the violations involving the improper parking of unlicensed vehicles, either over sidewalks, in front yards or on the property.

Chief Haeger said there is a particular problem with vehicles that are parked blocking the sidewalks, interrupting the use of the sidewalk by citizens, especially senior citizens and little children.

If any residents have further questions about the program or want to report violations, they may contact Sgt. Michael Hermes or Sgt. Jack Kimsey at 459-2632.

Firms hit village's new sign ordinance

About 60 Wheeling businessmen are complaining that the village's law on window signs does not give them enough space or time to advertise.

But Trustee Charles Kerr said he's against any change because paper signs that clutter windows "just make the village look like a jungle."

The village ordinance allows temporary paper signs to stay up for no more than 14 days before, or seven days after, an event. The signs can cover no more than 15 percent of the window.

But Marshall Peters, an employee of Billy K's Hair Again Inc., 34 W. Dundee Road, said the ordinance is too strict. Peters represents about 60 businesses who signed a petition to have the ordinance changed to a 35 percent window coverage allowance for an unlimited amount of time.

BILLY K'S caters to men and women, and relies on window space to advertise the different types of hair cuts and stylings offered, Peters said. Because the signs have a time limit on them the store owner is forced to make up new signs every month just to comply with the village law.

But Kerr disagreed, saying 15 percent is "realistic."

"I think you have other areas to advertise and windows are no place for advertising," he said. "All those paper signs just junk up the town."

Paper, neon and free-standing signs are limited by the village sign ordinance established to help clean up the appearance of the village. The law limits the size, design and location of signs.

The sign law does need to be reworked, said Housing Director Thomas Fennell "because it doesn't deal with someone who just wants to let the public know they have milk for 64 cents a quart or something." However, Fennell said his department does not check for the different types of paper signs "because it's impossible for us to log all the different signs in town."

The 15 percent limit has been in the sign ordinance "for years," he said, and has never been reviewed until now.

Board members said they would be willing to discuss changes in the ordinance and will meet with business representatives within the next few weeks.



Al Bandur checks the idle speed on one car stopped by federal and local environmental officials

on Dundee Road near Route 83 in Wheeling on Monday.

Local cars cause share of dirty air

by Debbe Nelson

Special Staff Writer 9/13/83

Federal and county environmental officials set up a roadblock in Wheeling Monday to test automobile emissions and discovered that 30 percent of the motorists had either misfueled or otherwise tampered with their pollution control equipment.

Wheeling was the first of five locations throughout the county to be tested this week to determine the magnitude of the car pollution problem in the Chicago area.

The first-day results confirmed what many have suspected — that car emissions are thwarting efforts to meet clean air standards here. The final tabulations will be used to push for better enforcement laws and programs.

"Car emissions have a direct relationship with the carbon monoxide and the lead in the air," said Laurence Walz, enforcement officer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The U.S. EPA and Cook County Department of Environmental Control are performing the federally funded testing. It was prompted this summer by the highest ozone levels in five years, with 14 unhealthy days recorded by the Chicago Lung Association.

ADDITIONALLY, THE agencies have discovered muffler shops removing pollution control equipment for customers as well as widespread fuel-switching by motorists, service stations and gas distributors. Cars manufactured since 1975 are prohibited from using leaded gasoline.

Under current laws, drivers cannot be fined for removing pollution equipment or for misfueling. Phillip Mole, county environmental director, has proposed the county board pass an or-

dinance giving him authority to ticket motorists.

The federal EPA has ordered a reluctant Illinois EPA to establish an annual vehicle inspection program in the Chicago area. The IEPA has been dragging its feet, insisting such a program is unnecessary.

Meanwhile, the EPA has pressed charges against distributors and dealers for selling leaded fuel as unleaded.

The biggest alleged violator was from the Northwest suburbs. PEP Petroleum Co., a Palatine-based distributor, faces \$4 million in fines.

WHEELING WAS selected as the starting point for this week's joint testing program. Police flagged down cars traveling east on Dundee Road near Route 83. Inspectors from the county and the EPA poked gauges in the engines, gas tanks and tailpipes. They then urged violators to mend their ways before sending them on their way.

Many drivers were unhappy about the involuntary car check — and for good reason. After checking about 70 cars, testers found about 21 percent filled with taboo leaded fuel and slightly more than 30 percent with emission control violations.

"One missing catalytic converter multiplies the amount of hydrocarbons emitted by 400 to 500 percent," Walz said.

One man drove in voluntarily, insisting catalytic converters did not reduce car pollution. Within minutes, the inspectors proved him wrong with the readings from his engine and tail pipe.

The testing did not bother Alma Suckow of Buffalo Grove, who was ordered to stop.

"I think it's a good idea," she said. "There's too much pollution in the air. If there's something wrong with my car, I'll have it fixed."



Diane Pickins, an electronic technician, checks the lead content in the gasoline in one of the cars tested.



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Immigration agents arrest 64 in Wheeling plant raid

by John Slania

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Immigration agents arrested 64 people at a Wheeling factory Wednesday as part of a continued police crackdown on the illegal alien population in the village.

The raid at E-Z Por Corp., 1500 S. Wolf Road, was at about 7 a.m. Wednesday, as nearly 20 agents from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service arrested factory workers during the morning shift change.

The raid lasted less than 30 minutes, as entrances were blocked while agents swept through the factory. The majority of those arrested were Mexican men unable to produce green immigration cards, authorities said.

The suspects were charged with illegal entry and taken to immigration service headquarters in Chicago, where they either chose to return to Mexico or were held on \$3,000 bond pending a deportation hearing.

Immigration officials said they planned the raid after a company employee reported that there were sever-

al suspected illegal aliens working in the factory.

OFFICIALS FROM E-Z Por Corp. could not be reached for comment.

Wednesday's raid was the second conducted in Wheeling within the past six weeks, as police continue to investigate illegal aliens living and working in the village, said Sgt. Michael Hermes.

Thirty people were arrested Aug. 3 at the Wildwood Apartments at Dundee Road and Wheeling Avenue after detectives discovered a large illegal alien population at the complex, police said. The discovery was made during investigation of unsanitary living conditions at the complex, police said.

Investigators plan to examine a list of those arrested at E-Z Por Corp. to determine how many suspects lived at Wildwood Apartments and other locations in Wheeling, Hermes said.

"We plan to do a follow-up investigation to see how many reside in the Wheeling area," Hermes said. "We are keeping close ties with immigration (officials) because we don't want things to get out of hand."

Permit in jeopardy, waste plant to close

By GARY ROBERTS *Life*
Staff Writer 9/15/83

appeal by SET to formally withdraw its application.

ONE DAY before a scheduled public hearing, a chemical processing plant that handles hazardous wastes withdrew its request for a permit to continue operations.

The hearing went on Tuesday, Sept. 13, however, and led to a charge that the company had been in operation for three years in violation of local zoning laws.

SET Liquid Waste System, 350 Sumac Road, just south of Wheeling, re-processes industrial solvents, preparing them for future use. The waste materials are temporarily stored at the site before being transported to a disposal site.

More than 100 concerned residents at the hearing were greeted by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials who announced their intent to deny the permit request upon receiving a last-minute

EPA ENGINEER Hak Cho told the crowd his agency received a letter from SET management on Sept. 12 asking to rescind the permit request. Cho said the letter stated that "all reclamation activity will cease" on the site and that "full closure (of the reclamation operation) will take place within 60 days."

Cho explained that specific requirements still must be satisfied by SET in shutting down the operation to assure maximum safety. He then invited audience participation on the issue, noting that a final decision must still be made by the EPA.

Most comments addressed the fear that the area, located in a low-lying flood plain and near a population center, was the worst possible location for storing toxic materials that could "poison" the water supply.

Merchants attack sign limits

By GARY ROBERTS

Staff Writer *Life* 9/15/83

WHEELING—A local ordinance regulating temporary window signs for businesses is coming under attack from store owners.

The law limits the size of advertising signs to 15 percent of the window area. Businessmen are seeking an amendment that would allow signs up to 35 percent of the window size.

At the Village Board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 6, trustees rejected the proposed amendment, but called for a workshop session with the business community to further discuss the issue.

SPEAKING to the board on behalf of Billy K's Hair Again Inc., 34 W. Dundee Road, attorney Marshall Peters pointed to the "economic hardship" inflicted by the sign ordinance. He argued that the 15 percent restriction is "inadequate" for

business needs and adversely affects the capability to attract customers.

But trustees disagreed, saying the law was necessary to help improve the appearance of the village.

Trustee Charles Kerr said the 15 percent restriction was "realistic," adding that, prior to the law's adoption, "the city looked like a jungle with the signs it had." He said there were avenues for advertising other than temporary window signs.

WILLIAM KAPLAN, the owner of Billy K's, explained that he uses the temporary signs to announce specials and illustrate different hair styles he offers. He said the signs are professionally done and are not a detriment to the community.

Kaplan agreed with the intent of the law, but labeled the 15 percent restriction "ridiculous" and claimed it is hurting his business,

as well as others'.

Recently, Kaplan collected the signatures of 62 Wheeling businessmen, mostly on Dundee Road, on a petition opposing the temporary sign law. Of those he contacted, only two refused to sign the petition.

"They (trustees) are deterring other businesses from coming into Wheeling," Kaplan said.

PREVIOUSLY, Kaplan owned businesses in both Chicago and Skokie, where he wasn't burdened with this type of "over-regulation," he said.

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Wheeling



Brewery has place amid other exciting history

Seeing as school is in session again, I thought that this might be as good a time as any for a history lesson. Wait! Don't stop reading yet. This isn't the same old stuff you fell asleep to in the classroom; this is local history, more specifically Wheeling history. Check it out, you'll find some "fun facts to know and tell" at your next cocktail, bridge, M*A*S*H or political party. For instance, did you know:

- The first Wheeling industry, founded in 1850 by Napoleon Perolat, was a brewery.
- The first Wheeling police car appeared in 1925.
- The Chamber of Commerce Park church building (located north of Dundee on Wolf) was the first church ever to be founded in Wheeling (in 1865), and it used to be located on the approximate site of our current Dunkin Donuts restaurant. This was a German Presbyterian church.
- The first white man to arrive in the Wheeling area is known as "Mr. Sweet" (there is no record of his first name). He came to this area in 1833.
- In 1950, the population of Wheeling was 916.
- Items purchased to furnish the first Village Hall included: two slop pails, a broom, two jail locks, two small spittoons, two large spittoons, a Gold Coin Ventiduct #19 stove, one dozen chairs, two Rochester lamps, one table, and one business desk.
- The first Village Hall was contacted to be built in 1894 by a Mr. H.P. Mentzer, who advertised his services as follows: "Undertaker, Contractor and Builder, Ice Box and Hearse Furnished when Desired, House Raising a Specialty." (This building also now sits at the Chamber Park site, and currently houses the Wheeling Historical Museum.)
- The first fraternal organization in Wheeling was the Vitruvius Lodge #81, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The Vitruvius group was known as a "Moon Lodge" because regular meetings were held on each Saturday before the full moon. This made it possible for the members to have moonlight to guide their way to their meeting.
- The first veterinarian in Wheeling was Dr. John George Schneider located on Milwaukee Avenue.
- Wheeling's first murder occurred in 1835. At this time there were about 18 log cabins in the area around Wheeling, the largest of these was a "mansion" built by William Hopps. Hopps was accused of murdering his wife in that house, but was acquitted on a plea of insanity.
- The name "Half Day" — our neighbor to the north — is actually a misspelling of the Indian name "Haf Da," who was an Indian who formerly lived in the area. (And all the time you thought the name meant that it was a half day's drive from somewhere, right?)
- In the early 1800s, Milwaukee Avenue was the main road from Chicago to land to the north of Wheeling. It was formed by trails of Indians and paths beaten down by herds of buffalo. (In some places those thousands of buffalo had beaten the trails down to a depth of six feet.) Finally in 1836, a stage route was established on this road. Wheeling became a natural stopping place for food and drink on this route, and thus began the establishment of "Restaurant Row" along Milwaukee Avenue as we know it today.
- It seems the issue of "busing" isn't as new as we think. In the 1920s Frank Forke, owner of the town's first livery stable, transported Wheeling's high school students to Maine Township High School in Des Plaines. In addition, he also took regularly scheduled trips to the Soo Line depot in Wheeling, the Northwestern station in Des Plaines, and the St. Paul railroad in Northbrook. He was the forerunner of the present day taxi service.
- In 1896, with the organization of the Wheeling Fire Department getting under way, the first firebell was purchased for \$27.40 from Fassbender and Arnold.

And that's the way we were, folks.
"Always behave like a duck: keep calm and unruffled on the surface, but paddle like the devil underneath." (Jacob Braude)

Cablenet fines recommended

THE CABLE TV Council affiliated with the Northwest Municipal Conference is recommending that its nine participating communities — including Wheeling — fine Cablenet for not fulfilling the terms of its franchises.

But the council recommended Monday, Sept. 12, that the company be fined only for the period from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1.

The Cablenet system was supposed to be fully activated in all the communities the council represents by Aug. 1. But the system has been plagued with problems.

According to Eric Anderson, cable coordinator for the NWMC, the problems arose in the rush to meet the Aug. 1 deadline. Cablenet failed to do adequate testing of the system to make sure it was all in working order, he said. As some subscribers tried to get cable, they found they were not receiving service and complained.

IN OTHER PLACES, the cable had been accidentally cut and Cablenet must find and repair the damage, Anderson said.

He said it is hard to know the extent of the problem, but it appears that about 10 percent of the system is not working.

In the wake of its problems,

Cablenet has dismissed its president, who has been replaced by Fred T. Klinkhammer.

At the Northwest Municipal Conference Cable Council meeting Monday, Cablenet asked for an extension until mid-December to have its system fully activated.

IT IS UP to the individual communities to decide whether to follow the cable council's recommendation to impose the one-month fine on Cablenet.

Anderson said Cablenet's problems should not affect Glenview and Northbrook. The cable company has not yet begun laying cable in those communities.

Nine communities in the Northwest Municipal Conference jointly negotiated franchises with Cablenet. The franchises were signed individually, however. Those communities were Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Streamwood, Wheeling and Schaumburg. In addition, Bartlett, which does not belong to the conference, negotiated along with the nine communities.

All the communities that jointly negotiated belong to the cable council, except Streamwood.

Cable conciliation

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Sad to say, local municipalities are now considering \$64,000 in fines against Cablenet, one of two local cable television companies, for missing contractual deadlines. Yes, Cablenet is a franchised monopoly, and municipalities must protect the customers in their towns. Short of revoking its franchise, fines are the only way area governments can enforce their contracts with Cablenet.

Cablenet now says it should have admitted earlier that it would be unable to meet the deadlines. Furthermore there seems to be a strong effort being made to right this wrong. So we can't help wondering if the relationship between Cablenet and its host municipalities might be better served by a show of conciliation. Let a new deadline be fixed. If Cablenet meets it, all the better; that's what both sides want. If not, let the fines be activated automatically.

As the cable system expands in the suburbs, the working relationship between local governments and Cablenet will take on increasing importance. Cablenet has more than fulfilled its promises to build local studio facilities and provide access. Expanding the opportunities to use cable television in the community will depend, in large measure, on a good working relationship.

Firm wants loan through village

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

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A Wheeling printing company is seeking a low-interest \$3 million loan through the village of Wheeling that will allow it to buy a new printing press.

Segerdahl Printing, 1351 S. Wheeling Road, is asking the village to sponsor an industrial revenue bond issue. Although the village's name is used, it carries no obligation to pay back the loans if the company cannot.

Segerdahl manufactures newspaper inserts and fashion catalogues. The added press will provide 15 to 20 additional jobs for the Wheeling area.

"We feel with the upswing in the economy and the newspaper insert and fashion insert business on the rise, it's time to get a bigger piece of the market," said Earl Segerdahl, president of the company.

The length of the loan is still being worked out, Segerdahl said.

The interest rate will be at or just below the prime rate, village Finance Director Greg Peters said. Industrial revenue bonds are typically two or three interest points lower than a company would be able to get on its own.

SEGERDAHL can get the lower interest rate with the village's name because investors who buy government-

backed bonds do not have to pay federal income tax on their earnings.

In addition, Segerdahl and another Wheeling company are seeking refinancing of their first bonds obtained in 1981 and 1980.

Segerdahl borrowed \$2.3 million over 10 years in 1980 to finance the purchase of a new press. Terms for that refinancing are still being worked out, Segerdahl said. "We are looking for better interest rates than we have had, but I'm not sure exactly what we will be saving. We've made some estimates but we aren't ready to spell the beans yet."

Also seeking refinancing is Rexnord

Inc. Seal Operations, 634 Glenn Ave., a company that manufactures airplane seals.

Rexnord borrowed \$3 million on a three-year loan in October 1980. The company is seeking a 25-year financing, Peters said.

"The prime rate wasn't that different back in 1980 but it has gone up to 16 percent since then so I'm sure the company is saying let's finance what we can because these might be the best rates we can get," he said.

Representatives from both companies would not say what kind of savings they anticipate or what interest they are currently paying.



WORKERS ARE BUSY fixing up village roads as part of a \$3.6 million street improvement program started this year. The four-year project will concentrate on the resurfacing of area streets this year, but next year will witness the beginning of major reconstruction work to upgrade the quality of virtually all Wheeling streets. The streets are in disrepair for a variety of reasons. (Photo by Rob Kuehnle)

Massive road repairs begin

By GARY ROBERTS
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WHEELING—Motorists are being asked to exercise caution, mixed with a little patience, as the first phase of a \$3.6 million, four-year street improvement program gets under way.

The massive undertaking, begun late last month, is slated to repair or replace more than 90 percent of the village roads, and to this point, the road work is going better than expected.

"So far, we're coming in under budget," Public Works Director Robert Gray said.

The original cost estimate for the first year's work was expected to be more than \$1 million. However, the initial leg of the project has been contracted out to Franzen-Peters, Inc. of Addison for \$893,000. The extra savings will be channeled back into the street program for use in future years.

This year, the work schedule calls for the resurfacing of about seven miles of road, mostly in the areas along Dundee Road near Elmhurst and Schoenbeck roads, and north of Manchester Drive.

GRAY SAID the major reconstruction projects, accompanied by

increased driver inconvenience, have been pushed back to 1984 because of the late starting date this summer. Delays in acquiring state approval have forced work crews to step up efforts to beat the winter construction deadline.

Although the current resurfacing will pose minor problems for motorists, all roads will be kept open to traffic and repairs will take only a short time at any one location, said Gray.

Money to pay for the four-year road program will come exclusively from state motor fuel taxes. The village held off on street improvements for the last three years in order to fund this year's construction. The remaining portion of the project will be paid off by borrowing against future MFT revenue.

In addition to the \$3.6 million being spent on the road program, other related improvements will also be carried out. Extensive road base repairs, curb and gutter improvements and the installation of storm sewers in some areas will be done in conjunction with the street work, bringing the overall total for scheduled improvements to approximately \$4.5 million, Gray said.

THE FOUR-YEAR construction
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Roads bad for many reasons

WHEELING—Why is there a need for such a total facelift of village streets? The answer cannot be traced to a single cause.

"There are a lot of reasons why a street fails," Public Works Director Thomas Gray said.

One of the most important factors to consider is the age of streets, as well as past maintenance, Gray said. The last time the village went through a major road repair program was in 1966. That \$2 million project, financed through a bond issue, was just paid off this year.

Many of these streets should have received a protective treatment within 10 years to enhance their longevity, Gray said.

Extreme weather conditions, poor drainage—common to the low-lying areas along the Des Plaines River—and weak soil conditions accelerate road decay.

"You can engineer around these problems to a certain degree," Gray said, "but you can't eliminate them completely."

IRONICALLY, some of the newer areas in Wheeling have streets with the greatest need.

Inferior construction methods and inadequate design are responsible for the premature break-up of the road base in a few cases, Gray said.

Some of the newer planned developments, built in the early 1970s, laid streets that were "not in accordance with village codes, in order to keep the (population) density up," Gray said.

Not allowing for the amount of traffic that would be generated, the developers designed and constructed "private streets" to be maintained by the separate homeowners' associations, thereby circumventing local regulations.

"Some were built only a little better than a driveway," Gray said.

BUT ABOUT four years ago the village took control of these streets and of the maintenance responsibilities associated with them.

Also, because the roads are usually the first thing to be built in a new subdivision, they suffer substantial damage during the building stage of the development.

• Road work

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schedule was devised, Gray said, to produce the "most cost effective treatment" of village roads. While some streets require complete reconstruction, others need only resurfacing, as determined by a comprehensive engineering study. This study confirmed the need for a coordinated road construction program.

The study showed that the typical road in Wheeling had slipped to a rating level of 65, with 100 being the

standard for a new road. In considering the present condition of roads along with cost factors, village trustees decided to bring the average road up to a level of 80.

By improving the quality of roads now, Gray said, the village can realize savings through lower maintenance costs.

"The village has been spending a lot of money on its streets every year," said Gray. "That's just not the way to do it."

"If we keep going the way we are, we would actually be going backwards."

Wheeling complex is for the affluent who would rather rent than purchase

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By Les Hausner

Motorists tooling along busy Palatine Road in Wheeling are unlikely to notice Woodland Creek Apartments.

Virtually hidden among 27 acres of woods and around a lake, Woodland Creek was designed for the affluent renter willing to pay a premium for resort living.

Rents for a one-bedroom apartment start at \$670 a month. And for \$975 you can move into a two-bedroom unit with a den and a fireplace.

It's possible to lease apartments of a comparable size for half that amount in the area, but the difference at Woodland Creek is the large number of extras, among them:

- Battery-operated carts for carrying groceries and packages from the underground parking lot to an apartment. The cart is ridden onto the elevator, down the corridor, and right into the kitchen.
- A party room for every 16 apartments. Tenants may reserve the rooms to accommodate overnight guests.
- Two swimming pools with sun decks, a boat dock with veranda, lighted tennis courts and lighted picnic groves with cooking facilities.
- Free use of boats on the eight-acre lake, which is stocked with a large variety of fish.
- A clubhouse with such niceties as saunas, locker rooms, whirlpools, progressive weight resistance equipment and cycling machines. Aerobic exercise classes are planned.
- A 1½-mile paved jogging and hiking path that winds through the woods.

Woodland Creek, which is entered off Wheeling Rd. just south of Palatine Rd., will have 400 apartments in five buildings. There are 18 apartments to a floor.

The five-story apartment buildings are equipped with closed-circuit television security and there are laundry facilities on each floor. Each apartment has its own fire alarm/smoke detector and sprinkler system.

Each unit has a private terrace and kitchens have two ovens, one a microwave, and refrigerators with ice makers.

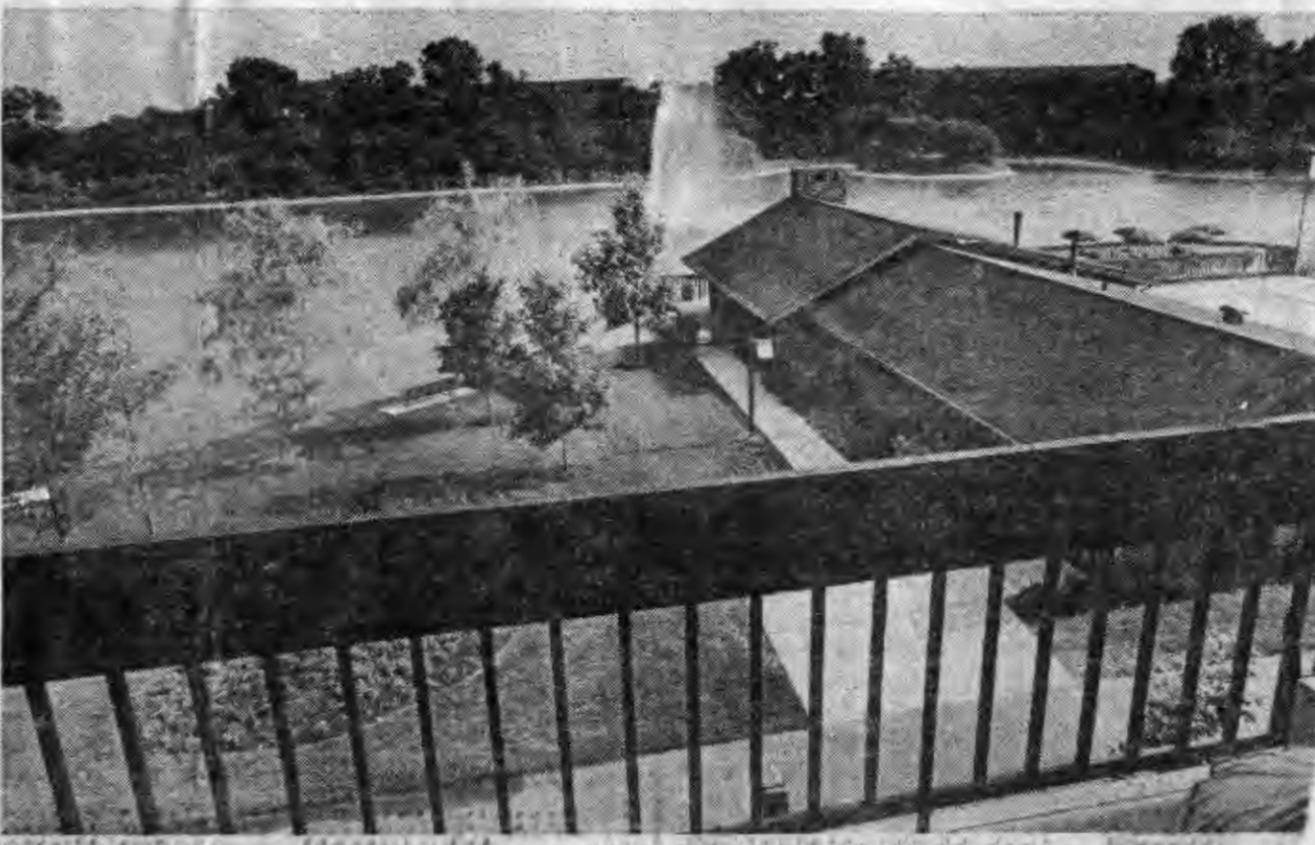
"Woodland Creek was designed for professionals, empty-nesters and people who don't want to be owners in order to have the best," said Alan Huvad, an associate partner in Finger Enterprises, the developer.

Finger is a Houston-based company that stresses environmental preservation in the rental communities the firm builds and manages. The decision to build in the Wheeling area was based on surveys showing the region has thousands of people in executive-level jobs who plan to spend only a few years in the Chicago area, and who prefer renting to buying, Huvad said.

The company built the Tree House Apartments in Schaumburg and the Lakeside Apartments in Lisle.



A small lake that is stocked with a variety of fish can be viewed from the balcony of a model unit at Woodland Creek Apartments. Another view is of the landscaped grounds. (Sun-Times Photos by Barry Jarvinen)



New tax levies point to higher bills next year

by Kathy Waugh

Herald Staff Writer 9-20-83

Most of the taxing bodies covering Wheeling are filing or proposing new tax requests that will probably result in higher taxes for village residents.

But school district taxes, which make up about 62 percent of a taxpayer's bill, are still a big question mark. The two major districts for Wheeling residents, Wheeling Township District 21 and District 214, have yet to file.

Wheeling Township is increasing taxes 130 percent this year and four other taxing districts are asking for double-digit increases. Single-digit increases are sought by four other districts and small decreases are asked by five others.

The exact effect of the higher levies won't be known until next summer because some districts won't get as much money as they asked for because of state-imposed ceilings on their tax rate. Any new construction will also add to the tax base and spread the burden over more taxpayers.

WHEELING VILLAGE trustees have asked for a 21.6 percent increase in taxes next year, but Finance Director Greg Peters said nearly \$1 million of the \$3.9 million levy approved will be abated in the next month.

The village must include the \$1 million on the levy because of its obligation to levy money to pay off a loan on its share of Lake Michigan water, Peters said. But lower pipeline costs are allowing the village to pay for the loan with other village revenue, allowing trustees to abate about 25 percent of the levy.

In the township, trustees say a \$450,000 levy — more than twice taxes collected this year — is needed to keep

the township running after drastic tax cuts the last two years.

Two years ago, the board was elected on a conservative slate that pledged to trim expenses, lower the township surplus and cut taxes. Since then, taxes have dropped drastically and the average taxpayer paid \$3 for township services last year.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Phil Rogers said the 130 percent levy increase should bring the cost to the average taxpayer up to about \$11 per year, the same as it was before the conservatives were elected.

The township still has a \$1 million surplus, but trustees say a higher levy is needed to guarantee continuing "matching" federal funds for local social service agencies.

The Wheeling Park District is asking for 3.7 percent less from taxpayers, Parks Director David Phillips said, which should translate to about a \$10 savings for the average taxpayer. Trustees approved the levy last week after Phillips lowered his original tax request that would have left park taxes at about the same level.

Only two school districts in the Wheeling area have determined levies for next year, Prospect Heights District 23 and Harper Community College.

District 23 Business Manager Rick Ewanio has recommended a \$3 million levy, a 3.8 percent increase over this year's taxes. Ewanio said the additional money is needed to stay abreast of increasing costs, maintain the curriculum and to temper the red ink the district is expecting during the next few years.

Ewanio said he anticipates spending \$423,500 more than revenue this year which can be covered by some of the

\$1.5 million cash reserves the district carried over 1983-84.

HARPER OFFICIALS have passed a levy of \$8.4 million for the 1983-84 school year, a 14 percent increase over last year's collected taxes.

Peter Bakas, vice president for business services, said the college expects to receive only \$7.9 million but inflates its levy in order to receive all possible tax money.

Indian Trails Library's 17 percent increase is mainly to ensure the district maintains the ceiling level of 23 cents per \$100 taxable value for building expenses, said Administrative Librarian Kenneth Swanson.

The largest expense is a \$150,000 loan payment the district must make on the \$1.5 million borrowed in 1979 to build the library at 335 S. Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling.

The district had expected to sell the former library at 850 Jenkins Court, Wheeling, for several years with no success. Sale of the old library, valued at \$337,500, would help the district pay off the loan so funds could be used to buy books and supplies.

Swanson said the levy also includes average pay raises of 4 percent for district employees.

RESIDENTS IN unincorporated Wheeling Township will be paying about the same tax to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District as last year after the district approved a \$340,000 levy, down 31.6 percent from this year.

District treasurer David Wiltse said that doesn't mean fire protection taxes will be less. In the past two years, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling have pulled out of the district and residents in un-

incorporated Wheeling Township and Prospect Heights are now the primary users for district services. Taxes jumped last year with fewer taxpayers covered, but Wiltse said that taxes should now level off and stay around this year's taxes.

Cook County Comptroller Thomas Beck said the 10.9 percent property tax hike in the county is primarily due to increases in the county's health program and employee benefits.

Because of state and federal cutbacks, the county must spend an additional \$14 million to "treat indigents at the county hospital," Beck said. Another major increase is \$7 million for the employee annuity and benefit fund which is based on state statutes and over which the county has no control.

The rest of the increase is due to a decline in revenue usually gathered from permits and fees for home construction and sales taxes associated with gasoline, cigarettes and liquor.

BECK SAID the county board plans to abate some, but not all, of the \$30 million in new taxes. He said just how much will be abated will not be determined until March or April, after county officials study the final financial reports for the last fiscal year.

Cook County is planning to collect double-digit percentage increases in back-to-back years. Last year the county board collected 25.5 percent more money primarily to pay for election costs and a bond sale that financed a courthouse in Markham, work on the criminal courts jail in Chicago and land for a new courthouse in Rolling Meadows.

Cook County Forest Preserve District is levying virtually the same amount of money as it received this year. Comptroller Jim Gaughan said

Tax levies for residents of Wheeling

	1982 Extension	1983 Levy	Change
Cook County	\$272,174,251	\$302,055,321	+ 10.9%
Metropolitan Sanitary District	215,290,874	243,037,000	+ 12.8%
High School District Dist. 214	49,294,051	NA	
Cook County Forest Preserve	38,834,620	38,959,404	—
Wheeling Township District 21	13,590,815	NA	
Lake County	18,959,329	NA	
Harper Community College	7,300,000	8,404,000	+ 15.0%
College of Lake County	7,694,521	NA	
Lake County Forest Preserve	6,234,947	NA	
Village of Wheeling	3,252,538	3,956,543	+ 21.6%
Prospect Heights District 23	2,916,155	*3,025,679	+ 3.7%
Suburban TB District	2,285,065	2,150,000	- 5.9%
Wheeling Park District	1,413,568	1,405,610	- 0.6%
Indian Trails Library District	1,004,163	1,158,000	+ 15.3%
Northwest Mosquito Abatement	994,345	985,563	- 1.0%
Vernon Township	516,416	841,911	+ 63.0%
Wheeling Township	195,627	450,000	+ 130.0%
Wheeling Twp Rural Fire Protection	497,833	340,000	- 31.7%

* Tentative

the district was able to do that because salaries and wages were frozen.

All Cook County residents will be paying 12.8 percent more money to the Metropolitan Sanitary District next year primarily to pay for the Deep Tunnel project and to modernize and expand a sewer plant in Calumet City as well as an increase in the district's working cash fund.

Treasurer Hal Downs said the district is borrowing \$98 million over the next 20 years in two separate bond issues. A total of \$9.5 million will be needed next year for the massive Deep Tunnel and Calumet plant projects and \$12.1 million will be needed next year

to avoid issuing tax anticipation warrants which carry stiff interest payments, he said.

An additional \$1.2 million is needed to pay for employee benefits which are regulated by the state, Downs said.

He anticipates abating up to \$3 million before taxpayers receive their bills next year, once all of the final costs are known.

This is the third successive year that the MSD is planning to collect double-digit tax increases. The district billed 30 percent more last year than it did in 1981 and about 11 percent more than it did in 1982.

Wheeling slaps \$6,200 fine on cable TV firm

9/20/83
Wheeling village officials voted Monday to impose a \$6,200 fine on Cablenet Inc. because its cable television service was not available to the entire village by Aug. 1.

Other village boards in the nine Northwestern towns contracted with Cablenet are expected to vote on similar fines in the next two weeks.

Last week, a cable television committee representing the nine towns voted to recommend each community impose up to \$64,000 in fines. The fine represents \$200 for every day the com-

pany is delinquent in completing its service.

Wheeling Village Finance Director Greg Peters, a member of the cable council, said the council felt "there was no alternative but to fine" Cablenet.

"IT'S SOMETHING that's clean-cut," he said, they (Cablenet officials) admitted the inefficiencies of the system."

The Northwest Municipal Conference Cable Television Council has established a subcommittee that meets

Wednesday to negotiate a final date for completion of the work and possibly more fines.

Cablenet officials have asked for a 90-working day extension starting today to examine their system and make corrections.

The council checked to make sure that a fine would not actually further delay the installation of the system, Peters said. "There is an outstanding letter of credit for the company," Peters said, "so this fine will not come out of their assets."

Neighborhoods in all nine towns, including all the Wheeling multifamily areas, are without cable, Peters said. It is impossible to determine who has cable, he said, because many areas have cable lines that are not yet connected to active lines.

IN ADDITION, Peters said there are 1,244 houses in the nine-town area that have equipment installed in their homes but are receiving no service. A rebate for those purchasers is being considered by the cable council, he said.

Hanover Park had been considering the \$6,400 fine last week and Arlington Heights officials agreed on that figure Monday. Des Plaines Monday approved a \$10,000 fine, based on a \$200 a day fine since Aug. 1.

Peters said the council is working with Cablenet to possibly come up with a new deadline schedule. Cablenet, a Canada-based company, "dismissed" its coordinator for the Northwest suburban project Sept. 2, bringing in Toronto executive Fred T. Klinkhammer.

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Village may levy fine on Cablenet

The Wheeling Village Board will vote tonight whether to impose a \$6,200 fine on Cablenet, Inc., for failing to meet its construction deadlines. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Wheeling's Finance Director Gregory Peters voted, along with other representatives from other towns served by Cablenet, to impose a one-month fine on the television cable company because it failed to complete its obligation to supply cable television service.

Cablenet representatives will have a chance to speak against the village fine in a public hearing scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. The board meeting will follow.

Cablenet agreed to have cable lines installed and activated by August 1 but when testing followed, lines were not active in three of five test locations in Wheeling. Other Cablenet towns experienced similar problems and last week all voted to impose the fines.

A PROPOSED \$73.6 million budget for High School District 214 will be reviewed by the school board's finance committee today.

The committee meets at 5 p.m. in the administration building, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

Robert Weber, assistant superintendent of business, said he will make minor changes in the budget based on the latest information regarding revenue and spending. The board already has conducted a public hearing on the budget and is expected to adopt it Sept. 26.

THE WHEELING Plan Commission is expected to face a packed council room Thursday when they vote on design plans that would allow the Cook County Housing Authority to construct two low income townhouses on two sites off Hintz Road.

The board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

An attorney for Prospect Height and some Prospect Heights residents are fighting to kill housing authority's plans for a proposed townhouse at Hintz Road and Maple Lane. Prospect Heights says the plans violate a 1956 covenant that allows only single family homes to be built on the property.

Four other two-bedroom townhouses are scheduled to be built at Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue. No Wheeling residents are fighting the construction of those specific homes but more than a 100 turned out at the last plan commission meeting to voice objection to the entire plan to build 17 low income houses at sites scattered throughout the town.

* A Cycling for Seniors Bike-a-Thon will be from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 2. The event is sponsored by the Wheeling Wheelmen bicycle club and the Village of Wheeling's Senior Citizens Commission to raise funds for furnishings for the Senior Center. Participants may obtain pledges for each mile they ride or pay a \$10 registration fee. There will be awards and raffles. For information, call 537-1268.

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Loan refinancing plan is approved

The Wheeling Village Board approved refinancing of a \$3 million loan through the village for Rexnord Inc., Seal Operations.

The Wheeling company, 634 Glenn Ave., borrowed \$3 million in 1980 to help expand its manufacturing capabilities to make airplane seals.

Using the village's name, the company borrowed at lower-than-normal interest rates, planning to refinance for a longer period of time once the economy settled, Village Attorney James Rhodes said.

Although its name is used, the company is still responsible for paying back all of the loan.

Under new terms, Rexnord will borrow \$3 million at 65 percent of prime rate over 25 years. Rexnord representatives would not say what interest they are currently paying.

Ernest Hauser, general manager for the Milwaukee-based Wheeling plant, said he was pleased with the move to Wheeling. "We were the only Rexnord plant that stayed in the black all through this tough time," he said.

Temporary traffic signal OK'd

The board also approved installing a temporary traffic signal at Hintz Road and Glenn Avenue with plans for a permanent signal one block east on Hintz as the industrial area grows.

The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and businessmen in the Glenn Avenue industrial area have worked with the village to install a signal at the corner that now just has a stop sign on Glenn Avenue. "That corner is Russian roulette, especially in the winter time," said Ernest Hauser, general manager for Rexnord, Inc., a company on Glenn Avenue.

"Last winter wasn't too bad but the winter before that was terrible," he said. "It's hard to keep a good precision machinist when he knows he has to go through that each day. And we don't want that to happen."

Five cars to be auctioned

The board approved the sale at an auction of five cars no longer needed by the police and community development departments.

The village is selling three 1977 Dodge Aspens, two 1980 Chevrolet Malibus and one 1980 Chevrolet Impala for not less than \$500 each.

Wheeling Trustee Charles Kerr questioned why the village would want to sell three Dodge Aspens that each have less than 37,000 miles on them. The other cars have more than 60,000 miles on them.

"These cars have tough miles on them," Village Assistant Manager Bob Fialkowski said. "They get turned on, driven a half of a mile and then turned off. All the driving for them is like that and that's tough on a car."

"Plus I think it's just the make of the car. These cars have rust on them and the engines are in real bad shape."

Fialkowski said \$500 is just the minimum bid price for the cars which would be sold at the Northwest Municipal Conference auction October 15. Cars typically are sold higher than the minimum price.

Bargain bills signed

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by Thomas J. Lee

Herald political editor

Legislation to authorize collective bargaining and legalize strikes by public employees other than firefighters and law-enforcement personnel was signed by Gov. James R. Thompson on Friday, but only after he made changes that will require General Assembly approval before the two bills become law.

Thompson, waiting until hours before the statutory deadline for action on the legislation, signed one bill, for teachers, in front of a cheering Illinois Education Association crowd at a downtown hotel. He then walked across the street to the Illinois AFL-CIO headquarters, where he signed a second bill covering municipal employees.

In both places, the governor reminded his audiences that he was a long-standing proponent of collective bargaining by public employees.

"The concept has always been a simple one to me," he told both groups. "If the people can elect leaders to bargain collectively on their behalf, then the workers should be able to send representatives to the table to bargain collectively for them."

IF APPROVED next month by the General Assembly, as appears probable, the legislation will extend collective-bargaining rights to 429,000 workers — more than half of them teachers and other school employees.

Thompson's amendatory vetoes rendered the two bills compatible with each other, an aide said. Sponsors of the legislation were on hand for the

signing, which suggested that they will work for approval of the changes.

As signed by Thompson, the legislation would:

- Set up a trio of three-member boards to administer collective bargaining in the public sector. Each of them would have a chairman paid \$50,000 a year and two other members paid \$45,000 apiece. The Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board would oversee bargaining by teachers, the Illinois Local Labor Relations Board do the same for municipal employees in Cook County, and the Illinois State Labor Relations Board do likewise downstate. The last agency would cover bargaining by Regional Transportation Authority employees.

- Set forth procedures for topics of bargaining — wages, hours and working conditions.

- Legalize strikes except by firefighters and law-enforcement personnel and other "essential services" employees.

- Stipulate that binding arbitration would settle grievances over language in current contracts.

- Allow non-unionized employees to be assessed a "fair share" fee to support union activities but not allow the fee to include political contributions by unions.

"The workers of Poland," State Rep. James McPike, D-Alton, a sponsor of one of the bills, told the crowd of teachers, "have told the world they want to be represented by free and independent trade unions. To me there is no difference between the steelworkers of Poland and the teachers of Illinois."

Cable TV firm fined for construction delays

WHEELING—Failing to satisfy construction deadlines, Cablenet, Inc. has been fined \$6,200, with the possibility of still more penalties to come, as a result of action taken Monday, Sept. 19, by the Village Board.

The fine reflects Wheeling's portion of a total \$62,000 penalty recommended by the Northwest Municipal Cable Council, which represents the ten communities served by Cablenet. Each municipal

penalty must vote individually on whether to impose a penalty.

According to the terms of the cable contract, Cablenet was obligated to complete its cable system in all primary service areas by an Aug. 1 deadline. The penalty is based on a \$200 per-day fine for the month of August, and may continue until service is fully activated.

"CABLENET ADMITTED the system was not operational per the franchise agreement," said Finance

Director Greg Peters, who also serves as Wheeling's representative on the Cable Council.

Peters reported that the number of complaints from subscribers have more than tripled as a result of the delays. Many complaints indicated that a large number of people were being installed, but not receiving a signal.

Trustee Roger Powers charged that Cablenet was guilty of "attempted deception" by promising,

and billing for, services not rendered.

In the entire Cablenet area, Peters said 1,244 subscribers have paid for service, but are not receiving a signal. Discussions still underway with Cablenet are exploring the possibility of a rebate to these subscribers.

AT A Sept. 12 Cable Council meeting, Cablenet officials defended their efforts, blaming the delays on breaks in the cable lines caused

by outside interference and bad weather. Cablenet proposed a new completion schedule, requiring a minimum of 60 working days, beginning Sept. 19, to get the subscriber network in operational order. No deadlines were provided for the activation of the institutional and inter-connect systems.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said there was "no question" the delays were costing Wheeling franchise fee revenues.

Officials question need for autistic home

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling village officials say they aren't satisfied that there's a need for the home that a Morton Grove group plans to build on Elmhurst Road for autistic adults.

BLARE House Inc., wants to construct town-house-style buildings on Elmhurst Road, just north of Hintz Road, for as many as 45 men and women who suffer from autism — a mental disorder characterized by withdrawal and a tendency to avoid contact with others.

Wheeling officials will be at a public hearing before the Health Systems Agency at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Wheeling village council chamber, 255 W. Dundee Road. The agency recommends which operations are awarded federal money, a necessary part of BLARE House's year-to-year funding plans.

Village Attorney James Rhodes said the village isn't for or against the plan, but just interested in finding out specific concerns that the village has.

"WE QUESTION whether a need has been determined for this kind of facility in Wheeling," he said. "We want the people of Wheeling to know, too, that



we are checking into this so that we know what is going on in the village."

The village still has to consider a zoning variation requested by the group but Rhodes said the zoning board won't be asking questions like "Where will the people in these homes work?" or "Where will they be coming from?"

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village is also concerned about why Wheeling was chosen and if the town houses will have any benefit for Wheeling. The village also questions such a large complex for autistic adults, he said, because BLARE House founder Francine Bernstein has said "all along that they should be out in

society and yet they are concentrating them all in one area."

Bernstein, the mother of a 25-year-old autism victim, said she doesn't understand why Wheeling is suddenly so concerned. "We explained this all at the public hearings after we bought the land," she said.

Bernstein bought the 3.5-acre lot in 1982 with plans to build 12 town houses for the autistic people and their supervisors. The permanent home could employ as many as 100 area people, Bernstein said. Public hearings in October 1982 brought few objections from residents near the proposed site, she said.

"WE CHOSE WHEELING because the land happened to be available at the right price," she said, "there isn't any other special reason why we picked Wheeling over another place."

"These people will be in three groups of four town houses so they will be living in normal homes," she said. "I would think the village of Wheeling would benefit because we are developing land that has been undeveloped so far."

Zoning changes must still be approved by the village board and there are no plans now to have that done.

Bernstein said a group of individuals from the North Shore have promised support for the \$1.2 million construc-

tion project. The Governor's Plan Council is granting BLARE House almost \$40,000 in "starter money," she said. After that, funds to keep the home running will come from a grant

from the federal Department of Mental Health and the plan council.

Construction is planned for the spring.

BLARE House has opened homes for

three and four adults in Forest Park, Glenview and Highland Park. The group has plans to open a home at 940 Pebble Drive in Wheeling and another in Schaumburg.

9-25-83 Herald

THE WHEELING Village Board Monday will look at the town's scavenger ordinance, rules that govern trash collectors.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Village Attorney James Rhodes said the village has had a request this year from a business seeking a scavenger license, but that is not what prompted the review. The discussion is part of a routine review of all village codes, he said.

WHEELING VILLAGE officials are expected to question Tuesday the proposed construction of 12 townhouses on Elmhurst Road where 45 autistic adults will live.

The Health Systems Agency will hold a public hearing on the issue at 6:30 p.m. in the Wheeling Village council chamber, 255 W. Dundee Road.

A Morton Grove parent group, BLARE House, Inc., plans to build the townhouses they say will be one of the first homes of its type in the state for autistic adults. Little is known about autism, a disease that makes people withdraw into their own world.

Village officials say they aren't satisfied there is a need for the home in Wheeling and question why the village was picked for the site.

BLARE House founder Francine Bernstein said she chose Wheeling because the land was available at a good price. Two or three residents would probably be from Wheeling and others would come from the Northwest suburban area and Chicago, she said.



A mother's pain prompts a crusade to provide homes

by Anne Burris

Herald staff writer 9/25/83

When Bradley Bernstein was two years old, he just stopped talking. Twenty-three years later, he still has not uttered an intelligible word or phrase and can spend hours picking at his knuckle or playing with a set of keys.

He's not deaf and he's not stupid. What he is, his mother will tell you sadly, is autistic. And she doesn't know why.

Sitting in the dusty back room of a Chicago bingo parlor, Francine Bernstein begins to recite her son's life story. It's a story whose principal characters are doctors and legislators. It is filled with battles and separations and a parent's guilt.

WHILE SHE counts the income from the night's bingo games — which will be used to help pay for homes for autistic adults in Wheeling and Schaumburg — Mrs. Bernstein tells of how she watched her son's vocabulary slip away, becoming increasingly perplexed by doctors' reassurances that he was a fine, healthy boy.

The pamphlet she keeps in her briefcase explains that autism is "a severely incapacitating, lifelong developmental disability... that occurs in approximately 5 of every 10,000 births." Its symptoms include "slow development or lack of physical, social and learning skills, immature rhythms of speech, abnormal responses to sensations, abnormal ways of relating to people, objects and events."

But the pamphlet is relatively new, and when Bradley first stopped communicating his pediatrician didn't know about autism. It was not until a year later, when Mrs. Bernstein discovered her son playing with broken



FRANCINE BERNSTEIN

glass, oblivious to the blood that flowed from his finger, that she found a doctor who was willing to perform a battery of tests to diagnose his problem.

"ONE OF THE FIRST signs of autism is that the child appears not to hear," Mrs. Bernstein said. "One of the tests was a hearing test where you sit in a soundproof room and there are all these loud, screeching noises. Bradley just sat there and played with his toys, but when the woman called his name, he looked up."

The woman who administered the hearing test was the first person to diagnose Bradley's problem.

"She told me he was autistic," Mrs. Bernstein recalls, "and I said he couldn't even draw."

"When we found out what it was, we were devastated. They didn't know anything about it and a psychiatrist told us the prognosis was guarded, which meant they didn't know what was going to happen to him."

Because autism was given a name and description only 19 years earlier, the Bernsteins found themselves relying on professionals who knew little about the condition.

AT THAT TIME, Mrs. Bernstein says, it was believed to be a psychological disorder. "'Mom and dad caused it, especially mom, because they were cold.' But we weren't cold people. To get him into this school, we had to have psychiatric treatment and he had to have it too. It's ludicrous what they put us through. Of course I felt guilty."

Because they believed they were the cause of Bradley's autism, the Bernsteins agreed to send him to a special school in Florida when he was six years old. By the time he was 11, however, the couple had learned a great deal about autism and decided to bring him home to Morton Grove and find treatment and a school for him in Illinois.

But there were few places for a child with Bradley's problems and Mrs. Bernstein soon found herself leading a crusade to establish schools and homes for autistic children and adults in the Chicago area.

In 1971, she started the Rimland School in Chicago and five years ago started a residential program in conjunction with the school. Now, Mrs.

Bernstein and a group of volunteers calling themselves BLARE House Inc. are getting set to open homes for 45 autistic adults in Wheeling and four more in Schaumburg. When it opens, Bradley will move to the Schaumburg house.

"EVENTUALLY, we won't be around," Mrs. Bernstein says. "We know that an autistic person has to have supervision and be taken care of by someone. We feel it is wise to do this while we are young enough to make sure he is in a good place."

In Wheeling, where 12 townhouses are proposed, village officials are saying they are not sure there is a need for such a facility. Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village is also concerned about whether the development will hold any benefit for the village.

But in Schaumburg, Mrs. Bernstein said she was pleasantly surprised by the strong show of support her project received from village officials and residents. "One woman we talked to even offered to bake cookies."

The neighbors' reactions were appropriate, Mrs. Bernstein says, because there is no reason to fear an autistic child or adult. "These people like to keep to themselves and only become aggressive to others if they are bothering them."

When Bradley sits in a restaurant, his boyish good looks draw winks and smiles from young girls at nearby tables, and the girls will continue to flirt with him until he begins to wave his fingers in the air or exhibit some other

strange behavior.

"It took us a lot of years to accept him, but we found that if you look in the right places, you get rewards," Mrs. Bernstein said. "When a woman is pregnant she has dreams and hopes and feelings that her child will be marvelous and special. As the years go by with normal children the dreams erode. He may not get straight A's or he may decide not to be a doctor."

"But when you have an autistic child, all of your dreams are shot down in five minutes in a doctor's office. You don't have any hope and it's very difficult to have to face that."

Mrs. Bernstein is keeping her fingers crossed that the Schaumburg house will be able to open this year, but the state has dragged its heels on funding. The result is BLARE House volunteers must spend one night a week running a bingo game.

Still, with each new home or school, Mrs. Bernstein is able to feel a little less guilt and realize a greater sense of the good which has come from her son's condition.

"I will get these houses opened no matter what," Mrs. Bernstein says. "I have no intention of ever backing down. It's just too important."

Resident hits proposed home for autistic

by Kathy Waugh

9-28-83

A Wheeling woman says she'll fight plans to build autistic houses for 45 adults behind her home at 657 S. Elmhurst Road.

Ellen Brough said she and her five children moved into a home across from Wheeling High School seven years ago and liked the area because it is made up of single-family homes.

The proposed construction of 12 town houses would "look bad in the neighborhood," she said, and autistic adults would "probably be harassed by school children who don't know any better."

"KIDS WILL BE kids and they don't know anything about autism," she said. "What if they got one of these autistic children riled up? I hear that they can double their strength when they are provoked."

Brough said she was also worried for the autistic adults' safety because there are railroad tracks near the site,

a retention lake and several industrial businesses.

Brough and Wheeling Village officials will be at a Health Systems Agency public hearing at 6:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

But Francine Bernstein, founder of BLARE House, the group planning to build the town houses, said the autistic adults are not any stronger than anyone else and will be safe at a work center during the day and under supervision in the evenings.

AUTISM IS A little-known-about disease where an individual withdraws from society and essentially focuses his life on his own little world.

The village will have to approve zoning changes to build the town houses so a road leading out from the property can be built, Brough said. "I complained about this last year when they bought the property and talked about putting a road right next to my house so they can get to the town houses," she said.

"I didn't purchase a corner lot," she said. "I don't want a road right next to my bedroom window. I'm not out to cause these people trouble, I just don't want an autistic home back there. I don't see any need for it."

Brough said she is also against the homes because only a few residents in the home would be from Wheeling.

"IF I HAD A child I'd want to be near him," she said. "If they are coming from the city, build a home in the city."

Village officials say they will be at the meeting to voice opposition to the

town houses although they see no problem with BLARE House plans to house four autistic adults in a home at 940 Pebble Drive, Wheeling.

Village Attorney James Rhodes said he'll question why Bernstein picked Wheeling and why they decided to put so many adults together.

Bernstein contends that the state needs a larger facility to house all the autistic adults in the suburban and Chicago area. She said she is moving to Wheeling because she got a good buy on the land.

A legend still flies high at 75

Pal-Waukee's George Priester remains one of aviation's best

By Dori Meinert

GEORGE PRIESTER is the stuff legends are made of.

A former railroad engineer and 30-year owner of Pal-Waukee Airport, near Wheeling, 75-year-old Priester has survived three in-flight fires and several near-misses with old steam locomotives, including one he ran through the wall of a roundhouse.

"I probably wore out half a dozen guardian angels trying to keep me from killing myself," Priester said with a chuckle.

Priester, who lives in Inverness, was the sole Chicago area resident among the first 10 people who were recently placed on the Illinois Aviation Honor Roll for their contributions to the advancement of aviation.

It is a distinction for which he credits the mechanics who kept the plane engines in good repair and "helped me live so long."

AT AGE 15, Priester joined his father in working for the Chicago & North Western Railway. He was a mechanic's assistant in 1927 when an acquaintance asked him to look at an airplane engine. The plane's owners had no money to pay George for the repairs. Instead, they offered him flight time.

It was the beginning of a lifelong sojourn that would see Priester lord over a 253-acre airport, "the world's busiest private airport," which in Illinois is surpassed only by Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

Priester has collected a number of "firsts" in his lifetime. In 1946, he



became the first Federal Aviation Administration-designated instrument flight instructor in the Chicago area, and went on to training more than 1,000 pilots.

AND WHILE many of them have long since retired, Priester still remains active. Since his wife of 47 years died in 1981, he flies even more often, but as a concession to age, he never flies alone.

Priester was one of the first to provide private air transportation for television news coverage, flying newsman John Cameron Swayze of the Camel Caravan Newsliner around the country in the early 1950s.

He also flew Wally Phillips for his traffic reports, "but then they went

to helicopters."

"The glorified eggbeaters," as Priester calls them, "scare me to death."

When he was 65, Priester astonished FAA officials by obtaining his jet rating, which involved a reversal of roles with his son, Charles, who was his flight instructor.

Priester purchased Pal-Waukee Airport in 1953 using \$25,000 he made selling a flying boat to chewing gum magnate P.K. Wrigley for the down payment.

UNDER HIS leadership, the airport evolved from a single, sod landing strip with only several dozen tenant aircraft to six paved runways and 560 aircraft, including more than 30 owned by George J. Priester Aviation Service. The handful of employees he started with has grown to 170 full-time workers, with an additional 35 or so during the peak summer season.

A pragmatic man, Priester long ago accepted his mortality and began working to ensure Pal-Waukee's future through its sale to Prospect Heights and Wheeling. The municipalities have applied for federal funds to buy and renovate the airport, at an estimated cost of about \$52.7 million.

The rising costs of operation are making it difficult for privately owned airports to compete with the publicly owned, he said.

"We do \$2 (million) to \$3 million a month in business, and we have all we can do to pay our bills," Priester said.



George Priester, 75, bought Pal-Waukee Airport in 1953 and has watched it grow to its current status as the second busiest airport in the state. Priester hopes the 253-acre site continues to be an airport after he is gone. "I'd hate to see it become a shopping center."

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Cops get pay raise

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WHEELING—The Village Board, at its Oct. 3 meeting, approved a new two-year contract for its 30-member police force.

The agreement calls for a 3 percent pay boost retroactive to May 1, a 2.5 percent increase starting Nov. 1 and an additional 3.5 percent raise on May 1, 1984.

The pact also provides for an increase in uniform allowances from \$300 to \$400 for uniformed officers, and from \$325 to \$425 for juvenile officers and detectives.

Salary has been the main issue since talks began last spring. Negotiations reached a stalemate in August when a federal mediator was called in. It took the mediator just one meeting to end the deadlock. The interim period has been spent working out the fine details and some language items.

THE NEW two-year pact is "mu-

tually beneficial" to both the village and police, said Edward Theriault, a police officer and member of the department's negotiating team. Village administrators can plan expenses for two years, while officers also can point to some long-term guarantees.

"The agreement gives us security on our benefits and also provides for a salary increase in the second year, without opening up these areas for renegotiation," said Theriault.

Theriault said the increase in uniform allowances was the first in the last five years.

Police had been working without a contract since May 1, when the old agreement expired. The previous pact was for one year and included a 5 percent raise for police. Officers' salaries range from \$19,552 to \$26,353.

Trustees order new traffic plan

10-13-83 Life

WHEELING—With the promise of financial assistance from the federal government, local officials are moving forward with plans to untie a traffic knot along Dundee Road, just west of the municipal complex.

The traffic congestion is caused by the offset intersection of Northgate Parkway and Boehmer Road, at Dundee Road. Because the two minor streets do not line up at Dundee Road, traffic becomes snarled on this major east-west thoroughfare.

The traffic problems are of "recent origin," said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski, stemming from increased development of the Northgate Industrial Park, located north of the site. Cars at-

tempting to turn left from Dundee Road into the industrial park cause lengthy back-ups, leading to delays for motorists, he said.

TO RESOLVE the situation, village trustees have authorized the spending of \$47,053 to hire consultants Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc. of Evanston to study and prepare a new design for the intersection that will facilitate traffic flow. Possible improvements include the realignment and widening of this intersection, turn lanes and new signals.

To pay for these improvements, local officials will lean heavily on federal aid.

Fialkowski said construction is expected to begin next year.



Cycling senior

10-13-83 Life

AGE, MANY CONTENTD, is a state of mind, and certainly shouldn't be an obstacle to doing most anything you put that mind to. Any doctor will tell you that exercise isn't something just for the young. And so, when a bikeathon was planned for earlier this month to benefit senior citizens programs, it should have been no surprise that a few of the prospective beneficiaries were also among the active participants, including John D. Storaaski. (Photo by Eva Paredes)

Printing firm gets IRB financing

10-13-83 Life

WHEELING—Trustees approved a \$6 million industrial revenue bond issue for a local printing firm at a regular board meeting, Oct. 3.

The Segerdahl Corporation, located for 10 years at 1351 South Wheeling Road, was seeking the bond issue for two reasons. About \$2.3 million will be used to refund a previous bond issued by the village in 1981, while the remainder will go toward the purchase of a new printing press.

The expansion of existing facilities is expected to produce up to 20 additional jobs with the company, which already employs 145 people, said company President Earl Segerdahl.

"We appreciate the support shown by the community, and we will do our utmost to help Wheeling

in any way we can in the future," said Segerdahl.

THIS FINANCIAL AGREEMENT is only the latest example of cooperation between the public and private sectors on the local scene. Since 1978, the village has sponsored 19 separate revenue bond sales, helping to bring more than \$60 million to industrial businesses at below-market rates.

Municipal financial consultant Morton Lang noted that the new bonds could not be issued unless the 1981 bonds had been refunded. Lang assured board members that the transaction did not place the village in a financially liable position.

"In this type of financing, the village will merely lend its name," said Lang.

Supervision of liquor sales sought

10/13/83

WHEELING—Village board members, including Village President Sheila Schultz, said they would approve another packaged-liquor license in town if the store can show that liquor will be kept away from underage drinkers.

Steve Kravitz, owner of Tahoe Village Pharmacy, 1760 Hintz Road, is requesting a liquor license for his south-

side store because of requests from adults who shop in his store.

"I guess I wouldn't mind if every store had a liquor license if they were able to control the sale," Trustee Charles Kerr said. "But at the start there's a lot of interest and as time goes by it gets lax and we have people violating the law."

SCHULTZ, WHO serves as the vil-

lage's liquor commissioner, questioned the ability to store and stock liquor and still keep it separate from other pharmacy items. Kravitz said about 700 square feet of storage space is currently not being used and that a wall would separate liquor from other products.

Kravitz said most people in his store's area travel to Buffalo Grove or

other surrounding towns because there is no place closer to buy packaged liquor.

Most of the village's 26 licenses are scattered in the center and north end of town along Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Walgreen's Drugs and Mark Drug and Liquor, both on Dundee Road, have the only village packaged-liquor licenses.

Unexpected obstacles add to cost of water pipeline

12/14/83 Herald
Unexpected costs have increased the price of bringing Lake Michigan water to the village next summer by about \$36,000. Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski said.

The cost increase is from one of the four companies — Mola Sewerage Contractor, Inc. of Oakbrook Terrace — putting pipelines and water storage tanks in town to accept the water.

Much of the money is needed to work around unexpected obstacles workers found underground, Fialkowski said. The bulk of the increase,

\$26,500 is for 1,000 new feet of pipeline on Hintz Road that village maps indicated was already there and could be used.

Wheeling is one of four towns building a water pipeline from Evanston to the Northwest suburbs because studies show suburban wells are drying up. The village's entire share of pipeline costs is about \$11 million so far, \$1 million under the original estimate.

FIALKOWSKI SAID the increase in Mola's contract, about 5 percent over the original contract agreement of

\$710,000, is still under the original estimated cost of \$830,000.

Fialkowski said money for the added work will be paid for out of the original loan because the increase is still under the original estimate for the work.

Last year to pay for the pipeline, the village raised property taxes 48 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and increased water rates from 90 cents to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons for an average increase of about \$131 for a person with a home assessed at \$19,000.

The week ahead

Village may OK pipeline cost hike

Herald 10-17-83
The Wheeling Village Board tonight is expected to approve a \$4,000 cost increase for building pipelines needed to bring Lake Michigan water to the village.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The \$4,000 is being added to the village's contract with the Mola Sewerage Company of Oak Brook, which is building about 1/2 of the new water mains needed to handle lake water. The addition brings the total contract to \$746,000.

Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski said the additional money is to compensate the company for unexpected obstacles. The cost is still be-

low the original estimated cost of \$830,000.

Pan Am group may opt to run Pal-Waukeee Airport

by Sandra A.R. Smith

Herald staff writer

10-15-83 Herald
A subsidiary of Pan American World Airways has made a pitch to Prospect Heights to manage Pal-Waukeee Airport if the city should buy the airport.

Officials of Pan Am World Service Inc., based in Teterboro, N.J., say they see a potential for a profit at the airport.

Prospect Heights, along with neighboring Wheeling, has voted to "pre-apply" for \$32 million in federal aid. The

towns would have to chip in about \$1.8 million, which most likely would be covered by some type of fee on airport users.

Scott Piper, general manager of airports for Pan Am World Services, said his firm provides professional management services for three other airports about the same size as Pal-Waukeee and said each has turned a profit since Pan Am stepped in.

The year before Pan Am managed Westchester County Airport outside New York City, the airport lost

\$167,000. The first year Pan Am stepped in the airport returned \$500,000 to the county and the second year it returned \$1.5 million, Piper said.

Piper had a similar success story for Teterboro Airport, also outside New York City. Since Pan Am took over in 1970, revenues have increased more than 400 percent, he said.

ALTHOUGH PIPER would not say what kind of profits could be made at Pal-Waukeee, he said Pan Am would

not apply to Prospect Heights to become the airport's manager unless "the business is there to support us."

"The potential is there," he said.

The city of Prospect Heights would pay all the airport's operating costs, salaries and overhead for about 20 employees plus a management fee to Pan Am, Piper said. At Westchester, that fee is about \$175,000 a year, he said. In addition, Pan Am collects 10 percent of the gross revenue concessionaires make at its three airports.

The city would receive sales tax rev-

enue from new suppliers that may set up shops near the airport as the volume of airport users increases, Piper said.

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan said his "upfront feeling is that the professional approach is better than having a city administrator" manage the airport. But he said more research needs to be done.

A study commissioned by the city recommends that the city operate the airport with a small number of people

and add employees as needed. But Alouzo Baker, a member of the Pal-Waukeee Airport Citizens Advisory Committee, said that may be a haphazard approach to management. The report also recommends that some of the maintenance work be "farmed out," Baker said, but a central management firm could maintain tighter control over costs and labor.

Baker said the committee will have a recommendation to make to the city council on the purchase of the airport within the next two to three months.

Flood insurance policies change

10/14/83 Herald
Wheeling Village officials say they will help explain changes in the National Flood Insurance Program for residents carrying policies.

The federally funded program has hiked its premium rate an average of \$18 annually and is now limiting what it will cover in basement damage for any new insurance policy.

Under the new plan, the average payment will rise from \$121 to \$133 annually, Wheeling Village Engineer Mike Klitzke said.

Any new policy will limit what is

covered in the basement to furnaces, heat pumps, air conditioner, hot water heaters, washers, dryers freezers and other utility-type installations.

FLOOD DAMAGE to such items as furnishings, walls, floors, ceilings and other construction or improvements in the basement will not be covered.

Klitzke said he would answer any questions new or old policy owners have concerning the flood insurance.

In addition, higher deductibles above the basic \$500 deductible will be available after April 1, 1984 for people who want to reduce their premium but still have coverage for major catastrophes.

For further information, policy holders should contact their insurance agent, the village at 459-2620 or the National Flood Insurance Program at 800-638-6620

Village disposal wants facility zoning change

10-15-83 Herald
Wheeling Disposal, the company that provides garbage service for much of village, is asking Cook County zoning officials for permission to continue packaging trash at its Sumac Road facility.

The company started four years ago, picking up residential and commercial garbage and taking it to a garbage dump. Two years ago, the company began taking trash to its building at 350 Sumac Road and compacting three or four truck loads into one before transporting it to the dump site.

But now the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency said it won't issue a permit for a transfer station — the place where the trash is compacted — unless the company gets county zoning to operate what is

considered a "heavier" type of industry.

"I'VE INSPECTED the site myself and don't see any problem with the zoning change request," said Cook County Zoning Board Secretary Nicholas A. Phillips. "Everything else they do there is accepted in their current zoning. It's just the transferring that should have the different zoning."

The zoning board will hold a public hearing on the request at 3 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights.

Russ Erffmeyer, president of Wheeling Disposal, said his company uses the compacting system primarily to press together wood or paper scraps that can be sent to Waukegan for recycling.

Haeger narrows choices for 2 deputy chief jobs

10-19-83 Herald

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger, who last summer won the power to hire his top administrators from outside the village, said he has trimmed the list of deputy chief applicants to 14 and only two of them from the Wheeling police department.

Haeger said he received a total of 81 applications for two deputy chief openings. He would not identify any of the finalists.

The village board created the positions in June by changing the job title from lieutenant to deputy chief, which took control over the jobs away from the Police and Fire Commission and gave it to the village manager.

Haeger said he wanted more control over his top administrators. The change, he said, would bring in the "most qualified" worker and enable him to "delegate a great deal of his responsibility to people he truly trusts."

AT THE time, Haeger said he felt there were qualified people on staff who would have "the same shot" at the position, but he said no special consideration would automatically go to a Wheeling officer because he was from inside the department.

The one remaining lieutenant's position will be eliminated by attrition once the deputy chiefs are hired, Haeger said. Haeger never filled two vacant lieutenants spots once he came to Wheeling nearly two years ago, saying he would like to eliminate the positions to bring in deputy chiefs.

"We have been weeding through the applications since they started coming in," Haeger said. "Now we are having those people submit more material, like a writing sample, and then we'll have them go through a psychological and polygraph test."

Haeger said he, Mount Prospect

Chief Ronald Pavlock and Wheeling Personnel Director Bhehua Peterson will make a final recommendation to Manager Thomas Markus. "I'd like to have the selections made and the people in place by January," Haeger said.

The list will be narrowed to eight by Oct. 31, he said, and then applicants will attend a three-day assessment seminar that studies a person's ability to make decisions and carry out commands.

Haeger said only about 15 applications came from within Illinois. "The pension system in the State of Illinois does not allow a police officer to transfer from agency to agency so I'm sure that's why we haven't heard from many people inside the state."

Other applicants are from surrounding states, New York, California, Colorado and some are from southern states, he said.

Village board wrapup

My Pie restaurant wins village OK

10-19-83 Herald

Plans for a My Pie International Inc. pizza chain to move into the former Lum's restaurant building at 102 S. Milwaukee Ave. were approved this week by the Wheeling Village Board. The president of a Winnetka-based pizza restaurant chain, Lawrence Aronson, says he hopes to have the restaurant open by January.

Aronson plans to expand the building and construct a glass-encased atrium for restaurant seating.

The My Pie chain has 17 restaurants throughout the country, including two in Chicago. The chain also is building a new restaurant in Wilmette, as the first two restaurants in suburban locations.

The restaurant features deep-dish pizza, pasta dishes and sandwiches.

Addition made to pipeline contract

The board also approved a \$4,000 increase to the village's contract with the Mola Sewerage Company of Oak Brook, one of the three companies laying pipeline for the village's Lake Michigan Water project.

The addition is the third on the agreement, bringing the total contract to \$746,000, about \$36,000 over the initial bid. Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski said even with the 5 percent increase, the price still is substantially below the original estimate of \$830,000.

Some of the work, Fialkowski said, includes pipe laying that needed to be Done but had not been assigned to a contractor.

Gifts aim to boost Jennifer

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said Jennifer, an honor roll student at Holmes Junior High, asked for her school books Tuesday night. They were brought over by Principal Avi Poster.

"Jennifer looked fine," Poster said Wednesday. "And she will do fine because she has great parents who are loving and supportive."

Lawrence said his daughter spent most of the day Wednesday watching television, "just relaxing" and accepting gift upon gift that was brought to the family's home.

Among the gifts given were flowers, a flock of helium balloons delivered by a clown and a number of stuffed animals, which Lawrence said were a favorite with Jennifer.

"People we don't even know say, 'Here, take this for Jennifer,'" said Lawrence, gesturing with his arm as if handing over another stuffed animal.

HE SAID the nightmarish experience has shown him and Jennifer's mother, Frances, who declined to talk Wednesday, "how people can really pull together when they really have to."

Approximately 300 people helped in an intensive search for the girl on Sunday, combing fields, vacant lots and other spots throughout the suburban area.

The investigation for the girl eventually led back to her block where Jennifer was found Tuesday at 3:14 a.m. in the crawl space of a house two doors away, where she was bound, gagged and raped during her three-and-a-half day disappearance.

A Cook County grand jury Wednesday handed down a true bill endorsing charges brought against 27-year-old Thomas Dahm, 33 S. Schoenbeck Road, who was arrested after he allegedly confessed to the abduction during questioning by police.

Police were led to the arrest of Dahm after receiving tips from passing motorists who say they saw someone fitting Dahm's description walking up the Dahm driveway with the girl.

Dahm is being held on \$1 million bond in Cook County Jail, charged with two counts of rape and deviate sexual assault, four counts of taking indecent liberties with a child, aggravated kidnapping, armed violence and aggravated battery. He is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing Nov. 15.

Well-wishers ease Jennifer's recovery

Herald 11-10-83

by Mike Muhr

Herald staff writer

The congestion of television crews, friends, neighbors and curiosity seekers that spilled into the street in front of Jennifer Monte's house on Tuesday evening was nowhere to be seen Wednesday. But car horns continued to honk throughout the day as if still trying to get through the confusion.

Although the Monte family sought quiet Wednesday, friends, fellow Wheeling residents and other well-wishers continued to bathe in the

celebration of the 13-year-old Wheeling girl's safe return by honking their car horns and cheering as they drove by Frances Monte's ranch-style house at 25 S. Schoenbeck Road.

SPEAKING QUIETLY from the front door of the home, Jennifer's father, Lawrence, said his daughter "slept real good" Tuesday night — her first night back home since her abduction last Friday.

While he did not want to comment on his daughter's physical condition because of possible legal action, he

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**THANKS
TO ALL WHO
HELPED FIND
JENNIFER MONTE**

Herald photo

WHEELING OFFICIALS joined other residents of that community and others in celebrating the safe return of Jennifer Monte. This sign appeared outside village hall on Thursday.



Thomas Dahm kidnapping suspect



Herald photo

Dundee roadwork 10/5/83 Herald

Crews from Arrow Road Construction Company in Mount Prospect are tearing up Dundee Road in Wheeling between the Soo Line Railroad tracks and Wolf Road. Construction on the two-thirds of a mile has brought traffic down to one lane in many areas and is causing traffic backups during peak traveling hours. Work includes removing the center barrier and adding a left turn lane.

Senior citizen event coordinator hired

10/5/83 Herald
A former Elk Grove Park District employee, Barbara Hansen, has been hired by the village of Wheeling to coordinate senior citizen activities.

She replaces Julie Woods who will move into a full-time position as assistant village planner.

A thirty-year resident of Northbrook, Hansen begins work October 17. She will be responsible for planning and coordinating village senior citizen programs as well as serve as the director for the senior citizen activity center when it opens.

The center is scheduled to be built next spring on Milwaukee Avenue just north of Dundee Road. The building will be the third in a senior center complex which also includes an ambulatory care center that is an extension of Holy Family Hospital and a 100-unit senior citizen apartment high-rise.

Hansen graduated from De Paul University in 1979 with a degree in gerontology. Her most recent position was director of Elk Grove's Grant Wood Senior Center.

Autistic care facility plan draws opposition

10-6-83
By MARY WROBLEWSKI

A Morton Grove group, which has plans for a 45-bed facility in Wheeling for autistic adults, has met opposition from community residents and village officials who question the need for such a facility.

Another matter of concern to Village Attorney James Rhodes is the fact that the group owns two other autistic facilities, one at 940 Pebble Drive, Wheeling, and another in Schaumburg which have been vacant for almost a year. The homes are capable of housing four autistic adults.

"If they can't fund two small homes, how are they going to fund the bigger one?" Rhodes asked.

However, the founder of BLARE House, Inc., (which stands for Better Living for Autistics in Residential Environments), Francine Bernstein, said grant cutbacks in the Department of Mental Health have stalled the process. She said she is expecting additional money from the department within the next few weeks and expects to fill the homes "very soon."

The Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities also informed Bernstein on Friday that they would send her \$40,000 in starter money for the projects.

Funding for the 45-bed facility would also come from these sources.

BLARE House has proposed a 12-unit townhouse complex, which they have named Bradley Terrace, on 3.5 acres just north of Hintz Road on Elmhurst Road across the street from Wheeling High School. About 100 people would be employed for adults ages 18-25 who suffer from autism—a chronic illness which

leaves its victims mentally undeveloped, said Michael Athens, a psychologist at

Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. The 12 units would consist of three buildings which would contain three four-bedroom units and one three-bedroom unit.

BLARE House would lease the property, which is presently owned by a Florida woman, after the project is developed, Rhodes said. A private group has pledged to support the \$1.2 million construction project, but Bernstein declined to give the group's name.

The vacant property is directly in back of Jean Brough's home at 657 Elmhurst Road. While she said her family doesn't deny autistics have the right to live in a residential area, she wishes BLARE House would find a more suitable location.

She said her family is worried about the roadway Bernstein has proposed to build next to her home which she said would lead to more traffic on Elmhurst Road and a lack of privacy. Her family is also concerned that the market value of their home might decrease and that Wheeling High School students might bother the autistics.

Village officials, meanwhile, are doubting whether there is a local need for such a facility in Wheeling. While BLARE House has indicated their plans for bringing in 44 autistics from Illinois who are currently in out-of-state institutions, they have failed to document their plans.

This problem will hopefully be resolved at the next public hearing on Oct. 13, Rhodes said.

Village board wrapup

10/5/83 Herald Loan backing OK'd for printing firm

The Wheeling Village Board has agreed to lend its name to a \$6 million lower-interest loan for a Wheeling printing business.

The Segerdahl Corp., 1351 S. Wheeling Road, plans to provide 15 to 20 new jobs in the Wheeling area with the expansion of its magazine and catalog printing business.

In part, the \$6 million industrial revenue bond issue will pay for an additional press for the company. The remaining \$2.3 million is needed to pay off a 1981 loan also issued with the use of the village's name.

The village has no obligation to pay back the loan. But, by using the village's name, Segerdahl is able to borrow money at lower-than-normal interest rates because the bonds are sold to investors who do not have to pay federal income tax on interest earned.

The terms for the new loan have not been determined, Segerdahl President Earl Segerdahl said, because the company is still talking with several financial institutions. The 1981 loan for \$3 million was a 10-year agreement at 10 1/2 percent.

Engineering firm hired

The board hired an Evanston engineering firm to draw preliminary plans for redesigning the intersection on Dundee Road at Boehmer Road and Northgate Parkway.

Currently, the two roads that end at Dundee Road are not straight across from each other. Assistant Manager Bob Fialkowski said the village plans to use primarily federal money to move Boehmer Road and make the corner a "normal four-leg" intersection.

Barton-Aschman Associates of Evanston have been hired to design the intersection which will probably include closing the Wickes Corp. driveway on Dundee Road and putting an entrance to Wickes and a proposed Burger King restaurant on a service road that dumps into Boehmer Road.

Work is not expected to begin until 1985, said A. James Bates of the Evanston firm. The federal government is paying for 70 percent of the cost and the state is picking up about half of the remaining costs, Fialkowski said.

The village will have to pay \$47,000 for Barton-Aschman's preliminary engineering work.

Group easy on Cablenet fine

10-6-83 *Life*
By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—A recommendation against further fines to Cablenet Inc. will go to the Village Board within the next few days, said Finance Director Greg Peters.

Peters, who represents the village on the Cablenet Intergovernmental Cable Council, said he will suggest the board approve a revised completion schedule, allowing Cablenet until Dec. 25 to complete the subscriber network.

According to terms of the cable contract, Cablenet was obligated to complete its cable system in all

primary service areas by Aug. 1. Cablenet failed to meet this deadline, leading the 10 communities of the Cable Council to impose a \$62,000 fine.

THE PENALTY is based on a \$200 per-day fine for the month of August. The recommendation asks that the Cablenet communities not seek penalties for any time after Sept. 1.

Each municipality will decide whether to impose additional fines against Cablenet.

The Cable Council's recommendation also pushes back deadlines

to early next year for the completion of the institutional cable network, which will link public facilities.

This pending compromise comes on the heels of a shake-up in the upper management ranks of Cablenet.

CABLENET PRESIDENT Fred Klinkhammer, who took over the top post in recent weeks, admits that necessary precautions were not taken to ensure meeting the Aug. 1 deadline.

"We rushed," he said. However, Klinkhammer has already "laid out

a program to correct these deficiencies" and expects to "fulfill each and every commitment" made to all service areas.

Technically, Cablenet did complete its construction schedule on time, but was unable to provide quality service to its subscribers, Klinkhammer said.

In order to track down the existing problems, more than 5 million feet of cable lines will have to be retraced, he said.

Subscribers who have not been receiving full service will be given the options of a rebate or credit on future billings, he said.

Firm seeks village backing for loan

by Kathy Waugh

Herold staff writer 10-6-83

A Wheeling company that manufactures roller chains is asking the village to sponsor it for a \$1.65 million loan for a new office building.

The new office building at 1550 Abbott Drive in Wheeling would create about a dozen new jobs, said Larry Spungen, president of Peer Chain, 241 W. Palatine Road, Wheeling.

With the village's sponsorship, Peer Chain would be able to borrow money at lower interest rates because investors who buy the bonds, known as industrial revenue bonds, do not have to pay federal income tax on their earned interest. Although the village would lend its name to the bond issue, it would not be responsible for paying back the loan if the company could not.

"WE WANT TO expand and keep in-

dustry right here in Wheeling and this is the way to do it," Spungen said. "We've been very pleased with Wheeling and we just don't have the room here anymore."

Peer Chain manufactures roller chains for farm and industrial equipment.

Three other Peer divisions — Peer Chemical, Peer Bearings and Peer International — will remain in the Palatine Road office building. Peer Chain

will move down the street to Abbott Drive, improving a building and building an addition on to it.

A fifth Peer company, S.L.L. Textiles, will move into the neighboring office on Abbott and also bring more jobs to the area, Spungen said. S.L.L. Textiles manufactures cotton flannel sheets.

The length of the loan and other terms for the agreement are still under consideration, Spungen said.

Community news

Houses for autistic await agency nod

10-7-83 *Suburban*
By Dori Meinert *Trib*

THE SUBURBAN Cook County-Du Page County Health Systems Agency is expected to recommend next week whether BLARE [Better Living for Autistics in Residential Environments] House, a nonprofit organization based in Morton Grove, should receive state approval to build 12 town houses for 45 autistic adults in Wheeling.

The facility would more than triple the space in Illinois residential facilities for the autistic, according to mental health authorities.

The Cook-Du Page agency will make a recommendation to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board. Both agencies are required to determine whether a proposed health facility is needed. Approval from the state board is required before a health care provider can obtain some types of state funding.

The Wheeling Plan Commission last spring recommended rezoning the site of the proposed homes from single-family to multifamily for the town houses, and the recommendation is awaiting action by the Wheeling Village Board. Federal and state funds

to start and operate the supervised homes also have not been obtained.

YET FRANCINE Bernstein, BLARE House founder, is optimistic. "It's untapped. There are thousands of autistic people who are placed in institutions out of state or inappropriately, in nursing homes," said Bernstein, who has a 25-year-old autistic son.

There are an estimated 24 bed spaces in residential care facilities for autistic adults and children, Bernstein said.

For reasons still far from understood, autistic people are wrapped in their own worlds. Typically they don't speak or react to people around them, Bernstein said.

BLARE House was incorporated in July, 1981, to serve the northwest suburbs. The organization rented two single-family houses in Schaumburg and Wheeling, which will house four autistic adults each as soon as state funds are available, Bernstein said.

The 12 town houses proposed for a 3.5-acre site on Elmhurst Road north of Hintz Road in Wheeling will cost an estimated \$1.3 million to build and \$500,000 a year to operate.

The week ahead *Herold* 10-10-83

Village eyeing liquor permit for pharmacy

The Wheeling village board tonight will discuss a pharmacy's request for an license to sell packaged liquor.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The owner of Tahoe Village Pharmacy at 1760 Hintz Road, Steve Kravitz, said customer requests have prompted him to check into obtaining the license.

The only other packaged-liquor licenses in Wheeling are held by Walgreen's Drugs and Mark Drug and Liquor, both on Dundee Road in the middle of town. Tahoe Village Pharmacy is located on the village's southwestern border.

Although board President Sheila Schultz has the final say as liquor commissioner, trustees have discussed issuing, suspending and revoking licenses for the past two years. Trustee William Rogers said he sees no problem with creating an additional license and issuing it to Tahoe Village Pharmacy since it is on the south end of town where no other liquor licenses are held.

Village drugstore seeks to sell packaged liquor

10-11-83 *Herold*
A Wheeling pharmacy has asked the village for a license to sell packaged liquor.

"We've had several requests for packaged liquor from customers," Steve Kravitz, owner of Tahoe Village Pharmacy, 1760 Hintz Road. The store has been open for nine years.

Walgreen's Drugs and Mark Drug and Liquor, both on Dundee Road, have the only other village packaged-liquor licenses. Most of the village's 26 different types of liquor licenses belong to owners of restaurants, bars and stores along Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road.

Kravitz said most people in his area drive to Buffalo Grove for their liquor.

ALTHOUGH THE VILLAGE liquor decisions are made by its commissioner, board President Sheila Schultz, the board will discuss the request when it meets in committee at 8 p.m. Monday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Schultz could not be reached for comment but Trustee William Rogers said he sees no problem with issuing another license.

"As far as I know this is the only request in the Tahoe area," Rogers said. "If Buffalo Grove or Prospect Heights wanted to issue one across the street I would rather see Wheeling do it first."

Two years ago, the board voted to create a liquor commission made up of all the board members. But in May, state liquor officials instructed the village to return to a liquor commissioner because they did not have voter approval to form a commission.

Since then, the board has made plans to hold a referendum vote in November, asking residents to return to the commission type of jurisdiction. Board members advocate the change because "it's the best and most impartial way" to handle issuing, suspending and revoking liquor licenses.

Homes for autistic qualify to seek state funds

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer 10-12-83

A plan to build 45 town houses in Wheeling for autistic adults received backing Tuesday from the Cook County-DuPage County Health Systems Agency.

The HSA granted a Certification of Need for BLARE House, Inc., a Morton Grove group planning the town houses on South Elmhurst Road. With the certificate, BLARE House can go to the state health plan council for funding.

Francine Bernstein, president of BLARE House, said Tuesday's action was a "major step" in her attempt to build the second facility for autistic adults in the state.

A FACILITY for six adults is operating in a residential area of Oak Park and its director Timothy Andriano said he has a waiting list of 40 adults mostly from Illinois.

HSA approved the Certification of Need without discussion, but the facility cannot be built without a zoning change from the village.

The village plan commission will conduct a public hearing on the zoning request Thursday but no action is expected since BLARE House is requesting additional time to solve zoning problems.

In 1982, BLARE House bought 3.5 acres of land on South Elmhurst Road, just north of Hintz Road, contingent on a zoning change by the village. The land is set back from the road and only accessible by a narrow strip of property between two homes.

BERNSTEIN SAID she received

permission Monday from one neighbor to put a road beside his home.

Mark Torp, 705 S. Elmhurst Road, and Ellen Brough, 657 S. Elmhurst Road, live on either side of the BLARE House land.

Bernstein said Torp agreed to a narrowed version of the standard 66 foot street that would be requested by the village.

Brough will be offered additional land and fencing if she wants, Bernstein said.

Village attorney James Rhodes said

despite any agreements Bernstein might make with neighbors, the village board still must approve any new design for a road.

Bernstein said she'll take the village to court if it does not approve some manageable zoning agreement.

Rhodes acknowledged that the land was subdivided "improperly" by the former landowner who once owned both the Brough and BLARE House property. But he said anyone buying property should know what they're buying.

Railroad crossing repair work nears

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer 10-11-83

Work may begin as early as this fall on a railroad crossing that is expected to improve emergency service, reduce industrial traffic on Camp McDonald Road and open up land for development.

Developers of a Wheeling industrial park say that after three years of poor economic conditions and dealing with the Illinois Commerce Commission for final approval for the crossing, they are ready to install a railroad crossing where Old Willow Road ends at the Soo Line Ry. tracks.

"What industrial land development has been going through is a depression not a recession for the past two years, but the sun is beginning to peak through and if what we hear about a recovery means anything than I think we might get going on this fairly soon," said developer Bob McLennan of McLennan and Thebault Inc. of Elk Grove.

MCLENNAN IS developing 120 acres of industrial park land south of Palatine Road with an east border on the Soo Line Ry. tracks. The land is just north of the Foster Industrial Park.

The park sat idle for three years while the owner went back and forth with the Illinois Commerce Commission seeking final approval of the crossing.

McLennan's company has released about a dozen bid specifications, he said, but has set no date for awarding the bid.

"It will be either this fall or in the spring," he said, "but contractors are very hesitant to accept bids this small when there are so many big road projects going on that they can bid on."



HERALD MAP

The railroad company will do installation work for the crossing although the developer will pick up most of the cost, estimated at about \$300,000.

THE CROSSING will open up the north end of the park off of Willow Road and also serve 55 acres of developed industrial land along Foster Avenue, McLennan said. A street connecting Willow and Foster Avenue will cross the tracks and also provide better emergency service to the area.

Village Engineer Mike Klitzke said the crossing will be an added benefit not only for the emergency traffic but also because it will cut down on industrial traffic on Camp McDonald Road.

Approximately 300 acres of industrial park land is still undeveloped, Klitzke said. About 40 acres at Palatine and Wolf roads and another 60 at Hintz Road and Glenn Avenue still sit idle in the southern end of the village. Another 200 acres of Johnson property lies inside the village's northern limit on Lake-Cook Road, he said.

"So, there are still some large potential industrial development areas in there we would like to see movement on," he said.

Pedal power is her moving force

Life 9/29/83

By JACKIE DORNOS
Correspondent

FIRST THE good news. The City of Wheeling was building a fine new center for its seniors. The bad news — no funds had been allocated for furnishings.

When citizen of the month Phyllis Harmon heard of this sorry state of affairs, she suggested a bike-a-thon to raise the necessary funds. Her suggestion was accepted with alacrity, and of course she was made chairman, with Oct. 2 chosen

adjustments. Brochures must be printed and distributed. And last, but certainly not least, publicity is generated to make riders aware of the event.

A lot of work, yes, but for Phyllis it's a labor of love. She has been distance riding for recreation for years, since the age of twelve, when she rode from her home in Chicago to her grandfather's in Wilmette, a round trip of 14 miles.

At age 15, she and a friend packed a picnic lunch and enjoyed

Citizen of the Month

as the day for the event. After all, she had participated in and/or organized many others for the Heart Fund, Muscular Dystrophy and more.

Harmon rides in biking events all over the country, and her time at home this summer was limited. To make the 'Cycling for Seniors' Bike-A-Thon a success, much was involved.

AREA MERCHANTS must be contacted for prize donations and for special awards given to participants riding for pledges. Dozens of volunteers have to be found to man the three checkpoints where tokens would be picked up and refreshments offered. Directional arrows are put in place to supplement the map each rider would have. A bicycle specialist is enlisted to be on hand at the registration booth to make necessary minor repairs or

it in Des Plaines, forest preserve in a round trip of 36 miles. Later that summer, she rode from Chicago to Fox Lake in one morning, stayed overnight with an aunt, then continued on the next day to Tichigan, Wis., about 12 miles from Burlington. She took that trip alone, but since that time she has ridden in literally hundreds of bike tours all over the country.

SEVERAL YEARS ago she toured New Zealand by bicycle. "One of the most beautiful countries in the world," she said. "The scenery is breathtaking. Riding along the South Island you have the sea and a tropical forest on one hand, with snow-capped mountains on the other."

As you might expect, Phyllis Harmon is blessed with an abundance of energy. Married twice (she met
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CITIZEN OF THE Month Phyllis Harmon of Wheeling is ready to roll in the Oct. 2 bike-a-thon she's organized to raise money for furnishings for the Wheeling senior center.

She organizes Sunday bike trek

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both husbands through biking) aid now widow she is the mother of six, grandmother of 23 and great-grandmother of one. For the last four of her six pregnancies she continued distance riding through the seventh month, with her doctor's blessings. In addition to raising a large family, she also worked for many years as an executive secretary/bookkeeper. (Even today she keeps her hand in by taking occasional temp assignments.)

She also found time to donate her services as editor of the magazine, *League of American Wheelmen*, of which she is now editor emeritus and an honorary member of the board of directors. Under her hands it grew from a two-page photocopied publication to a 36 to 48 page four-color national magazine. She now is editor of the monthly news bulletin for the *Wheeling Wheelman*, doing most of the writing and photography (another hobby) and all of the typing and layout.

AS IF that weren't enough, she has done much through the years to promote cycling and its recreational and health benefits. She has promoted and organized group tours and given talks and slide presentations to schools and colleges, service organizations, bicycle clubs and other groups of all kinds — all on a volunteer basis.

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. Dr. Paul Dudley White, personal physician to the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower, established an award to be given annually to the person who did the

most for bicycling. Harmon received this award in 1979. She also is a member of the Secretary of State's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

One of the aspects of cycling that is close to her heart is family participation. "People tend to underestimate youngsters" she said. "Children as young as five can pedal further than you think and enjoy every minute of it. For instance, my 7-year old grandson, Matthew Hursthouse, with his 20-inch, 6 speed bike, recently completed the 50-mile Harmon half-hundred. Next year he wants to try the full hundred miles."

"Yes," she nodded in response to a question. "It was named for my second husband, Willard Harmon. Originally called the Wheeling 100, after his death it was renamed to honor him for the many beautiful routes he mapped out that are now used by many of the Chicagoland clubs.

So what's next on the agenda for this busy lady? One week after the Cycling for Seniors, she leaves for Luxembourg, where with 19 other intrepid enthusiasts she will take a 500-mile tour of France and Germany. And the transportation there? What else? A bicycle!

(Nominations for next month's Citizen of the Month should be sent to Living Today Editor, 5156 W. Main St., Skokie, 60077. Simply, in your own words, write and tell us why your candidate should be considered. Please include complete names, addresses and telephone numbers.)

Cablenet fine, sign code among board decisions

10-3-83 Herald
Like many towns in the Northwest suburbs, the Wheeling village board last month voted to impose a \$6,200 fine on Cablenet, the village's cable television firm.

The Canadian firm is in the process of installing cable lines for 10 Northwest suburbs. Several of those towns approved similar fines after Cablenet failed to have the system installed by an Aug. 1 deadline. Des Plaines officials approved the most extreme fine, at least \$10,000.

Wheeling's administrative staff recommended trustees impose a \$200-a-day fine for the month of August, but proposed a delay on any fines for September until the company has a chance to develop a new schedule to complete the system.

In other board action, trustees denied a request by Wheeling business officials to allow them to leave temporary signs in their windows for longer periods and to increase the size of window signs.

BOARD MEMBERS, who soon plan to review the entire sign code, said they did not want to make only partial

changes to the ordinance. Instead, they proposed meeting with business officials in the near future to possibly reach a compromise. More than 50 local merchants signed the petition asking for the changes.

Also, the board approved construction of a Burger King restaurant at the corner of Boehmer and Dundee roads, despite the objections of Trustee William Rogers.

Rogers said an additional fast-food restaurant on Dundee Road would only add to traffic congestion near the Soo Lines Ry. tracks. He also said the restaurant would not enhance the appearance of the most heavily traveled road in town.

And finally, the board approved the construction of a drive-through facility for McDonald's restaurant, at 188 E. Dundee Road. Approval ends a three-year effort by owner Don Conley to obtain the drive-through. Construction of the drive-through means Conley will have to take down historic "golden arches" in front of the restaurant, one of the few sets remaining nationwide.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY						
	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
Selected decisions from the village board meeting of Sept. 6 and 19.						
To fine Cablenet \$6,200 for failure to have cable television installed by August 1. (Passed 5-0.)	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES
To turn down a request by Wheeling businessmen who asked for a change in village sign laws to allow temporary signs to stay in windows for a longer period of time and cover more space. (Passed 6-0.)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To allow a Burger King with a drive-through at the corner of Dundee and Boehmer roads. (Passed 5-1.)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
To allow McDonald's restaurants to add a drive-through facility to their restaurant at 188 E. Dundee Road. (Passed 6-0.)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Police, village set to OK a new two-year contract

10-3-83 Herald
Wheeling police and village officials say the board probably will approve a two-year contract for 30 officers tonight, but won't release any details until after agreement is signed.

A federal mediator was called into the talks in August, and he needed only one meeting to end the deadlock on salaries, which had been the primary stumbling block in the negotiations.

Officers approved the agreement in a general membership vote two weeks ago, but the village board, workers and police officers have not made public the terms of the contract.

Both sides agreed not to release details until "everything is signed and the board gets a look at it," said Edward Theriault, a police officer and a member of the department's negotiating team.

OFFICERS HAVE BEEN working

without a contract since May 1.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said both sides are satisfied with the agreement and the delay in final approval is because of "fine tuning."

"We are still working on the details," he said. "We don't have all the language worked out."

Theriault said both sides are still reading through the final contract before signing it.

Last April, the board approved a one-year, 4-percent pay hike for most village workers, but Theriault would not say how that compares to the agreement the village reached with police officers.

Officers' salaries range from \$19,552 to \$26,353. Last year, police officers negotiated a one-year, 5-percent raise for officers.

Village approves 3-step salary increase for police

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer 10/4/83

The Wheeling Village Board approved a two-year salary agreement for its 30 police officers Monday night.

Board members voted unanimously for a 3 percent pay hike retroactive to May 1 when the old contract expired, a 2½ percent increase starting Nov. 1 and a 3½ percent raise beginning May 1, 1984.

The new contract also calls for an increase in uniform allowances from \$300 to \$400 for uniformed officers, and from \$325 to \$425 for detectives and juvenile officers. Village Manager Thomas Markus, who negotiated the deal for the village, said the contract also calls for officers to receive 40 hours of training pay per year and makes several "not very significant changes" to the retirement program.

Markus said the salary raises will cost the village \$43,000 in the first year.

Officer James Kuzynowsky, a member of the police negotiating team, said

"it worked out for both of us and we're satisfied but we are glad it's over."

"WE HAD lengthy negotiations but with the economy and everything else we think we are very pleased."

Salary talks started in the spring but when the village and three representatives for the officers could not agree on a new contract, the officers requested a federal mediator in August.

The mediator needed only one meeting to break the deadlock.

Markus and Kuzynowsky would not comment on the salary differences between the officers and other village staff members, or any other details that resulted in the negotiated settlement, saying they have agreed not to discuss with the press anything other than the final results.

In June, the board approved a 4 percent increase for 137 village employees as part of a one-year contract agreement. The only employees not included were the police officers and the firefighters, who are in the second year of a two-year contract that gave them a 3 percent raise.

Holy Family may buy former library

by Theresa Norton

Herald staff writer 9-28-83
Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines is exploring the possibility of buying the old Indian Trails library building and converting it into a "fitness center."

Alan Blitz, the hospital's director of public relations would not elaborate on the plans. "It's in the very basic exploratory stages," he said. "It's not been determined if anything will come of it."

The library board has been trying to sell the former library, 850 Jenkins Court, Wheeling, for about three years, ever since the library moved to a new facility at 335 S. Schoenbeck Road. The old building continues to burden the district's financial status, because officials had hoped to use the sales revenue to pay the bulk of the new building's construction costs.

Instead, tax money has been used to repay the \$1.5 million borrowed in 1979 to build the new library, preventing officials from spending more on books and supplies. Voters had rejected two referendums calling for a special tax for the new building.

Earlier negotiations with the Jehovah's Witnesses congregation in Northbrook have reached a standstill, said George Yonan, the library's real estate

agent. The church group could not buy a new building until it sold its present facility, he said.

YONAN SAID the Jehovah's Witnesses offered \$100,000 for the old library, which library officials rejected because it is less than one-third the asking price.

Despite the lack of success so far Yonan remains optimistic.

"I'm enthusiastic," he said. "This thing is going to sell. There's no question about it."

He is planning a new advertising campaign and also is hoping to see interest rates fall. "Interest rates have been bouncing up and down," Yonan said. "If they drop to about 12 percent, we'll start getting a lot of activity."

The contact with Holy Family Hospital led Yonan to think about finding another hospital or medical group that may be interested in the old library. "It lends itself to that kind of usage," Yonan said. "That wouldn't cause a lot of noise or cars running in and out. I'll hit the hospitals, which I haven't really done before."

The building, a former church, is in a residential neighborhood. The 9,400-square-foot building is on 1.4 acres and is zoned for professional business.

Yonan said he is designing a new brochure and will continue to advertise the building in real estate magazines.



DESPITE NIBBLES from interested parties, the former Indian Trails library, shown in a 1979 photo, remains up for sale. Most recently, library officials discussed a sale of the building at 850 Jenkins Court, Wheeling to Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines for a fitness center.

Seniors hoping to raise \$10,000 at bike-a-thon

Wheeling senior citizens are hoping to raise \$10,000 with the help of "as many as 300" riders in Sunday's bike-a-thon through Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights and Wheeling.

With the aid of senior citizens who solicited prizes and companies that donated items, the senior citizen group of Wheeling plans to raise money for furniture in the proposed township senior recreational center.

The Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission and a Wheeling biking group, The Wheeling Wheelmen, are sponsoring the activity.

Early risers can ride with Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz, Village Manager Thomas Markus and Finance Director Greg Peters who are expected on the course at its 6 a.m. starting time.

More than 2,000 pledge forms have been distributed for the route, which covers 2 1/2 miles through Wheeling,

Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights. Biking starts at Wheeling's Booth Tarkington School at the corner of Scott and Anthony streets.

BIKERS WILL leave throughout the day, riding the route as many times as they like, with the finishing point back at Booth Tarkington School.

Senior citizens collected about 60 prizes that will be given away at a drawing, village senior citizen coordinator Julie Woods said. "They didn't concentrate on just Wheeling because the senior center is to benefit people from all over the area."

Door prizes include a \$50 savings bond, dinners, golfing, bowling and other prizes.

Anyone can ride the route and be eligible for the drawings, Woods said, as long as they register and pay a \$10 fee. All money goes for the senior recreational center furniture.

The groups have collected about

\$10,000 to purchase new furniture such as chairs, tables, a stove and a refrigerator. A "roomful" of used furniture has already been donated and is being stored in the village hall, Woods said.

"WE HAVE another one of those storage places that was donated but we don't have that filled yet," she said. "Once plans for the center are more definite — probably in the winter time — than we will be out looking for more."

Construction on the center, on Milwaukee Avenue just north of Dundee Road, was scheduled for this fall but stalled when contractor bids came in at twice the cost estimated by the architect.

The firm agreed to redesign the building, now 15 percent smaller, and village officials said construction would probably not start until spring. Work is expected to be completed by the fall of 1984.

Village opposes agency's homes for the autistic

9/29/83
by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

A handful of residents Wednesday joined Wheeling village officials in voicing opposition to plans to build town houses for 45 autistic adults on South Elmhurst Road just north of Hintz Road.

Many were displeased because Wheeling already has plans to house four autistic adults on Pebble Drive and they don't feel more housing is needed. Others said they are worried about the safety of the neighborhood, that the development will bring down surrounding property values and that the residents won't be properly supervised.

"If they (autistic adults) are let go during the day, will they wander the neighborhood so the neighbors will have to call police?" Len Renquin, 773 N. Dennis Road, asked members of the Cook County-DuPage County Health Systems Agency at a public hearing Wednesday. Another area resident called placing 45 autistic adults in close proximity "explosive" and "dangerous."

The agency is expected to recommend next month whether BLARE House Inc. — the organization planning the town houses — is in "need" of federal and state money to fund housing for the autistic. Without an HSA recommendation, the housing cannot be built.

"THEY ARE building new homes in the area but with the development of

multifamily in there, I think it would hinder or lower the price on further sale," Renquin said.

Ellen Brough, 657 S. Elmhurst Road, said "ours is a single-family area. I don't want town houses back there." And her daughter Jean said she is worried about their young children's safety.

"I don't think you can teach our kids not to go back there or those kids not to come into our yard. You also have to worry about high school kids roaming back there to stir things up."

But Francine Bernstein, director of the Morton Grove-based BLARE House, said 18- to 25-year-olds would live in regular-style town houses with three bedrooms, a kitchen, dining room, living room and bathroom. Two supervisors would be on hand for every four people in a house.

"OUR CHILDREN don't have horns," Bernstein said. "We encourage the high school kids to come through. There shouldn't be any fear at all."

Wheeling Attorney James Rhodes said he doesn't think there is a need for the town houses in the village and President Sheila Schultz questioned the funding of the facility.

"Do we now know where the funding will be and if it will continue?" Schultz said. Schultz and Rhodes also questioned such a large facility being constructed for autistic adults. "This does not seem to follow the trend of experts in the country that say we need to de-institutionalize these people."

Planners OK housing units

9/29/83
By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—The Cook County Housing Authority received a favorable recommendation Thursday, Sept. 22, from the Plan Commission, which voted 6-1 to approve plans to build four low-income townhouses on the south side of Hintz Road, west of Cornell Avenue.

Another proposal, to construct four more townhouses on the southeast corner of Hintz Road and Maple Lane, was continued until Oct. 27.

The public hearings are being held as part of the Housing Authority's plan to build 17 low-income residential units on seven separate sites in Wheeling. The county has already purchased the properties and is seeking village approval for proposed variations of zoning and building requirements.

SPEAKING IN BEHALF of the Cook County Housing Authority, Robert Grossman of Associate Planners in Woodstock testified that the proposed housing would be compatible with the surrounding Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue area, which is "predominantly residential."

He said there would be "no impairment on retail values" for the existing properties if the townhouses were allowed to be built.

Jim Casey, attorney for the Cook County Housing Authority, supported Grossman's statement, citing a recent urban studies survey conducted by Loyola University. The study concluded that subsidized, low-income housing "has not affected property values to any extent at all."

But the 20 people who attended the public hearing were not convinced by the testimony.

TOM STACHURA of Wheeling challenged commission members directly: "Do you honestly believe that your property values would not change?" (if public housing were built next to their homes).

Shelley Pestine, 689 Lakeside Circle Dr., said the proposed multiple-family housing would "cause additional hardship" to an already overcrowded area.

Two more Wheeling residents, Russel Issleb and John Swiders, contended that flooding problems already exist in the area. "Why doesn't the village rectify the problems they have now before they increase the density?" Swiders asked.

Airport buy stays up in the air

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

9/30/83
Pal-Waukee Airport Manager Charles Priester said "several" potential buyers are considering purchasing the airport, but that Wheeling and Prospect Heights are still in the running.

Airport owner George Priester said in August that he and his son Charles would begin an active search for other buyers if the two towns would not make a firm decision about buying the field.

That hasn't happened, but Charles Priester said the family has not ruled out selling the airport to the two towns.

He would not identify the other potential buyers but added that he would like to see the sale made to a municipal government.

Local officials, however, said the possibility that the airport will be sold to someone else won't speed up their decision.

"THERE'S NOTHING we can do until we get an offer of funding from the federal government," Wheeling Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski said. "We have applied for funds and can't do anything until then."

"Obviously we are still interested because if we weren't we would drop the application and wouldn't deal with it anymore," he said.

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan agreed. "We have a timetable and we can't speed it up," he said. "Right now we have a committee working that will recommend whether or not the city should buy it."

While Wheeling says it is waiting for confirmation that federal funds will be

available, Gilligan said he has been assured all along by the state that the federal money is there and consequently the city is studying the potential advantages for a city purchase.

Although Wheeling officials say they are still interested in purchasing the airport, Gilligan said whether Wheeling stays would make no difference to Prospect Heights. "The federal money is there, I am told, and whether it comes from revenue bonds of one town, two or four doesn't really matter."

BOTH WHEELING and Prospect Heights are awaiting word on an environmental study and a \$32 million federal grant before deciding whether to purchase the airport.

But Charles Priester said the towns should decide now whether to purchase the airport instead of waiting for a

"relatively insignificant" environmental report from the federal government.

"The thing that bothers me is that they (Wheeling) are waiting on the environmental impact analysis and that either passes or it doesn't," Charles Priester said. "It doesn't have anything to do with the decision of whether to buy the airport."

For the past five years, Wheeling and Prospect Heights have studied the possible purchase and have also applied for money from the Federal Aviation Administration to buy the airport.

Village Manager Paul McCarthy from Glenview, a town Priester has named in the past as a likely buyer, said neither he nor any member of the village board has spoken to the owner of Pal-Waukee Airport in the year he has been the manager.

The week ahead Herald
10-3-83

Printing firm requests village-sponsored loan

The Wheeling village board tonight will consider sponsoring a \$6 million loan for a local printing firm.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Segerdahl Corporation, 1351 S. Wheeling Road, is asking the village to sponsor an industrial revenue bond issue. The village is under no obligation to pay back any of the loan, but by using the village name, the printing company will be able to borrow money at or just below prime rate.

Segerdahl President Earl Segerdahl said the company would use \$3 million to refinance a 1980 loan for \$3 million and the rest would be used to purchase a new printing press. The added press will provide 15 to 20 additional jobs for the Wheeling area, Segerdahl said.

10-22-83 Herald
Board views fund use for cop mortgages

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Police Pension Board will decide Tuesday if it should use interest-bearing pension funds to lend money to police officers for home mortgages, despite village warnings that it may cost taxpayers millions of dollars in the long run.

The plan would make mortgage money available to 40 Wheeling police officers and seven retired officers at 9.5 percent interest through the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA). The CCPA says it will guarantee a 6.5 percent return to the pension fund with the difference going into CCPA administrative costs.

Jack Kimsey, Wheeling Police sergeant and president of the pension board, said he and other board mem-

bers still haven't decided if they will support the plan, which would make available up to \$1 million for officers eligible for mortgages.

In December 1982, the board approved tentative plans to write the low-interest loans through the CCPA. But the village filed suit against the board, saying the low interest rates would cost Wheeling taxpayers in the long run and just put money into CCPA administrative costs.

THE VILLAGE must "match" police officers donations to the pension fund but can count interest the funds earn as part of village "matching" money, Kimsey said. The village contends that if pension money earns less interest on the home mortgages than it would earn in other investments, the village will have to put more money —

\$145,000 in the first year — in the fund to make up for the lost interest.

"The primary benefit is that it will help the patrolmen before they retire," Kimsey said. "The village studies say taxpayers would lose millions but our studies say it would be minimal, in the thousands at the most."

"It's just a matter of me believing our figures and them believing theirs," he said.

Chicago attorney James Baird, hired by the village to handle the pension case, said village studies show taxpayers could lose \$5.3 million over the 37-year payback time of the mortgages.

KIMSEY AND the board's attorney Michael Liebig, a Washington expert on pension law, disagree, saying the only money that would be shifted out of the \$2.4 million CCPA savings account would be the money loaned for

mortgages. "If that's three or four people at \$50,000 per loan that's hardly going to have much effect on our savings," Kimsey said. The board holds approximately \$4 million in different Wheeling savings accounts.

John Powers, the CCPA's pension advisor, said officers have inquired into the availability of the mortgages but could not say how many people might apply.

"It's true as the village says that they might be able to make more money in other investments," Liebig said, "but you have to look at the impact other than the one or two percentage points. Look at the security to an officer who can buy a home in his 30s and retire with it. The pension board has to consider that kind of security the board can offer."

HERALD 10-31-83
Double patrols for trick-or-treaters

Wheeling's trick-or-treaters will be guarded tonight by doubled police patrols, said Police Chief Michael Haeger.

Haeger said the department will have about ten officers on patrol during the evening with a special concentration on residential areas. The department usually puts four or five officers out on an evening shift, he said.

Trick-or-treaters can roam the streets from 3 to 7 p.m.

A list of safety tips for children is available at both the care center and the Wheeling Police Department, 255 W. Dundee Road. Police officers plan to distribute bright orange trick-or-

treat bags to all Wheeling students with a list of safety tip on the side.

Haeger said the bags will aid children crossing traffic by reflecting oncoming lights.

Parents also are encouraged to make sure their children's costumes are flame proof and that masks do not block vision. Fruit should be checked for puncture holes and candy for any re-wrapping that would indicate tampering.

If tampering is suspected, the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong Ave., will use its X-ray equipment to check for metal objects. The hours are 5 to 8 p.m.

Community blood drive is on Nov. 9

A community blood drive will be held from 2:30 to 8 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Wheeling Village Hall, 225 W. Dundee Road.

The Blood Center of Northern Illinois will conduct the drive. To schedule an appointment to donate, call Dan Adams, 459-2600.

HERALD 10/28/83

The week ahead 10-24-83 Herald
Condo groups offer District 21 forums

THE TAHOE Village and Lakeside Condominium Associations today will hold a candidates' forum for Wheeling Township District 21 school board candidates.

The forum will be held at the Lakeside Villa Condominium Association's clubhouse from 7 to 9 p.m. at the corner of Lakeside and Hintz roads in Wheeling.

Nine candidates are seeking school board seats this November. Candidates running for the three four-year terms include: Board President William Rice, incumbent Ed Siemienas, and newcomers Helene Kahn, Erica "Ricky" Cohen and LaVelta Corrado.

Those running for the two two-year terms available are: Incumbents Thomas Helfers and Elaine Bond, and newcomers Lowell Merilatt and Gerald Menzel.

THE WHEELING Village Board tonight is expected to approve a packaged-liquor license for a drug store on the south side of the village.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Steve Kravitz, owner of Tahoe Village Pharmacy, 1760 Hintz Road, applied for the license, and board members indicated their support two weeks ago, saying there are no other liquor licenses for establishments on the south side and that just encourages residents to drive out of the village and spend their money elsewhere.

Most village liquor licenses are concentrated in the central and northern part of the village along Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

THE WHEELING Police Pension Board meets Tuesday to vote on a plan that would allow officers to use up to \$1 million in pension funds for home mortgages.

The board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

In December 1982, the pension board approved tentative plans to write low-interest home mortgage loans for police officers through the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA).

But the Village of Wheeling filed suit, hoping to block the action, contending lower interest rates the CCPA would offer the board could cost taxpayers more than \$5 million over the 37-year payback of the loans.

THE WHEELING Plan Commission will vote Thursday on whether or not to support Cook County Housing Authority plans to construct four low-income town houses at Hintz Road and Maple Lane.

The commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The housing authority plans to build 17 low-income houses at scattered sites throughout the village. Four sites need a zoning change through the plan commission and the village board.

Prospect Heights officials are against the one remaining recommendation the commission still has to give that would allow four town houses on Wheeling property that backs up to a Prospect Heights subdivision.

Prospect Heights Alderman Wayne Gangler and Administrator Stephen Sturgell both live in the Glendrake subdivision near the proposed town houses. The city contends that a 1956 covenant on the land prohibits the construction of anything but a single-family home on the site.

The plan commission already voted to recommend the board allow construction of a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue and four town houses at Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue. But the commission voted not to support plans to build a town house at Ninth and Strong streets.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If your property is one of those listed in this sale of real estate taxes which have become delinquent it is imperative that you take action so you will not lose your property. Under law, the purchaser of the delinquent taxes can go to court after two years and obtain title to these properties if they are not redeemed. Properties subject to both delinquent real estate tax and delinquent special assessment will be offered for sale simultaneously. If your property is listed please contact us before the sale beginning November 21, 1983 so that we can assist you. Call 443-6234.

LEGAL NOTICE 10-20-83

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Advertisement and Notice of
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plication for Judgment against
Delinquent Lands and Lots for
General Taxes for the years in-
dicated, for Order of Sales
Thereof.

October 20, 1983

NOTICE is hereby given that the said
Collector of Cook County will apply to
the County Division of Circuit Court of
Cook County, Illinois on Friday,
November 4, 1983, for judgment
against lands and lots hereinafter
described as being delinquent upon
which taxes remain due and unpaid,
along with interest and costs and for an
order to sell said lands and lots for
satisfaction thereof according to law.
NOTICE is also given that an applica-
tion will be made for judgment fixing
the correct amount of any tax paid
under protest. NOTICE is further herein
and hereby given that on the third Man-
day next succeeding the 4th day of

November, A.D., 1983, to wit, the 21st
day of November, A.D., 1983, at the
hour of nine o'clock A.M. all said lands
and lots hereinafter described for sale
for which an order shall be made, or has
been made and not executed as noted,
will be exposed to public sale at the
County Building of Cook County where
the seat of County government is
located in said County, for the amount
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The following is a list of delinquent
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10-27-83

HERALD NEIGHBOR

Village trick-or-treat hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Monday

President Sheila Schultz has designated Monday, Oct. 31 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. as trick-or-treat night in Wheeling. Police Chief Haeger reminds motorists to exercise special caution since children's visibility may be reduced by face masks, and traffic safety rules may be forgotten in the excitement of Halloween night. Parents, please be sure the costumes your children wear are flame proof. Check the labels or manufacturer's information to verify the costume material is flame resistant. Also check all trick-or-treat candy for any foreign materials. Look for re-wrapped candies, puncture holes in apples or oranges, or any other unusual signs that the item has been tampered with. Young children should be accompanied by an adult when trick-or-treating.

Store chemicals safely

Chemicals are an essential part of our lifestyle. From gasoline and paint thinners to insecticides, alcohol to household cleaners, hair-sprays to prescription drugs, Americans stockpile a surprising variety of chemicals in our homes. How we use and store them can make the difference between life and death.

The Wheeling Fire Department provides these tips for using chemicals safely as a part of your lifestyle:

- Always store non-food chemical products separately from foods and food preparation materials. If you store them together, it's too easy to reach for the wrong container and poison your family
- If you've had occasion to transfer a chemical product into a secondary container (perhaps a glass jar filled with metal cleaner and taken out to the car), dispose of it after use. Don't save it; even if you've labeled it clearly, your homemade label will not provide information on what to do if the product gets into your eyes, is accidentally swallowed, or the like!
- Stay away from open flames when using hairspray and other aerosol products, or when using strong cleaning solvents; these materials burn violently and easily. Never use gasoline indoors! Gasoline can be explosive. Invisible vapors crawl along the floor and can be ignited several feet away.
- If there are children in the house, store products labeled "Poison," "Caution," "Warning," "Danger" or the like safely out of their reach.
- Don't leave liquor in places where inquisi-

Public service

tive young fingers can get at it. Alcohol can poison children. Alcohol is also found in such products as colognes, after-shaves, and food extracts like vanilla extract. Keep these out of children's reach.

- Don't save outdated prescriptions or leave loose pills lying about. Throw away any medicine in an unmarked container, too. Every unnecessary drug in the house is an invitation to tragedy.
- Finally, if someone is injured or poisoned by a household chemical, read the fine print on the container. This will tell you how to proceed — perhaps to wash with lots of water, or induce vomiting. Some products (such as petroleum products, strong acids or alkalis) warn you not to induce vomiting because the product may do as much damage on the way up as it had going down or may cause breathing difficulty. If you are burned by a chemical,

flush completely the area with cool water. Continue flushing until emergency medical help arrives.

- The fire-wise keep numbers of their doc-

tor, ambulance and local Poison Control Center within easy view of the phone. If a chemical accident ever happens, summon emergency assistance at once.

HERALD 10-27-83 (X)

Village views town homes for low-income families

The Wheeling Plan Commission tonight is scheduled to make a recommendation on Cook County's proposal to build four town houses at Hintz Road and Maple Lane for low-income families.

The commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The town houses are part of the Cook County Housing Authority's plans to build 17 low-income housing units at scattered sites throughout the village. Four sites need zoning changes and the plan commission has already voted on three requests.

A group of Prospect Heights residents are trying to block construction of the town houses on Hintz Road. Prospect Heights Alderman Wayne Gangler and other residents of the nearby Glendrake subdivision say a 1956 covenant on the land prohibits construction of anything but a single-family home on the site.

The housing authority says the covenant is no longer in effect.

In August, the commission voted to recommend construction of four town houses at Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue and a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue. Commissioners voted against plans for a town house at Ninth and Strong streets saying it would not fit in with surrounding apartments.

In July, the village zoning board of appeals denied all but one of the zoning requests sought by the housing authority.

But the final decision rests on the village board, which may be bound by a three-year-old agreement it made with Cook County to provide all the necessary zoning variations when the housing authority files for them.

The housing authority also plans to construct two single-family homes and a town house near Strong Street and Mayer Avenue and another single-family home near Manchester Drive and Stone Place.

May affect sale

Pal-Waukee Airport study expected soon

By MARY WROBLEWSKI

An environmental study, which will help determine whether Wheeling and Prospect Heights will purchase Pal-Waukee Airport, should be mailed within the next few weeks, said Charles Priester, manager of the airport.

But Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said that once the Federal Aviation Administration study is received, it will be carefully analyzed, particularly in regard to future noise problems, a process that may take a good deal of time.

"The worst noise problem appears to be in schools, churches and houses near the airport," Schultz said, noting that she is aware of this because planes from Pal-Waukee fly over her Wheeling home.

"We're going to have to determine whether the problem will get worse, better, or stay the same. Roads sometimes get flooded near the airport, too, so we'll be taking a look at that problem, also," she said.

Priester and his father, George, approached the two villages with the offer to sell the airport to them five years ago.

"They've had adequate time to reach a decision already," Priester said, "but the process gets held up every time a new member is elected to the boards. It's really frustrating."

Both villages, however, have refused to be rushed, even though Priester has mentioned that there are other prospective buyers who are interested in purchasing Pal-Waukee.

Priester appears to be holding out because he favors public ownership of the

airport and is aware of the advantages both villages would derive from the purchase.

"There's many advantages. It will create jobs, make money and the villages will receive tax revenues," he said.

Officials at both villages said they are still receptive to joint ownership of the airport, a promise that was reached between the two parties five years ago.

"We're still open to joint ownership, we've always been open to that," said Steve Sturgell, a Prospect Heights village administrator.

Priester agreed.

"It should be jointly owned," Priester said, "planes fly over both communities, remember."

While Schultz, too, endorses joint ownership with Prospect Heights, she said dividing up the airport might be a sizable problem.

"All of the land area is in Wheeling and most of the buildings are in Prospect Heights," she said, adding that she has no idea if a future agreement would shift ownership.

Before the two villages jointly apply for a \$32 million federal grant to fund the purchase and maintenance of the airport, Schultz said there is one other problem which needs to be resolved.

"If we receive federal funding, we will have to keep the airport for 20 years. We're also eligible to apply for additional maintenance funds from the government, but we're wondering whether the 20-year stipulation will start all over again if we do."

10-20-83 Reminded

Cops OK

HERALD 10-27-83 pension use for mortgages

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Police Pension Board has approved a controversial plan to use pension funds to provide low-cost home mortgages to police officers.

The plan will make low-interest mortgages available to 40 Wheeling police officers and seven retired officers through the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA).

But village officials say the program could cost taxpayers \$145,000 in the first year and more than \$2 million while funds are tied up through the life of the loans.

Under the plan, money for the mortgages would be drawn from pension fund investments and deposited with

the CCPA. The CCPA would pay 6.5 percent interest to the pension fund, write the mortgages for 9.5 percent and keep the difference for its "administrative costs."

But the pension funds are now earning 8.8 percent interest, and village officials say the taxpayers will end up covering the difference.

By law, the village must match each police officer's pension contributions but is allowed to include the fund's interest earnings as part of its share. Village officials have estimated that the difference would add up to \$145,000 in the first year alone if \$1 million of pension money is diverted to mortgages.

"If the program doesn't work out, you've committed a million dollars for 30 years," Village Attorney James

Rhodes told members of the pension board. "You can't go back to your police officers and say, 'Could you pay your loan more quickly?'"

In January, the village filed suit against the board hoping to block plans. Neither side has yet requested a court date in the case.

Frank Proietti, a pension board member who joined in the village lawsuit, voted against the plan, saying he thinks the board was "acting improperly and irresponsibly. I object now and I objected a year ago," he said. "I don't think this is in their (police officers) best interest."

But police officer Edward Theriault disagreed, saying the program won't endanger the amount of money available to pay pension payments in the fu-

ture.

"We are meeting or exceeding those requirements to save money and at the same time in their retirement years they might not only have a pension but also a home that is theirs," he said.

Although Theriault and the board's president, Jack Kimsey, would be able to apply for a mortgage, Theriault said he still has 18 years left on his home mortgage he secured for 7 percent in 1972 and has no interest in another mortgage. Kimsey too, said he has obtained a mortgage a few years ago and has no personal interest in the plan.

The pension board's attorney Michael Leibig said he will continue to meet with village attorneys to try to "settle any other qualms" the village might have.

Police-pension loans court Wheeling suit

By Eddy McNeil

THE WHEELING Police Pension Board intends to begin using pension funds for low-interest loans in December, despite the threat of a lawsuit by the Village of Wheeling to block the plan, pension board President Jack Kimsey said Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the board authorized negotiations with the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union for administration of a plan to lend as much as \$2.7 million of the pension fund's \$3.6 million in assets to the fund's 35 members—29 active and 6 retired Wheeling police officers. The loans could include 30-year home mortgages as well as loans for other purposes.

The board scheduled a meeting for Dec. 6 to sign a contract with the credit union.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz, who contends that the loan plan would force Wheeling to raise property taxes, said the village probably would sue if the program is established.

"To the best of my knowledge, there has been no change in our position," Schultz said. "Taxpayers are being asked to pick up something they shouldn't have to."

Village officials predict that the program would cost taxpayers up to

\$5.2 million over the next 37 years. However, pension board members contend that it would cost \$1,243 to \$17,000 over the next five years. And they say cost projections that go beyond five years could be misleading because market conditions could change.

KIMSEY ALSO maintains that the money in the pension fund has come mostly from the police officers and that it should be considered theirs to invest as they choose.

Police officers pay 8.5 percent of their salaries into the pension fund. By law, the village's contribution could equal what officers pay into the fund, but the village's outlay is reduced by an amount equal to the fund's investment earnings. Village officials contend the fund would earn less money from the mortgage program than from other investments, thereby raising the contribution the village must make.

The program would provide loans to fund members at an interest rate of 9.5 percent. An amount equal to 3 percentage points could be paid to the credit union for administrative costs, Kimsey said. Village officials maintain that the remaining 6.5 percent interest rate is an unreasonably low return compared with other investment possibilities.

Hansen is new senior coordinator

Life Oct. 27, 1983

WHEELING—Barbara Hansen began her duties this week as the new full-time senior citizens coordinator in the village. She will be responsible for the planning and development of the senior activity center and will serve as director when the facility opens.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity because we offer such a wide variety of programs to the elderly," said Hansen, a 30-year resident of Northbrook.

Formerly the director of the Grantwood Senior Center in Elk Grove Village, Hansen said her first task will be to assess the needs of the community. To accomplish this, Hansen wants to get to know the senior citizens of Wheeling, first hand.

"I'd like to personally make them all feel welcome and set a tone of friendship," said Hansen.

Public hearing tonight on low-income housing

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A PROPOSAL to build low-income housing in Wheeling will be the subject of a public hearing, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Following the hearing, the Wheeling Plan Commission will meet to consider zoning changes for the Cook County Housing Authority's plan to construct four two-bedroom townhouses on the southeast corner of Hintz Road and Maple Lane.

Prospect Heights officials have voiced opposition to the plan, citing a 27-year-old protective covenant that guarantees only single-family homes will be built on the site, which lies adjacent to the city.

Referendum eyed on airport buy

by Sandra A.R. Smith

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials have resurrected the idea of holding a referendum in April on the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, but their counterparts in Prospect Heights remain noncommittal.

"Several on the board are committed to an advisory referendum and we do intend to hold one," said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz.

More than four years ago, the two towns began studying purchasing the airport and commissioned a \$120,000 study, most of it federally funded. They now are awaiting a response from the federal government on whether it is willing to put up \$32 million, or 90 percent, of the cost of buy-

ing the airport and making some initial improvements. The long-term cost of buying the airport and making other repairs, as suggested by an airport consultant, will come to \$53 million.

SCHULTZ SAID the question on the non-binding referendum would be simple, but the village would provide detailed information on plans for the airport, costs and noise control.

A formal decision on the referendum and the wording of the question will have to be made by the end of January, Schultz said, in order to place it on the April ballot.

Last year Wheeling trustees agreed to hold an advisory referendum during the November general election, but the vote was postponed after officials said they could not get all the information

together to make a valid decision.

But Prospect Heights trustees have not discussed whether to conduct a referendum. City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said officials are not only waiting for the results of an Federal Aviation Administration environmental study, but a report by the city's Pal-Waukee Airport Citizens Advisory Committee.

MAYOR JOHN Gilligan said he prefers a "two-way" public information campaign to educate residents about the airport. Gilligan said the timing is the problem.

"We would have to make a decision to purchase the airport by the end of January," he said. "I don't want to rush it."

Alderman Carol Jung, 1st, said "at this time I would almost say no" to holding an advisory referendum in April.

"I don't think residents have enough facts to know what they are voting on," she said. "But I'm not saying we should ever have a referendum, perhaps next November if the people are well-informed."

But Alderman Christina Carlson, 4th, said she "tends toward holding one."

"I like to get as much input as possible," she said.

Warren Sunde, a member of a citizens group which opposes the public purchase of the airport, has said it would be "un-American" not to hold a referendum on the issue.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

\$20 million program in progress

Life Oct. 27, 1983

By GARY ROBERTS
WHEELING RESIDENTS will see an extensive \$20 million capital-improvements program during the current 1983-84 fiscal year.

A host of construction projects have already been implemented in the last year, with many more scheduled to follow. These projects include a streets program, construction of a senior citizen center, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water extensions.

The program is part of a five-year plan, developed and adopted by the village to meet construction needs in years to come.

The long-range plan sets priorities, budgets financing and coordinates the various construction projects in the most cost-effective manner possible, officials say.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz said she is proud of the five-year plan, the first long-range plan Wheeling has established.

In the past, piecemeal efforts to upgrade "aging service systems" have failed, she said, underscoring the need to develop a coordinated plan for the future.

Village officials realized "this was not the best way to go about it," Schultz said. "We have to plan ahead and, with considerable investment, bring these systems up to standards and continue to maintain them."

THE MONEY to pay for these improvements will come from several different sources, said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski.

The streets portion of the program will be paid off with accumulated motor fuel tax funds; sanitary and storm sewer improvements will be paid for with sewer fees, while water improvement costs will be defrayed through a combination of property taxes, water revenues and a bond issue, he said.

"Everything's in pretty good shape financially," said Fialkowski, noting that federal, state and county subsidies will also play a large role in funding these projects.

Some areas of the village are not in such good shape, however, because of the ongoing construction. Fialkowski concedes that "things will be torn up awhile," but he asked for patience, saying the "results will be well worth the minor inconveniences."

TRUSTEE ANTHONY ALTIERI,

JR. agrees that the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages.

Altieri, who served on the village's Plan Commission for nine years, is "excited" about the prospect of seeing these designs, which he reviewed in their earliest forms, become a reality. Toward this end, he joined other board members on a recent inspection tour of the construction sites.

"It certainly puts things into perspective," Altieri said of his firsthand look at the progress. "Rather than viewing architectural renderings and plats, we are now seeing these projects go beyond just the planning stage."

"The village is aware of its problems and is moving forward to alleviate them," he said.

The most visible aspect of the capital improvements program to is the \$4.5 million streets program, such as work in progress on Dundee Road.

THE VILLAGE has embarked on a four-year street resurfacing and rehabilitation program. Approximately \$1.2 million worth of resurfacing work is being done this year.

Providing an adequate water supply is also a major focus of the capital improvements program. The Lake Michigan water project, currently proceeding well under its \$5 million-plus budget, is expected to deliver its first water by July of 1984.

In addition, the water main portion of the Schoenbeck Road improvements should be implemented this year. Certain existing water mains, especially in the older sections of town, have rusted heavily and will be replaced.

Sanitary-sewer improvements are also necessary to restrict the flow of wastewater from local sewers into the main treatment facilities. Wheeling currently exceeds the established limit and must undertake rehabilitation work to bring its systems into compliance.

A large part of the village's drainage problems and solutions begin with the Wheeling Drainage Ditch. The scheduled improvements, including the diversionary channel, the likelihood of localized flooding caused by inadequate capacity, and will open significant areas of land currently idle due to floodway and flood-plain restrictions.

\$380,000 budgeted for general assistance

10/27/83 REMINDER

Town fund is hand up for those who need it

By MARY WROBLEWSKI

You were just laid off from a job after 10 years of service. Although you've had several job interviews, the market is tight and the possibilities glum.

What's more, you have a wife and three kids to support and even though you're out of work, bills continue to fill your mailbox. You feel as if there's nowhere to turn for help.

You might, however, be eligible for help through the Wheeling Township General Assistance Program.

This fiscal year (which ends in February 1984), the township budgeted \$380,000 for the GA program, and as of September, only \$140,400 was distributed, said Phil Rogers, township supervisor.

Although Illinois mandates the GA program, it is funded by property taxes. On a Wheeling Township home valued at \$100,000, the tax bill for the program will be \$5.87 this fiscal year. (The total tax bill from Wheeling Township is \$10.41.)

The township expects to handle an average of 105 cases each month, he said. (The number of cases, however, does not denote the number of people who actually benefit from the GA program. For example, if a married man with three children applies for assistance, his application will be deemed a "case," even though four other people will derive benefits as well.)

The GA program is designed to assist people who aren't eligible for state or federal aid and for those who are eligible for aid but must wait several weeks to receive it, Rogers said.

GA funds are distributed primarily for basic needs, that is, for food, rent or mortgage payments, utility bills, prescriptions and gasoline used to look for another job.

Funds are distributed based on need, and eligible applicants, who are mentally and physically able, must earn the assistance they receive by working for a non-profit community agency through the township's "Workfare" Program.

First, an application must be filled out at the Wheeling Township Office, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Employment dates, dependents, income and other financial sources must be furnished and all information is later verified. Then, a half-hour interview is scheduled with the applicant and a township social worker.

"I feel obliged to care for those who really need it, but we must assure that assistance is not handed out to those who don't need it," Rogers said. "We have to be careful because it's the taxpayers' money that is used to fund the program."

A simple income chart, devised by the Illinois Department of Public Aid, is used to determine if an applicant is eligible for aid through the GA program.

For example, if the monthly income of a family of two is \$250 or less, they could receive up to \$250 a month in assistance. A family of five, whose monthly income is \$434 or less, could receive up to \$434 a month through the GA program.

Again, assistance is based on need. If a family of two doesn't need \$250 a month, they will not receive it. However, Wheeling Township often exceeds these state minimums because of the high cost of living in the area.

Those allocations, however, do not include food money. A family of two could receive up to \$27.50 a week for food while the family of five could receive up to \$47.50.

Monthly income is the only criteria used to judge eligibility for the GA

program—other exorbitant expenses a family might have every month is not taken into account, Rogers said.

Any family whose monthly income exceeds the cut-off may also receive assistance in special circumstances, Rogers said, although the township is not obliged to do so.

While some townships simply give needy families a check for the amount of their eligibility, Rogers said Wheeling Township distributes vouchers to protect against people who may use the money for other things than for what it was intended.

Also, every person who receives aid through the GA program must fill out an application every four months so that the township is aware of any change in status, particularly employment, Rogers said.

Recipients of the GA program, who are physically and mentally able to work, earn their GA funds by working for community organizations without compensation.

The Wheeling Park District, the Village of Wheeling, the Northwest Mental Health Agency and the Mount Prospect Library are several places where GA recipients have worked.

The number of hours a recipient works a week depends on how much GA funding he receives. For every \$200 of benefits, the recipient must work 59½ hours at a maximum of 30 hours per week to allow him time to search for another job.

GA recipients must report to work and complete their assigned tasks or lose their benefits for 90 days.

"Workfare", as the community work requirement is called, is a worthwhile program, Rogers believes, because it provides service to the community to help offset the costs to the taxpayer, provides an extra public service for the community, permits a welfare recipient to have a sense of personal dignity by working for their benefits and allows termination of assistance if people are unwilling to work in return for their financial aid. (In fact, several people have been terminated from the GA program because of their unwillingness to work, saving the township about \$3,600 over the last seven months.)

However, the program does have its fair share of snags, Rogers admitted.

For one, the community agencies must request the services of GA recipients, and requests have been few and far between, Rogers said. Also, some agencies request special talents that the recipients don't possess.

Another problem, Rogers said, is that some recipients may not have a means of transportation to the worksite.

Despite these problems with the "Workfare" program, Rogers said the GA program has been successful.

"Never in the history of the world have we been without the poor, regardless of Great Society Programs and the like," he said. "However, we are pleased to provide GA as a means to alleviate severe financial crises for our residents."

Police pension use to be decided

10-25-83 Herald

THE WHEELING Police Pension Board will meet Tuesday to decide whether to use up to \$2.7 million in police pension fund money for low-interest home mortgages. The controversial plan, believed to be the first of its kind in the state, would make 30-year loans of up to \$60,000 available to the department's 39 active and six retired policemen at rates 3 percent below prevailing market rates. The village already has filed suit to block the plan, contending the pension board could earn higher returns through other investments. The village's required contributions to the \$3.1 million fund are reduced by an amount equal to money earned by fund investments.

Herald Neighbor 10/27/83

Village trick-or-treat hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Monday

President Sheila Schultz has designated Monday, Oct. 31 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. as trick-or-treat night in Wheeling. Police Chief Haeger reminds motorists to exercise special caution since children's visibility may be reduced by face masks, and traffic safety rules may be forgotten in the excitement of Halloween night. Parents, please be sure the costumes your children wear are flame proof. Check the labels or manufacturer's information to verify the costume material is flame resistant. Also check all trick-or-treat candy for any foreign materials. Look for re-wrapped candies, puncture holes in apples or oranges, or any other unusual signs that the item has been tampered with. Young children should be accompanied by an adult when trick-or-treating.

11/1/83
Liquor panel favored over one member

Official results of last week's election show Wheeling voters gave nearly a four-to-one margin of approval to a referendum allowing the entire board to sit as a liquor commission.

The 834 to 216 vote takes away the duties of issuing, revoking and suspending licenses from a single liquor commissioner. Village President Sheila Schultz was the liquor commissioner, but supported the change to a commission saying it would make liquor license decisions more impartial.

11-17-83
New design OK'd for senior center

WHEELING—Plans to construct the senior citizens center are back on track, following the Village Board's acceptance of a new design for the facility.

Originally, the activities center, to be located at 200 N. Milwaukee Ave., was scheduled for construction last spring. But returned bids for the project exceeded cost estimates by nearly \$200,000. The village has budgeted \$670,000 for the building and necessary site improvements.

As a result, a new design was prepared by the architects, Holabird and Root.

THE REVISED PLAN calls for the external structure of the building to remain basically unchanged. Although the parameters of the facility will be the same, the new design calls for concrete block walls, covered with aluminum siding, instead of a metal frame with stucco finish.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said the aluminum siding will be less costly to apply and maintain.

Internal changes will reduce usable floor space by about 1,000 square feet. While plans for a conference room were dropped, the multi-purpose room will be expanded, along with the kitchen and washroom areas.

SENIOR CITIZEN coordinator Barbara Hansen said the multi-purpose room will be used for seasonal parties, dinners and other special events. "We will be able to accommodate a large group of people for one activity, or host several small activities at the same time," she said.

Greenwood said bids for the project are expected to be let early next year, with construction to start next summer.

The senior citizens center is the final leg of a three-pronged construction program to improve the health care and housing of the area's elderly. The planned unit project already includes a clinic, opened in 1980, and a 100-unit housing development, opened earlier this year.

Information forum for seniors

The Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission will offer its fourth information forum from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room of the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong Ave., Wheeling.

The forum also will be a reception for Barbara Hansen, the new senior citizens coordinator. Village historian, Marshall Balling, will present a program on old Wheeling.

11/7/83

Firm's contract is cancelled

11-17-83
Village changes engineers

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—One year into a four-year street improvement program, the Village Board has terminated the contract of the engineering firm working on the project.

The Chicago firm of Metcalf and Eddy, which had been awarded a \$348,000 four-year contract for engineering and design work, was replaced by Baxter and Woodman Inc. of Crystal Lake.

Approximately \$50,000 already has been paid to Metcalf and Eddy for services rendered. The new agreement with Baxter and Woodman Inc. is for one year and calls for design work only, at a cost of \$56,000.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus said the contract with Metcalf and Eddy was canceled for the "convenience" of the village. Pressed further, Markus said some curb and street work, supervised by Metcalf and Eddy, had to be redone, causing concern among village officials. The extra work did not cost the village additional money, added Markus. Cancellation by either party was provided for in the contract, he said.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the transition would not cause any problems for the village, explaining that the four-year program is easily broken up into different phases.

"It's a very clean situation," said

Fialkowski. "You design a year's program and then construct a year's program. There is no lost effort on anyone's part."

Frank Wellwerts, vice-president of Baxter and Woodman Inc., agreed that the piecemeal approach to the streets program is not unusual.

"Each project is a separate entity in itself," said Wellwerts, adding that his firm currently is engaged in an identical program in Buffalo Grove.

FIALKOWSKI SAID the hiring of a new engineering firm was necessary at this time to ensure that construction can begin as soon as possible in 1984.

"We have developed a program of approximately \$1.5 million for next year, and we would like to get started with design so that we will be able to go as soon as the weather breaks," said Fialkowski.

In discussion at the board meeting, trustee Charles Kerr expressed concern over the need to hire another engineering firm, asking, "What gives you any more confidence that these people will do the job?"

To this, Markus replied, "There is no guarantee that the engineer we select for next year is going to be perfect."

The four-year \$4.5 million street improvement program, begun last year, will repair or replace virtually every road in the village.

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Tribune photo by Chris Walker (left)
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Village board wrapup 11-10-83 Herald

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New packaged liquor license set

The board has approved a new license for selling packaged liquor, making it possible for Tahoe Village Pharmacy to get a license.

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Search teams find no trace of girl missing since Friday

by Kathy Schaeffer

Herald staff writer

About 80 searchers scoured the Wheeling area Saturday looking for 13-year-old Jennifer Monte, who disappeared Friday afternoon after getting off her school bus just 11 houses away from her Wheeling home.

Police, neighbors, Boy Scouts, trained search dogs and Coast Guard and Air Force National Guard helicopters combed the area bounded by Aptakisic Road, I-294, Palatine and Rand roads Saturday but found no clues to Jennifer's whereabouts.

Jennifer's friend Amy Wilson was the last person to see the girl when they got off the Holmes Junior High School bus at Schoenbeck Road and Palm Drive at about 4 p.m. Friday. The two girls headed in opposite directions to their own homes. Jennifer has not been heard from since.

Police and Jennifer's family say she is not the type of child who would run away. She is a good student and never has been in trouble.



JENNIFER MONTE

They fear foul play.

"I CAN'T imagine her just walking away. It's just so out of character for her to disappear," said Jennifer's mother, Frances. "She's so conscientious." Just last week, Jennifer made sure to call her mother after the school bus broke down and she was delayed in coming home, Mrs. Monte said.

Wheeling police are asking anyone who knows where Jennifer is, or who may have seen her, or may have noticed anything suspicious in that area to call them at 459-2632.

Jennifer, an eighth-grader, 5-feet-7, about 120 pounds, with blue eyes and dark blond shoulder-length hair. When she got off the school bus she was wearing a light purple, hooded ski jacket; blue jeans with white pin-stripes; a multicolored sweater, and white Nike tennis shoes.

"The last time I talked to her was Friday morning," said Mrs. Monte, who is divorced and lives alone with Jennifer, her only child. "At 8:15 I always call her from work so she has

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Herald photo by Sig Bokalders

OPEN FIELDS, industrial parks and nearly every acre of the Wheeling area were searched Saturday by volunteers looking for 13-year-old Jennifer Monte of Wheeling. Trixie Rienagle, a Wheeling Women's Jay-

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Searchers find no trace of missing girl

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someone to say goodbye to. I always say the same line: 'I love you. Be careful and I'll see you when I get home from work.'"

BUT AFTER work Friday, she didn't see her daughter.

"As soon as I walked in the house, I could feel that she wasn't here," she said. When she checked with Jennifer's friend Amy, she learned that Amy had tried to phone Jennifer after school, but no one answered. "I suppose she

never even got into the house. I just got hysterical," Mrs. Monte said.

Mrs. Monte started a search of her own Friday evening.

"I walked up and down the streets calling out her name, telling her not to be afraid," she said. "I thought that maybe if someone had grabbed her or something she would be hiding and she'd be scared to come home."

She called Jennifer's friends and the school, to check if anyone knew where her daughter was. But there was still

no sign of Jennifer. Mrs. Monte and Jennifer's father, Larry Monte of Des Plaines, continued their search Friday night by questioning clerks at nearby stores. A report that she had been seen there turned out to be false, said Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey.

AFTER DECIDING Friday night that Jennifer had not run away, Wheeling police began a full-scale investigation which continued all day Saturday. Kimsey said the police are worried about her fate, because a full team of

investigators and dozens of searchers have turned up no sign of her.

Jennifer's parents, unable to sleep Friday night, said Saturday afternoon they want only to see their daughter safe at home again.

"If she's alive and if she didn't run away I want her to know I love her," Mrs. Monte said. "If she ran away because I did something that she's upset about, we can work it out. I want to tell her I love her and I'd like to hold her."

Markus pay raise likely

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus is expected to get a pay raise Monday, but neither board members nor Markus will give specifics on the agreement.

Board Trustee Anthony Altieri said the board has met several times in executive session to discuss Markus' performance over the year and plans to approve a salary hike Monday.

Details, including a final salary figure, still have to be worked out, he said, and will be based on both his performance and salary comparisons of managers in other Northwest suburban jobs.

Last year trustees gave Markus a 6 percent increase, raising his annual pay from \$43,000 to \$45,600.

Other village employees received up to 6 percent raises the same year.

Markus is the only employee who has not received a raise this year. Board members approved 3½ to 4½ percent pay hikes for most village employees in the spring. The 31 village firefighters and paramedics took a 3 percent increase under terms of a two-year contract negotiated last year.

In October, the board agreed to a two-year contract for police officers that ended summer-long negotiations including work with a mediator. Officers got a 3 percent raise retroactive to May 1 when contracts expired, another 2½ percent Nov. 1 and 3½ percent beginning May 1, 1984.

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Anyone with information on the girl's whereabouts should contact the Wheeling Police at 459-2632.

More than 300 people Sunday combed Wheeling and nearby areas in a fruitless search for a missing 13-year-old village girl.

Frustrated police have called off the physical search and say they will turn to an "intensive investigation" to try to locate Jennifer Monte, who was last seen Friday at about 4 p.m. as she got off a school bus near her home in the first block of Schoenbeck Road.

Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey said 10 Wheeling officers, with the assistance of the FBI, will conduct an "intensive" police investigation. But he said police have no leads, adding the situation "doesn't look good."

About 75 national guard reservists and 20 police officers were joined in the search Sunday by an estimated 200 citizens, including off-duty police from Arlington Heights, Chicago, Cook County and one officer from Darien, Kimsey said. Sunday's search went from dawn until after 5 p.m.

Jennifer's father Larry Monte of Des Plaines said he appreciated the volunteers. "It's unbelievable. They're beautiful. I didn't think people could be like this. Everyone has just gone beyond their limits."

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Search turns up no sign of teen girl



WEARY BUT REFUSING to give up hope, Jennifer Monte's parents, Frances and Larry, wait by the phone for word of their daughter's whereabouts. They have been unable to sleep since Friday, when their daughter vanished about one block from her home.



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WALKING UP THIS street toward her house, on the far left, Jennifer L. Monte, 13, disappeared Friday afternoon from her Shoenbeck Road neighborhood after getting off the school bus.

11/8/82 Girl's parents cling to hope

by Susan Duerksen
Herald staff writer

Nearby yards and fields have been searched inch by inch. Fliers have been posted in store windows and police questions answered. But now there is nothing more for Frances and Larry Monte to do but wait.

Their 13-year-old daughter, Jennifer, has been gone for three days. She got off the school bus down the street from her Wheeling home Friday afternoon, said goodbye to her best friend and started walking toward home. Then she disappeared, literally without a trace.

Sitting in her kitchen Monday, near the phone, Frances Monte talked nervously about her daughter while her ex-husband, Jennifer's father, paced the room. A handful of relatives and friends sat solemnly in the living room, waiting.

"**THE MORE** time that goes by... " Mrs. Monte said, her voice faltering. "It's so hard to just sit here, and it's so frustrating knowing you can't do anything."

The police have told Jennifer's parents just to stay by the phone. Since Friday, Mrs. Monte said, she has gotten about one hour of sleep.

She is convinced her daughter did not run away.

"I'm hoping that she did, but I just don't visualize her letting me sit like this," she said. "I don't think she would ever make me worry this long."

Mrs. Monte described her only child as a quiet girl who avoids strangers, a typical teenager with a crush on actor Matt Dillon and a re-



JENNIFER MONTE

sponsible daughter who always calls if she's even 10 minutes late.

Wheeling police agreed immediately Friday that Jennifer, an honor roll student who has never caused trouble, did not sound like a runaway. They began investigating right away.

ABOUT 300 volunteers joined police and Air Force reserve personnel Sunday in combing the 10 square miles around the Monte home at 25 Schoenbeck Road. The search turned up nothing, "not one shred," said Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey. Police and FBI agents spent Monday questioning neighbors and Jennifer's classmates.

One lead police are checking is the description of a man neighborhood children have recently seen driving through the area.

Angelica Lozano, 10, said she told police she saw the man last Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday, the only days last week that her elementary school was in session. Each day, he drove by slowly as she and other children got off their bus at the same corner where Jennifer's bus stops an hour later. Each day, he pulled into a driveway three doors down, turned around and drove back slowly, "looking at us again," Angelica said.

Mike Ingram, 13, who rides Jennifer's bus, said he saw a similar man driving through the area about a month ago.

SO FAR, Wheeling police have found no one who saw Jennifer after she got off the bus and started walking home Friday.

A pall has fallen over the neighborhood where Jennifer has lived all of her life. Parents are keeping their children indoors, and the youngsters themselves say they are hesitant to go out.

"The mothers are all really pretty panicky," said Cathy Burns, holding her 1-year-old and 6-year-old. "They're driving the kids to school and keeping an eye on them all the time. It's changed the whole mood of the neighborhood."

On the corner where Jennifer got off the bus, Nancy Ball, a psychic from Glen Ellyn, stood with a photo of Jennifer, attempting to get a "reading" of her whereabouts.

At Holmes Junior High School, where Jennifer is an eighth-grader, principal Avrum Poster said, "Our staff is very much upset, as are the kids. Right now, we're just trying to keep the place as calm as possible."

For Jennifer's parents, the help-

Wheeling teen still missing

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less waiting is taking its toll.

"**WE SIT HERE** and listen for the phone," Mrs. Monte said, lighting a cigarette and rubbing her eyes. "I'll never give up hope."

The word she uses most often to describe her daughter is "conscientious."

Jennifer comes straight home from school and spends her evenings listening to records, reading and doing her homework, her mother said. She varies from that pattern only when the teen magazines come out with pictures of her idol, Matt Dillon. Then Jennifer and her best friend, Amy Wilson, stop at a store around the corner to buy copies.

Just last Wednesday, the school bus broke down and Jennifer called her mother at work to tell her she'd be late. Then she called again a little later to say she'd found a ride home. "She was that conscientious about it," Mrs. Monte said.

Jennifer also does her homework "faithfully," her mother said, although "she really didn't like school — to her it was a waste of time, but she knows she had to get it done."

AN ANIMAL lover, Jennifer often visits pet shelters on the weekends. She had wanted to become a veterinarian until a few months ago, when she began talking about being a model.

"She saw it as a nice, quiet profession, where you didn't have to speak to anybody," Mrs. Monte said. "She's not very extroverted. She's very quiet, very reserved. She didn't

like meeting new people."

Like many teenagers, Jennifer argued with her mother about the volume of her stereo and about wearing makeup, but generally the two are "very close," and haven't had any serious disagreements, Mrs. Monte said.

Jennifer's parents have been divorced for six years, and her father lives in Des Plaines.

JENNIFER IS described as 5 feet 4 inches tall, with dark blond, shoulder-length hair and blue eyes. Anyone with information is asked to call the Wheeling police at 459-2632.

A reward fund was set up Monday for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case. The fund was opened with \$2,000 from Wickes Corp., where Mrs. Monte works. Donations can be made to the First National Bank of Wheeling.

A group of friends and neighbors Monday was preparing to have 30,000 handbills with Jennifer's picture printed for a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at Carl Sandburg School, 3316 Schoenbeck Road in Wheeling. The group is hoping for at least 100 volunteers to help distribute the fliers.

As of Monday, police had received about 80 calls — including three from psychics — but only about a dozen were promising leads, Kimsey said.

"We're grasping at anything we can get our hands on," he said. "It's spooky. All we know is she's vanished. She's gone."

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She's alive: 84-hour ordeal is over

by Al Cabbage

Herald staff writer

Acting on tips from passing motorists, Wheeling police rescued 13-year-old Jennifer Monte, missing since Friday, from the crawl space of a neighbor's home where she was bound, gagged and raped during an 84-hour ordeal.

The girl's nightmare came to an end at 3:14 a.m. Tuesday when police arrested 27-year-old Thomas Dahm, who lives at 33 S. Schoenbeck Road, just two doors away from where the Monte girl lives with her mother.

Dahm, charged with kidnaping, rape, deviate sexual assault, indecent liberties with a child, armed violence and aggravated battery, is being held on \$1 million bond in Cook County Jail.

Jennifer's rescue climaxed a massive, frantic search for the girl by the FBI, Wheeling police and hundreds of friends, neighbors and volunteers who spent the weekend combing fields, vacant lots and industrial parks throughout the suburban area.

THE MONTE girl disappeared after getting off her school bus at 3:45 p.m. Friday only a block from her home. Police said Dahm grabbed the slender Holmes Junior High School honor roll student only minutes after she got off the bus. Threatening her with a knife, police said Dahm forced her into his house where he assaulted her, leaving her bound beneath the home's floorboards.

Despite her ordeal, authorities said she came through it all "as well as can be expected." When police pulled the child from the crawl space and removed her gag, she asked for a glass of water. She was rushed to Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines where she was treated and released.

"She's looking real good, feeling real good," Larry Monte said of his daughter, Jennifer.

After three days of agonizing over Jennifer's fate, Monte said police ar-

rived at their door with the good news at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"They came over and said, 'We got her and she's alive,'" Monte said. An ambulance was parked outside with Jennifer inside. "My wife and I grabbed each other and jumped in the ambulance. Jennifer just looked at us and the expression on her face, in her eyes, said, 'I'm glad to see you.'"

"**WE GRABBED** her hands and hugged her. There were tears running down everyone's cheeks. My wife had said while Jennifer was gone that all she wanted to do was hug her, and she finally did," Monte said.

Police paid a call on Dahm Monday night after receiving information from passing motorists who Friday witnessed a man walking up the Dahm driveway with his arm around a girl. The motorists were alerted to the importance of what they witnessed by news reports over the weekend about Jennifer's disappearance, Wheeling police said.

The first witness called police Sunday and the other two followed suit Monday, said Sgt. Jack Kimsey.

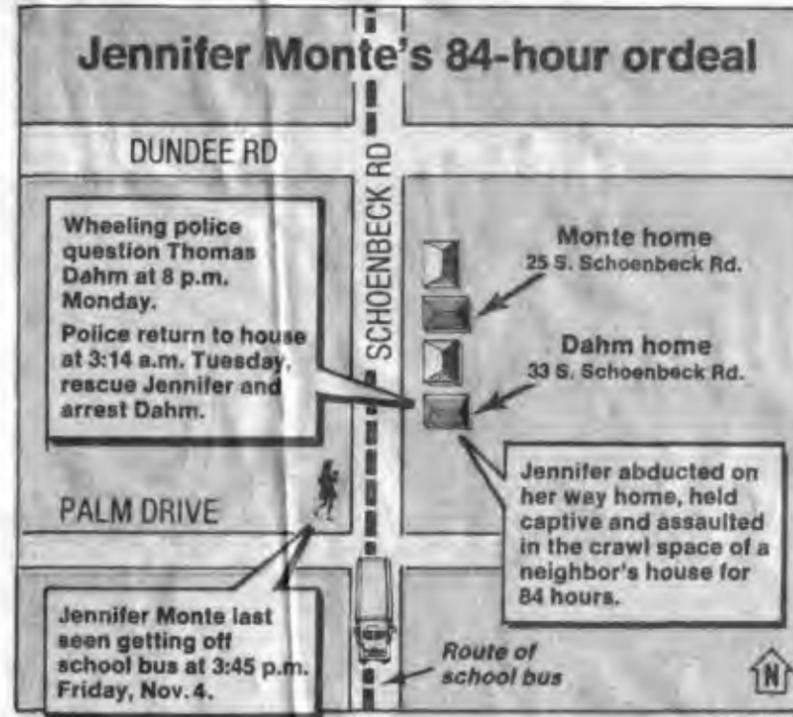
"It seemed like it took a long time but we had to be sure," Kimsey said. "The witnesses were the ones that helped break the case. If they hadn't come in we would still be looking."

Dahm accompanied police back to headquarters at 8 p.m. Monday for several hours of further questioning. During the questioning, Dahm allegedly confessed to the abduction, and he and police returned to the home early Tuesday morning.

Police then found the girl in the narrow crawl space, her hands and legs tied with rope and her mouth taped shut. Fearing at first she was dead, an investigator saw the girl move and shouted, "She's alive," said Kimsey.

THE GIRL apparently had been kept in the crawl space for two days without food or water. The first thing Jennifer said after police freed her

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Herald photo by Bob Ringham

HEAD BOWED in the back seat of a squad car, 27-year-old Thomas Dahm is driven from the Wheeling police station to a bond hearing in Skokie branch of Cook County Circuit Court.

Suspect offered to help look for Jennifer

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

While 13-year-old Jennifer Monte lay bound and gagged in the crawl space of Thomas Dahm's home, the 27-year-old Wheeling man charged with her abduction was in the girl's home offering to help her parents find the missing teen.

"He came strolling in drunk with his dog and said, 'My dog will get her scent — we'll find her,'" said neighbor Carol Garon, who was in the Monte home that night. "I thought, 'This guy's really weird; get him out of here.'"

"He told the dog, 'Sniff around, sniff around, we're going to find Jennifer,'" recalled Jeri Pascucci, another neighbor.

The incident occurred in the kitchen of the Monte home, 25 S. Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling, six hours after the teen disappeared Friday afternoon. The Montes did not then suspect that Dahm, an unemployed landscaper, was holding their daughter captive in his home two doors away.

BUT AT LEAST one neighbor was suspicious. Pascucci went door to door Friday night in hope of finding someone who had seen Jennifer. She recalls

Dahm answering the door "barefoot, a tumbler filled with whiskey in his hand, shaking. He was quite nervous."

Dahm refused to allow Pascucci and her husband, Joe, to enter the darkened house.

Dahm's mother, Dolores, a former Wheeling village trustee, was home Saturday and Sunday but heard nothing, said Dennis Wolter, a Cook County assistant state's attorney. During the course of the hunt for girl, investigators questioned Dahm in the home while Jennifer lay helpless beneath the floorboards.

"Jennifer was probably listening to

the whole thing in the crawl space," Pascucci said.

It wasn't until late Monday night that Dahm, under intensive questioning at the Wheeling police department, told investigators that he had abducted the girl and was holding her captive.

DAHM, THIN, bearded and clad in a red, white and blue-plaid shirt, stood with his head bowed at Tuesday's bond hearing at the Skokie branch of Cook County Circuit Court. He was visibly nervous and spoke once, requesting a public defender.

Authorities said Dahm allegedly (Continued on Page 3)



A modest ranch home in Wheeling was the site where Jennifer Monte was held captive for 84 hours, police said. The Dahm home, 33 S. Schoenbeck Road, is two doors away from the Monte residence.

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Girl found in neighbor's house

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 was, "May I please have a glass of water," Kimsey said.
 Dahm shared the house with his mother, former Wheeling village trustee Dolores Dahm. Police said she was not at home Friday when the abduction occurred, but was

home during the remainder of the weekend.
 Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said Dahm's mother did not know the girl was being held captive.
 Dahm, an unemployed landscaper, was described by police

as "a loner." A high school dropout, he had been convicted in 1980 of driving under the influence and in 1974 for theft and trespass to a vehicle. He has never been charged before with a sex-related criminal offense, prosecutors said.

Dahm, who is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing in Cook County Circuit Court Nov. 15, has been charged with two counts of rape and deviate sexual assault, four counts of taking indecent liberties with a child, aggravated kidnapping, armed violence and aggravated battery. Dahm faces prison sentences of six to 30 years on each count of rape, deviate sexual assault and armed violence, and sentences of four to 15 years on each count of the other charges if convicted.

The missing girl dominated the news during the past weekend. More than 300 searchers including Air Force reservists, scoured a 10-square-mile area in northern Cook and southern Lake counties Sunday in hopes of finding clues.

NEIGHBORS AND friends Monday prepared to have 30,000 handbills printed with Jennifer's picture on them. A special reward fund was set up to aid the search.

Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents spent Monday questioning Jennifer's classmates and neighbors before leads narrowed the search to Dahm. Approximately 20 police officers and FBI agents worked on the case.

"We were thrilled when we found her," said Kimsey. "You can't believe the feeling of relief. We were up 30 hours and everyone was tired this morning but it was a happy tired."

Residents of the modest neighborhood of ranch and split-level homes were stunned by the kidnapping and Dahm's arrest.

"I never thought that the person would come from the neighborhood itself. I never would've dreamed it," said Louis Belmonti, who lives between the Monte and Dahm houses.

"We're just in a state of shock. Everyone says it doesn't happen to you. And when the suspect is two doors away — we had such an intensive search — it's just a shock," said Carol Garon, another neighbor.



Suspicious neighbor Jeri Pascucci remembers seeing Thomas Dahm hours after Jennifer Monte disappeared. "He was quite nervous."

Village asks state to speed road work

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 by Kathy Waugh 11-26-83

Herald staff writer

Wheeling village officials are asking the state to speed up its efforts to fund the paving and widening of Milwaukee Avenue.

Plans call for Milwaukee Avenue to be repaved and widened to include a median and to have drainage improved, but not in the next five years, Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski said.

The \$4 million road project currently is listed on the state's "B" list, which means funding is provided only for preliminary engineering work.

But Fialkowski said the village had asked to be moved to the "A" list which would almost "guarantee" improvements in the next few years.

"It's been a long-term project here for years and they finally put it on the 'B' list and started the engineering but we heard there might be some money available and are hoping maybe we can get it," Fialkowski said.

FIALKOWSKI said about \$1.6 million in federal money was "freed up" after a project in Buffalo Grove was funded from another state source.

"We'll take what we can get," he said. "We are asking them to consider phasing the roadwork in."

The project includes work from Lake-Cook Road to Des Plaines River Road, but Fialkowski said if phasing is done, it would probably start south from Lake-Cook.

"This would make quite a big difference along Milwaukee," he said. "I'm sure it would improve the number of businesses that want to come in here."

Fialkowski said the village has concentrated clean-up efforts on Milwaukee in anticipation of the paving by moving signs back, tearing down old buildings and making owners improve substandard buildings to bring them back within village codes.

Lee Sweica, of the Illinois Department of Transportation, said no road money is available but that the state is still considering the village's request to be put on the "A" list.

Suspect offered to look

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 raped the girl in a bedroom and in the crawl space. She was believed to have been held at least 48 hours in the crawlspace, where police found her early Tuesday morning, arms tied behind her back, legs bound and her mouth taped shut.

When police investigator William Stutzman peered into the crawl space, "he thought he found a body. Then she moved, and he said, 'She's alive,'" said Wheeling police Sgt. Jack Kimsey.

NEIGHBORS PORTRAY Dahm as a loner in a close-knit neighborhood who played his guitar late at night, didn't have a car and stayed close to his home. He dropped out of Wheeling High School in his sophomore year and worked sporadically in his stepfather's landscaping business.

"The guy's mind . . . for 27, he acted kind of like a kid," said Louis Belmonti, another neighbor, who hired Dahm to paint, cut grass and trim bushes. "He liked to fantasize

Police cordon the Dahm home hours after rescuing Jennifer Monte from the crawl space. Dahm, an unemployed landscaper, lived in the home with his mother, Dolores, a former Wheeling village trustee.

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 Photos

about things and he talked like a kid. But I never thought he'd do something like this. He had us buffaloed."

"We never saw him with a friend. He never talked to anyone too much," Pascucci said.

During the weekend, Dahm raked leaves on his front lawn and told Pascucci that he was "keeping his fingers crossed" that the girl would be found.

Jennifer's disappearance mobilized a neighborhood search involving more than 300 persons, including local businessmen. Chicago Bagel and Bialy delicatessen, located a short distance from the Monte house, posted a sign Tuesday that read, "She's Alive: The family of Jennifer Monte would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and concern."



Jennifer Monte: "May I please have a glass of water," she said when police found her.



Village replaces road-work engineers

The Wheeling Village Board fired the engineering firm working on a four-year street improvement program and has hired a Crystal Lake company to do next year's work.

The board replaced the Chicago firm of Metcalf and Eddy with Baxter and Woodman Inc., after Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village had to re-do some curb and street work that Metcalf and Eddy had supervised.

Markus said that the four-year contract with Metcalf and Eddy, which called for paying \$348,000 for engineering and design work, had provisions allowing the village to cancel it "for cause or convenience. We have

terminated for convenience." He said, however, that the village ran into a "few bumps" with Metcalf and Eddy during the first year of a \$3.7 million road project. Metcalf and Eddy was hired to be the consulting engineering firm on the entire four-year project, which is supposed to result in the repaving of every road in the village.

"THE EXTRA work didn't cost the village any money, but we just had to make sure the contractors and engineers did some additional curb and street work," Markus said.

Robert Maxman, vice president for Metcalf and Eddy, said the change in

engineering firms "was done for the convenience of the village, based on some previous work Baxter and Woodman had done for them. Naturally, we would like to have the job."

He confirmed that some curb work had to be redone because the contractor installed it incorrectly and said it "might have" contributed to their losing the job. "No one likes to see that work done again, even though it doesn't cost them anything," Maxman said.

Unlike the agreement with Metcalf and Eddy, the Crystal Lake firm was hired for one year — not for the remaining length of the project. Baxter

and Woodman will be paid a maximum of \$56,600, while Metcalf and Eddy have received about \$54,269 as of Nov. 1 but still may have additional payment coming, Markus said.

Wheeling Trustee Charles Kerr questioned the village staff's recommendation of the Crystal Lake firm, asking, "What gives you any more confidence that these people will do the job?"

But Markus said it was not a matter of confidence but rather that the staff could only continue to hire who it thinks is best. "We selected from the top three companies and felt we had a few bumps along the way, so we are changing."

Wheeling grounds Pal-Waukee plan

by Sandra A.R. Smith

Herald staff writer

After five years of discussing whether to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport, it appears that Wheeling officials are cooling off while Prospect Heights continues to vigorously pursue the idea.

The latest development is the Wheeling village board's rejection of a recommendation by the Federal Aviation Administration to buy the airport over a 7-year period.

The FAA says the \$32 million necessary to buy the airport, condemn some surrounding property and make improvements on the site could never be allocated in one year. It is suggesting that the cost be spread out over seven years.

But Wheeling Trustee William Rogers said only about 25 percent of the money each year is earmarked for the actual purchase of the airport, the rest is for site improvements and land acquisition.

ROGERS SAID THE airport itself will cost \$16 million and should be paid for in the first two or three years before land around the airport is con-

demned.

"It's the cart before the horse," Rogers said. "What the board is trying to say is 'if you want to phase in the project, fine, but the first two or three years goes toward the purchase of the airport before we go condemning land.'"

Rogers said the village would incur legal fees and costs defending its position and would not even own the airport.

"What happens if one year the FAA has difficulty coming up with the money?" he said. "We'd get one foot in the door and then we'd be obligated if the FAA does not come up with the rest."

But John Guidotti, a supervisor in the Chicago district of the FAA, said Wheeling would not be left "hanging."

"I DON'T BLAME them for having some concern about future years, there would be some agreement to fund the total airport acquisition cost," Guidotti said. In a similar situation, the cities of Burbank, Pasadena and Glendale in California were guaranteed that the FAA would participate in a four-year series of grants, he said.

However, Guidotti said earmarking funds just for the airport acquisition in

the first few years is unlikely. "There are things at that airport that need immediate attention like the removal of hangars on the southwest corner of the main runway."

Rogers, though, said the FAA "has to give us a better deal."

"The pressure is off to buy it," he said. The owner, George Priester, originally said he wanted to sell the property because he would be financially hurt by inheritance taxes. But the federal government has recently changed its laws, making them more favorable, Rogers said.

"Priester can now get the same funding that we can," Rogers said. "But he cannot condemn land and that's why the FAA needs us to expand the capability of the airfield and provide more parking spaces."

"NOW THAT THE federal government has changed all the rules why should we buy the airport?" Rogers said. "Priester said he will not close the airport and we know that pilots are not happy with the proposed charge of from \$3 to \$10 to land there."

The final decision, however, will be left to the voters in April when an ad-

visory referendum will be held.

In the meantime, Prospect Heights has spent months studying the airport purchase and a report will be given to the city council before the end of the year.

Mayor John Gilligan, a strong advocate of buying the airport as long as it is producing revenue for the city, sees no problem with the FAA's recommendation to phase in the purchase over seven years.

Gilligan said other advantages of owning the airport include control over the property. The city would be eligible for federally funded noise abatement studies and programs to reduce noise problems in schools, a comprehensive plan for the eastern portion of the city and a land use study to show how the surrounding property can be zoned for redevelopment.

"We can't help anyone around that airport if we are not the owners," he said. "A new private owner is unlikely to maintain that as an airport, the land is too valuable for . . . at."

The proper planning would produce an increase in sales tax for the city because Prospect Heights does not now collect any property tax, he said.

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Grand jury indicts Wheeling man in kidnap of girl

By Marianne Taylor

A 27-YEAR-OLD Wheeling man was indicted by a Cook County grand jury Thursday on charges of aggravated kidnaping, aggravated battery and other crimes in connection with the abduction of a 13-year-old girl in the northwest suburb.

Thomas Dahm, 27, of 33 Schoenbeck Rd., lives near the victim, a junior high school student.

The girl was found at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday bound and gagged in a crawl space under the house where Dahm, a self-employed landscaper, lived with his mother, Delores, a former Wheeling village trustee. Police said Mrs. Dahm did not know the girl was hidden in the house.

The victim was abducted Friday afternoon and had been missing for 84 hours before she was found by police.

HER DISAPPEARANCE touched off an intensive search by police from Wheeling and nearby suburbs, the FBI and residents of the neighborhood.

Neighbors said Dahm was among those who offered to search for the missing girl on Sunday afternoon.

Dahm was invited to the police station for questioning Monday. On Monday night, the state's attorney's office received written permission from Dahm's mother, the owner of the house, to conduct a thorough search of the house and yard.

Bond for Dahm was set at \$1 million. He also was indicted on charges of armed violence, rape, deviate sexual assault and taking indecent liberties with a child.

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THE DRIVE EAST on Hintz Road from Route 83 often brings some surprising sights.

For example, sometimes on a rainy day, one may see five or six rainbows forming a bridge in the sky, and as one approaches Wolf Road, more rainbows appear, ever elusive.

The other day, however, thick black smoke rolled across Hintz Road east of Wheeling Road. It was a bit unnerving to watch flames leap out of the second-story windows of an old house. Flickering headlights could barely be seen through the dense smoke, and Wheeling police had to direct traffic.

It was no emergency, however. Wheeling firemen were supervising a houseburning. The old house on Hintz Road was in the industrial area where development is called for. It's all part of the changing Wheeling landscape.

Liquor and park referendums both get substantial OK

LIFE 11-10-83

A PAIR of local referendums, neither facing public opposition, were overwhelmingly approved by Wheeling voters Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Previously, Village President Sheila Schultz, who also served as liquor commissioner, had full authority to issue, revoke and suspend liquor licenses.

A binding liquor referendum, calling for establishment of a commission to rule on liquor issues in the village, was favored by voters by a 842-232 margin, according to unofficial tabulations.

A Park District referendum requesting permission to sell a single-family residence in Horizon Park also was approved. The unofficial count showed the referendum passed 966-125.

Voter authorization is required for the sale of any park property, said Parks Director David Phillips, who added that the proceeds will be reinvested in the Horizon Park site.

"I'm pleased with the decision by the voters," said Phillips. "I think the people understood that we are trying to maximize the limited resources of the park district."

Pension-fund loans OK'd for police

LIFE 11-10-83

WHEELING—The Police Pension Board intends to go ahead with plans to use pension funds for low-interest loans, despite a pending village suit aimed at blocking the proposal.

The Police Pension Board voted Tuesday, Oct. 25, to adopt an agreement with the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union that would allow officers to use up to \$1 million in pension funds for home mortgages and other needs.

The plan will make low-cost mortgages available to the fund's 35 members, including six retired Wheeling police officers. Implementation of the mortgage investment

program could begin as soon as Dec. 6.

UNDER THE PLAN, officers will be able to obtain loans at an interest rate of 9.5 percent. With 3 percent of this amount going to the credit union for administrative costs, the pension fund will realize the remaining 6.5 percent return rate on its investment.

Village officials, arguing that this 6.5 percent return is an unreasonably low figure compared to other investment ventures, filed suit in January to block the action.

"We're going ahead with the lawsuit," said Village Attorney James Rhodes. "We will be going into

court and challenging their actions."

The village suit contends the loan program is an "illegal investment," Rhodes said, because the plan does not seek the best return available.

"You lose a couple of percentage points each year over 30 years; it accumulates and you have a big problem," said Rhodes. "The potential loss is great, and it will lead to a substantial tax-dollar cost to

taxpayers."

But supporters of the mortgage program contend it will not force tax bills to go higher.

Michael Leibig, attorney for the pension board, said village officials have "extremely exaggerated" the impact of the program. Leibig explained that the 6.5 percent return is "guaranteed," adding the village will "never have to tax" to pay for the program.

Citizens endorse garage sale

LIFE 11-10-83

CITIZENS AT a special meeting Nov. 3 of Wheeling Township approved a resolution calling for the unconditional sale of the township garage, despite the objections of several township officials.

This was the second town meeting on the proposed garage sale, which has become a partisan political issue, according to some officials.

The electorate originally approved the sale of the highway garage Sept. 20, but procedural irregularities during the first session voided the action. The resolution approved last week is basically identical to the original.

THE CONTROVERSY stems from a provision in the resolution which allows for no contingencies in the future sale of the highway garage. Opponents, like Trustee Lou Muno, contend the absence of a contingency clause may deter private bidders from purchasing the township garage at 2430 E. Hintz Road.

"We are asking that private bidders plunk down 100 percent of their money and then go see if they can do something with this property," said Muno. "This is an injustice to the township."

The resolution "rigs any potential sale," Muno said, in favor of Pros-

pect Heights, which leases space in the garage and wants to buy the property.

Village President Sheila Schultz told the crowd that the resolution, as written, would not provide the highest return on the garage sale because it "precludes bidding on the open market."

Schultz also questioned the propriety of Prospect Heights officials helping to draft the resolution; such public sales, she said, "should not be dictated by a municipality."

The highway garage is located within a strip of unincorporated land along Hintz Road. Some vil-

lage officials predict Prospect Heights will annex the strip if it is the successful bidder.

Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld, who introduced the resolution, said the unconditional terms of the sale will not prove a burden to private bidders. "Fairness will win out," he said.

Township Supervisor Phil Rogers also said contingencies should not play a role in the sale of the garage.

In a public sale of this type, Rogers said, the township government should not become involved in the financing or zoning of the property to be purchased.



THIS HOME AT 33 Schoenbeck Road was an 84-hour prison for a 13-year-old eighth-grade student abducted at the end of the school day Friday, Nov. 4. Allegedly raped by her captor, she was kept in a crawlspace at the home during her captivity. (Photo by Eva Paredes).

Life 11-10-83

Aftermath

Court process begins against victim's neighbor

By BARBARA YOUNG
Staff Writer

A 27-year-old Wheeling man, accused of kidnapping and raping a 13-year-old eighth-grade student, is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday, Nov. 15, for a preliminary hearing.

Thomas Dahm was arrested early morning Tuesday, Nov. 8, and is being held in Cook County jail on \$1 million bond.

Wheeling Police found Jennifer L. Monte 84 hours after she was abducted, lying bound and gagged in a crawlspace at 33 Schoenbeck Road where Dahm lives with his mother Dolores. The home is just two doors away from 25 Schoenbeck where Jennifer lives with her mother,

Frances Monte.

A student at Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High School, 221 S. Wolf Road, Jennifer had been missing since Friday, Nov. 4, when she was last seen getting off a school bus about 3:45 p.m.

DAHM IS charged with rape, aggravated kidnapping, deviate sexual assault, indecent liberties with a child, armed violence and aggravated battery.

Unemployed, Dahm lives with his mother, Dolores, the first woman trustee in Wheeling, who served from 1977-79, according to officials.

Two witnesses came forth, leading police to Dahm after an intensive weekend air and land search involving several hundred

volunteers and a media blitz about Jennifer's disappearance.

Jennifer was found in a second search of the Dahm home by police, an hour after they completed a first search with Dolores Dahm's approval, according to police. Officials said they don't believe she knew Jennifer was at the house. Dolores Dahm was not at home the day of the abduction and she was in and out over the weekend, police said.

At the time of the search, police were questioning Dahm, who voluntarily reported to the police station about 8 p.m., seven hours before Jennifer was found.

Dahm has a previous arrest record for minor offenses, including traffic violations, police said.

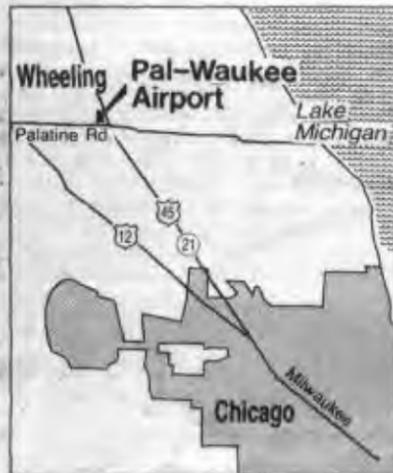


JENNIFER MONTE

Wheeling to give voters a say on airport purchase

TRIB 11-16-83

By Dori Meinert



WHEELING RESIDENTS will be asked next spring whether the village should buy Pal-Waukee Airport, village officials have agreed.

Within two months, the village board is expected to approve a call for an advisory referendum on the issue. By that time the village should know whether the Federal Aviation Administration would provide about \$35 million for the purchase.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights applied earlier this year for the funds to jointly buy the airport, at Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road. An additional \$20 million for long-range renovation would be requested later.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS has made no plans yet for a referendum similar to the one proposed in Wheeling.

Discussion about public purchase of the airport began about five years ago. Application for federal funds was made after a consulting firm in 1982 recommended the purchase as a way to ensure the airport's continued operation.

Wheeling Mayor Sheila Schultz said the board members are interested in residents' opinion on the purchase. She emphasized, however, that the board would not be bound by the referendum.

WHEELING OFFICIALS have rejected an FAA suggestion that the purchase be extended over seven

years, with renovation occurring at the same time. By completing the purchase and then making the required renovation, the towns would retain greater control over the airport, Schultz said.

The airport is owned by George Priester, who at age 75 wants to make sure the airport will continue operating after he dies. The rising operation costs are making it difficult for privately owned airports to compete with those that are publicly owned, he has said.

Since 1947, 23 general-aviation airports have closed in the six-county area. Aviation experts, who call the trend alarming, have predicted that only 11 of the remaining 23 will survive through the 1990s.

11-10-83 Herald

Village roads prepped for winter

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

With the addition of three new trucks and the completion of most road work in the village, Wheeling roads are just about ready for winter, said Public Works Director Bob Gray.

The first phase of the village's largest-ever road project has been completed and snow clearing equipment, including three new trucks purchased from Wheeling Township, are being readied for the snow and cold.

Throughout the summer, work crews resurfaced 38 roads, primarily in the older sections of town. The work closed roads for a few days and left others with only one lane open.

But Gray said the roads will be open for the winter. "The majority of the street work has been completed with exception to some check work where they are fixing some final patching," Gray said. "We are just about ready for the winter season."



Herald photo

ROAD REPAIRS on Dundee Road in Wheeling should be completed by Thanksgiving, according to officials from Arrow Road Construction Company,

Elk Grove Village. Crews are applying the final layer of blacktop to finish off the \$323,000 project providing a fifth turning lane the length of the roadway.

LEXINGTON COMMONS residents in the north end of town will have their streets plowed by the village for the first time this winter because the village board has approved the addition of the subdivision's streets to other village-owned roadways.

Summer road work was part of a \$3.7 million four-year road improvement program approved last September to replace or repair roads in Wheeling. Summer work focused primarily on older subdivision streets that are "just wearing out" Gray said.

Next summer, village residents can expect more extensive repaving because about \$1.5 million in work is scheduled, Gray said.

"Next year will probably be about one-and-a-half times what we did this year," Gray said.

structing now, they will next year and the year after."

Before this summer, the last major road work in the village took place in 1966, Gray said. But that work dealt primarily with resurfacing in Dunhurst subdivision and the Old Town area around Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road.

LES SWIECA, planning supervisor for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said work has already started on Wheeling's only other state-funded project. Engineers are working on the design for a \$1 million plan to straighten the Dundee Road intersection of Boehmer Road and the Northgate Parkway. Construction is scheduled for the spring.

Swieca said several road projects were started during the summer because additional revenue is beginning to come in from the higher gasoline taxes passed in 1982.

Also, until about 1988, the state will be working on using up \$2.2 billion in money that came its way when plans for the Cross Town Expressway were abandoned. The money was split between the city of Chicago and the suburbs, with northwest suburban Cook County getting about \$66 million.

11-3-83 Life

Planners say no Housing project hits a snag

THE WHEELING PLAN COMMISSION Thursday, Oct. 27, recommended denial of zoning changes needed to construct four townhouses at Hintz Road and Maple Lane.

This marked the last parcel to be reviewed by the Plan Commission in connection with the Cook County Housing Authority's plan to build 17 low-income housing units in Wheeling. The Plan Commission ruled against two of the four housing proposals requiring zoning changes.

The zoning requests, which now go to the board of trustees for a final determination, brought hundreds of residents opposed to the project to the sometimes heated and emotional public hearings on the issue.

THE PLAN COMMISSION voted 5-0, with one abstention, to deny the request for rezoning from a single-family to a multi-family residential district. Commission members

based their decision on the recommendation of village attorney James Rhodes, who cited restrictions contained in a 1956 protective covenant.

The issue centered on the validity of the 27-year-old covenant, which restricts the use of all parcels in the Glendrake subdivision to single-family residential dwellings. Prospect Heights officials joined residents of the Glendrake subdivision in opposing the zoning petition, arguing that the property at issue lies in an area that far more strongly affects Prospect Heights than Wheeling.

After reviewing stacks of documentation, presented by attorneys for both the Prospect Heights objectors and the Cook County Housing Authority, Rhodes discovered that a "release" to the terms of the covenant had been enacted in 1958 by subdivision property owners. Rhodes ruled however that the release only applied to six specific

lots in the subdivision and did not abolish all restrictions to the covenant.

Rhodes said the Plan Commission must view the 1956 document as a "valid restrictive covenant and can not rezone the property for multi-family use."

PLAN COMMISSION Chairman Paul Eisterhold agreed that the issue of the protective covenant supercedes all other considerations. The vote recommending denial of the zoning request then followed.

After the meeting, Cook County Housing Authority attorney James Casey said he did not agree with the conclusion of the village counsel, claiming instead the release applied to the entire subdivision.

Plans to proceed with the scattered-site housing project will continue, Casey vowed.

"We're going to take the whole package to the Village Board," said Casey, "and we expect to win."

11-3-83 Neighbor

Village police probe thefts of 3 cars

Police beat

Vehicle owners reported the most numerous crimes in Wheeling last week. Three cars were stolen, three were robbed and two more were vandalized.

A silver 1979 Pontiac coupe valued at \$6,000 was stolen from the 1600 block of Hunter Drive in the Mallard Lake apartment complex between 6:45 and 8:57 p.m.

The second was a red 1982 Chevrolet Camaro valued at \$8,000, which was stolen from the Wickes Furniture parking lot, 351 W. Dundee Rd., between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 22.

The third was stolen Oct. 25 from the K-

Mart parking lot, 780 W. Dundee. A 1983 Gray Honda Accord valued at \$8,000 was stolen between 5 and 10 p.m.

Two car owners lost convertible T-tops. Two T-tops from a 1979 Pontiac Firebird were stolen between 7 p.m. and 4:45 a.m. Oct. 24 from the 1200 block of Forums Court in the Forums apartment complex. The tinted glass with blue pinstriping T-tops were valued at \$300, and there was \$50 damage to the lock holding the T-tops.

Silver T-tops from a 1983 Chevrolet were stolen the night of Oct. 24 from the 1100 block of Pleasant Run Drive in the Pheasant Run apartment complex. Those T-tops were valued at \$200 each.

Another owner lost the louvered rear window cover from a black 1980 Pontiac Trans Am when the car was parked in the 1500 block of Saunders Court in the Sand Pebble condominium complex the night of Oct. 23. The cover was valued at \$150.

One of the vandalized cars was a 1984 Oldsmobile which had the rear window broken out when it was parked in the 200 block of Arlene Court between 10 and 10:10 p.m. Oct. 21. The damage was estimated at \$275.

The second vandalized vehicle was a 1983 Pontiac J2000 which had been parked at Clear Shield Plastics, 1175 S. Wheeling Rd., from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 25. Two obscene words were scratched in the hood and damage was estimated at \$200.

11-16-83 Herald

Homes for autistic to open in January

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Homes in Wheeling and Schaumburg for eight autistic adults should be open by January, says Francine Bernstein, founder of a Morton Grove organization dedicated to the autistic.

Bernstein and her organization, BLARE House Inc., have been waiting to open the houses for nearly two years, she said. The delay ended when the Illinois Department of Mental Health authorized payments for four men who will live in the Schaumburg home at 934 Parker Drive.

Money for four people who will live in Wheeling at 940 Pebble Drive should be granted by December, she said.

BLARE House also plans to build 12 town houses for 45 autistic adults off of Elmhurst Road in Wheeling. The organization still needs a zoning change from the village and federal funding, and village officials say they still aren't satisfied there is a need for a facility that large in Wheeling and have yet to grant the zoning request.

FOUR MEN ALREADY have been selected for placement in the Schaumburg home, Bernstein said,

including her own 25-year-old autistic son Bradley. The other three are from Chicago and Niles and Maine townships.

BLARE House staff will sift through about 20 possible applicants from the Department of Mental Health for the Wheeling house, Bernstein said.

"We are trying to find people that will mesh together well," she said. "We said specifically that we would prefer to take clients from the area where the homes are so they can be near their parents."

BLARE House Inc., which stands for Better Living for the Autistic in a Residential Environment, has nearly \$29,000 in "start-up" money to hire a professional staff, Bernstein said. Any cleaning and refurbishing for the homes — including finishing a basement in the Wheeling home — will be paid for with other donations, she said.

Maine Township has granted \$1,000 to the organization, Niles Township \$500 and other private organizations and individuals more than \$8,000, she said. Wheeling, Schaumburg and other Northwest suburban townships will be asked for money in 1984, she said.

11-15-83 Herald

Local Lions Clubs offer adults free vision tests

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is offering free vision screening for glaucoma and visual acuity for adults. The screening will be offered by local Lions Clubs.

The screenings will be available from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Mount Prospect Senior Center, 18 S. Emerson St.; from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 at Longfellow School, 501 N. Arlington Heights Road, Buffalo Grove; from 9 a.m. to

noon Dec. 6 at Poe School, 2800 N. Highland Ave., Arlington Heights; from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at 999 W. Dundee Ave., Arlington Heights; from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7 at Des Plaines Mall parking lot; from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 7 at the Wheeling Municipal Center, 255 W. Dundee Road; from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 15 at the Elk Grove Village Hall, 901 Wellington Ave.; and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 15, 101 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg.

11-11-83 Herald

Senior center final downtown link

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Construction of a third building in Wheeling's senior citizens complex should help to "anchor" the area and bring in more commercial business to complete the village's downtown redevelopment plan, Village President Sheila Schultz said.

The senior recreation center, to be built on Milwaukee Avenue south of Dundee Road, is the final phase of a three-building senior citizen complex off Milwaukee Avenue near Strong Street. Five years ago the 3.7 acres of land was pegged as a good spot to start redeveloping downtown.

Now, with spring construction plans for the senior center, Schultz says all that remains is the repaving of Milwaukee Avenue and some added commercial business.

"WE ARE working for the continued removal or refurbishing of old buildings and some commercial help," Schultz said. "This senior complex was

a good opportunity to deal with a fair sized piece of land and this will anchor any future plans for the area.

"The work is going along slowly so it may not look like anything is being done," Schultz said. "But we are making gradual progress."

Five years ago, village staff and officials laid plans to renovate the downtown area, employing both village, federal and private money.

The senior complex includes the recreation center, a 100-unit apartment complex put up by Cook County and a walk-in clinic built by Holy Family Hospital. Village officials have spent the last year bringing Sportmart and other businesses to the main intersection as well as cleaning up existing buildings and making owners meet village codes.

What remains in the master plan, Village Planner Richard Greenwood said, are primarily commercial and residential developments. The repaving of Milwaukee Avenue, also called for in the master plan, is a state road

and will be paved as state money is available, he said.

"WE ARE thinking long range so it may take several years to actually complete the plan because most of the work is going to have to be accomplished by commercial or multi-family housing construction," Greenwood said.

Greenwood called spring construction of the senior center "a piece of the puzzle" and said it will allow the village concentrate on other phases of development.

Construction of the new center — stalled when architect's misjudged the cost of the building they designed — should begin in the spring, Greenwood.

Earlier in the year, Wheeling paid the Chicago firm of Holabird and Root about \$42,000 for initial architectural designs, and the architects estimated the building would cost \$471,000.

BUT THE lowest bid came in at \$379,000, and the village rejected it, deciding instead to have the building redesigned to match the money avail-

able. Bids are expected to be let again in the next two months.

The architectural problem was the second hurdle village officials had to face since starting the project in 1979. In 1981, the village spent \$269,000 to purchase the 3.7 acre site but six months later the board had to have plans redesigned when it lost a court case that would have forced the sale of an acre of land needed near the site.

The building will be paid for primarily with \$780,000 in federal grants.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES indicated the center will cost \$80,000 a year to maintain, Greenwood said. "Our long term objective is to have it self supporting whether it be through donations, fundraisers or other corporations and organizations that fund these type of programs," Greenwood said.

Furnishing for the center is expected to cost about \$80,000 but, Barb Hansen, village senior citizen coordinator, said the senior citizens only have about \$7,000 collected to date.

Village board wrapup

Buildings get 8 years to conform to codes

Wheeling trustees approved an eight-year plan to try to bring all buildings in Wheeling into conformance with village building and zoning codes.

The first year, the village plans to spend time studying which buildings do not meet codes and how and when it would be best to go to businesses and residents requesting conformance.

The seven years following will give the village legal time to allow all businesses to try to conform either by reconstruction, demolition or obtaining village approval for the non-conformity, Attorney James Rhodes said.

Rhodes said also that it would be wrong for the village to consider trying to change all the non-conforming buildings right now since "50 to 60 percent of our business area along Milwaukee Avenue" need to be updated to meet codes.

Long-time employees honored

The board honored long-time employees of the village, giving special commendation to Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey, who has been with the village 25 years.

August Lockfeer was honored for his 20 years with the village and Dexter Gorski, Jack Koenig and Ralph Perricone for their 15 years.

Ten-year honors went to Robert Gray, Jeff Kopper, Marge Ellison, Robert MacDonald and Thomas Counley.

Five-year honors went to Irene Mede, Bruce Kristy, Robert Hansen, William Hubner, Thomas Lorenz, Robert Pressley, Adrian Russell, William Stutzman and Steve Morris.

Street sweeper bought for \$67,757

The board also approved the purchase of a \$67,757 street sweeper for the village.

Bruce Municipal Equipment Inc. of Glenview submitted the higher of two bids, but Public Works Director Robert Gray asked the board to go with the higher bid because he said Bruce's street sweeper was a better quality.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the purchase, questioning Gray on why he even bothered to formulate bid specifications if he admitted that he and his crew were really interested in the purchase of an Elgin model.

The village will spend \$20,000 this year and pay the rest in two installments over the next two years.

The low bidder, Lewis International Inc. of Prospect Heights, was \$3,400 under Bruce's bid, Gray said. The new sweeper will replace a 12-year-old Elgin sweeper the village bought in 1972.

The week ahead 11-14-83

Village views vote on airport purchase

The Wheeling village board today will discuss plans to hold a March referendum on the possible purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he will ask the board to put together questions it still has for the Federal Aviation Association concerning the terms of a possible \$32 million federal grant, conditions on the grant, and noise and repair requirements for the airstrip.

For five years, Wheeling and Prospect Heights have discussed purchasing the airport, up for sale by the Charles Priestler family.



Countyside
Reminder 11-10-83

Jennifer Monte, 13, was held captive for 84 hours last weekend in the crawlspace of the home on the right at 33 S. Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling. Jennifer returned to her home, two doors down on the left, early Tuesday morning. Her mother had knocked on the front door searching for Jennifer Friday evening. (Staff photo by Cathy Acherman)

Jennifer is safe!

Police find girl bound and gagged two doors down from her house

By MARY WROBLEWSKI

Trembling and fighting back tears, Jennifer Monte's parents Monday afternoon feared for their daughter's life.

They cried again Tuesday morning—this time, however, their tears were ones of happiness.

Jennifer, 13, was alive and well and at home.

"Words can't express how happy we are. We're just elated and very relieved that she's all right," Francine Monte said as she hugged Jennifer's father, Lawrence, on the porch of her Wheeling home. "As soon as they told me she was OK, all I wanted to do was hold her."

Jennifer, reported missing Friday afternoon after exiting a school bus one block from her home, was found at 3:14 a.m. Tuesday, bound by rope and tape and gagged in the crawlspace of 33 South Schoenbeck Road, just two doors away from her home at 25 Schoenbeck.

Aside from several rope burns, Jennifer suffered no other physical injuries during her 84 hours of captivity, police said. They found her fully clothed and believe she had been fed during the weekend.

She was taken by ambulance to Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines before being released to her parents at about 7:30 a.m.

The suspect, Thomas Dahm, 27, was charged with rape, aggravated kidnapping, deviate sexual assault, indecent liberties with a child, armed violence and aggravated battery.

He is being held at the Cook County jail in lieu of \$1 million bond.

Wheeling Sgt. Jack Kimsey said Dahm is a "loner, quiet and somewhat immature

for his age. He's had minor run-ins with the police for traffic violations, but nothing major."

Dahm, unemployed, kept his head down, shoulders slumped, as a Wheeling police officer drove him from the Wheeling Police Department to a Skokie courtroom for his bond hearing Tuesday morning.

Jennifer's disappearance sparked an intensive search Saturday and Sunday of 10-square miles in Wheeling. The hunt was called off Sunday evening when the search team uncovered no clues.

Police, investigators and the FBI, called in for help Sunday, spent Monday interviewing neighbors, friends and the children who rode the bus with Jennifer

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Jennifer Monte



Following up on a neighbor's request, Garry Schwab, an employee at Chicago Bagel and Bialy, 1099 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, hung a sign conveying the feelings of Jennifer Monte's parents. The deli is three doors down from the Monte home. "The whole community is so relieved she's all right. We're all breathing a little easier now," he said. (Staff photo by Cathy Acherman)

...tried to hurt
and might be frightened and scared
house," Francine said Monday. "So I
knocked on doors and walked down the
block yelling, 'Jenny, it's mommy. Please
come out. It's OK.'"
After contacting Lawrence, her ex-

WFE 11-17-83

'Not guilty' plea in abduction case

A 27-year-old Wheeling man, accused of kidnapping and raping a 13-year-old eighth-grade student, pleaded not guilty in court Tuesday, Nov. 15, to all 20 counts related to the crime.

Thomas Dahm is being held in Cook County jail on \$1 million bond and is scheduled to appear in court again Wednesday, Dec. 7, for a continued hearing. He was arrested early Tuesday morning, Nov. 8, shortly after his alleged victim, Jennifer L. Monte, was found 84 hours after she was abducted. The girl was lying bound and gagged in a crawlspace at 33 Schoenbeck Road, where Dahm lives with his mother, Dolores.

The home is just two doors away from 25 Schoenbeck, where Jennifer lives with her mother, Frances Monte.

Dennis Born, one of Dahm's three court-appointed attorneys from the Public Defender's Office, said a judge determined that Dahm cannot afford to hire his own attorney. Dahm has been unemployed and no assets, such as a bank account, have been determined, Born said.

JUDGE MICHAEL P. Toomin

rejected an assistant state's attorney's request that Dahm's \$1 million bond be revoked, according to Born.

Dennis Wolter, assistant state's attorney, simply said, that based on the law, bond usually is not allowed in connection with crimes of murder and aggravated kidnapping and treason. Besides, he said, the grand jury, which indicted Dahm Nov. 10, did not recommend bond.

Between now and the December court date, Born said his office will "explore the legal aspects in the investigation." He added that "the state hadn't provided any facts or physical evidence to support the allegations." Born said he understands Dahm and Jennifer may have made statements that his office needs to see. Whatever has to be done, Born said, the actual trial probably won't take place for a long time. "It could be three months or three years," he said.

Included in the 20-count charges are eight for armed violence; five for indecent liberties with a child; two each for rape, aggravated kidnapping, and deviate sexual assault; and one for aggravated battery.

12-18-83 Herald

Village may cut 1984 tax rate

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling's Finance Director Greg Peters is recommending the village's tax levy be abated nearly \$1 million, dropping the levy 7 percent below taxes paid this year.

The abatement would cut next year's tax bills by about \$22 for a homeowner with a house assessed at \$19,000.

In August, the board approved a \$3.9 million levy for 1983, up 21 percent from this year's taxes. At the time, Peters said about 25 percent of that

could be abated because Lake Michigan water pipeline costs were lower than expected. The village levied the money to fulfill its obligations to the bond holders who are financing the lake water project.

The \$930,700 abatement drops the new levy to just over \$3 million, down from the \$3.2 million paid in taxes this year.

PETERS ESTIMATED that next year's tax rates would drop from \$1.13 to \$1.01 per \$100 assessed evaluation. The savings would translate into a \$22 savings for a homeowner with a house as-

essed at \$19,000.

Last year, the village raised property taxes 48 cents per \$100 assessed evaluation and increased water rates from 90 cents to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons for a total increase of about \$131 a year for a typical homeowner.

Peters said last year's increase in taxes and water rates has left the village with an \$849,200 surplus in its water and sewer budget. In addition, the village paid \$1 million less than the estimated \$12 million cost for the pipeline project.

The village still has 15 years in loan payments on the water project and the

11-16-83 Herald

Vehicle stickers on sale now at the village hall

Wheeling vehicle stickers are on sale at the village hall and must be on cars by Feb. 1.

Passenger car stickers are the same price as last year, \$10.

Stickers are on sale in the administrative office of the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The office is open from 8 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and also on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 7 p.m. A \$15 late fee will be assessed for any late sticker purchases.

Stickers for motorcycles and mopeds are \$6 and recreational vehicle stickers are \$15. For people 65 years or older, the price is \$3.

Village abates \$930,000 in taxes

HERALD 11-22-83
by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board approved a \$930,000 tax abatement Monday night, which will cut about \$22 from the typical taxpayer's 1984 tax bill.

The abatement drops the final 1983 tax levy to just more than \$3 million, 7 percent below taxes paid this year.

The board in August approved a \$3.9 million levy for 1983, up 21 percent from the previous year. At the time, Wheeling finance director Greg Peters said about one-fourth of the levy could be abated because costs for internal work on the Lake Michigan water pipe-

line project were running below original estimates.

The village levied the money to fulfill its obligation to bondholders who are helping to finance the water project.

THE VILLAGE paid \$1 million less than the estimated \$12 million cost for the pipeline project that will bring Lake Michigan water from Eyanston to Wheeling and three other Northwest suburban towns.

"We're not saying this is going to be a continued process of abatements," Peters said. "We think there is sufficient funds in the water and sewer funds so that we'll be able to phase in the impact of the water costs, some

this year and the rest next year."

All the trustees supported the reduced levy, "you so regularly hear that once a tax is imposed it is never taken off," trustee Charles Kerr said. "I sure want to give the staff and Tom (Markus, the village manager) credit for this happening."

Markus said although the staff worked to save throughout the year, reduced construction costs resulted in the bulk of the savings.

Last year the village raised property taxes 48 cents per \$100 assessed evaluation. That, coupled with a water rate increase from 90 cents to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons, raised taxes about \$131 a year for a typical homeowner.

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Park asking village to split bridge costs

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Park District board members want the village to split the estimated \$10,000 cost to raise a bridge at Childerely Park, but village officials say the park district should foot the bill.

Wheeling park board President Donald Lark said the village has an obligation to raise the bridge over the Wheeling Drainage Ditch because the work would help prevent flooding.

"The village is in control of the storm water management and we are just trying to help by elevating the bridge," Lark said. In July 1982, areas of the village were flooded and the bridge blocked the path of the drainage ditch, sending water onto the streets and into basements along Valley Stream Drive.

The village asked the park district to either remove the bridge or raise it, but village administrators are recommending the park district's request for half of the cost be denied.

THE VILLAGE PAID about \$2,000 in the summer to have an old farm bridge removed that was obstructing the flow of flood water and public works staff regularly check the ditch, cleaning out trees, trash and other ob-

structions.

In addition, the village is purchasing land to build a channel that will divert the water and help end flooding in the village, "so I think we have enough of our own stuff to handle," Markus said.

Village Trustee Joseph Ratajczak agreed, saying "I think we've got our work cut out with our own responsibilities."

Trustee William Rogers said he would support the park's request, but wanted park officials to remember it when the village needs something. "I don't really feel too kindly to this because you come to the village and say, 'O.K. boys, you want this, you help pay for it.'"

The board will decide whether to help pay for the bridge raising at an 8 p.m. Monday meeting in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Lark said the bridge was put in properly and if the village doesn't offer to help then "I guess we'll just try to put a little more pressure on them. We haven't discussed what we'll do if we don't get the help."

"We put the bridge in the way we were supposed to," he said. "But by building more stuff downstream over the years, they are dumping more water at that bridge. So we really don't feel we are at fault."

Less restrictive window sign law proposed

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by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer



In response to objections from businesses, Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending store owners be allowed nearly double the space currently permitted for window signs.

But William Kaplan, president of Billy K's Hair Again, 34 W. Dundee Road, said the Markus' recommendation is "ridiculous."

Kaplan was among 60 Wheeling businessmen who signed a petition in September objecting to the village law that says only 15 percent of the windows can be covered with temporary signs and for no more than 14 days before and seven days after a sale.

Markus is recommending that the time limit be eliminated and the size restricted be raised to 25 percent. But Kaplan's group wants the coverage allowance increased to 35 percent. Most towns in the Northwest suburbs either have no ordinance or allow from 30 to 50 percent of the window to be covered.

"IT DOESN'T do any good to eliminate the time if the people still can't see it (a sign) while they are walking

by," Kaplan said. Kaplan said he, like other businesses, relies on a monthly special to bring in new people that could be permanent customers to his hair styling salon.

"They want revenue generated to help taxes, but then we get told we can't put up our signs," he said. Kaplan said he and other businessmen will voice their objections when the board

meets to approve the changes in the sign ordinance some time in December.

Signs are regulated so police can see inside buildings while on patrol, Markus said.

BUT VILLAGE Trustee Charles Kerr said store owners are only concerned with their business.

"I personally feel 90 percent of them don't give a damn how Wheeling looks because they don't live in Wheeling," he said.

Childerly Park bridge is topic

HERALD 11-29-83

The Wheeling Park Board is expected Thursday to discuss whether to raise the height of the bridge at Childerly Park, estimated to cost \$10,000.

The board meets at 7 p.m. in the Devonshire Room of the Chevy Chase Club House, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Officials from the village asked that Childerly bridge — which stretches

over the Wheeling Drainage Ditch — be raised or removed in 1982, shortly after the bridge created additional flooding along Valley Stream Drive.

The park board asked the village to pay half the cost but the village refused and has again asked the park to either remove the bridge or raise it three feet.

Nothing trips up dancer's altruism

By LAURA CHASE
Correspondent

TWO HEART ATTACKS in 1978 didn't sideline George Kringstad. They only slowed him down temporarily.

decided it was a good time to become involved in the volunteer activities he never had any time for when he was working.

ONE OF his most rewarding projects has been his work with the

Citizen of the Month

He went back to work after the first one but after the second, when his doctor told him to 'forget it', George, in his words, 'forgot it.'

He retired from his job as an accountant and cut down on square dancing to only one or two rousing sessions each week. But Kringstad and his wife, Dagny, continue to dance their way across the country. They've danced in 28 different states...and have attended as many as three square dancing conventions in one year.

At home in Wheeling Kringstad

Senior Citizens Commission, formed five years ago. For his continued effort to promote seniors' activities, and most particularly, a senior citizens center, he has been named Citizen of the Month for November.

"We applied to the federal government for a grant to build a center and obtained the funds," he said in a voice still attractively tinged with a faint Norwegian accent. "We've been working on it for a long time and I think it will

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Nothing trips up dancer's altruism

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finally get started next spring. It has been delayed because the original bids came in 50 percent higher than the architect had estimated and the plans had to be reworked.

"The village will maintain the center after it is built but we must raise the funds to furnish it. It's been estimated that it will take \$75,000 to furnish it, but we are planning to get used furnishings for much of it to cut down on costs.

"IT'S TAKEN a long time but all of us on the commission decided to stick with it and see it through."

Kringstad also serves on the Wheeling Township Senior Commission, which discusses senior needs and ways to implement them.

"We make recommendations to the township board and they usually act on them. We're finding that more and more officials are discovering the value of senior activities and centers," said Kringstad.

The township now provides a Dial-a-Bus service to take seniors without transportation on weekly shopping expeditions. But Kringstad was performing the same function long before the bus service was initiated.

Realizing that very little public transportation was available in the area, especially for residents of the senior housing on Milwaukee Avenue, Kringstad began offering to drive grocery shoppers in his station wagon. He soon realized that this was too small to

accommodate all the eager shoppers and began transporting them in his mobile home. On some occasions he had as many as 11 people crammed into its interior.

ON ONE OCCASION Kringstad volunteered to haul groceries donated by CETA to needy families and found himself loading 3,000 pounds of butter, milk, corn meal, rice and other commodities to the doors of the senior housing.

On the less strenuous side is the help he has given Julie Woods in the Village Hall in preparing the Senior Citizens Newsletter for mailing. He and his wife, Dagny, are also on standby to deliver Meals on Wheels.

The Kringstads moved to Wheeling 11 years ago when both were still working. They chose the village because it was about half way between his job in Mundelein and hers at O'Hare Airport. "We just split the difference," said the vivacious Dagny Kringstad.

THE KRINGSTADS met when she danced with Leikarringen Heimhug, a Norwegian folk dance group that performed at folk festivals in the midwest. Kringstad, who left Norway in 1947, played the accordion with the group.

The two have been square dancing with clubs like the Friendly Twirlers in Mt. Prospect and the Silver Chains in Elmwood Park since 1954. During that time, they have been to 16 conventions where enthusiasts can dance "from 9 a.m. until your feet can't carry you anymore," according to Kringstad.



GEORGE KRINGSTAD'S MOBILE home serves as a carrier for senior shoppers. In spite of Kringstad's volunteer work with the Senior Citizens Commission he and his wife Dagny (above) find time to travel around the country to square dance.

HERALD 11-19-83

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Village cites land use plans in vote against nursery

by Kathy Waugh 11/23/83 Herald

Herald staff writer

Wheeling village officials are objecting to plans for a garden nursery at the corner of Hintz and Wolf roads, saying the village might have to buy the land later as part of the flight paths for Palwaukee Airport.

Over the objections of Trustee William Rogers, the board voted to oppose Chicago-resident Andrew P. Kolton's plans to rebuild a burned-out two-story home as a sales office and open up a nursery where he can sell garden and landscaping supplies.

The land is in unincorporated Cook County and the County Zoning Board of Appeals is considering Kolton's request to change the zoning from residential to commercial. The village's objection means that it will require a two-thirds vote of the county board to grant the change.

Village officials say they don't want the business there because the land is part of the Palwaukee Airport hazard zone. If either Wheeling or Prospect Heights purchases the airport, the towns would have to buy hazard zone land and relocate existing businesses or homes to comply with Federal Aviation Administration rules.

ROGERS SAID he doesn't think the village has a right to tell the owner what to do with the property.

"This man has owned the property longer than we have had this area designated as a hazard zone," Rogers said. "I question our authority when he has asked nothing more than the use of a structure already in place."

"What we really want is to tell the man to do nothing with this property until we decide whether to buy the airport and I don't think that's ethical. I just don't think that's right," he said.

Other trustees said they thought the zoning should be denied until a decision is made on Palwaukee Airport. "I just think it would be smarter to say, on the record, that this wouldn't be the best move," Trustee Charles Kerr said.

Trustees also agreed with village workers' recommendations that the zoning be denied because it stands in a flood-prone area.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus said the current building was in compliance with the flooding regulations but any other structure such as storage sheds or parking lots would just delay the drain-off if flooding should occur.

"If you think for a moment that he's only going to use that sales office without outside storage space then you are wrong," Markus said. "The development in the flood fringe and the added impediment put on traffic in that area was enough for my recommendation."

Kolton sought a zoning change two years ago, Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary Nicholas A. Phillips said, "but at the time, Wheeling and Prospect Heights both opposed it and the land had just been designated as a hazard area."

Prospect Heights has not registered opposition to Kolton's plan, Phillips said. The zoning board will probably hear Kolton's request at its Dec. 7 meeting.



Herald photo

Finally done

Work crews finish paving Dundee Road and put an end to the congestion that has plagued drivers from Wheeling and surrounding towns. Elk Grove's Arrow Road construction company spent most of the fall tearing up sections of

Dundee from Milwaukee Avenue to Elmhurst Road. Two of the four lanes of traffic always remained open, but cars slowed to a crawl every rush-hour, forcing many drivers to find alternate routes. The \$323,000 project will provide a

fifth-turning lane and has been funded primarily with gas taxes collected since the fee was raised in 1982, said Les Sweica, program chief for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

HERALD
Village board wrapup

11-23-83

Board rejects park's bridge fund request

The Wheeling Village Board has rejected the park district's request for \$5,000 to help pay for raising a bridge in Childerly Park to prevent flooding.

In July 1982, basements along Valley Stream Drive were flooded when the bridge blocked the natural flow of floodwater through the Wheeling Drainage Ditch.

Trustees Roger Powers and William Rogers voted in favor of the funding, saying \$5,000 wasn't much to help continue proper flood control. But the other trustees said the bridge is the park district's obligation.

The park board had said the village should share the cost because it is responsible for storm water management. Parks Director David Phillips said the board has made no decision whether it will pay the full cost of raising the bridge or whether it will leave the bridge alone.

Monte helpers commended

The village board unanimously approved commendations for police officers and community volunteers who helped in the successful and safe return of kidnap victim Jennifer L. Monte.

"I don't know what else to say other than thank you," Village President Sheila Schultz told Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger.

Monte was abducted a block from her home Nov. 4 just after she stepped off of a school bus. She was rescued 84 hours later from the home of a neighbor, Thomas Dahm, who has been charged in a 20-count indictment including aggravated kidnaping, armed violence and aggravated battery.

Haeger was recognized along with Sgt. Michael Hermes, Sgt. Jack Kimsley, Sgt. Edward Leach, detectives Richard Poppenga and William Stutzman, and youth officers Walter Fitzgibbons and Timothy Hillyer.

In addition, Investigations Unit Supervisor John Stone was recognized with officers Dexter Gorski, William Hubner, James Kuzynowski, Thomas Lorenz, Robert MacDonald, Frank Murphy and Michael Rompala. Community service officers Laura Kappler, Patricia Koehler and Robert Pa-kaski were also commended for their help.

McDonald's new sign approved

The board approved final plans for a new sign in front of the McDonald's restaurant on Dundee Road, clearing the way for the demolition of one of the company's original "golden arch" signs.

Representatives of McDonald's, owned by Donald Conley Sr., said the sign will be torn down in the next two weeks but an exact date is not yet known. Conley said he will save the pieces to the sign and may sell them as souvenirs to raise money for an area charity.

Conley supervised construction of the restaurant at 188 E. Dundee Road in 1961 and later bought the store when he left Ray Kroc and the McDonald's organization.

Conley said the village originally asked the sign be taken down as part of an agreement that would allow the family to install a drive-through window. The village later backed down on the request, he said, but by then McDonald's Corporation was already asking the business to follow through with plans to construct a conforming, updated version of the sign.

Garbage firm's service OK'd

Board members voted to support the continued operation of a company that provides garbage service for much of the village, on the condition that it is not sold.

Wheeling Disposal, 350 Sumac Road, has been picking up Wheeling's residential and commercial garbage for four years. Two years ago, the company began compacting its garbage in a transfer station at its Sumac Road site before taking it to a dump site.

Unaware of the transfer station before now, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is requesting Wheeling Disposal get a zoning change from light industrial use to heavy industrial use.

The Wheeling board is asking that Cook County allow the zoning change with the conditions that the building not be sold, added on to or used by another company without coming back for a review of a permit.

Girls' cross-country team cited

The board approved a resolution commending the Wheeling High School girls' cross-country team for its 1983 state championship.

The Wildcat girls defeated Downers Grove North by two points last weekend to become the state cross-country title holders in Illinois.

The team is coached by Jim Nagel, and the runners in the championship meet were Alice Doyle, Darlene Reichmuth, Lisa Vogt, Laura DeVogelear, Sandy Berlet and Chris Peterson.

HERALD 11-28-83
THE WHEELING village board tonight plans to discuss whether to revise the village sign code in response to complaints from some businesses.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the Tahoe Village clubhouse, 1771 Tahoe Circle Drive — off Buffalo Grove Road and north of Hintz Road — in the first of its "roving" committee meetings designed to bring village business to neighborhoods throughout the village.

In September, about 60 village businessmen complained that village laws on window signs do not give them enough space or time to advertise. The current ordinance allows temporary paper signs no more than 14 days before or seven days after an event. No sign can cover more than 15 percent of the window.

Businessmen asked that the time-limit be eliminated and the percent-to-cover requirement be expanded to 35 percent. Board members denied the request but said they would discuss a possible compromise in the future.

Like last winter, one village meeting each month will be in a different location. Board members requested the scheduling again this winter because it gives them an opportunity to "get out and see the people in the areas where they live," Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said.

Liquor issue on ballot

IN ADDITION to deciding the makeup of two area school boards, Wheeling residents also will encounter a couple of public policy questions on next week's ballot.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, voters will be asked if the village "should adopt a liquor commission form of liquor control which shall consist of the president and board of trustees."

Currently, Wheeling is served by a liquor commissioner, Village President Sheila Schultz, who has full authority to issue, revoke and suspend liquor licenses in the village.

The liquor issue referendum will be binding, said Village Attorney James Rhodes, because the issue involves "a change in the form of government."

The second public policy question on the ballot will be posed by the Wheeling Park District, asking permission to sell a single-family residence located in Horizon Park.

All proceeds from the sale would be reinvested in the Horizon Park site, according to terms of a \$100,000 state grant awarded in 1975, said Parks Director David Phillips.

A referendum is required any time the park district wants to sell public property.

Innocent plea in girl's abduction

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

An unemployed Wheeling landscaper pleaded not guilty Tuesday to kidnaping a 13-year-old neighbor girl and holding her captive in his home for three days, including more than 48 hours in a crawlspace.

Thomas Dahm, 27, of 33 S. Schoenbeck Road, pleaded not guilty to a 20-count indictment that includes charges of aggravated kidnaping, armed violence and aggravated battery.

Associate Judge Michael P. Toomin rejected a motion by Assistant State's Attorney Dennis Wolter that Dahm be held without bond. Dahm is being held on \$1 million bond in Cook County Jail.

Dahm was arrested Nov. 8 on charges of abducting and assaulting Jennifer Monte, who lived two doors

away from his home. The arrest ended a massive three-day hunt for the girl by more than 300 neighbors, local police and FBI agents.

THE TEEN was found in the crawlspace of the Dahm home, her hands and legs bound with rope and her mouth taped shut.

Wolter said Dahm, armed with a knife, accosted Monte Nov. 4 after she stepped off a school bus a block from her home. Dahm forced the girl into his home where he assaulted her, Wolter said.

Hours after the abduction, Dahm went to the Monte home and offered to help her parents search for the girl, two neighbors said.

Dahm lived with his mother, Dolores, a former Wheeling village trustee who was home while the girl was in the crawlspace but heard nothing, Wolter

said. Investigators questioned Dahm in his home a day after the abduction but were unaware the girl was in the crawlspace, Wolter said.

THREE DAYS after the abduction, Dahm, under questioning at the Wheeling police station, told police he had abducted the girl and was holding her captive in his crawlspace, Wolter said.

Prosecutors sought to hold Dahm without bond based on a state law that permits authorities to withhold bond for aggravated kidnaping charges. "He took her by force, carried her from place to place with the intent of committing a felony on her," Wolter said.

Toomin scheduled another hearing for Dec. 7. Dahm has been ruled indigent and the Cook County Public Defender's Office assigned to represent him. Assistant Public Defender Dennis



Thomas Dahm suspect neighbor of victim

Born filed motions Tuesday seeking copies of statements that Dahm made to police before his arrest.

Report deciphers local '80 census

by Rena Wish Cohen
Herald staff writer

Several years ago, an elementary school principal in Prospect Heights remarked that her student population was in such a state of flux that it "turned over like the ocean every day."

She wasn't too far off the mark. According to new census figures, four out of every 10 Prospect Heights residents moved between 1979 and 1980, giving the town the dubious distinction of being the most transient burg in the Northwest suburbs.

With nearly half its housing devoted to rental units, Prospect Heights also ranks as the area's rental king — a key factor in the town's astounding population turnover.

But not to worry. Prospect Heights doesn't have the Northwest suburban trivia contest sewn up. There are plenty of other "medals" to go around, based on the recently released "Detailed Housing Characteristics/Illinois," the latest in a series of government publications assembled from 1980 census statistics.

SCHAUMBURG RESIDENTS, for example, stay cooler in the summer than any of their Northwest suburban neighbors because nearly 95 percent have air-conditioned homes. Streamwood falls at the bottom of the air-conditioning heap, with cooling systems in a mere three-fourths of its residences.

Wheeling has the smallest houses, with fewer than 10 percent boasting four bedrooms or more. But nearly 64

percent of Inverness' homes are four- or five-bedroom manors, making it the winner in the largest-home derby.

Not surprisingly, Inverness also takes the trophy for the highest monthly housing expenses (\$847 a month), highest rents (\$500+) and most stable population (barely 14 percent moved between 1979 and 1980).

On the other end of the scale, Des Plaines has the cheapest monthly housing costs in the area (\$403), and Hanover Park offers the cheapest rents (\$297).

And if awards were given for age, Des Plaines would get the blue ribbon for having the largest number of older homes. Bartlett has the greatest share of newer houses, with Schaumburg running a close second.

The new data adds to a portrait that began to emerge when the first census figures were released last year. Those figures documented the aging of the Northwest suburbs, huge jumps in the number of people living alone and an astonishing increase in the number of working mothers.

THE LATEST package of census statistics contains few surprises, but some local officials were flabbergasted at the degree of population turnover the figures indicate, especially considering the census coincided with the depths of the recession in the housing market.

While Prospect Heights was the frontrunner in the transience category, with 40.3 percent of its faces changing in the 15 months before the census was (Continued on Page 4)

New design OK'd for senior center

WHEELING—Plans to construct the senior citizens center are back on track, following the Village Board's acceptance of a new design for the facility.

Originally, the activities center, to be located at 200 N. Milwaukee Ave., was scheduled for construction last spring. But returned bids for the project exceeded cost estimates by nearly \$200,000. The village has budgeted \$670,000 for the building and necessary site improvements.

As a result, a new design was prepared by the architects, Holabird and Root.

THE REVISED PLAN calls for the external structure of the building to remain basically unchanged. Although the parameters of the facility will be the same, the new design calls for concrete block walls, covered with aluminum siding, instead of a metal frame with stucco finish.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said the aluminum siding will be less costly to apply and maintain.

Internal changes will reduce usable floor space by about 1,000 square feet. While plans for a conference room were dropped, the multi-purpose room will be expanded, along with the kitchen and washroom areas.

SENIOR CITIZEN coordinator Barbara Hansen said the multi-purpose room will be used for seasonal parties, dinners and other special events. "We will be able to accommodate a large group of people for one activity, or host several small activities at the same time," she said.

Greenwood said bids for the project are expected to be let early next year, with construction to start next summer.

The senior citizens center is the final leg of a three-pronged construction program to improve the health care and housing of the area's elderly. The planned unit project already includes a clinic, opened in 1980, and a 100-unit housing development, opened earlier this year.

Housing report gleans local 1980 census details

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taken in April 1980, neighboring suburbs were not too far behind. Turnover was greater than 30 percent in Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg and Wheeling. And it exceeded 20 percent in Bartlett, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Mount Prospect, Palatine and Rolling Meadows.

Only Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Inverness and Streamwood had less turnover than the 20.6 percent statewide average.

That enormous churning of the population helps explain the much-behemoaned apathy of voters in local elections and the difficulty encountered by political organizers trying to forge a suburban machine.

"There are a lot of people who get active in politics in the area who then move on, so there's not a lot of long-term involvement," acknowledges Donald Totten, the former state legislator and veteran Schaumburg Township Republican committeeman.

That mobility also poses problems for school districts bombarded with new students every year.

Heights, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates and Palatine, one out of three in Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and Wheeling, and nearly one out of every two in Prospect Heights.

Some other housing trivia gleaned from census figures:

- Only a handful of Northwest suburban houses were built before 1949.
- Des Plaines is the Methusalem of the area, with nearly 12 percent of its housing stock dating from that period.
- Distant second is Arlington Heights, Inverness and Palatine, where between 5 and 6 percent of the houses are of that vintage.

- Bartlett and Schaumburg are nearly tied in the category of houses built between 1970 and 1980. Nearly 19 percent of Bartlett's homes and 16 percent of Schaumburg's fall into that category.

Other towns with a post-1970 lull on more than half their housing stock are Buffalo Grove (65.7 percent), Hanover Park (67 percent), Hoffman Estates (56.4 percent) and Wheeling (54.6 percent).

- With a median monthly housing cost of \$403 for single-family homes, Des Plaines comes close to the state's \$406 average, but the rest of the Northwest suburbs clearly are made for richer blood.

The typical Rolling Meadows homeowner pays \$437, including mortgage payments, real estate taxes, insurance, utilities and fuel bills. Wheeling (\$451), Streamwood (\$455), Mount Prospect (\$459), Elk Grove Village (\$461) and Prospect Heights (\$471) are not far behind.

Schaumburg is the first to crack the \$500 barrier, weighing in at \$505, followed by Arlington Heights (\$506), Hanover Park (\$522), Hoffman Estates (\$523), Palatine (\$529), Bartlett (\$563) and Buffalo Grove (\$595).

Inverness tops the area at \$847, putting it on a par with North Shore communities like Glencoe (\$866) and Lake Forest (\$896).

Long Grove is too small to be included in the listing, but unpublished figures put the monthly housing cost at \$751.

How they add up

Town	4 or more bedrooms*	New arrivals**	Median housing cost †	Rental units	Median rent
Arlington Heights	35.5%	19.4%	\$506	25.7%	\$347
Bartlett	21.9	22.5	563	12.1	363
Buffalo Grove	40.8	25.8	595	17.2	357
Des Plaines	15.8	17.9	403	23.0	312
Elk Grove Village	31.9	20.8	461	26.1	348
Hanover Park	24.3	30.9	522	19.8	297
Hoffman Estates	52.0	31.8	523	26.2	347
Inverness	63.7	13.7	847	1.4	500+
Long Grove	N/A	N/A	751	9.7	314
Mount Prospect	25.5	25.9	459	32.3	338
Palatine	42.4	21.8	529	25.6	337
Prospect Heights	17.1	40.3	471	47.5	326
Rolling Meadows	22.8	26.8	437	33.4	349
Schaumburg	24.2	32.4	505	34.5	370
Streamwood	20.7	17.6	455	8.0	461
Wheeling	9.6	33.5	451	35.1	353
Chicago	14.7	21.0	371	60.9	230
Illinois	N/A	20.6	406	N/A	246

* 4 or more bedrooms: includes owner-occupied units only.
** New arrivals: families who moved in between 1979 and March 1980.
† Median housing cost: for single-family, owner-occupied homes only. Includes mortgage payments, real estate taxes, insurance, utilities, fuel.
N/A: not available.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

LIFE 11-17-83
Firm's contract is cancelled

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Village changes engineers

By GARY ROBERTS

Staff Writer

WHEELING—One year into a four-year street improvement program, the Village Board has terminated the contract of the engineering firm working on the project.

The Chicago firm of Metcalf and Eddy, which had been awarded a \$348,000 four-year contract for engineering and design work, was replaced by Baxter and Woodman Inc. of Crystal Lake.

Approximately \$50,000 already has been paid to Metcalf and Eddy for services rendered. The new agreement with Baxter and Woodman Inc. is for one year and calls for design work only, at a cost of \$56,000.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus said the contract with Metcalf and Eddy was canceled for the "convenience" of the village. Pressed further, Markus said some curb and street work, supervised by Metcalf and Eddy, had to be redone, causing concern among village officials. The extra work did not cost the village additional money, added Markus. Cancellation by either party was provided for in the contract, he said.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the transition would not cause any problems for the village, explaining that the four-year program is easily broken up into different phases.

"It's a very clean situation," said

Fialkowski. "You design a year's program and then construct a year's program. There is no lost effort on anyone's part."

Frank Wellwerts, vice-president of Baxter and Woodman Inc., agreed that the piecemeal approach to the streets program is not unusual.

"Each project is a separate entity in itself," said Wellwerts, adding that his firm currently is engaged in an identical program in Buffalo Grove.

FIALKOWSKI SAID the hiring of a new engineering firm was necessary at this time to ensure that construction can begin as soon as possible in 1984.

"We have developed a program of approximately \$1.5 million for next year, and we would like to get started with design so that we will be able to go as soon as the weather breaks," said Fialkowski.

In discussion at the board meeting, trustee Charles Kerr expressed concern over the need to hire another engineering firm, asking, "What gives you any more confidence that these people will do the job?"

To this, Markus replied, "There is no guarantee that the engineer we select for next year is going to be perfect."

The four-year \$4.5 million street improvement program, begun last year, will repair or replace virtually every road in the village.

NORTHWEST WHEELING

11-9-83 Herald
Markus receives 12% salary hike

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

On a split vote, the Wheeling Village Board has approved a 12 percent pay hike for Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Board President Sheila Schultz and Trustees Anthony Altieri, Nicholas Fanella and Joseph Ratajczak voted to raise Markus' salary to \$51,000 annually. Trustees William Rogers and Charles Kerr were the dissenting votes.

The increase is three times what most other village employees received this year but trustees voting in favor of the raise say they are "just bringing Tom's salary up to par with other vil-

lage managers."

But Rogers said "12 percent seemed to be too high a figure in these times even though he is doing a damn good job." Rogers said he would have rather seen an 8 percent increase, still twice what other employees earned. "It was only 2 percent over what Tom got last year and when you consider that he has worked hard to bring in money to the village, then he deserves some of that."

KERR SAID he was satisfied with the 12 percent increase but disagreed with other provisions giving Markus more vacation time, and better severance and retirement benefits.

But newest board members Fanella and Altieri said, after looking at what

nearly 30 village managers in other suburban towns earned, it "was the right thing."

Last year trustees approved a 6 percent increase for Markus after he turned down 8 percent, Ratajczak said. "This maybe is a culmination of the two years catching up," he said. "We want to make the price compatible with others and we hope it will keep him at this job."

BUFFALO GROVE Village Manager William Balling is due for a salary review since the board approved his \$48,840 salary in December 1982. Mount Prospect Manager Terrance Burghard also had a 10 percent salary increase at the end of 1982, upping his

salary to \$53,300.

"Tom has been offered more in the past but I think he's comfortable with this," Ratajczak said. Markus would not comment on his new salary.

Markus, hired in 1980, is the last village employee to receive a raise this year. Board members approved 3½ to 4¼ percent pay hikes for most village employees in the spring. Thirty-one firefighters and paramedics took a 3 percent increase under terms of last year's two-year contract.

In October, it took a federal mediator to help settle a contract for 30 police officers. The board agreed to a two-year agreement totaling 9 percent.

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Village may request rehab fund boost

The demand for interest-free home improvement loans has been so great that Wheeling village officials may ask Cook County to make more money available, says Village Planner Richard Greenwood.

During the past three years, Cook County officials approved \$200,000 for home improvement loans to moderate- and low-income homeowners. But the money, available to fix electrical wiring, plumbing, furnaces and install insulation and storm windows, was only available to people living in the older

sections of the village.

Because of the limitation, only two loans totaling \$45,000 were granted, Greenwood said. But in September, the village received permission from the county to use \$40,000 of the fund outside older sections of town, designated as homes on and near Milwaukee Avenue from Manchester Drive north to Mayer Avenue.

"We've had more applicants than we've had funds for," Greenwood said. "We will probably only be able to get

through three or four projects because we only have \$40,000 available."

GREENWOOD SAID he received more than 30 calls the week after the money was available to people outside the Milwaukee Avenue area. Six homeowners qualified and are still being considered for the loans, he said.

"We'll wait and see what happens," Greenwood said about applying for more funds. "I'm hoping it happens that way but I don't want to get people's hopes up too high until we are sure."

About \$115,000 in the county's grant money is still available. To qualify, a single homeowner must have a maximum income of \$17,600 or less. The maximum income for a family of eight is \$31,400.

The loans carry no interest and do not have to be paid back if the borrower remains in his home for 10 years. If he moves before then, the amount due is based on how long he remains in the home after the loan is issued.

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Airport issue raised

Conflict charged

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—The village's opposition to a proposed zoning change in an area adjacent to Pal-Waukee Airport has prompted conflict-of-interest charges from one board member.

Trustee William Rogers charged Monday, Nov. 21, that the village is trying to block the property owner's plans because it is trying to buy the airport and wants the property for possible expansion.

Andrew Kolton, owner of the 2½-acre site at the northeast corner of Wolf and Hintz roads, is seeking a change in zoning for his property, from residential to commercial. Kolton wants to remodel an existing structure, extensively damaged by fire years ago, and use it as a sales office for a garden supply operation.

In addition, Kolton is seeking a special-use permit to allow him to operate his business on the edge of a recognized floodway.

BECAUSE THE PROPERTY is unincorporated, the zoning petitions fall under the jurisdiction of Cook County, which is expected to make a final ruling on the issue by the

end of the year.

In a split vote, trustees recommended against the petition, forwarding their decision to the appropriate county authorities. In discussion prior to the vote, village officials argued that the floodway issue was the main reason for opposing Kolton's request.

But Trustee Rogers contended that the real reason for the village's objection is that it has its own plans for the site.

Rogers said the village may be interested in acquiring the land for future expansion of Pal-Waukee Airport, which Wheeling and Prospect Heights are trying to buy jointly. The Pal-Waukee Airport Master Plan designates the Kolton property for expansion of the airport.

"We're acting in our own self-interest," said Rogers. "We want to deny this man his right to use his land until the village decides it wants the land. I question the ethics of this board if this resolution is approved."

STATING THE village's position is "on very shaky grounds," Rogers alleged that officials were acting out of their own interest in pushing

for denial of the zoning request.

Rogers also questioned the staff recommendation, which says the proposed commercial use of the property would create more vehicle and pedestrian traffic and, thus, "increase the hazard to persons and aircraft in the area."

Rogers pointed to a Federal Aviation Administration study, conducted earlier this year, which found the "proposed structure would have no substantial adverse effect" on the safety and efficiency of the airport.

"The village cannot create hazard zones near the airport," said Rogers. "That is an FAA determination."

But Village Manager Thomas Markus said the request for commercial zoning marked a significant change in the use of the property, adding that the village should act now to protect the best interest of the community.

Kolton, who bought the property 15 years ago, says he is the victim of a much larger conflict.

"The airport is rendering my land useless," Kolton said. "I'm not doing anything with the land except cutting the grass. It's just a bad situation."

LIFE 12-1-83

Cable system completed

WHEELING—Cable television viewers received their Christmas present a month early this year when Cablenet officials reported full activation of the village's subscriber network, beating an extended deadline of Dec. 25.

"I am pleased to inform you that our test and sweep program is now complete in Wheeling," said Cablenet president Fred Klinkhammer.

As a result, Cablenet now is able to provide "high quality service" to all single-family homes in the service area within 30 days of a request, said Klinkhammer.

Although there remain a few pockets of homes—about 236, or less than 3 percent of the total—that do not have cable readily available, Klinkhammer said most of these problems will be corrected

by Dec. 25. Some of these, he explained, are the result of being denied access to the residences.

IN ADDITION, restoration of property damaged during construction has been completed in the village, said Klinkhammer.

At a recent meeting of the Northwest Municipal Cable Council, which represents the 10 communities served by Cablenet, cable officials requested a reduction in the escrow bond, posted in 1981, from \$200,000 to \$50,000 in order to trim operating expenses.

The village is expected to take action on the request in the coming weeks, but Wheeling's representative on the Cable Council, does not expect the village to impose further fines against Cablenet as a result of failing to meet the original construction deadline.

According to terms of the cable contract, Cablenet was obligated to complete its cable system in all primary service areas by Aug. 1, 1983. However, Cablenet failed to meet this deadline, leading the the 10 communities of the Cable Council to levy a \$82,000 fine.

The penalty was based on a \$200-per-day fine for the month of August.

Advisory vote demanded on Pal-Waukee purchase

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PROSPECT HEIGHTS residents have submitted petitions bearing 1,600 names calling for an advisory referendum March 20 on a proposal that the city and Wheeling purchase Pal-Waukee Airport. The petitions, which will be inspected by the city clerk, were circulated by opponents of the purchase. The residents argue that the airport purchase isn't practical for financial, environmental and safety reasons. Officials of the two municipalities have applied for \$35 million in federal funds to buy the airport, amid concern that it may close. The Wheeling Village Board has scheduled a similar referendum for March 20.

LIFE 12-1-83

Village cuts taxes 7%

WHEELING—The village will ask for 7 percent less in its portion of property taxes next year, thanks to a nearly \$1 million abatement on the tax levy the Village Board approved Nov. 21.

The abatement will reduce 1984 village taxes by \$20 to \$25 for the average Wheeling homeowner, said Finance Director Greg Peters.

The original 1983 tax levy, approved in August, called for \$3.9 million to be collected next year. The \$930,700 abatement will reduce the tax levy to \$2,866,395. This year, the village collected \$3.2 million in local property taxes.

THE TOTAL abatement is large-

ly due to the Lake Michigan water pipeline project, said Peters. Lower-than-expected construction costs will save Wheeling residents about \$977,000 from Wheeling's estimated \$12 million share of the pipeline project.

Also, a hefty tax increase in 1982 resulted in an \$849,200 surplus in the water and sewer budget. Last year, the village raised property taxes 48 cents per \$100 assessed valuation which contributed to the hike in the average homeowners' 1983 tax bill by about \$130.

The village expects to begin receiving Lake Michigan water by May.

IN ADDITION, \$81,500 will be abated from motor fuel tax funds toward payment of a 1965 street-improvement bond issue. This abatement will allow the village to make final payment on the \$5,750,000 general obligation bond by January 1985.

In approving the tax abatement, trustee Charles Kerr lauded the discretion of village officials for not spending money already levied. Noting government's penchant for using up all anticipated revenues, Kerr said, "There will be some money abated to the taxpayers, and that seldom happens. This is a job well done."



A 1904 PUMP wagon from the Wheeling Volunteer Fire Department is just one of the many relics of bygone eras at the Wheeling Historical Museum. Next spring, the pumper will become part of an

animated display portraying the hardships of firefighters shortly after the turn of the century. (Photos by Sandy Bertog)

Wheeling's early days come to life at museum

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

A RICH TRADITION, steeped in local life and lore, continues to unfold at the Wheeling Historical Museum, 251 N. Wolf Road.

Located in the Old Village Hall erected in 1894, the museum holds more than 200 artifacts of the past, culled from the surrounding suburban area.

While the oldest remnants on hand include simple farm tools and implements, circa 1835, brought over from the Old World to this country by early settlers, other displays seek to depict life as it was around the turn of the century.

Miniature replicas, true to history, depict the interior of a typical country store, as well as a blacksmith shop, so common to the 1890s. Another display shows Dr. Ed Larson, a real-life man of medicine from the 1920s, making a house call. In the days of Dr. Larson, Wheeling was an outpost of civilization, populated by less than 1,500, concentrated near what is today the intersection of Dundee and Wheeling roads.

"HORSES AND COWS were the livelihood of people in that time," noted museum director E. Albert Fantl, who has spent most of his life designing, building and caring for various Chicago museums before coming to Wheeling last year. "In those days there were more veterinarians than people doctors."

The miniature displays consist of figures and forms less than a foot tall, all handmade with a historian's eye for accuracy. But not all the displays have been reduced in size.

For example, the German Presbyterian Church, originally established at the corner of Dundee and Milwaukee roads in 1935, still stands in all its glory, or at least most of it. Without its steeple, which was struck down by lightning many years ago, the church

now serves as the Chamber Commerce Community Center. At the other end of the spectrum stands a full-sized jail cell, another reminder of the way things were.

IN ADDITION, a new large-scaled exhibit being planned involves a 1904 fire pump wagon. More than just a remnant of the past, the pump wagon will become part of a special display to be unveiled this spring. Helping to dramatize the hardship faced by firefighters of yesteryear, four life-sized animated figures will transform this relic into a "live exhibit," said Fantl. The demonstration will also feature toys and furniture of that era.

The pump wagon was recently leased by the village to the Wheeling Park District, which is primarily responsible for funding the Historical Museum.

Parks Director David Phillips said the Wheeling Historical Museum reflects the district's commitment to the area's heritage.

"This works very closely with the district's responsibility to preserve, protect and enhance the local history. Our resources and history are very important to the community," Phillips said.

ALTHOUGH THE Old Village Hall was originally opened as a museum in 1960s, it was moved from 84 S. Milwaukee Ave. to its current location in Chamber Park during the following decade, where it has undergone a recent expansion and a grand re-opening last year.

Volunteers are needed to continue the work on the museum, Fantl said. In part, their duties would include interviewing some of the oldtimers of the area in preparation for a book to be published next year, tentatively titled "Historically Yours: A History of the Northwest Suburban Area."

The Wheeling Historical Museum is open every Sunday, from 1.5 p.m. Admission is free.



Changes made in flood insurance policies

Several changes have been made which will affect all flood insurance policies. The important changes consist of a rate increase along with coverage changes relating to basement areas. On all new and renewal policies issued after Oct. 1, the only items within the basement area which will be covered are furnaces, heat pumps, air conditioners, hot water heaters, washers, dryers, freezers and other utility type installations. Flood damage to such items as furnishings, walls, floors, ceilings and other construction or improvements in the basement area will not be covered. This change will only occur on new or renewal policies issued after Oct. 1, 1983. All existing policy coverages will remain in force until the current policy expires.

In addition, effective April 1, deductibles above the basic \$500 deductible will be available for those policy holders wishing to reduce their premium while still providing coverage for major catastrophic losses.

For further information regarding changes to the National Flood Insurance Program, please contact your insurance agent, the Village of Wheeling at 312-459-2620 or the National Flood Insurance Program at 800-638-6620.

Santa's coming Dec. 10

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will arrive in Wheeling on Saturday, Dec. 10. They will visit with the patients and residents of Addolorata Villa and then ride their antique sleigh down Route 83 to Dundee Road, east to Wolf Road, and then North to Chamber Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus will open Lollipop Lane at 2 p.m. Dec. 10. The jolly couple will sit surrounded by decorated trees and antiques. They will greet children and parents through Dec 21, on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 until 5 p.m., and weekdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Lollipop Lane is co-sponsored by the Wheeling Historical Society and the Wheeling Park District. Admission is free and cameras are welcome.

Hansen heads seniors

The Village of Wheeling announced the hiring of Barbara Hansen as the new full-time senior citizens coordinator. Hansen will be responsible for the planning and coordination of the development of the Senior Activity Center and will serve as the senior center director when it opens.

Hansen is a 1979 graduate of the gerontology program at DePaul University and has worked with senior citizens for more than six years. Her most recent position was with the Grantwood Senior Center in Elk Grove Village serving as director.

A thirty-year resident of Northbrook, Hansen began her duties in the Community Development

Public service

Department Oct. 17. Hansen will relieve Julie Woods of all senior activities, so Woods may assume full-time responsibility as assistant village planner.

Better Vision Day

A proclamation naming Dec. 7, as Lions Better Vision Day has been signed by Sheila Schultz, Wheeling president.

The proclamation was signed following an announcement by the Wheeling Lions Club that the Lions of Illinois Mobile Glaucoma

Screening Unit will offer free screenings for glaucoma, diabetes and hypertension from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Village Complex at 255 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling. The free screening is for all persons at least 21 years of age. Lion President Stanley Cota and Vision Chairman Keith Perkins witnessed the signing of the proclamation.

Markus' pay raise divided the board

During November, a dispute over a pay raise for Village Manager Thomas Markus was the only major issue to split the Wheeling Village Board.

With trustees Charles Kerr and William Rogers dissenting, the board approved a 12 percent salary increase for Markus, raising his annual pay to \$51,000.

The increase is three times what most other village employees received when they were given raises in the spring. Other trustees said the increase was necessary to bring Markus' salary "up to par with other village managers."

But Rogers said 12 percent was "just too high" and he would have rather given Markus an 8 percent raise. Kerr said he voted against the raise not because of the 12 percent increase, but because of added vacation time and better severance and retirement benefits that shouldn't have been given.

TRUSTEE ROGER Powers was absent from that first meeting of the month where the board also fired an engineering firm working on the village's four-year road project. At that

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WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY						
Selected decisions from the village board meetings of Nov. 7 and 21.	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
To give Village Manager Thomas Markus a 12 percent raise, increasing his salary to \$51,000. (Passed 3-2)	YES	YES	NO	ABSENT	YES	NO
To abate \$930,700 from the 1983 tax levy, leaving the new levy 7 percent below taxes paid this year. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To hire a new consulting firm for the second year of the village's four-year road improvement project. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES
To increase to three the number of packaged liquor licenses issued in the village. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES

meeting, the board also created a third packaged liquor license.

All the trustees agreed at the second meeting of the month to abate nearly one-quarter of the village's 1983 tax levy.

The \$930,700 abatement is due to lower construction costs for the pipeline that will bring Lake Michigan water to Wheeling and three other Northwest suburbs next summer.

Wheeling taxpayers last year were hit with a property tax increase of 48 cents per \$100 assessed evaluation and a water rate hike from 90 cents to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons, totaling an estimated increase of \$131 a year for the typical homeowner. Finance Director Greg Peters said the abatement will help to ease the impact of the rising

cost of water by phasing in their costs.

THE NEW 1983 levy is just over \$3 million, down 7 percent from taxes collected this year. Peters said the typical homeowner should see a savings of about \$22 on next year's tax bills.

The decision to fire Metcalf and Eddy, Inc. — the Chicago firm hired to engineer the village's road improvement project — was made after the village had to order summer curb and street-work done again.

The board voted to hire Baxter and Woodman Inc. of Crystal Lake to replace the Chicago firm but hired it only for the second year of project, not the remaining three years.

Markus said roadwork "all over the village" had to be torn up and repaved

because the work was improperly done. The contract called for a fee of \$348,000 for engineering and design work.

Board members approved a third village liquor license, primarily because the owner of Tahoe Village Pharmacy, 1760 Hintz road, applied for a license.

The majority of the village's 26 different liquor licenses are in the hands of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue businesses, but the Tahoe pharmacy is on the south side town. Board members said they supported the creation of a new license if it would keep south-side liquor purchases in the village to provide additional sales tax revenues.

Bow puts Ratajczak out on the hunt

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by Sherry Boemmel

Herald correspondent

For Joe Ratajczak, the hunt is the thing. Even when the cold weather sets in, the Wheeling resident and village trustee tugs on his camouflage pants, jacket and hat and, like a modern day Daniel Boone, takes to the country side stalking wild game.

But unlike the famous pioneer of the late 1700s, who used a flint lock rifle, Ratajczak uses a bow.

And the thrill of the hunt—which is usually climaxed by a bow hunter getting within 20 feet of his prey for a good shot—provides its own rewards.

"In me, there's a tremendous satisfaction in being skilled enough to do it (walk up on a deer). There's a feeling of pride and accomplishment," Ratajczak says.

THIS YEAR, RATAJCZAK HAS been able to walk up on two deer, even though fallen leaves were covering the ground.

"They (the deer) never saw me," Ratajczak says. "I was thrilled I was able to Daniel Boone my way up to the deer. I think it's great to see the animals and get close enough to get a shot."

Ratajczak has been stalking—and hunting—game with a bow for more than three years. He bagged a deer with a bow the first day out, and last year he got a huge six-point buck, quite an feat for a bow hunter.

Those antlers will some day hang on the den wall, he says. This year, he has been out three

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— Joe Ratajczak.

weekends with no luck.

Ratajczak's interest in bow hunting grew out of a high school love for archery. He enjoyed target shooting at the Chicago Archery Center near his childhood home in the city.

Ratajczak mistakenly used a 55-pound hunting bow, which requires 55 pounds of pressure to pull. A target bow is much smaller and lighter.

"I never knew I was being handicapped. I used to shoot one round, and I was just dead after 30 arrows. My fingers and my arms hurt," he says.

He became interested in bow hunting after attending a field shoot with a friend a few years ago.

Unlike some area bow hunters, Ratajczak doesn't shoot with a club.

"I GUESS I AM NOT THAT structured. I intensify my archery in the fall in preparation for my hunting. I don't have any one hobby. I do whatever I can a little at a time," Ratajczak says.

The rest of the Ratajczak family shares Joe's interest in hunting. His daughter, Christine, 12, is the first one out the house to see what dad has brought home. One of his two

sons, Jim, 15 usually is close behind.

Joe says the children often urge him out the door, even when he is not especially enthusiastic about hunting. He says the children like the doves, squirrels, pheasants and other small game. He says he has not had much luck using his bow for small game, but he is successful with his shotgun. But for bigger game, he prefers the bow.

"It's not a whole lot of challenge to shoot a deer with a gun," he says.

Most of his hunting is done at the Sierra Game farm near Freeport.

With a shotgun, a hunter must get within about 35 yards for a good shot, Ratajczak says, but a bow hunter must get within 20 yards of a deer. It may be less than that if the deer is in an area with brush and saplings.

"IT IS MUCH MORE EXCITING to get that close to a large and sensitive animal," Ratajczak says.

But having to get that close reduces the chance of success, he says, because deer are very nervous animals.

The thrill Ratajczak gets from hunting is equalled by wilderness camping, which the entire family enjoys.

Ratajczak and his wife Lori, a member of the Wheeling Township Dist. 21 Board of Education, have been going on camping trips at Indian Boundary Canoe Area in Minnesota since they were married in 1964. Now Jim, Christine, their other daughter, Karen, 16, and family dog go along.

Jim just went on his first hunt with his dad, but used a shotgun. Before they left, however, they both took an Illinois Department of Conservation safety course, which is required only for hunters under 16.

Ratajczak says the course was excellent and included good technical information with an emphasis on safety. It was held on two Saturdays in Streamwood.

"I FEEL KIND OF SOAPBOXY about it," Ratajczak says. "I feel very strongly. I don't think anyone should go out without any test of procedure. After 16 you're just as ignorant as before."

The same cousin who spooked the deer is now trying to interest him in hunting for bear. But his first interest in that challenge is not the danger or any other part of the hunt. His first question is whether bear meat tastes good.

He wants to wait until a cousin who hunts bags one, then wangle a little taste. It started that way with the deer, too, he says.

"It started out because it tastes good, but I guess eating deer is a sidelight. I discovered the best part is the hunting, not the killing, not the eating afterward," Ratajczak says.

Tax break may provide more park land

HERALD 12-3-83

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

New state legislation allowing park districts to lease land should provide more parks to residents, especially those on the north side of the village who have long complained that they have no playgrounds, Wheeling Parks Director David Phillips said.

The new law gives property tax exemptions to landowners who lease their property to local park districts for a nominal fee of \$1 per year.

Phillips said the park district is considering using the new law to lease land both in the north and in other areas of the district including the

northern end of Prospect Heights where residents don't have "adequate park land."

Leasing could start next year, Phillips said, but it depends on where available land is found. Two years ago the district's Friends of the Park Committee identified land, primarily on area farms, that would make good parks, he said.

AT THE time, some farmers were willing to lease land in exchange for the tax exempt status, Phillips said, and they will be approached again. He said "the largest chunk" of the cost of developing a new park is buying the land, and a \$1-per-year lease would allow the district to spend more for playground equipment and maintenance.

Donald Kirchenberg, president of Wheeling's north-side Cedar Run Condominium Association, said he has fought for two years to get someplace for kids to play on the north side.

"Right now we don't even have a stinking church parking lot for our kids to play in so they don't have to play in the street," said Kirchenberg.

Cedar Run, Chelsea Cove, Euclid Terrace, Whipple Tree Mobil Home Park, Addolorata Villa Home for the Aged and Lexington Commons, all east of McHenry and north of Dundee roads, aren't provided any park land by the district, he said.

Phillips said Kirchenberg's complaint of no park space is "valid" and

that the district did try two years ago to buy additional land in the north part of town.

PLANS TO buy land near Cedar Run were part of a \$3 million program park board members hoped to raise with increased property taxes, but plans were scratched when voters turned down a March 1982 referendum.

Kirchenberg said he would favor another referendum to increase taxes but Phillips said the more than two-to-one vote against the referendum shows taxpayers don't want their taxes increased so the board is looking for other ways to buy or obtain park land.

"This is just another way to get park land up in that area," he said.

Industrial land annex promising

HERALD 12-3-83

by Theresa Norton

Herald staff writer

The owner a major undeveloped tract between Wheeling and Buffalo Grove — who for years has bounced between the two towns with his annexation plans — now wants to annex the final 150 acres of prime industrial property to Buffalo Grove.

That move is a complete turnaround from how the two villages earlier this year planned to divide landowner William Johnson's property, which surrounds Chevy Chase Golf Course. Discussions about Johnson's property date back to 1973, when the towns sought the original 550 acres in anticipation of a huge industrial and commercial development to bolster the tax base and ease the tax burden on residents.

Buffalo Grove officials say Johnson has not submitted plans for the land, but is asking for zoning that would allow a combination of residential, industrial and office developments.

ON A NARROW 50-acre fringe north of the golf course, Johnson is seeking zoning which would allow up



to 750 units of multi-family housing.

The remainder is earmarked for office buildings and industries, with some retail businesses, said Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling. "We don't anticipate shopping centers. There will probably be more service-related businesses, such as a bank, a restaurant or two or maybe a computer service shop," he said.

The land is ideal for industrial and

office development because it fronts on Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue — major highways. Also, the Soo Line Railroad cuts through the property, making it desirable for companies that move freight by train.

In previous annexation talks, Johnson appeared to favor Wheeling and that village annexed a 110-acre parcel south of Lake-Cook Road several years ago, for example. But last March, Buffalo Grove annexed a 52-acre parcel for an industrial park and informally agreed that the remaining 150 acres would go to Wheeling.

JOHNSON COULD not be reached for comment Friday and officials could not explain the reason for his most recent change of heart.

Balling speculated that Johnson may have realized that Buffalo Grove could better provide services for the area, especially since the 52-acre tract to the west already is in the village.

"And I know he was impressed by the speed with which the village board moved on accomplishing the annexation agreement," he said.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said his staff wasted an "incredible" amount of time preparing for the annexation.

"We had the Johnson family's interest for quite a while because we agreed to give them just about everything they asked for," including flexible zoning and financing packages that could be used on the land, Markus said.

Balling said Buffalo Grove officials did not attempt to lure Johnson away from Wheeling. "I can assure you we did not get into any discussions of 'What's Wheeling giving you? We'll top it,'" he said.

Johnson's move to Buffalo Grove is a victory for the village's attempt to acquire some land to expand its industrial and commercial base.

"I'm very enthusiastic about it," said Trustee John Marienthal. "It will give us additional office and industrial properties we presently don't have."

The Buffalo Grove Village Board will discuss the annexation request when it meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday at village hall, 50 Raupp Blvd.

The week ahead **HERALD** 12-5-83

Board is set to OK airport referendum

The Wheeling village board tonight is expected to approve the wording of a spring referendum asking residents if they want to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

If approved, the nonbinding referendum on the March 20 ballot would read: Shall the village of Wheeling purchase the Pal-Waukee Airport?

Wheeling trustees are in favor of the referendum but say they will only consider it as part of the "evidence" being gathered before they make a final decision.

Board members are also waiting for an Environmental Protection Agency report from the Federal Aviation Association that will show the pollution and noise impact on Wheeling and surrounding towns.

Prospect Heights is also considering the purchase of the airport, but has no plans for a referendum. Prospect Heights residents against the purchase are circulating petitions to force the question to be put to a referendum vote but have not gathered the needed signatures.

Village board wrapup **HERALD** 12-7-83

Italian restaurant set for site of Delta Queen

The Wheeling village board approved plans for an Italian pasta restaurant on the site of former Delta Queen restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue.

Il Nido Restaurant, with seating for 120, should be open in the spring of 1984, said John Serpico, an owner planning to redesign the restaurant.

Delta Queen, 600 S. Milwaukee, closed after it burned in October 1981. Il Nido will join a string of restaurants on South Milwaukee Avenue including LeFrancais and Crabhouse.

HERALD 12-7-83

Village buys two pickup trucks

The board approved the purchase of two pickup trucks for the public works department for \$12,516.

The two trucks will be used to haul equipment for public works employees and were budgeted to replace aging trucks this year. But the village took bids twice on the trucks, turning them down because they were \$14,000 and \$15,000.

The village will buy the trucks from General Motors Company Truck and Coach Division in Chicago.



Herald photo by Scott Sanders

IT DIDN'T TAKE a billboard to tell Northwest suburban residents that winter weather has arrived. Two and a

half inches of snow fell in the area, making early morning driving a slippery mess. Most of this sign for the

Weatherfield West subdivision in Schaumburg blew over a long time ago, but "weather" remains.

Frosty repeat of snows and snarls comin' at ya

by Kathy Schaeffer

Herald staff writer

Forecasts calling for gusting winds, temperatures in the teens and a bitter wind chill factor of below zero were expected to make this morning's rush hour a repeat of the snarled traffic and fender benders caused by Tuesday's 2½-inch snowfall.

Wind gusts of up to 35 mph and dropping temperatures may make

roads slippery again as cleared, wet roadways freeze over.

While Tuesday's first wholehearted snowstorm of the season was a nuisance and made driving difficult, no deaths were attributed to the weather in the Northwest suburbs. But the National Weather Service predicts a chance of snow late Friday as a new storm system moves in from the West.

Local, county and state road crews had most roads clear by late morn-

ing Tuesday. Evening rush hour, however, was somewhat hampered by blowing snow.

DURING THE morning rush hour, a car careened into a snowplow parked on the shoulder of I-90 about one mile west of Route 53. The car, driven by Young W. Shin, 31, of Chicago, slid on the pavement and hit the back end of a state truck driven by Louis Phisery, 51, of Glendale Heights, state police said.

Shin was slightly injured but

refused medical help. His car had to be towed from the scene and sustained \$2,500 worth of damage. About \$60 in damage was done to the truck.

Some flights were canceled at O'Hare International Airport Tuesday morning because of poor visibility.

Public transportation ridership was up by about 10 percent as some commuters decided not to venture onto snowy roads, said Mary Hughes,

manager of passenger information for the Northeastern Illinois Railroad Corp., a subsidiary of the Regional Transportation Authority.

In their first real test this season, most Northwest suburban public works directors said their snow removal crews were on the streets before 7 a.m. Tuesday. Many of them blamed county and state officials for late starts that left major arteries

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Icy roads blamed on state; state disagrees

Wheeling officials blamed the state for icy streets that slowed traffic to a crawl Tuesday for the second time in less than two weeks, but a representative from the Illinois Department of Transportation said crews were already out at midnight trying to clear the roads.

Wheeling Police Sgt. Michael Hermes said the village was "lucky" because only two accidents were reported during rush hour after rain and snow fell on village streets.

"Maybe they remembered last week and were more careful," Hermes said of work-bound drivers. Both accidents were on state-maintained roads — McHenry and Wolf — and Hermes said icy conditions may have been the only cause of the accidents.

"I didn't see one truck till I had been at work for a couple of hours," Hermes said. "I don't know how they operate. It seems they never get out until after the rush hour and it would make so much more sense if they salted at 6:30 or 7 a.m."

ROBERT ISSLEB, THE village's street superintendent, said his crews salted local streets and parts of several state roads including McHenry, Elmhurst and Dundee Road west of Wolf Road at the same time because state and county crews weren't out until around 8:30 a.m.

Last week, Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey blamed icy state roads for nine accidents that further slowed rush-hour traffic in Wheeling during the village's first snow of the season.

George Guderley, communications

center supervisor for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said state trucks began plowing and salting at midnight Monday and stopped only for about 30 minutes to change drivers.

Later in the day, Issleb said, Dundee, Hintz and Lake-Cook roads were slippery because of snow blown across them by high winds. Guderley said state crews were trying to correct the drifting problem and would probably be out all night clearing drifting snow and trying to keep the wet pavement from becoming icy.

Winter breaks the ice

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slippery during the morning rush hour.

IN WHEELING, Streets Superintendent Robert Issleb said he dispatched village road crews to salt routes 83 and 62 because the state road crews weren't doing the job.

But Illinois Department of Transportation communications center supervisor George Guderley said 390 state trucks were out in the six-county Chicago area by midnight Monday and surely would have salted those roads in Wheeling.

Des Plaines Public Works Commissioner Jerry Matula said that even though crews are called as soon as roads become slippery, "It's not an instant response. It takes time to get them into work. They get the call getting them out of bed, then they have to get dressed and get in their cars and get down here. ... Some of them live out of the city (of Des Plaines)."

High winds caused problems in Rolling Meadows in three heavy traffic areas — Campbell Street, Apollo Drive and the Central Road School area. Snowplows had to return to those areas after wind blew snow back there, said Public Works Superintendent Dennis York.

Mount Prospect public works officials were on duty at 3 a.m. after their "weather warning service" predicted a 70 percent chance of snow for the morning rush period. Algonquin Road and Euclid Avenue were reported to be slick.

A HALF-HOUR power outage for some areas of east Elgin and Bartlett was caused when a car hit a telephone pole on Route 20 and Villa Olivia Road in Bartlett.

As in last week's snowstorm, Arlington Heights Road in the north part of the village was icy, causing traffic to back up for about two blocks north of Rand Road. Westbound Euclid Avenue slowed to 10 mph crossing Rand Road, and blowing snow made visibility difficult.

Commuters on the Kennedy Expressway encountered bad visibility during the morning because of falling snow and in the evening because of blowing snow. In Arlington Heights, the right lane of the Northwest Tollway was snow-packed during part of the morning.

Other parts of the Northwest Tollway were salted but slippery Tuesday morning with snow accumulating between lanes.

Pal-Waukee question will go to voters

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Village trustees agreed Dec. 5 to ask voters whether the village should buy Pal-Waukee Airport. A non-binding referendum question asking simply, "Shall the Village of Wheeling purchase the Pal-waukee Airport?" will appear on the March 20 primary election ballot.

Village officials have maintained throughout five years of talks with the privately owned airport that the purchase and operation of Pal-Waukee will not result in an added burden to taxpayers.

Officials say the projected \$36 million purchase price will be paid through a combination of federal grants and local revenue bonds.

The village applied in March for \$32 million in federal funding to buy the airport. The \$32 million request is about 90 percent of the total purchase price, which also covers about \$20 million in planned site improvements.

THE STATE is expected to pick up 5 percent of the cost, leaving Wheeling and Prospect Heights to pay the remaining \$1.8 million in a

joint purchase agreement.

Officials say that revenue bonds issued for the purchase plan would be paid off through user fees at the airport. But the question of federal funding remains unanswered as the village awaits final word on how much money the Federal Aviation Administration will commit to the project.

Last year, Wheeling trustees agreed to hold an advisory referendum during the November general election, but the vote was postponed until more information could be made available to residents. However, village officials are prepared to move ahead with the referendum at this time.

"This is truly an advisory referendum," said Village President Sheila Schultz. "Other factors will always come into play until we get down to the actual signing on the dotted line. We hope to have a lot of the funding pinned down by March so all the facts will be in place. But we want to know how the people feel about this."

Two years ago at a public hearing, some of the 500 people in attendance voiced concerns over the plan.

Officials fill planning position

WHEELING—James Whittington, a Wheeling High School alumnus and staff member for 14 years, has been appointed by the Village Board to the Plan Commission. He replaces Patricia Miller, who resigned from the commission last month.

Currently a director of student activities at WHS, Whittington has been community resource coordinator at the high school for ten years, giving him some working knowledge of the growth and development of the area.

"I'm really excited about this appointment," said Whittington. "It's a very serious position, but I feel I can contribute something to the place where I live. I am familiar with the town and have a knowledge of the business community."

Higher priority sought for Milwaukee repairs

WHEELING—Officials are pushing ahead with plans for improvement of the Milwaukee Avenue corridor, currently bogged down by an increasing volume of traffic.

One of the oldest routes in the village, Milwaukee Avenue suffers from inadequate design and long-standing drainage problems, said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski.

A \$4 million road project to reconstruct and widen Milwaukee Avenue from Lake-Cook Road to Des Plaines River Road is listed on the state's "B" list, which means the project is waiting for funding.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS have requested the project be moved up to the state's "A" list, mean-

ing that funding has been authorized by the state "somewhere down the line," said Fialkowski.

Because many state highway projects are coming in under budget due to intense competition in the industry, Fialkowski explained that "in effect, the state has more money to spend."

In preparation for the project, the village has undertaken a cleanup program along Milwaukee Avenue by consolidating driveway access, moving signs back and tearing down old structures too close to the roadway to clear a 100-foot strip of right-of-way.

"We've been working over the years to get that area cleared up, but it has been a long-term process," said Fialkowski.

Vehicle stickers available

APPLICATIONS FOR vehicle stickers for passenger cars, recreational vehicles, trailers and motorcycles or bikes have been mailed to Wheeling residents. Anyone who has not received a form may obtain one at the municipal complex administration building, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Stickers must be displayed by Feb. 1, and beginning that date a \$15 late charge will be added.

Village won't help

Parks to pay for bridge hike

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—The Park District will proceed with plans to raise Childerley Bridge out of the way of flood waters, despite the village government's refusal to help pay for the project.

The Wheeling Park District Board of Commissioners voted Dec. 1 to begin engineering work on the pedestrian bridge, which spans

Buffalo Creek along the Childerley Park border.

The Park District built the concrete structure in 1975 to allow nearby residents easy access to the park. However, the following spring and on several occasions afterward, the bridge obstructed waterflow when the creek flooded.

THE PARK DISTRICT then decided to raise the bridge 3 feet and asked the village to share equally in the

estimated \$10,000 cost. The village, however, refused.

Wheeling Director of Community Development Larry Oppenheimer argued that because the bridge was built without village participation, the responsibility lay solely with the Park District to correct the problem.

BUT PARK DISTRICT officials say the village should share in the cost, because flooding problems fall

under the jurisdiction of the village government.

("Village officials) are in the stormwater management business. We are not," said Park District Commissioner Donald Lark.

Parks Director David Phillips agreed: "Our sole function is parks, recreation and leisure. The village has led stormwater management efforts in the past, and it would seem to fall under their bailiwick."

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New pipes in use to improve water

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The Village of Wheeling has started pumping well water through new pipelines to some sections of the village in an attempt to end complaints of low pressure and poor water, said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski.

The pipelines and pumps were designed to handle for Lake Michigan water, but the main line to Evanston will not be complete until next summer. In the meantime, Fialkowski said, the village is connecting local wells to the new system in hopes of improving water conditions in the central and eastern sections of town.

Those areas are now served by the village's oldest well, drilled in 1927, and residents long have complained of rusty water, the "rotten egg" smell of sulphur and poor water pressure, especially during the summer months when demand is greatest.

TO COMBAT the problem, the village is shifting to the more efficient, newer pumping facilities that will enable more water to be pumped from newer wells. "We will be able to throttle down on the

wells that are producing that water of questionable quality," Fialkowski said.

"The water's good there," he added. "You can drink it. It's just that it has a different taste and smell."

After switching over part of the system last week, water to residents in central Wheeling — along Hintz, Dundee and Elmhurst roads — should be of better quality and pressure, Fialkowski said.

"I don't think they will notice the changes as much as people in the east though who have been complaining for years," he said. "But the pressure is better there."

Water for the east side will be switched over to new lines and pumping facilities "soon," Fialkowski said, possibly in the next few weeks after crews finish cleaning and testing lines to make sure they can withstand the pressure.

Wheeling is paying \$11 million as its share of the Evanston pipeline. To raise the money, the village last year raised property taxes 48 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and increased water rates from 90 cents to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons for an average increase of about \$131 for a person with a home assessed at \$19,000.

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Village eyes Wheeling Rd. jurisdiction

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling village officials said Monday they would be willing to take over jurisdiction, including maintenance, of Wheeling Road, if Cook County foots the estimated \$800,000 bill to widen the road to four lanes.

Wheeling Road from Hintz Road south to Palatine Road is controlled and maintained by the county. But earlier in the year, village officials successfully placed the \$2 million project

on a list for federal funding. Federal funding will cover about 70 percent of the cost, and the controlling local body would be required to come up with the remaining funds.

The village wants the road widened and turn lanes added to cut down on congestion at rush hour, Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski said. "Obviously if we take over the road the costs would be minimal the first 10 or 15 years because it wouldn't be until after that that we would have to con-

sider repairing or replacing the road," he said.

THE ADVANTAGE for the county, he said, is that they would have one less road to maintain.

Trustee Nicholas Fanella was among the board members in favor of the idea, saying the village would be "way ahead" by investing the money it would save on the project. Board President Sheila Schultz said it also might end confusion for "the community at large that thinks we are responsible for it anyway."

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Petition hits airport operations

by Sandra A.R. Smith

Herald staff writer

A group of Prospect Heights residents has gathered 500 signatures on a petition telling the city council that Pal-Waukee Airport operations should not be expanded.

To protect the "health and safety" of the residents, the petition asks the city council to consider limiting the number of jets that land at the airport, limiting the size of the jets that land there, and setting a curfew of between midnight and 6 a.m.

"We ask that all future planning take into account the over 500 names that are listed here," said Wayne Demel, 219 N. Mandle Lane.

Warren Sunde, who long has been an opponent of the much-discussed airport purchase, said the petition represents signatures from throughout the city, not just in Ward 1, which is nearest to the airport.

"PAL-WAUKEE'S noise is not a local problem," he said. "This petition shows support in all four wards — more in 2, 3 and 4 than 1." Sunde, of 222 N. Mandle Lane, said 500 of the 700 persons who read the petition, signed it.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights have been considering the purchase for five years and have applied for \$32 million from the federal government to purchase and improve the airport and surrounding property.

Earlier this week, Wheeling officials approved plans for a March advisory referendum asking voters whether the village should purchase the airport, but Prospect Heights has made no such plans.

Sunde and his supporters say they plan to force the issue and have collected 950 of the 1,400 signatures required to hold a March referendum similar to Wheeling's.

Sunde said the resolution limiting the expansion of the airport be nothing more than a guideline to city officials "for future planning."

"THIS IS the recommendation by the people of the city, you can listen to them or ignore them," he said to the council.

Mayor John Gilligan said the petition will be given to a citizens advisory committee studying whether to proceed with the purchase and to the city council to help it make a decision on the purchase. The advisory committee is supposed to make its recommendations to the city council by the end of January.

Gilligan said he agrees with two of the three points requested by Sunde's group. The size of the jets that land at Pal-Waukee already is limited by the length of the runways, he said. The largest jet that now can land there is the corporate or private Lear. Sunde

said the residents do not want jumbo jets using Pal-Waukee.

Gilligan also said the residents' request for a midnight to 6 a.m. curfew also is "legitimate," except in emergencies. But he and other council members say they are opposed to the request to limit the number of jets that land there.

"They are talking about limiting free enterprise," Gilligan said.

Alderman Wayne Gangler, 3rd, said the request is nothing less than "restraint of trade, which is against the law."

Gangler said the council is "not discounting" the petitioners, but the request will be used only as a guideline in making the final decision.

Sunde said 180,000 flights a year are now logged at Pal-Waukee. Estimates by the Chicago Area Transportation Study project 425,000 flights a year during the next 10 to 20 years, he said.

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Consultants to study pay scale for village

Over the objections of Trustee Charles Kerr, the Wheeling Village Board has agreed to spend \$975 to hire a Northbrook consulting firm to aid in salary negotiations next year.

"I just don't think we get our money's worth," Kerr said.

For the past four years, Wheeling has hired Paul A. Reaume Associates to compile a study comparing Wheeling's salaries, benefits, budgets, assessed valuation and other economic and social factors that might influence its salary decisions. The village uses the study to justify salary and benefit offers when they are negotiating with employees.

"Sometimes we do things just because we did them last year and I don't think that's right," Kerr said. "I voted against this last year and I did again this year for the same reason. I don't think it's worth it."

BUT VILLAGE Manager Thomas Markus said the village will be able to use the information when it negotiates a contract with firefighters in 1984. Police officers negotiated a two-year contract earlier this year and are not due for a salary review until 1985.

Markus recommended renewing the contract with Reaume Associates, saying "it's important that we work with other communities to insure continuation of equitable salary and benefit levels."

Village President Sheila Schultz called Kerr's opposition "an expected difference of opinion."

"I think the justification is there because it would take more staff time than it's worth to prepare all this material," she said.

She disagreed with Kerr's idea of dropping the consultants. The study is "a valuable tool during contract talks and well worth the money," she said.

Haeger gets say in hiring of deputy police chiefs

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

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Wheeling Police Sgt. J. Michael Hermes and James Roche, now the police chief of a small Nebraska town, have been named to the newly created deputy chief positions at the Wheeling Police Department.

The appointments end eight months of controversy for Chief Michael Haeger who successfully worked to have more say in the hiring of top police personnel.

Police lieutenants, now the second-highest rank in the department, are appointed by the village's police and fire

commission, but the new deputy chiefs were selected by Haeger and Village Manager Thomas Markus. The police union, however, objected to the change, saying it would allow Haeger to go outside the department and would limit their future promotion possibilities.

Hermes and Roche were picked from 87 applicants, Haeger said, and will help to "solidify" the department, which has never had a full complement of lieutenants since Haeger took over as chief nearly two years ago.

FORMER CHIEF Ted Bracke is now the only lieutenant in the department. Haeger said the rank will be eliminated if Bracke leaves the force.



Michael Hermes



James Roche

Hermes, 41, is a 15-year veteran of the Wheeling police force and will take over Monday as deputy chief of the

field services division, overseeing the uniformed patrolmen. Roche, 32, will be sworn in Feb 6,

1984, as deputy chief for support services, supervising the department's detectives, community services officers, dispatchers and records clerks. He currently is chief of police in Crete, Neb., but is from Emington, a small town about 100 miles south of Chicago.

Haeger said officers were introduced to the new deputy chiefs Friday morning and were "very positive" about the appointments. "I hope this restores the officers' faith in me and the department somewhat," he said.

Roche, however, said he would "feel a certain amount of pressure" from other officers. "Everywhere I've been I've always been the new outsider," he

said. "I know there will be eyes on me to see if I will do OK."

The new officers will earn \$35,000 annually.

Hermes was one of 11 officers who filed a lawsuit in 1979 against several former village officials charging unethical hiring practices. The lawsuit said promotions were being decided in advance and then test scores were rigged accordingly.

In November 1982, a federal district court ruled that the officials did not rig test scores to promote any officers. The three-year court battle delayed promotions in the department until earlier this year.

Trustees nix state utility-tax referendum

by Kathy Waugh
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Wheeling Village officials say they have no plans for a spring referendum asking taxpayers to cut the state utility tax and close tax loopholes to multinational corporations.

An Oak Park group is asking all municipalities to place the advisory referendum on the ballot in hopes of convincing state legislators to take some of the tax burden off individuals and small businesses, and putting it on large corporations.

Patrick Quinn, the founder of the Coalition for Political Honesty, said the

proposal will cut the state utility tax from 5 percent to 2½ percent and make up the difference by closing tax loopholes to multinationals, which reduce taxes by shifting profits to overseas subsidiaries.

SO FAR, 68 TOWNS statewide have agreed to place the referendum on the March 20 ballot. Towns in the Northwest suburbs have made no commitments yet, but Mount Prospect Mayor Carolyn Kraus said she supports having the referendum and cutting the utility taxes.

In Wheeling, however, trustees say wording on the referendum is too vague and the issue really should be han-

dled at the state level.

"We don't consider it strictly a local issue and there was concern — to say the least — about confusing wording," Village President Sheila Schultz said. "The referendum talks about closing tax loopholes but who's to say what a tax loophole is?"

"People are signing statewide peti-

tions here in the village and that's one way they can show their support," she said.

TRUSTEE JOE Ratajczak said he was against the referendum but Trustee Nicholas Fanella said "the approach seems reasonable, but it's presented in such a complicated way."

Trustee Charles Kerr said he too

was not convinced the village shouldn't consider the referendum but would not pursue it further. "All you're doing is giving the citizens a chance to express themselves," he said.

If put into law, Village Manager Thomas Markus said it might have a "negative impact on areas with undeveloped real estate like we have."

Bidders try for low-cost mortgages

by Joann Van Wye
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In an effort to prevent long lines outside lenders' doors, Cook County will begin taking phone applications Thursday from first-time homebuyers seeking low-interest mortgages under the county's affordable housing program.

Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis for \$51.5 million available at 10.75 percent interest.

The telephone procedure is designed to eliminate last year's experience

with anxious homebuyers camping outside the doors of lenders the night before the loans became available.

Applicants will be asked their names, addresses, the municipality where the home will be purchased and its price.

The applicant will then be told by the lender if funds are still available in a particular community.

OF THE 75 suburban communities participating in the low-interest home loan program, 16 are located in the Northwest suburbs: Arlington Heights,

Barrington, Bartlett, Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Roselle, Schaumburg, Streamwood and Wheeling. The loans also are available in unincorporated Cook County.

To qualify for a low-interest home loan, an applicant must be a first-time homebuyer with an acceptable credit history. There is no maximum income limit.

The maximum purchase price for a

newly constructed home is \$97,240 and for an existing home \$82,390.

There are 24 financial institutions participating in the program. Those located in the Northwest suburbs include: Arlington Heights Federal Savings and Loan Association, 255-9000; First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago, 577-1270; Jersey Mortgage Company, 577-3500; Margaretten & Company Inc., 359-8100; and West American Mortgage Company, 397-2705.

Developer would foot flood work bill for plan OK

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

A Des Plaines developer says he will pay for \$200,000 worth of flood control work along the Wheeling Drainage Ditch if the village will allow him to build a business center just north of Dundee Road at the Soo Line Ry. tracks.

Mario Egidi has owned the 15-acre site just north of the village hall since 1968. But in 1978, the federal government designated the land as flood plain, virtually eliminating any possibility of development.

Egidi disputes the designation and is trying to prove to the federal government that its flood map is wrong.

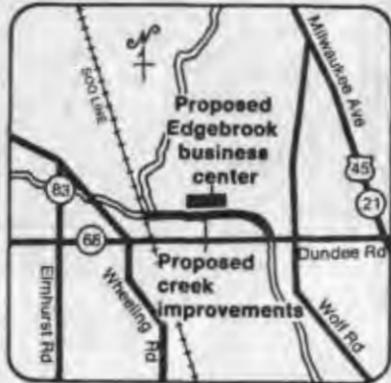
SINCE 1981, he has hired engineers to come up with dozens of plans that would widen or move the creek banks so he could complete his proposed Edgebrook business center. But Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer said no plan yet has assured the village that if flooding occurred, the improvements wouldn't just divert flood waters elsewhere.

Improvements to the creek could cost "upwards of \$200,000," Egidi said. He said he is willing to pay that amount to "get the land developed." Egidi said he has interested businesses waiting to move onto the 12 to 14 lots that are likely to spend between \$12 to \$15 million in construction costs.

"We just have to take the land out of the flood plain and with this plan we think we can do that," Egidi said.

Even if Egidi's engineers are correct, Oppenheimer said, Egidi could be required to pay for creek improvements from the Soo Line railroad tracks all the way to Dundee Road. He couldn't estimate the cost but said it would be "something over \$200,000."

OPPENHEIMER IS recommending the village spend \$8,000 to analyze Egidi's latest plans because if the engineering study is correct — and improvements to the creek take the land



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out of the flood plain — that could also free about 50 acres of prime development land.

Other land around Egidi's is vacant except for a few single-family homes.

Harza Engineering of Chicago has been recommended to do the analysis and Egidi said he would pick up \$2,000 of the cost since some of the checking will benefit future plans to develop his business center.

The Wheeling Village Board will review Oppenheimer's recommendation at 8 p.m. Monday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Oppenheimer said the village will have to hire the firm because Egidi's study includes a computer analysis and "we've just reached the end of our expertise with his plans," he said. "We can't check a computer analysis like that."

Oppenheimer said the village will back up Egidi's claim if the engineering study proves solid, but that right now illegal development could eliminate the village from the national flood insurance program.

"If we can accomplish what they would like to do with this study, we can't afford tax-wise to leave that land vacant," he said. "And I think \$8,000 is going to get us an awful lot of valuable information for the land along Dundee."

2 are named to deputy-chief spots

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WHEELING—Ending a 14-month nationwide search, Police Chief Michael Haeger announced Friday, Dec. 9 the appointment of two officers to fill the newly created deputy-chief positions in the department.

Named were former Wheeling Police Sgt. Michael Hermes, and James Roche, who for the past five

years has served as police chief in Crete, Nebraska, a town of 5,000 persons.

Hermes, 41, was sworn-in to his new duties this week. He has been a sergeant in the Wheeling Police Department for 15 years and acting Field Services Division Commander since July 1983. He is working toward his bachelor's degree at

UPDATE

THE WHEELING Police Department now has a complete roster of officers at the top. Police Chief Michael Haeger has announced appointment of two deputy chiefs, one from inside and one from outside the department.

Sgt. Michael Hermes, a 17-year veteran of the Wheeling Police Department, was named deputy chief in charge of Field Services, while James Roche, who has served as chief of the Crete, Neb. department for the past five years, will command the Support Services Division.



WHEELING POLICE CHIEF Michael Haeger introduces the department's new deputy chiefs during a press conference Friday, Dec. 9. The deputy chiefs, who will be a part of Haeger's top management team, include James Roche, formerly a police chief in Nebraska, and Michael Hermes (right), a 17-year veteran of the Wheeling Police Department. (Photo by Eva Paredes)

Governor State University and lives in Buffalo Grove with his family.

ROCHE, 32, will assume command of the Support Services Division on Feb. 6. A native of Emington, Roche was graduated from the University of Nebraska with a master's degree in Public Administration and from Southern Illinois University, where he took his bachelor's degree.

The appointments bring to a conclusion more than a year of wrangling within the department over the deputy chief selections. The controversial plan eliminates the title of lieutenant, replacing it with the exempt-rank positions of deputy chief, which are held accountable to the police chief and village manager. Under the previous system, the Fire and Police Commission was responsible for the hiring, promotion and discipline of officers.

WHEN FIRST INTRODUCED, Haeger's plan met with a storm of protest from the rank and file because it allowed the chief to go outside the department to fill these positions. But Haeger contended all

along that the change would allow him to form a cohesive management team that could effectively work together.

"The reaction from the officers in the department has been very favorable," said Haeger, who noted that 87 applicants had sought the position.

Selection of a local candidate helped "restore faith" among department personnel in the screening process, Haeger claims. Preference was not given to Wheeling officers who applied for the job, adding that he probably "scrutinized the inside more than the outside" applicants to ensure that the best qualified people were selected for the job.

Hermes said he has been serving as acting Field Services Division Commander for the past six months and expects operations to continue to run smoothly.

Roche said he felt no added pressure from being brought in from outside the department to fill the deputy chief position, adding, "Everywhere I have been I have come from the outside, but I have managed to be successful, so far."

Love of senior citizens led Hansen to new village post

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by Sherry Boemmel
Herald correspondent

The "little old ladies" in the neighborhood of Barbara Hansen's youth probably would be smiling if they could see her now.

They are the grandmas Barbara helped with the shopping and household chores when she was a kid growing up in Chicago and Evanston.

And they would be happy because Barbara, who helped them with their grocery bags and cleaning, has not lost the love and concern for the elderly that she had as a child.

In fact, she shows it every day as the new coordinator of senior citizen activities in the Village of Wheeling.

BARBARA, 53 AND ENTERING HER second month on the job after holding a similar post in Elk Grove Village, always has been sensitive to the elderly, thanks to her own grandmother.

"I had a very great admiration for grandmother," Hansen says.

And that admiration led to an interest in other senior citizens.

"As a young person I was attracted to taking care of all the little old ladies in the neighborhood, seeing that they had holiday meals, taking them shopping," Barbara said.

That interest continued as a young mother of eight children. Hansen said she knew and talked to many of the elderly residents near her Northbrook home and her own youngsters did chores for many of them.

When her children grew older she began to work, but she also volunteered at a senior center.

WHEN HER LAST CHILD WAS in high school, she decided to go to college and spent two years at Harper College in Palatine and two and a half at DePaul University, studying gerontology in a program she designed.

Before graduation in 1979—at the age of

50—Barbara gave up her secretarial job and began work planning activities in the social services department at at Brandell Care Center, a Northbrook Christian care center. She then moved to another facility associated with Brandell, Covenant Village Retirement Home, where she was head of social services, and then to the Whitehall North Nursing Home, where she worked with disoriented residents.

"It was just wonderful," Hansen said. "I still have those people in my heart."

After that, she moved to Deerfield Park District where she directed the senior program for two years and oversaw the remodeling a fieldhouse into a senior center.

FROM DEERFIELD SHE MOVED to Elk Grove Village Park District where she was director of the senior citizens' program for a year-and-a-half. She was instrumental in increasing attendance and programming there.

The Wheeling post is her seventh in five years. This job is different, though. She will not be responsible for programming since the Wheeling Park District, the Indian Trails Public Library and the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center already conduct ongoing programs. The Seniors Club, a private organization, also has activities.

"Here I am not running the programs, but I will be the coordinator. I'm really organizing and administering and coordinating the programs, not instigating them," Hansen said.

Hansen said she is not planning any new programs because a good variety already is offered by regional agencies.

Hansen already is counseling some seniors by phone and visiting others in their homes when the person sounds needy. Her job is only to make the initial contact, then refer the person to the appropriate services.

IN ONE CASE SHE WAS ABLE to help an elderly woman with unpacking, housekeeping and transportation for shopping.

She is looking forward to the time when

most of the activities can be conducted at the senior's activity center, which the village plans to build at Strong Street and Milwaukee Avenue. The center will share a small lake with the ambulatory care center and the senior citizens' housing built by the Cook County Housing Authority. The effect will create a senior campus.

Hansen has been working on the center with the village senior and the plan commissions. Construction bidding will begin in February or March and ground is to be broken in the spring.



BARBARA HANSEN

Annexation swing changes direction

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By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

THE OWNER of a large unincorporated tract of barren land—which for years has swung between Wheeling and Buffalo Grove—wants to annex the remaining 150 acres into Buffalo Grove.

Since 1973, when property owner William Johnson first filed an annexation petition for the original 550 acres, the two villages have engaged in a suburban version of the old western "range wars," according to one Wheeling official.

And the annexation battles of the past decade continue for this disputed territory, which surrounds the Chevy Chase Golf Course near the corner of Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Several years ago, Wheeling scored a victory by annexing a 140-acre parcel south of Lake-Cook Road. But in March, Buffalo Grove came back to annex 52 acres along the extreme western edge of the property.

LAST WEEK, Buffalo Grove began to review the latest annexation request by Johnson, asking for 150 acres of undeveloped land to be allowed into Buffalo Grove.

The property is considered by officials to be prime industrial land because two major highways and the Soo Line Railroad tracks

run through it. But officials remain noncommittal as to the eventual use of the property.

Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling said he is not sure what Johnson will do with the land, but he explained that proposed zoning for the area includes a mixture of residential, industrial and office developments.

Balling said one possible reason for the landowner to decide to join Buffalo Grove was the village's ability to provide sanitary sewer service. "We are in a little better position to provide sewer service," he said. "Buffalo Grove already has a contract with Lake County to provide treatment service."

BUT WHEELING officials disagree.

Larry Oppenheimer, Wheeling director of community development, argues that the sanitary sewer question would have posed no problem to his village.

"Buffalo Grove does not have a lock on sewer services," said Oppenheimer. "We also had that arranged with the county, but it wasn't finalized. It could have been resolved."

Oppenheimer said Wheeling has spent years trying to accommodate Johnson over the future development of his property, including the offer of a flexible zoning package that would allow residential or office use in addition to industrial development.

Wheeling Road plan approval is expected

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Wheeling trustees tonight are expected to approve village plans to take over maintenance of Wheeling Road from Hintz Road south to Palatine Road in exchange for Cook County picking up the \$800,000 cost to resurface and widen it.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The \$2 million project will widen Wheeling Road from two lanes to four lanes and is slated for 70 percent funding with federal dollars.

The village wants the road widened and turning lanes added to cut down on congestion at rush hour. The county would gain by turning the road over to Wheeling because then the village would be responsible for plowing, salting, repairing and replacing it.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said if plans run smoothly, the road widening could start next summer.

Village is prepared for winter

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HAVING ALREADY sparred a few preliminary rounds with Old Man Winter, Wheeling street crews stand ready to go the distance in the seasonal bout to keep streets clear of snow and ice.

Although the village so far has been spared the paralyzing effects of a major snowstorm, road maintenance personnel continue on 24-hour standby in the event that "White Christmas" becomes more than just a song of the season.

"We're ready to go," announced Wheeling Public Works Director Bob Gray.

More than 400 tons of salt are stored and ready for use on village streets, said Gray. Necessary

manpower is also poised for a full-force assault against snow-slicked highways, he added.

ALSO IN PLACE is the annual agreement between Wheeling Township and the village for snow- and ice-control services. Village Manager Thomas Markus said the contract is identical to last year's agreement, which called for the village to maintain slightly more than one mile of township road, comprising several small streets near the high school, at a cost of \$2,000.

"We need this agreement because the township is no longer in the business of plowing their streets," said Gray, noting the recent closing

and planned sale of the township highway garage.

But village responsibility for snow removal does not extend to all streets within its borders. Cook County is responsible for maintaining its own network of roads, which includes Schoenbeck, Hintz, Buffalo Grove, Lake-Cook, Camp MacDonal and Wheeling roads, south of Hintz Road.

MEANWHILE, state crews are responsible for such major routes as Milwaukee Avenue, and Dundee, Elmhurst, Wolf and Palatine roads.

The importance of a coordinated effort among these governmental units can not be overstated, said

Gray. Without the other agencies doing their job, the work done by local street crews won't make a lot of difference.

Robert Holub, maintenance office manager for District 1 of the Illinois Department of Transportation, says his crews are in a "relatively good position."

The problem of snow removal at the state level is largely organizational, Holub said, given the expanse that must be serviced.

About 700 personnel and 300 vehicles are used to maintain the more than 1,000 lane miles of highway in District 1, which covers the six-county Chicago Metropolitan Area.



Herald photo

RISKY DRIVING. That's what drivers who travel along Dundee Road can count on. Although the road was repaved before Thanksgiving, no

markings indicate where a driver turning left should go. For some, cruising into the lane of oncoming traffic is a solution.

Herald 12-16-83

Lack of stripes defeating road work

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Dundee Road has five new lanes of blacktop but Wheeling village officials say the state's failure to stripe the road is causing more traffic problems than ever before.

"We've had a lot of angry residents and a lot of near misses at the main intersections," Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey said.

The Illinois Department of Transportation this fall spent \$323,000 to repave Dundee from Milwaukee Avenue

west to Elmhurst Road and added room for a fifth lane to help facilitate traffic for left turns. But the lanes have not yet been marked.

"THERE HAVE been a lot of anxious people because of the confusion, especially at the intersections," Kimsey said. "We'd like to see the state get the whole road marked but if nothing else, just the intersections."

Assistant Village Manager Bob Fialkowski said he contacted the state several times to get them to mark the road "and they said they were going to

tell the contractor as soon as the weather is permitting to get the job done."

To permanently stripe the road, the pavement must be dry and the temperature at least 30 degrees.

Fialkowski said traffic problems are "worse than ever" because the state removed the "rumble strip" in the median — which warned drivers that they were straying out of their lane. "Now there is just one double yellow line down the center and four wide lanes of traffic and people just aren't able to

move past someone making a left turn," he said.

Nick Venice, a resident engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said the road wasn't striped this week because the contractor, Arrow Road Construction of Elk Grove Village, "has been striping a lot of jobs that were done late in the year and just hasn't gotten to Wheeling yet."

"They said we were next on the list so they should be out there as soon as weather permits," he said. "They said they do intend to get this done this year."

Road, bridge work to control flooding

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling's long-range flood control plans will get a boost next spring when the state repairs and repaves part of McHenry Road and does work on the bridge over the Wheeling Drainage Ditch.

Wheeling Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski said the ditch was not responsible for any of the flooding that plagued the village last year, but could add to flood problems once the ditch is widened upstream.

The village is trying to obtain funding for an extensive flood control effort that will include widening the drainage ditch to improve capacity and building a diversionary channel from the northern end of town, south and into the Des Plaines River.

Completion of the channel and all the ditch improvements are still at least a couple of years off, Fialkowski said.

Engineering work for the bridge has not yet been started but plans are to increase the amount of water that will go under the bridge. "It's an old bridge and it was built before there were flood studies done," he said, estimating the bridge is at least 20 years old.

ONCE THE bridge is widened, Fialkowski said, the village will block part of the creek's path, to keep water flowing at the same pace, until other work is completed upstream. Then, the whole system will be opened up.

"It's easier to be all ready and then



when the whole system is ready, you just pull out all the stoppers," he said, adding that the state did similar improvements to the Dundee Road bridge spanning the ditch.

"You've got to go along and take advantage of these things as we," he said.

The state will pay the entire cost, estimated at \$303,734. Eric Bolander Construction Company of Libertyville submitted the lowest bid for the project, but the state still has not awarded bids.

Illinois Department of Transportation publicist John Burke, said the work would not begin until the spring and would take 55 working days to complete.

Fialkowski said the village is also anxious to get the repaving because the road is "crumbling" on the shoulders and "a mess." About one-third of a mile will be repaved.

Vehicle sticker applications in mail

Herald Neighbor 12-22-83

Vehicle sticker applications for passenger cars, recreational vehicles, recreational trailers and motorcycles/bikes have been mailed out to Wheeling residents.

Any resident who did not receive an application may obtain one or more at the municipal

Public service

complex administration building, 255 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling.

Citizen are reminded that stickers must be

displayed on their vehicle(s) beginning Feb. 1.

The deadline for purchasing vehicle stickers without the \$15 late charge is Jan. 31. Beginning Feb. 1 a \$15 penalty will be added to the cost of the vehicle sticker. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you have questions, please call 459-2600.

Closed for holidays

In observance of Christmas and New Years days the Village of Wheeling offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 and on Monday, Jan. 2.

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Pal-Waukeee referendum petition presented to Prospect Hts.

by Laura Carlson
Herald staff writer

A Prospect Heights man says he has gathered enough signatures to force an advisory referendum in March on whether Prospect Heights should participate in buying Pal-Waukeee Airport.

Warren Sunde, who spearheaded the petition drive, turned in petitions with more than 1,500 signatures asking that a referendum be placed on the March 20 primary election ballot. The question would read: "Should the city of Prospect Heights participate in the purchase of Pal-Waukeee Airport?"

Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said the city will check over the petitions to make sure they have the required number of sig-

natures, that the signers are registered voters and the petitions have been prepared properly.

"Assuming all the criteria are met and they meet the number of registered voters and nobody comes in to file an objection, the city clerk certifies it and it goes on the ballot," Sturgell said.

ALTHOUGH HE probably will force the referendum, Sunde said he would prefer to have the city council also vote to hold the referendum.

"We don't want to force anything on anybody. We went through the procedure and naturally we want to see it on the ballot. We'd like to see the council endorse the petition," Sunde said.

There are two ways of placing a referendum on the ballot. A city council

may vote to hold a referendum or citizens may collect petitions signed by at least 25 percent of the registered voters asking for the referendum.

The Wheeling Village Board has voted to hold the same referendum for its residents in March. Wheeling also is involved in considering a purchase of the airport.

So far, however, the Prospect Heights City Council has balked at holding a referendum, saying that not enough information is available for residents to make an informed decision. Even the city council doesn't have enough information to know how to vote, Alderman Wayne Gangler, 3rd, said.

"THE PROBLEM is it stirs up so many people. You know the advisory

referendum is going to be against the airport because people vote against things," Gangler said. "The people of Prospect Heights are very intelligent and know how to make up their minds. But we're just saying they should be properly informed."

Gangler said he would be in favor of

holding a referendum in November, because he thinks that enough information will be available by then. Mayor John Gilligan said the council is waiting for a detailed financial analysis showing whether the airport will continue making a profit and an environmental study showing noise and other

effects. Gilligan said that no matter how the referendum turns out, the city council might not follow its direction. "The main thing is that we make a decision based on all the facts, and all the facts aren't in, so any decision is premature," Gilligan said.

Pal-Waukeee referendum easy winner in December

Among its decisions during December, the Wheeling village board unanimously approved plans to hold a March referendum asking residents for their views on the purchase of Pal-Waukeee Airport.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights are considering the purchase of the airport, worried that without municipal intervention owner George Priester might close the airport.

Neither town has made a formal decision on the sale, but each has applied for federal funding to go toward the purchase and improvements. Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz says the referendum will be "just one more piece of information" to help the village board make a final decision on the airport.

Prospect Heights has no immediate plans for a referendum, but a group of residents against the purchase have collected 1,500 signatures petitioning the city to ask residents if they favor public purchase of the airport.

IN OTHER MATTERS, Trustee Charles Kerr cast the only dissenting vote when the board hired a consulting firm — Paul A. Reaume, Associates — to provide statistics on age, population, types of jobs, workers' salaries and other demographic information in other suburbs. That information is needed, Village Manager Thomas Marcus says, to justify salary offers to employees.

All board members agreed to spend \$12,000 to find out why a well at the southern end of the village stopped

pumping water earlier in the month. Markus recommended the expense, saying he concerned that the village might have problems supplying adequate water supply and pressure if another well breaks before the village begins to receive Lake Michigan water next summer.

Finally, board members agreed to assume jurisdiction of Wheeling Road, now under the control of Cook County officials, to speed up plans to widen the road to four lanes. The village will take over salting, plowing, patching and paving of the road after the county picks up the village's share — about \$800,000 — of widening the road. The entire project is expected to cost \$2 million.

Wheeling to sponsor loan; other firms may lose out

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board agreed to sponsor a low-interest loan of \$850,000 for Chicago Commutator Inc., 605 S. Wheeling Road, to allow the company to expand into a building next door.

But two other companies may have lost their chances for village-sponsored loans because they were not prepared to make official agreements this week and state regulations for the loans may change after the first of the year.

The Segerdahl Printing Co., 1351 S. Wheeling Road, is seeking a \$3 million loan to buy a new printing press, and the Peer Chain Co., 241 W. Palatine Road, is asking for \$1.65 million for a new office building.

The presidents of both companies said they still want the loans but could not prepare their agreement in time for this week's village board meeting. By the time the board meets again in

January, the U.S. Congress may have adopted new rules that would impose a cap on the amount of government-sponsored loans in each state and town.

"WE'VE GOT to wait and see now," Earl Segerdahl said. "No one really knows what's going to happen but we are still interested and will have to just wait till we get the chance and then take another run at it."

Village Manager Thomas Markus, one of many officials opposing federal limits on sponsored loans, said that type of control on towns the size of Wheeling, with a population of 23,200, could seriously hamper further industrial development.

Under the new plan, Wheeling would only be allowed to issue about \$3.5 million a year in industrial revenue bonds. The village has already issued nearly \$40 million in bonds since 1978.

Congress has delayed action on the bill until the new year, but any decision could be retroactive to Jan. 1, putting Wheeling over its limit with the

Segerdahl Printing and Peer Chain issues.

MARKUS SAID he will recommend the village board delay approving any further bond issues until federal legislators vote on the bill.

Gene Edstrom, co-owner of Chicago Commutator, said his company needs extra office space and factory area to manufacture paint-mixing machines.

With a village sponsorship, the company is able to get a lower interest rate because bond buyers do not have to pay federal income tax on their earned interest. The village is under no obligation to pay back the loan, but lends its name to the company since only municipalities are allowed to borrow at the reduced rates.

About 80 people work with the company now, Edstrom said, and at least 35 skilled and non-skilled laborers will be hired for the new addition.

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WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
Selected decisions from the village board meetings of Dec. 5 and 19.						
To hold an advisory referendum asking residents whether the village should consider the purchase of Pal-Waukeee Airport. (Passed 6-0.)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To hire a consultant to assemble demographic information to be used in determining salaries of village employees. (Passed 5-1.)	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
To assume maintenance of Wheeling Road from Cook County in exchange for the county paying the village's \$800,000 share of widening the road. (Passed 6-0.)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To spend \$12,000 to find out why one of the village's seven wells stopped producing water earlier in the month. (Passed 6-0.)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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Heating trouble solved at senior citizen housing

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Normal temperatures have been restored inside Cook County's senior citizen housing complex in Wheeling after an improperly adjusted boiler caused temperatures to drop to the 40- and 50-degree marks during the Christmas holidays.

During the recent cold snap, some of the elderly residents resorted to turning on stoves to heat their apartments, wrapping towels around the windows and filling bathtubs with hot water.

Victor Walchirk, executive director of the Cook County Housing Authority, said the heating system had not been adjusted to handle the extreme cold. The boiler was installed shortly before the first residents moved into the new complex last summer.

WALCHIRK ALSO questioned if enough natural gas was being sent to the building. But Carol Anderson, a spokesman for Northern Illinois Gas, said workers confirmed that gas was at the proper pressure and being provided to the building.

Patrick Zerega, Cook County's manager of the building, said the boiler was not set high enough for the expected temperatures. Zerega said the company that installed the system hired an independent worker to check the system last week.

"I'm sure the little man in the truck was giving his best opinion but things turned out differently," he said. "We found out we just weren't setting the temperature up high enough."

Zerega said he did not know the name of the man who had checked the system, but said the housing authority was not going to pursue the issue to find someone to blame.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE man Franz Buchert said temperatures were back to normal after the building engineer and architect worked Tuesday and Wednesday to adjust the system.

"I haven't had one complaint today (Thursday) and my apartment was 75 degrees when I woke up," Buchert said.

Wheeling Village Housing Director Thomas Fennell said the village would

see that the temperatures are maintained. The village housing code calls for temperatures of at least 65 degrees, making weekend temperatures in the complex illegal.

But Fennell said the village did not consider citing the county for violating the heating codes because it was a temporary, isolated problem.

"Our main concern at the time is to get someone to take care of the problem," he said. "If there's a continued problem there then we will consider citing the owners."

Heat complaints at senior housing

Some of the 100 residents in Wheeling's first subsidized housing complex for senior citizens are complaining that temperatures in their apartments hovered in the 40s and 50s during the recent cold snap.

Tuesday's warmer weather brought some relief and the residents said the apartments were more comfortable. But several residents were still angry that the apartments were at their coldest on Christmas Day and some residents were forced to run their ovens, fill their bathtubs with hot water and operate space heaters or wear several layers of clothing to keep warm.

"I wish someone would pay the electric bill because I'm heating my apartment with my stove," said resident K. Marie Hansen, adding that it was 50 degrees when she awoke Monday morning. "I have real bad arthritis and

a heart condition and can't stand the cold."

ANOTHER RESIDENT, Juliette Sommerfeld, said she was among many residents who packed towels around the edges of windows to stop the drafts. "I have them around all my windows and I wouldn't be able to survive without my oven," she said.

The senior citizen complex, operated by the Cook County Housing Authority and built with federal funds, opened less than a year ago. The 10-story building was hailed as a cornerstone of Wheeling's downtown redevelopment plans and the culmination of years of attempting to provide affordable housing for the village's growing senior citizen population.

Cook County Housing Authority Executive Director Victor Walchirk said his staff was at the building Tuesday

trying to find out what caused temperatures to drop at 200 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Walchirk said he still isn't sure where the problem is, but added it is not because of a failure in the heating system. "We had someone in there last week checking in anticipation of this cold weather and everything was operating properly," he said.

THE ARCHITECTS and mechanical engineers who worked on the complex were trying to find "at least a temporary solution," Walchirk said.

"We regret any inconvenience and hope that we will be able to take care of whatever problem there is with the system as quickly as possible," he said.

Franz Buchert, the building's maintenance director and also a resident of the building, said his calls to county officials and contractors who worked on

the building were unsuccessful Friday, but by Sunday, Walchirk and Pat Zerega, the building's manager were notified of the problem.

"I guess we couldn't get anyone out here because of the holidays," Buchert said. "I didn't have a holiday at all."

Although Walchirk said the windows recently had been caulked, Buchert said ice on the insides of the windows indicated the building might be inadequately insulated.

Buchert also had to use his oven for heat. "We won't be able to handle another weekend like this," he said.

Thomas Fennell, village housing director, said he learned only recently of the complaints about a lack of heat in the senior citizen complex. He said he will check with county officials today to "make sure someone is addressing the problem."

HERALD 12-29-83

Police chief out to change discrepancy in speed limits

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Most of the signs along residential streets in Wheeling say the speed limit is 20 or 25 miles an hour, but Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger says that, technically, drivers couldn't be arrested unless they are going faster than 30.

That's because of a confusing discrepancy that exists between the state's minimum speed law and the old signs along Wheeling streets, Haeger says. It is a discrepancy Haeger says he is setting out to change.

Haeger said a traffic study of residential streets next month will allow the village to officially reduce the speed limits to coincide with the signs.

"Those signs were put up years ago without a valid traffic study and therefore don't show the legal limit," he said. "The move was well-intentioned but it wasn't done with a traffic study."

STATE STATUTES say the village must conduct a traffic survey showing that the current speed limit is not "reasonable or safe" in order to legally lower the residential speed limits from 30 mph.

Haeger said he hasn't been able to pinpoint when the 20 mph signs were posted in the village but said the difference in posted signs and the legal limits is a nuisance for patrol officers and confuses residents who think people are speeding when they really aren't.

While the village has left most of the lower speed limit signs up, public works officials pull the signs if they are damaged or during other normal maintenance projects, Haeger said. Most signs will remain until the village decides whether to change the speed limit, he said.

A similar study is going on in Hoffman Estates where a Barrington lawyer had a speeding fine dismissed because he was ticketed for speeding on a road where the posted limit was lower than one stipulated in state statutes.

HAEGER SAID WHEELING hasn't enforced the posted speed limit because officers know that by state statute, the speed limit is 30 mph.

Bill Fraser, an engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation division of speed studies, said it is not unusual for a town to hold to the 30

mph instead of conducting a traffic study.

"Most of them do have the 30-mph speed limit although some municipalities stick up a 25- or 20-mph sign because they think 30 is too fast," he said. "They can put it up if they want to, but someone who is ticketed can challenge it."

The state changed the residential speed limit from 25 mph to 30 mph in 1957, Fraser said.

Three police officers taking classes at Northwestern University's Traffic Institute in Evanston will conduct a traffic study for Wheeling in February, Haeger said.

Officers will review street patterns, traffic flow and speed, accident records and other things that might affect the safety of residential streets, Haeger said.

"In the older sections of town like Dunhurst, the streets are narrower and in many of the new areas there are curving streets and cul-de-sacs that should have lower speed limits," he said. "Certainly on the residential streets the speed limit is too high, particularly when you have parked cars and several driveways, too."

Winter cold is the bottom line for lack of stripes on Dundee

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The arrival of winter has left newly repaved Dundee Road in Wheeling without all its lane marking stripes, and police say the lack of the striping is causing "considerable congestion."

And unless the weather improves sufficiently, says the contractor for the repaving job, Dundee Road may not be completely striped until spring.

The cold temperatures, ice and snow are making it impossible for road crews to put the marking stripes on Dundee Road, which was paved from Milwaukee Avenue east to Elmhurst Road during the fall.

The \$323,000 paving job was completed by Thanksgiving but state transportation officials said the contractor, Arrow Road Construction of Elk Grove "just couldn't get to the stripes" because of other contracting jobs.

Drivers, and the Wheeling Police Department trying to handle the traffic problems, now find themselves driving on a four-lane road minus the left turn lane that once existed at all main intersections.

"IT'S ADDING CONSIDERABLE congestion to the streets, especially where there's no left turn lanes at major intersections," Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said. "We need some assistance, especially at rush hour."

But to permanently stripe a road, the pavement must be dry and the temperature at least 30 degrees.

"We're just out of luck," said Wheeling Public Works Director Robert Gray. "It's impossible with this weather to even put down temporary tape because it won't adhere to cold pavement."

Gray said the village wasn't blaming the state or the construction company for the problem because "they just ran out of time. Last year at this time it was 65 degrees," he said.

Gene Malanka, a road crew supervisor for Arrow Road, said his company could stripe the road in one day if the weather took a turn for the better, but said "there's nothing practical that can be done right now."

"If the weather doesn't break, we will have to do the permanent striping in the spring," he said.

Until then, Gray said he is counting on the frequent travelers of Dundee Road to teach other drivers that there is room for a fifth center turn lane.

"I think as time goes on and people get more familiar with the road then they will start doing that (moving over to a fifth lane) just like they used to do before the stripes were removed," he said.

HERALD 12-31-83

Reminded
Jennifer Monte

The disappearance of Jennifer Monte on Friday, Nov. 4, propelled Wheeling into a state of shock and disbelief. Foul play was suspected because Jennifer promised she would phone a friend as soon as she arrived home from a bus stop just 11 houses away from her home at 25 Schoenbeck Road.

Police, Wheeling residents, members of the Air Force, Army reserves, Air National Guard and Boy Scouts helped turn 10-square miles upside down over the weekend, but no clues as to Jennifer's whereabouts were found.



Many neighbors told police they were suspicious of Thomas Dahm, 27, who lives two doors away from the Montes. Their suspicions were confirmed when three out-of-town witnesses, who saw a girl struggle with a man on Schoenbeck Road, came forward with a description that fit Dahm.

Police searched his home at about 2 a.m. Tuesday. A Wheeling investigator found Jennifer, bound by rope and tape and gagged, in the crawlspace.

Dahm, described by police as a loner and somewhat immature for his age, was charged with rape, aggravated kidnapping, deviate sexual assault, indecent liberties with a child, armed violence and aggravated battery.

He pleaded not guilty Nov. 15.

Reminded
William Boyd

When William Boyd's attorney, Michael Norris, promised retribution in March, when a circuit court judge tossed out the boy's murder confession, he meant it.

But at the time, Norris planned to sue for \$5 million. In July, he filed suit for \$23 million against three Wheeling police officers, a former officer, a former chief of police, an assistant state's attorney and the Village of Wheeling.

In July 1981, Boyd was charged with the murder and attempted sexual assault of Mary Kosinski, 14, of Wheeling.

But after the circuit court judge cited violations of Boyd's constitutional rights and evidence that he was hypnotized when he confessed to the crime, prosecutors

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The suit maintains that Boyd was "intentionally and deliberately" separated from his family before the police officers interrogated him in violation of his constitutional rights and his right to counsel. The suit also maintains that the officers brought in a "doctor" to help ease Boyd's fear, but he was actually a hypnotist and a former Wheeling police officer who later billed the department for his services.

Norris, who expects the case to be settled out of court by the end of 1984, is optimistic about the chances for a sizeable settlement.

Reminded
Deputy chiefs

Wheeling police officers were opposed to it. The Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) were adamantly opposed to it.

But last month, two deputy chiefs were appointed to the Wheeling Police Department.

The positions, implemented by Chief of Police Michael Haeger, are exempt from civil service, a fact which initially disturbed Wheeling officers and members of the CCPA who feared there was potential for political abuse in the selection process.

But Haeger said civil service prohibited him from selecting the best men for the jobs and pointed to the fact that similar management positions in neighboring communities have been successful.

The view from 1984's starting line

Wheeling

Costly improvements in store for residents

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—More money was spent in the village on public improvements in 1983 than ever before, and 1984 promises more of the same.

A five-year capital improvements program will continue in full swing

next year, with several projects answering long-recognized needs in the community.

Most visible of all these projects will likely be the second year of a four-year \$4.5 million streets program, which calls for virtually every road in the village to be repaved.

"The immediate benefit of the

streets program will be felt by everyone," said Village President Sheila Schultz. "With the help of an ongoing program, we won't be involved in these crisis situations."

Approximately \$1.5 million of roadwork will be done next year, said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski, creating temporary inconvenience for some and long-range advantages for all.

ANOTHER CONSTRUCTION project with a major impact will be the completion of the Lake Michigan water pipeline project, expected to bring a fresh supply of water to the area by May or June.

"It will provide a reliable source of water at all times of the year," said Fialkowski. "The quality of

water will also go up tremendously, especially during the summer months when use is greatest."

Fialkowski reports that the pipeline from Evanston is already 97 percent complete, with about half the work still to be done on the main reservoir for the village, which is capable of holding 25 million gallons of water.

Finance Director Greg Peters said the village has committed nearly \$13 million for the Lake Michigan project.

Another project slated for completion in 1984 is the senior center which, despite delays in design, will probably begin to take shape this spring.

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the final leg of a full-service development along Milwaukee Ave., which also features a 100-unit senior housing facility and the Holy Family ambulatory care center.

Cable television hook-up for the subscriber network is already finished and will become a fixture in many households during 1984. President Schultz also sees a "real potential" for increased public access and local origination of programming during the coming year.

The question of buying Pal-Waukee Airport will come before voters in an advisory referendum in March, but it remains anybody's guess what tangible progress will be realized on this issue during the next 12 months.

MEANWHILE, the Park District is embarking upon a period of "internal reassessment," said Parks Director David Phillips, which will lead to a fresh approach and a clarification of goals in the district.

"Where do you want us to go?" is the question Phillips is hoping to see answered during the coming year. As evidence of this pivotal crossroads, the preparation of next year's budget includes only minimal operating funds, with no discretionary money set aside for future projects until these programs have been clearly defined, said Phillips.

"1984 will be a year of internal re-examination, during which time we will be setting a new direction

for 1985 and beyond," said Phillips.

THE SCHOOLS will also be going through a period of self-evaluation.

High School District 214, which includes Wheeling, will continue its efforts to meet the challenges of a shrinking enrollment. Despite the planned closing of Arlington High School in June 1984, the board will continue discussions toward closing a second school.

Superintendent Louis Christensen expects his administrative reorganization plan to be implemented by the middle of next year, following further refinement.

"I think you will see District 214 become an even stronger district in 1984," said Christensen. "These changes will allow us to sharpen

our focus in the district on what is really important."

WHEELING TOWNSHIP District 21 Superintendent Carl Holmstrom said work will continue to improve and upgrade curriculum in its elementary schools.

In January, a specially-appointed reading committee will present its report on a new textbook series for grades one through eight, to be implemented in the fall, following board review.

In addition, District 21 officials will study the kinds of courses now being offered at the junior high level, including a special emphasis on writing and composition courses, in response to criticisms voiced by the National Commission on Excellence in Education, Holmstrom said.

1-7-84 HERALD

Seniors to raise furniture funds

The Wheeling Senior Citizen Commission is planning a number of fund-raisers to generate money for furniture for the soon-to-be constructed senior citizens recreation center.

The \$480,000 proposed center is expected to be constructed at Strong Street and Milwaukee Avenue, completing the senior complex where the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center and the Cook County senior citizen housing complex were built in the past two years.

Plans call for the center's construc-

tion in the spring, but village and federal funding won't cover chairs, tables and other furniture inside and the senior commission is looking toward fund-raisers to come up with the estimated \$80,000 needed.

On March 12, 13 and 14, and again in May and November, shoppers at Dominick's Finer Foods, 550 W. Dundee Road can "shop and share," buying groceries and signing a form that asks Dominick's to give 5 percent of all sales to the senior center project.

"IT'S JUST a matter of response so we really don't know how much we will get," said Barb Hanson, village senior citizen director. "It's a relatively easy way to raise money."

About \$6,250 already has been set aside for the furniture, Hanson said. Donations of furniture and other items are being stored at the village.

Hanson said the senior citizens will concentrate their efforts on a handful of fund-raisers including an Oct. 7

bike-a-thon, where \$1,000 was raised last year.

Preliminary plans call for a name-the-center contest next year and possibly a ground breaking ceremony, she said.

Plans for the center were delayed last year when bids came in nearly twice the estimated cost of \$470,000. The architectural firm agreed to redesign the building in August with a scaled-down version that eliminates some storage space and "a lot of hallways," village workers say.

Public service 1-12-84-HERALD

Housing hearing set

On Monday, Jan. 16, the Wheeling Village Board will consider a proposal by the Housing Authority of Cook County to build low income housing units in town. The authority plans to build one townhouse, one duplex and two single-family homes in the Strong Street-Mayer Avenue area, another single family home near Manchester Drive and two townhouses off Hintz Road at Maple Lane and Cornell Avenue. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Administration Building, 255 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling.

Get vehicle tags

Village officials remind residents that 1984 vehicle stickers for passenger cars, recreational vehicles, recreational trailers and motorcycles and motorbikes must be displayed beginning Feb. 1.

The deadline for purchasing vehicle stickers without the \$15 late charge is Jan. 31. Beginning Feb. 1 a \$15 penalty will be added to the cost of the vehicle sticker.

Vehicle sticker applications were mailed out to Wheeling residents last November. Anyone who did not receive an application may obtain one or more at the municipal building, 255 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling.

Removal 1-5-84

Pal-Waukee Airport

In June, Pal-Waukee airport owner George Priester once again grew tired of waiting for the Village of Wheeling to commit itself to purchasing his airport. He threatened to sell it to another interested party.

He didn't. In fact, for more than five years, he hasn't because he prefers public, not private, ownership of Pal-Waukee.

This year, Wheeling received an environmental study from the federal government and the reassurance that federal funding would be available to purchase and maintain the airport—two factors which board members said was crucial to purchasing Pal-Waukee.

They have reiterated that they want to be absolutely certain they would be doing a good thing for the village by purchasing Pal-Waukee. Now it's going to be Wheeling's turn to decide: board members have agreed to hold a referendum on the issue in March.

The week ahead

Village eyes program to revamp vacant lots

The Wheeling Village Board will discuss tonight a program that could provide an incentive for development of rundown or vacant lots on the east side of town.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Wheeling Village Planner Richard Greenwood is recommending the board consider hiring a consultant to consider whether renovation is advisable in an area from Lake-Cook Road south to Hintz Road and from the Des Plaines River west to Wolf Road.

In certain areas, the village could demolish old buildings, add sidewalks, install utilities and level the land. In turn, the land owner would agree to develop the property, which results in improved property and an expanded tax base for the village.

Taxes resulting in the increased property value would go to pay back the village's cost for improving the land. If only a handful of potential pieces of property are available, Greenwood said, the project might not be feasible.

HERALD 1-9-84

Village honors its employees

By ELAINE LAMPERT
Correspondent

AFTER 25 years on the force, police Sergeant Jack Kimsey got what he deserved—a gold watch, recognition and thanks. He was one of several Wheeling employees who were honored for their years of service Tuesday, Jan. 3.

A reception for the employees and their families followed the award presentations by Village President Sheila Schultz.

"We've been here through thick and thin," Kimsey said after receiving his award. "We've seen the community grow and seen the excitement of it. It means a lot when they have an award ceremony. They give us a lot and we give a lot in return."

Others who were recognized for their service were: 20 years — Augie Lockfeer; 15 years — Dexter Gorski, Jack Koenig and Ralph Perricone; 10 years — Marge Allison, Tom Counley, Director of Operations and Maintenance Robert Gray, Jeff Kopper and Robert MacDonald; five years — Robert

Hansen, William Hubner, Bruce Kristy, Tom Lorenz, Irene Mede, Steve Morris, Robert Pressley, Adrian Russell and William Stutzman.

Schultz noted that cumulatively, their service amounted to almost 200 years.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the Village Board approved a feasibility study by village staff to determine whether amortization of the older buildings in the business district should be used as a method of bringing them into conformity with village zoning codes.

An ordinance allowing for amortization has been on the books since 1965. The problem, as Village attorney James Rhodes explains it, is strict adherence to the ordinance would mean about 60 to 70 percent of the businesses, along Milwaukee Avenue in particular, would be torn down after a seven-year amortization period that would allow the owners to recoup some of their losses.

Because the businesses came before the current ordinances, they are considered "non-conforming

buildings and uses." However, Rhodes said, "We (the village) don't want to eliminate those uses."

Over the years, many of these businesses been brought into conformance through moves, been brought into conformance through moves, demolition, variations granted by the village and other means. But so many more remain non-conforming that village staff has time to come up with a plan for dealing with them.

THE STUDY, expected to take about a year, will determine how each property is non-conforming,

which of these uses and structures should be eliminated and how it should be done.

If amortization is deemed necessary, property owners will be given a written notice that the property must be amortized within a seven-year period. It could also be determined from the study that amortization is not necessary or possible.

If amortization is enforced, buildings erected prior to Jan. 1, 1945, would have to be torn down by Jan. 1, 1992. Those erected since Jan. 1, 1945, would have until Jan. 1, 2003.

A progress report on the study is scheduled for June 1984.

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Firm to revamp senior center

WHEELING—Village officials have hired an architectural firm to redesign the site plan for the proposed Senior Citizens Center.

Gewalt-Hamilton Associates has been contracted to provide services at a cost of \$8,200, for the redesign of the site plan and for engineering supervision during the construction of the Senior Citizens Center.

Modifications of the site plan are required because the size of the facility has been reduced to lower construction costs.

The proposed construction of the Senior Citizens Center was initially slated to begin last spring, but bids let for the project came in approximately \$200,000 over budget. The cost of the center was originally estimated to be \$480,000.

The center is part of a planned unit project, located at 200 N. Milwaukee Ave., that already includes the Holy Family ambulatory clinic, completed in 1980, and a 100-unit housing development, opened last year.

HERALD 1-12-84

Village wreath among thieves' targets here

Thieves were active last week and the Village of Wheeling was among the victims. Someone stole a 4-foot-diameter evergreen wreath from the front of village hall between Dec. 31 and Jan. 3. The wreath, which had lights, was valued at \$125.

The greatest monetary loss of the period was a pair of convertible T-tops valued at \$1,500 from a 1982 Mustang. The car was parked in the driveway of a residence at 1400 Palm Dr. the night of Jan. 1.

The Bencher Company, 630 S. Wheeling Rd., was burglarized between Dec. 30 and Jan. 3. A door lock was pried open, and \$250 in cash and a camera valued at \$500 were stolen, according to the police report.

Car repair equipment, snow tires, rims and an extension cord valued at a total of \$475 were stolen from a carport on the 300 block of Surrey between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. Jan. 1. The

Police beat

equipment included a battery charger, long jumper cables, a pair of 600-pound repair ramps and a 5-ton axle jack, according to the report.

An employee of 94th Aero Squadron, 1070 S. Milwaukee Avenue, reported someone had stolen \$325 from his jacket pocket between 5:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Jan. 1.

Extra squads on watch

The Wheeling Police Department had two extra squad cars on the road in addition to the regular five patrols New Year's Eve, but only one driver was arrested for driving under the influence. The 23-year-old Schiller Park man fell out of his car after the officer stopped him for improper lane use, and the officer noticed a strong odor of alcohol.

LIFE 1-12-84

Firm to get boost from revenue bond

WHEELING—A 27-year-old local firm has received a financial boost from the village, allowing for expansion of its present facilities.

Village trustees have authorized the issuance of an \$850,000 industrial revenue bond for Chicago Commutator, Inc., 605 S. Wheeling Road, a manufacturer of paint dispensing machines.

In a continuing effort to spur growth of the local tax base, village officials approved the bond issue, which is similar to the \$1.25 million economic development bond issued last year to Sportmart, Inc.

"This bond is almost exactly the same in form and documentation with the previous Sportmart, Inc., project," said Village attorney James Rhodes. "The proceeds of this bond issue will finance the acquisition of additional facilities for Chicago Commutator."

"The village is, in fact, lending the funds, but is fully protected," Rhodes said.

FINANCE DIRECTOR Greg Peters agreed, adding, "The village feels comfortable with the conditions it has agreed to."

Gene Edstrom, a part-owner of Chicago Commutator, Inc., commented that he is pleased with the help provided by the village.

"This thing has moved along quite quickly," said Edstrom, citing the six months of negotiations. "I would like to offer my thanks for the village's cooperation."

HERALD 1-13-84

Planning for Fourth of July begins

The snow is still falling but about 30 residents already are planning the summertime Fourth of July festivities in Wheeling.

Party-planners are counting on gathering about \$8,500 for fireworks and a parade. A six-day Family Fest at St. Joseph the Worker Parish is also scheduled in conjunction with the other events.

Last year, floats were restricted to individuals and service organizations, but this year, publicist Judy Abruscato said, businesses will be encouraged

to sponsor a float. "I think that will give us a bigger and better parade," she said.

Frank Rebinic, president of First National Bank of Wheeling, was picked as this year's coordinator for all events by about 30 people who showed up this week for the first Fourth of July meeting of the year.

The group — with anyone else who is interested — will meet every month until July, planning fund-raisers and coordinating parade and

fireworks plans, Abruscato said.

SHE SAID THE fund-raiser preparation is starting right away. "We have to have the money to pull the thing together."

May bingo is the first money-maker scheduled, sponsored by the AmVets. A spaghetti dinner and Lions pancake breakfast will follow, including a drawing for a microwave, television and \$100 savings bond.

Abruscato said the village also is helping by soliciting funds on the

backs of water bills, which netted \$1,200 last year. Door-to-door requests and letters sent to businesses also should bring in money, she said.

About \$700 is left from last year's Fourth and will go towards this year, she said.

Volunteers are still needed to help with all areas of planning. The committee will meet again at 8 p.m. Feb. 9 in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

For more information, call Abruscato at 459-4000.

LIFE 1-12-84

Police loan plan still under fire

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—Questions surrounding the Police Pension Board's plan to use pension funds for low-interest home mortgage loans continued to surface this week.

The Pension Board met Tuesday, Jan. 11, to discuss the loan program, vowing to push ahead with the controversial plan despite a pending lawsuit filed by the village to block it.

But board members decided to delay implementation of the program until word has officially been received that all funds will be provided full insurance coverage. With that confirmation, board members say they will move ahead with the plan, possibly at a meeting scheduled next March.

THE PROGRAM will make low-interest mortgages available to about 35 Wheeling police officers and seven retired officers through the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union.

Loans to fund members would be given at an interest rate of 9.5 percent. Approximately 3 percent would be paid to the credit union for administration costs.

Village officials maintain that the remaining 6.5 percent interest rate will not bring the highest possible return on the investment, thus, costing Wheeling taxpayers millions of dollars in the coming years.

Village Finance Director Greg Peters attended this week's meeting, offering information on another investment plan which, he said promises a better return.

PETERS EXPLAINED that he recently advised the Fire Pension Board to invest \$600,000 in a plan currently returning 14.75 percent. Peters then asked board members how they could "justify" the difference in interest rates between the

two investment plans.

The board agreed to look at the other investment plan but held that the mortgage loan program would provide better retirement security for police officers. Under further questioning from the board, Peters acknowledged that the 14.75 percent interest rate is subject to fluctuate in response to market demands.

Another line of questioning was then undertaken by Police Pension Board member Frank Proietti, who voted against the loan program and has joined the village in the suit against the board.

PROIETTI SUGGESTED a conflict of interest exists between board members voting in favor of the plan who also belong to the credit union.

"If the credit union profits, then you profit," Proietti told them.

Explaining his reasons for joining the suit, Proietti said, "The board has made no attempt to be objective on this. It became evident that this plan was being railroaded through the board."

Admitting that making low-interest home loans available to police officers sounds good in the short term, Proietti voiced concern over the long-term impact of the program when the times comes for officers to collect their pensions.

"To ignore the long-term effects is not in the best interest of all pension fund participants," he said.

In response to Proietti's charges, Pension Board member Marvin 'Syke' Horcher, who is currently on the executive staff of the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union, denied a conflict of interest and denounced the lawsuit.

"The lawsuit pending against the board is very irresponsible and is a result of bad communication and bad information," said Horcher, who retired from the Wheeling Police Department in 1977 after 22 years as chief.

HERALD 1-12-84

Village may nod to 17 low-income housing units

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Most Wheeling village board members say they are leaning toward allowing construction of 17 low-income housing units at scattered sites around the village when the issue comes before the board on Monday, despite opposition by village residents and mixed reviews by village committees.

The Cook County Housing Authority will ask the board Monday to approve its plans so construction of the homes can begin in the fall. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Hundreds of residents objected to the low-income housing when plans were reviewed by the village plan commission and zoning board in August.

Despite the opposition, a majority of the board members say they feel an obligation to an agreement the board made in 1980 that gave the village a 100-unit senior citizen apartment complex — built last spring at Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street — in exchange for taking up to 20 low-income housing units at scattered sites.

"I feel the same way now as I did then (1980)," board President Sheila Schultz said. "I feel there is definitely a need for that type of housing and I supported it then and now."

"THE GENERAL public doesn't appear to be in favor of it," Trustee Anthony Altieri said. "But if the village attorney is of the opinion that they (the agreements) are legally binding... I'll go by that."

Trustees Nicholas Fanella and Charles Kerr said they are inclined to follow through on the agreement, but Kerr added a caution.

"I would be inclined to follow through on my original commitment," he said, adding that he was on the board with Schultz and Trustee Roger Powers in 1980. "However, I think the information made available since then might change some of the specifics."

Kerr said he will question the construction of a town house in the Strong Street area and another on Hintz Road and Maple Lane that the village attorney already has said would not be legally prudent.

Trustee William Rogers said he still isn't sure how firm of a commitment the board has with Cook Coun-

ty, and Trustee Joseph Ratajczak, too, said he's "not in favor of low-income housing per se."

"I don't think that's the present you should present someone who hasn't fiscally been able to get to the point of affording the house," he said.

TRUSTEE ROGER Powers could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Residents say they are objecting to the locations and types of houses that would be built. Homeowners contend their property values will go down with low-income housing in the neighborhood.

"No one stood up to support it last August," said Beth Saltz, 462 Stone Place. She said she and other Shamrock subdivision residents will be there en masse to object to a single-family home slated for construction on a corner lot leading into her subdivision.

"They are going to put that little house 10 feet from the neighbor's window," she said. "If we wanted to live in town houses we would have moved to one. It will look like a garage next to our house."

"You can be assured if this gets through, these people won't get back on the board again," Saltz said.

THE COOK County Housing Authority plans to build one four-unit town house, one duplex and two single-family homes in the Strong Street and Mayer Avenue area, a single-family home near Manchester Drive in the Shamrock subdivision and two four-unit town houses on Hintz Road at Maple Lane and Cornell Avenue.

The zoning board of appeals has recommended that all but one zoning change necessary for construction be denied, and the plan commission recommended only two of four sites be rezoned, including Cook County's plans for a town house at Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue and a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue.

"I don't know if they would fit in," Saltz said of the units' potential residents. "They could be on welfare. I don't even know anyone on welfare. When all the kids have lots of toys and they don't, don't you think they will feel out of place and if you live where everyone has a car and you don't? There obviously has to be some awkward feelings there."

Saltz said residents are also worried that federal money will dry up and "it will be boarded up like in all the other communities."



Herald 1-14-84

Fire damages mobile home

The Wheeling Fire Department is investigating the cause of a fire that damaged a mobile home at the Whipple Tree Village Park Thursday night.

Firefighters were called to the home of John Wergo, in the 300 block of Buckboard Drive, shortly before 7:30 p.m. after a neighbor spotted the fire, said Lt. James Johnson of the Wheeling Fire Department.

Johnson said no one was home at the time of the blaze and no one was injured.

He said firefighters fought the fire for about 20 minutes and contained it to the area of the bathroom, which was gutted by the flames. The fire also broke through the closet wall of a master bedroom, destroying all the clothes inside and causing smoke damage to the rest of the home, said Johnson.

A dollar estimate for the damage is not yet available, Chief B.O. Koeppen said.

HERALD 1-16-84

Markus eyes low-income housing

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending the village board approve plans tonight for only seven of 17 low-income housing units the Cook County Housing Authority (CCHA) wants to build in the village.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, and plans to discuss the controversial scattered-site low-income housing plans.

Markus is recommending the board approve CCHA plans for a four-unit town house at Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue, a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue and a single-family home at Manchester Drive and Stone Place.

Two of the recommendations, those for the single-family home and the

duplex, go against the recommendations of the zoning board of appeals.

CONCURRING WITH the commission, however, Markus is recommending plans for a four-unit town house at Hintz Road and Maple Lane be scrapped and an alternative site found because of a restrictive covenant held by property owners of a neighboring Prospect Heights subdivision.

The covenant does not allow construction of multifamily units on the property, and Village Attorney James Rhodes has told officials the covenant is still valid.

Markus is recommending three other sites in the Strong Street and Mayer Avenue area be re-designed before they are approved.

Two single-family homes proposed for the northeast and northwest corners of Sixth Street and Mayer Avenue should be eliminated, he said, and

a four-unit town house at Ninth and Strong streets should be turned into a six-unit apartment-style complex like other six-flats on the street.

The town house is "totally out of character for that neighborhood," Markus said. "And, the CCHA may very likely end up spending less money because they will be able to sell the two single-family lots."

THE VILLAGE board and employees are expecting crowds similar to the 100-plus that showed up to object to the housing when the zoning and planning hearings were held last fall.

Last week, a majority of the board members said they were leaning toward approval of the housing because of a 1980 agreement the village made with the authority, which said the village would take up to 20 low-income housing units if the authority constructed a 100-unit, low-income

senior citizen housing complex. The complex at Strong Street and Milwaukee Avenue opened last spring.

Approval of all property east of the Soo Line Railroad tracks, including the Strong Street and Mayer Avenue Homes and the single-family home on Manchester, may be hampered by a federal regulation concerning noise control, Markus said. Under Housing and Urban Development standards, a home should not be placed in an area where the noise level is over 65 decibels.

"According to our noise contour maps, this parcel is located within an area of 75 or greater decibels," Markus said. "According to the regulations, special HUD approvals, environmental reviews and noise attenuations may be required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development."

Fatal Crash

Northbrook woman's car smashes into guardrail

Life 1-19-84
WHEELING — A 21-year-old Northbrook woman was killed in a car accident early Tuesday, Jan. 17 when her car went off the road and crashed into a metal guard rail, police said. The woman's car was traveling at more than 80 mph on Milwaukee Avenue, police said.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Holy Family Hospital was Lisa F. Ascher, 2614 Mulberry Lane, Northbrook.

Alone in her car, Ascher was southbound on Milwaukee Avenue shortly before 3 a.m. when her car went off the road near the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, 1070 S. Milwaukee Ave. It then traveled down the shoulder of the road, through a 3-foot-high snow bank and across the restaurant driveway. It finally stopped at a cement bridge after smashing into a metal guardrail, tearing it from the ground.

Police found the car's battery 80 feet away from the accident and the hubcaps 200 feet away.

Housing debate over low-income sites ends in delay

Herald 1-18-84
 by Kathy Waugh *two hours*

Herald staff writer
 A five-hour debate on whether Wheeling should allow any low-income housing ended early Tuesday with no decision, and now village officials and the Cook County Housing Authority are trying to hammer out a compromise on the controversial project.

Victor Walchirk, executive director of the CCHA, said he'll make "every viable effort" to amend the housing plans to appease village officials and residents who have criticized it severely. However, Walchirk also says the project is long overdue and warned that the housing authority may sue the village to get it completed.

The housing authority plans to build 17 units of single-family homes, duplexes and four-unit townhouses on seven sites scattered throughout the village. The plan has faced intense opposition from residents, mixed reviews from the village's planning and zoning boards and, most recently, a recommendation from the village staff that only seven of the units be approved as proposed.

AFTER THE village board voted 4-2 early Tuesday to deny an exemption from village building codes for a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue — the first of several votes scheduled to be taken by the board — Walchirk asked that the matter be tabled. No date has been set for a final vote on the low-income housing, but Walchirk and Village Manager Thomas Markus will meet soon to discuss revising the plan.

Walchirk said he will "try to make every viable effort to come up with a solution," but noted that the village assisted the county in choosing the sites for the low-income housing four years ago.

"This was a joint effort," he said. "When those sites were submitted to us, the selection was made as a cooperative effort."

AT THAT time, the village tentatively approved the low-income housing along with plans by the CCHA to build a high-rise subsidized housing

complex for senior citizens — all to be built with federal funds. The senior housing was completed last spring.

Markus has recommended the county eliminate plans for two single-family homes to be built near Mayer Avenue and Sixth Street. And instead of building a four-unit townhouse on Ninth Street, north of Strong Street, he is suggesting a six-flat apartment building, which he says would be more in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.

Also, Markus agrees with Prospect Heights officials, who say a legal covenant prevents the construction of any multifamily housing on a parcel at Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue, near that city's borders. Markus says a four-unit town house, scheduled for that location, should be moved elsewhere.

TRUSTEES CHARLES Kerr and Nicholas Fanella cast the only votes in favor of construction of the duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue, "as a cooperative effort," Kerr said, to show the village's willingness to stand by the board's 1980 agreement with the housing authority. Kerr, Trustee Roger Powers and Village President Sheila Schultz, then a trustee, are the only board members who were in office in 1980.

Residents who sat through the five-hour meeting, which started Monday night, said they felt the housing authority was trying to "bully" the village into taking the housing.

Greg Klatecki, 278 N. Fifth St., received hearty applause when he challenged the CCHA's use of the word "reasonable" when discussing changes the authority wanted from standard building and housing codes.

"Wheeling has standards, standards that you people have developed over the years. Why do they (low-income families) deserve special treatment, treatment you might not give to a village resident?" he said. "When you are talking about reducing lot standards by 48 percent, I find that hard to consider reasonable. I'm not denying that they should be built in Wheeling or that we need them for Wheeling."



Kerr's Ord.

Will shopping center's facelift lure shoppers?

Reminder 1-19-84

By MARY ROWITZ

The Wheeling Shopping Center, one of Wheeling's oldest, will get a facelift this spring.

Glenn Miller, owner of the center on the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue, said he plans to resurface and stripe the parking lot, landscape, add several sidewalks and a canopy.

"I have pride in the shopping center and want it to look aesthetically pleasing to all," said Miller, who has owned the center for 26 years.

What's noticeably missing from the center now—a sign that says 'Wheeling Shopping Center'—will also be added, Miller said.

Miller estimated that the project, which he hopes will be completed by the end of the summer, will cost between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

The planned improvements coincide with the village's long-range goal of improving the downtown business district, said Julie Woods, assistant village planner.

Other recent improvements include the new Sportmart store and a drive-through window at McDonald's Restaurant, which will be completed by spring, Woods said.

"We're real excited about the changes," Woods said. "Visually, it will be a marked improvement."

The major bone of contention for Dan Bolnius, the owner of Country Dairy, the largest store in the Wheeling Shopping

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The Wheeling Shopping Center, in Wheeling's downtown business district, will be refurbished this spring. The center was built in 1958, and the owner said it's time for some much-needed repairs. (Staff photo by Bill Oakes)

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Center, is that he, like the other business owners, will have to pay for new business signs.

"I've got a perfectly good sign up there now, not to mention that I'll be losing the identification on my building," he said, referring to the large letters which light up at night. "Those letters are expensive and now they're going to have to come down."

"I feel like I'm in between a rock and a hard spot; I'm getting screwed," Bolnius said.

Miller said he is uncertain as to how much the signs will cost the business owners.

Although all of the business owners who were contacted said the improvements are necessary, they weren't in agreement as to whether the improvements will provide a business boom.

"The changes are definitely needed and Miller is on the side of the merchants, but I really don't know whether it will increase business. We'll just have to wait and see," said William Malcom, owner of A-Better Vacuum Service Co.

But Harry Ioannou, owner of the Two Doves Restaurant, disagreed.

"It will increase the business flow to the center and will help us businesswise," he said.

Woods hopes the refurbishing will attract more outside residents and will bring more business to the center. If it does, Woods said it "just might budge other Wheeling business owners to do the same."

State may buy, run Pal-Waukee

by Kathy Waugh and Al Cabbage

Herald staff writers

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Because Pal-Waukee Airport is such an important transportation hub, the state of Illinois will buy and operate the airport if Wheeling and Prospect Heights decide to back out of a purchase plan.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has promised the Federal Aviation Administration that the state will put up 10 percent of the estimated \$36 million needed to buy and operate the private airport if the federal government will pay the rest.

Roger Barkus, of IDOT's aeronautics division, Wednesday said the state prefers that either or both of the two Northwest suburbs join in the purchase of Pal-Waukee.

"PAL-WAUKEE IS a very important airport and we feel it is in the state's interest to keep it open,"

Barkus said. "Our first priority is a local sponsor, but we made the commitment to the FAA to take it ourselves if it came to that."

Pal-Waukee, the busiest privately owned airport in the country, is considered a linchpin in the nation's aviation system. Catering almost exclusively to business aircraft, it acts as a reliever airport to overcrowded O'Hare Airport for corporate travelers.

The airport has been owned by George Priester since 1953 and is operated by Priester and his son, Charles. Facing increased property taxes and potential inheritance taxes, the family has sought since 1978 to sell the airport to a governmental agency in order to keep it operating.

"We need to make this move to public ownership, and the continuing delays are something we can't cope with and the state and federal government can't cope with," George

Priester said Wednesday. "This move just gives you insight into just how important this airport is."

Local leaders reacted cautiously to the news that if their towns won't buy Pal-Waukee, they would end up with a state-run airport within their boundaries.

"WE WILL have to go back to the drawing board and see how it will affect the town," said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz. "We haven't discussed this before and I think it's a comparatively new thought."

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan, who has leaned toward public takeover of Pal-Waukee, said if there is to be a public owner, Prospect Heights should be one of them.

"We don't want a carpetbagger government within our jurisdiction," Gilligan said.

The two towns are considering the

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Woman killed in car crash

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A Northbrook woman was killed early Tuesday morning in a one-car accident in Wheeling.

Lisa F. Ascher, 21, of 2614 Mulberry Lane, was driving a 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass southbound on Milwaukee Avenue at approximately 2:45 a.m. An investigation by Wheeling police indicated that Ascher's car traveled down the shoulder of the road, though a three-foot snowbank, struck a guardrail, tearing it from the ground, and came to rest against a cement bridge wall in front of the 94th Aero Squadron, 1070 S. Milwaukee Avenue, Sgt. Jack Kimsey said.

Police believe Ascher was driving more than 80 mph, 35 mph faster than the speed limit on Milwaukee Avenue.

She was taken to Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines and was pronounced dead at 3:45 a.m. The cause of death is pending the results of an autopsy. The results are expected next week.

Four days earlier, Ascher was charged with driving while intoxicated, obstructing a police officer and possession of a hypodermic syringe by Buffalo Grove police.

According to police reports, Ascher drove through a red light at Dundee and Arlington Heights roads at approximately 70 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Because of the large amount of personal belongings in Ascher's car, including clothing and purses, police searched her car and found a hypodermic syringe.



Herald photo by Sig Bokalders

PAL-WAUKEE AIRPORT, a center for business aviation, may be purchased by the state if Wheeling and Prospect Heights refuse to go along with a plan to buy and improve the 265-acre airport. The two suburbs have delayed making a final decision on buying the airport,

and the state aeronautics division has told the Federal Aviation Administration that it will pay 10 percent of the estimated \$36 million purchase and improvement cost and keep the airport open if the federal government will pay 90 percent.

State to buy airport if towns decline

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purchase in an effort to control airport operations, noise, land use and to generate additional revenue.

The purchase has been under review by the two towns for more than five years. Last year, they joined the state in submitting a "pre-application" for federal funds, but the towns have refused to make

a final commitment to the project.

UNDER THE plan, the federal government would pay 90 percent of the cost, with the state paying 5 percent and Prospect Heights and Wheeling contributing the remaining 5 percent.

Both towns have scheduled advisory referendums on the proposed purchase for March 20. However,

all applications for 1984 FAA funds for airport improvements must be received by March 1, so in order for the Pal-Waukee buyout to receive money this year, the FAA needs a commitment from a local sponsor by then, Barkus said.

The state wants to begin the project this year so it can be completed in four years before the cur-

rent federal program for airport improvement aid expires.

Either or both of the local communities could become the local sponsor after the application is submitted, Barkus said. "This wouldn't preclude any community from becoming a local sponsor, but we think it's important to get this started," he said.

Lighting up

Traffic signal is happy ending to 5 years of work

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

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WHEELING—Sometimes little things can make a big difference.

For example, the appearance of a simple traffic light, leading to an industrial park, recently prompted a celebration within the business community here. And for the feisty leader of the 'let there be lights' campaign, the occasion marked the successful end to five years of dilemma, discussion and delays.

It was back in December 1978 that Faye Moroz, then executive secretary of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, was alerted to a bottleneck traffic situation at Hintz Road and Glenn Ave. With some 36 businesses and more than 1,000 employees grouped together in the industrial park, the area was known for producing volumes of products and services, along with massive traffic problems at rush hour.

Complaints from business leaders recounted horror stories of half hour delays to travel two blocks to exit onto Hintz Road, the only outlet for the industrial zone. In addition, motorists trying to make a left-hand turn onto Glenn Avenue forced long back-ups on Hintz Road, one of the few major east-west corridors in the village.

ONCE AWARE of the seriousness of the situation, Moroz referred the problem to the Traffic Division of the Wheeling Police Department. She then was referred to the village government for a redress of her grievance.

But staff members told Moroz that the village already had an overall plan in mind for the area, which called for extending another road to make

a second entry point to the park. Moroz's response to this solution, however, was more immediate than the long-range proposal she had just heard.

"I told them, 'You're talking about 20 years. I'm talking about now,'" she said.

So officials suggested a more expeditious solution: businesses could hire a traffic controller for the afternoon rush hour at a cost of \$773 per month.

Moroz didn't like the sound of this proposal either, so she pressed for a meeting with village trustees to further discuss the matter.

A FEW MONTHS later, in June 1979, a workshop was set up with trustees. At that time the board agreed to three concessions: to assume the cost of a traffic controller, to widen Glenn Avenue to facilitate left-hand turns, and to aggressively pursue a plan to locate a signal light on Hintz Road.

She was advised, though, that since Hintz was a county road, the ultimate determination would rest with that body.

But while the widening of Glenn Avenue, completed in October of 1979, "helped tremendously," according to Moroz, no progress was being made on the other front.

A change in village leadership then "really laid back" the issue, Moroz said. But that didn't stop her.

Although she resigned from the Chamber of Commerce in 1980, Moroz kept in contact with business leaders. Three years later—with the addition of more business, more employees and more congestion—the problem was as bad as ever. "We were back to square one."

So, acting as a liaison between businessmen and the village and the county governments, Moroz resumed her crusade.

FINALLY, with the village promising to pay a portion of the costs, the county agreed to put up a traffic light. By Dec. 1, 1983, the juice was turned on, and so were the victors.

"I was just thrilled when the lights went up," said Moroz. "I just wanted to take my lawn chair out and watch them go all day. It was like a dream come true."

And the jubilation didn't stop there. "It's a definite improvement," said Don Hahn, staff services manager for TRW Inc., 661 Glenn Ave. "It has been needed for a long time."

"Everyone who works here, including myself, was really happy to see this come about. At least you can get out on Hintz Road without getting killed now," Hahn said.

Ernest Hauser of Rexnord, 634 Glenn Ave., referred to the new traffic signal as "the great unveiling," saying it has already "generated many positive comments" from employees.

"It's a boon for us," said Bill Leuders, president of Sunnyside Corp., 225 Carpenter Ave., which employs about 50 workers.

"It was very difficult getting in or out of here because it's a dead-end area. And it will be especially helpful if an emergency vehicle has to get in here."

And Leuders gives much of the credit to Moroz, saying, "Without her, we wouldn't have it today."

And what does Moroz give credit? "Perseverance, that's all it takes."

Wheeling officer goes extra mile

Every once in awhile, someone reaches out to offer a service to a fellow human being; to extend a hand without being asked; to go the extra mile. We usually call this "above and beyond the call of duty."

That's what Wheeling Police Officer Mike Rompala did recently; he stretched himself beyond the basic requirements of his uniform, and in so doing so raised the reputation of the police force in the eyes of many persons.

Last month John R. Allison was killed in an automobile accident in Wheeling. The situation was more complicated than usual, because the next of kin, Allison's parents, live in England. Rompala handled the case, and did so in such an exceptional manner, that the following letter was sent to Police Chief Michael Haeger, by Allison's business associate:

"DEAR CHIEF HAEGER: Recently a business associate of mine, John R. Allison, was killed in a traffic accident in Wheeling. As you no doubt know, Officer Mike Rompala handled the matter. He did such an outstanding job with those important things that usually do not show up in the record and I thought someone should tell you.

"The thing that pleased me most was the way Officer Rompala treated Jack's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Allison live in England and had to make the sad journey here to an unfamiliar place in a state of profound grief. Mr. Allison told me that they did not know what they would do upon arrival at the airport. Fortunately, Officer Rompala met them at the airport and gave them every assistance.

"When I arrived to meet the parents at Jack's apartment, Officer Rompala was still with them providing assistance. The Allisons were so relieved and so pleased with what he was doing for them, that it was impossible not to be deeply touched and very proud. The uniform which usually reminds us of the need for protection from violence and encroachments on

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our rights is also a symbol of a civilized and compassionate society extending a helping hand.

"In addition to the marvelous job Officer Rompala did for Jack's parents, he also took the time to explain the circumstances of the accident to me and my niece, who also knew Jack. The explanation answered many of the questions we had, and demonstrated the professional approach your department takes to the investigation of such matters.

"Please extend my kindest regards to Officer Rompala. If his performance is indicative of the service your department provides, you probably have one of the best police departments in the country. Sincerely, Bill Geekie (William J. Geekie & Assoc., Springfield, Ill.)"

Mike Rompala can be proud that his actions gave cause for ours to be labeled "one of the best police departments in the country." And Bill Geekie deserves thanks, also. How many times do you voice complaints about a service, product, or facility that you do not think has treated you fairly? How many times have you written a letter of compliment when justice has been done?

"Before giving someone a piece of your mind, be sure you have enough to spare." — Author Unknown

Display vehicle tags in village by Feb. 1

Citizens are reminded that the 1984 vehicle stickers for passenger car, recreational vehicles, recreational trailers and motorcycles/bike must be displayed on the vehicle(s) beginning Feb. 1. The deadline for purchasing vehicle stickers without the \$15 late charge is Jan. 31.

Beginning Feb. 1, a \$15 penalty will be added to the cost of the vehicle sticker.

A citation for lack of displaying a 1984 vehicle sticker after Feb. 1 will cost \$15 in addition to the \$15 late charge.

If you do not have our current Illinois state plate number, you can purchase your vehicle sticker now and advise the village office of your license plate upon its receipt.

Regular office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to regular business hours, the village office will be open Saturday, Jan. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 31 until 7 p.m.

Voter registration

Voter registration is under way in the village. If you plan to vote in the March 20 primary, it is suggested you come into the village offices at your earliest convenience. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. The last day to register will be Tuesday, Feb. 21. For additional information, please call 459-2600. Village offices will be closed on Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents Day.

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The week ahead

Board views firm's query for 2nd drive

Wheeling trustees will decide today whether to allow a business to build a driveway onto a residential street.

The board, conducting one of a series of "roving workshops," meets at 8 p.m. at the Whippetree Village clubhouse, 525 McHenry Road.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he opposes the request from House of Rental, 318 N. Milwaukee Ave., although plan commissioners approved it by a 3-2 vote. Owner Randolph G. Wright wants to build the driveway onto Strong Street, in addition to the existing driveway on Milwaukee Avenue.

Markus said the village does not want commercial traffic getting closer to the residential neighborhood.

Pal-Waukee take-off

Reminder 1-26-84

Commitment.

That's what the Illinois Department of Transportation is looking for from Wheeling and Prospect Heights to get the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport moving again.

IDOT is not looking for more studies, more hearings, merely a commitment by Sept. 30 to go ahead with a move to secure federal funding for airport's acquisition. If the villages don't make the deadline, the state will.

With that impetus, Wheeling officials are looking forward to the results of a March 20 advisory referendum on the matter. Voters will turn thumbs up or down on the airport purchase, and that should determine the village board's action.

We hope the voters realize that Pal-Waukee is a tremendous asset to the village and the region. To have a major transportation center here with the capacity of Pal-Waukee contributes to Wheeling's economic viability.

We're glad the state understands that. Now, if we can just reach the same conclusion closer to home...

Hintz Road improvement

Reminder 1-26-84

Commissioner Carl Hansen, R-Mt. Prospect, of the Cook County Board has announced the board's approval of \$780,000 for the improvement of Hintz Road, from Arlington Heights Road to Milwaukee Avenue in Arlington Heights, Prospect Heights, Wheeling, and Wheeling Township.

This initial appropriation will result in preparation of design plans and soil investigations by an outside consulting engineer, with subsequent review by county agencies. Actual construction on this project is expected to begin in 1986. Funding is provided by the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

Village among theft victims

Last week's Wheeling Police reports are full of thefts and burglary.

The Village of Wheeling was again among the victims when the theft of another \$1,500 Motorola two-way radio from a community development car was reported Jan. 13. The car window was broken, which added \$150 to the loss.

A 1980 Firebird in the Mallard Lake Apartments lot at 1500 Hintz Ln., which had been locked, was stolen the night of Jan. 16. The loss was estimated \$10,000.

A loss of \$1,400, was at Heleena's Woman's Fashions, 77 S. Milwaukee Ave. which was reported Jan. 16. The thefts of clothing in sizes 3-52 had been disappearing from the racks over the last six weeks, evidently because of shoplifting, the report said.

A theft of some \$600 gold and diamond earrings was reported Jan. 13 in the 500 block of Graystone, but the complainant later reported someone borrowed the ear-

Police beat ^{HERALD} 12684 Neighbor

rings without telling her and withdrew her complaint.

Someone slipped a \$500 video camera under a coat and left the Video Joynt, 1788 W. Hintz Rd., Jan. 15. The police said they have a vague description of the thief.

The window of a 1983 Datsun 280Z was broken in the theft of \$80 worth of tapes over the night of Jan. 16 while the car was parked in the 1600 Woodack lot of the Mallard Lake Apartments. The damage was estimated at \$200.

One driver was arrested for driving under the influence last week. He was a 27-year-old Wheeling man who was seen driving completely into the lane of oncoming traffic at 10:41 p.m. Jan. 18.

Fingerprinting offered

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THE WHEELING Police Department, in coordination with the Jaycees and the Jaycee Women, are sponsoring the Community Youth Fingerprinting Program to be held on Jan. 28.

The program is available to all members of the community, but particular emphasis should be directed at fingerprinting the children of Wheeling. There will be only one copy of the child's fingerprints made:

The purpose of the Youth Fingerprint Program is not to keep a record of the children but, instead, to offer a valid means of identification for parents to keep in their own files.

Any Wheeling resident wishing to be fingerprinted may obtain a pre-registration form, available at the following locations: Wheeling Park District/Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road; Wheeling Police Department, 255 West Dundee Road; and the Indian Trails Library, 355 S. Schoenbeck Road.

While pre-registration is not mandatory, it is encouraged to assure an orderly program.

This year's location for the community fingerprinting will be the Wheeling Park District at Heritage Park, 222 South Wolf Road. Fingerprints will be taken from 10 a.m. until noon and then reopen from 1-3 p.m.

Community Service Officer Gayle Prior says the fingerprinting program may soon go year-round, offered on a monthly basis through the Wheeling Police Department.

Senior center grant sought

LIFE 1-26-84

A REQUEST for \$10,000 will be made to Wheeling Township for the purpose of buying furniture for the senior citizens center, expected to be under construction by spring.

The request would be matched by an equal figure from the Village of Wheeling, said Senior Citizens Coordinator Barbara Hansen.

A total of \$80,000 is needed to completely furnish the facility, with the rest of the money coming from senior citizen fund-raisers, foundation grants and community donations.

The center will be available to some 3,500 people age 55 and over who live in northeast Wheeling Township.

"Anyone who wishes to avail

themselves of our programs and services are welcome," said Hansen.

The township approved a \$5,000 grant last year to help furnish the senior center, but never allocated the money because of construction delays.

The latest grant request will be heard by the Wheeling Township board of trustees Feb. 7.



This won't hurt a bit

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Herald photo by Sig Bokalders

Kindergartener Wendy Coleman isn't very happy about being fingerprinted by Wheeling Community Service Officer Gayle Prior, and her parents hope they'll never need to use the prints. But as a precaution,

Wendy and other students at Mark Twain School in Wheeling were fingerprinted recently and the prints given to their parents to help identify the children if they are lost.

House of Rental's driveway plan nixed

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Saying it would increase commercial traffic in the neighborhood, Wheeling trustees rejected by a 4-3 vote a business owner's request to build a driveway onto a residential street.

House of Rental, 318 N. Milwaukee Ave., wanted to build a driveway onto Strong Street from its fenced-in storage area.

Village President Sheila Schultz cast the tie-breaking vote against the request "because of my concern about exiting commercial traffic onto Strong Street."

Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center is directly across the street from the site, she said, and the rest of the street consists of single-family homes.

Three trustees supported a compromise approved by the plan commission that would have allowed the driveway if the owner moved the fence several feet back from the sidewalk.

"The way the fence is now is totally unacceptable (with a driveway) because you can't see anybody on the sidewalk or traffic until it is too late," Schultz said.

Don't get caught unstickered

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HERALD 2-1-84

Kimsey new investigations chief

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling police Sgt. Jack Kimsey, a 26-year veteran of the department, has been named head of the investigations and youth officers divisions.

The move will not change his \$32,000-a-year salary, but Kimsey said the new position should be a challenge.

"It's going to be a learning process," Kimsey said. "This is the only part of the department I haven't been in before, but the guys here are willing to help, so I'm looking forward to it."

Kimsey will supervise two youth officers and a three-man team charged with crime investigations. The position has been open since Lt. Ronald Nelson retired more than a

year ago.

In November 1982, Kimsey was named acting support services commander in charge of records, community service officers and investigations by Police Chief Michael Haeger.

LAST DECEMBER, Haeger appointed two deputy chiefs, both newly created positions. Kimsey did not apply for the deputy chief's post, nor did he say why.

Sgt. J. Michael Hermes was appointed to one of the deputy chief spots and is in charge of the field services division, which largely oversees the work of patrol officers.

James Roché — chief of the Crete, Neb., police department — will be sworn in Monday as the new head of support services.

Haeger said Kimsey "did a fine job

for the department" in an acting commander's position.

"It had been an anticipated move and when Deputy Chief Roche was hired we reviewed the needs of the department and knew we would need someone for investigations," Haeger said.

Haeger said Kimsey will continue to serve as media liaison for the department.

Kimsey started with the department in 1959 as a radio dispatcher and became a patrol officer eight years later. Since then he has been a watch commander, youth service officer, traffic division commander and acting field services commander.

A native of Indianapolis, Kimsey, 49, said the move is a good idea. "I think people need to have a change every once in a while," he said.



Herald photo
JACK KIMSEY

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Wheeling, county reach compromise on public housing

By Dori Meinert

THE WHEELING Village Board has reached a compromise agreement with the Cook County Housing Authority to accept construction of 13 scattered-site public housing units on four sites in the village.

Wheeling will become the second suburb to be host to scattered-site housing through the county housing authority. Five years ago, 26 units were constructed on nine sites in Evanston, and another 19 units are under construction on seven sites there, said Victor Walchirk, director of the authority.

The compromise in Wheeling was approved by the board Tuesday after much controversy. The village board had agreed to accept the public housing in 1979 in exchange for an offer by the county to use federal funds to build a 100-unit senior citizen housing complex in Wheeling. The senior citizen facility opened in April, and then the village began negotiating with the housing authority on the specific number of units and their location.

ORIGINALLY, the authority proposed building 17 units on seven sites. But hundreds of Wheeling residents packed zoning board and plan commission hearings in past months to object to the plans.

"I think the compromise is something we'll all be happy with," said Village President Sheila Schultz, who was on the board in 1979 when the exchange for the senior housing was worked out.

The housing units are scheduled for construction this summer. They will include one single-family home, one duplex, a four-unit town house development and a six-flat apartment building.

The housing authority agreed to increase the size of the single-family home to be in line with the village's minimum size requirements.

THE BOARD REJECTED a request for two more single-family homes and four town houses.

Wheeling residents will be given priority in renting the units.

HERALD 2-2-84

Palatine Road barrier may help reduce accidents

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

In an attempt to reduce the number of high-speed accidents along Palatine Road, state highway officials plan to extend one mile to the west a concrete barrier that separates traffic on the 55-mile-an-hour thoroughfare.

The 3-foot-high barrier will be constructed on Palatine Road between Wheeling and Schoenbeck roads in Prospect Heights and Wheeling probably sometime this summer, said Les Swieca, IDOT area programmer for the Northwest suburbs. The barrier, which should cost about \$150,000 to \$200,000, is seen as a way to prevent accidents that occur when cars jump

the 4-inch-high barrier and strike traffic heading in the opposite direction.

IDOT spent \$336,500 last year to install a barrier from Sanders Road in Northbrook to Wheeling Road, but lacked the funding to do any additional work, Swieca said.

Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials have complained that the concrete barrier is needed to separate traffic on Palatine Road, designated by highway officials as a "junior expressway" in 1957 to link the Edens Expressway and Route 53.

LT. ERROL LEVY, head of the Prospect Heights detail of the Cook County sheriff's police, said one such accident occurred only three weeks ago.

In that accident, a Northbrook woman's car jumped the barrier at Palatine Road and the Elmhurst Road overpass and struck a car driven by an Arlington Heights woman. Both were hospitalized for a week with head injuries, cuts and bruises they suffered in the accident.

"The severity of accidents on that bridge warrants a barrier because most are caused by cars jumping that median strip," Levy said. "I requested a barrier eleven years ago when five people died in a three-car accident on the overpass, but when they finally put the barrier in they only extended it through Wheeling Road."

Swieca acknowledged that local pressure brought about last year's installation of the barrier, but said the

state always has planned to continue construction of the barrier to Schoenbeck Road.

SGT. JACK KIMSEY, of the Wheeling police, was one of the officers who responded to the fatal accident of 11 years ago and said he strongly favors extending the barrier.

"I remember hearing the voices of the girls in the first car who were pinned against the side barrier," Kimsey said. "But by the time we could get to them they were dead."

"Palatine has always been a dangerous roadway and the installation of some barrier has helped with the head-on crashes," he said.

Despite the proposed improvements, Levy and Kimsey said they would still like to see better lighting

on the road to help drivers identify entrance and exit ramps. Last weekend, a Wheeling woman was killed after she became confused and tried to enter the express lanes at an exit point near Milwaukee Avenue, Levy said.

"We are never going to eliminate all the accidents," Levy said. "But we can reduce the injuries and the fatalities."

Swieca said the department has no plans to add lighting or extend the barrier any further than Schoenbeck Road at the present time.

"In general, the department does not lighten roadways in municipalities," he said, "but we are always receptive to requests and problems municipalities have."



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1950s shopping strip to get a new look this spring

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling's oldest shopping center will get a face lift next spring when the owner of the shopping strip at Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road dresses up the store fronts and improves landscaping and parking facilities.

Lane Kendig, manager of the Wheeling Shopping Center, could not provide a cost estimate on the work, but said owner Glenn Miller of Long Grove has planned for two years to change the face of the 1950s shopping center.

Nine stores and a restaurant are in the shopping center.

Other shopping centers in town were built in the 1970 and still have that "fairly new" look to them, Assistant Village Planner Julie Woods said. The improvements to the Wheeling Shopping Center are expected to make it "more competitive," Woods said, with other centers.

"I HOPE WHAT it's going to do is bring more of the neighborhood people into the shopping center and also add to those who just stop when they are driving by," she said.

Work on the center will also provide a boon to the town's long-range downtown redevelopment plan. Other major improvements to the downtown area this year include, the Cook County Senior Citizen Housing building, renovation of one of the village's oldest homes into a hair salon and initial construc-

tion plans for two new restaurants.

"This renovation is going to be a great improvement to the downtown area," she said. "Little by little it (the downtown plan) is coming together."

Work will start in the spring, Kendig said, and is expected to take most of the summer to complete. Miller is footing the bill for repaving parking lots, adding some sidewalks and installing a front canopy over the length of the storefronts.

BUSINESSES LEASING the buildings are responsible for purchasing their own signs, which all must be made in a similar style.

"It's been two years since we started on this and I have mixed feelings about that but I know once the work is done I'm sure I'm going to be very pleased," said Ed Cohen, the owners of Mark Drugs and Liquor, one of the main businesses in the shopping center.

Cohen has been involved in the shopping center's proposed face lift from the start. When Cohen asked for permission to install a new sign at his store, the village suggested changes be made to the entire center "and Mr. Miller generously agreed to go along," Cohen said.

For Bill Bruce, the owner of Red Carpet Real Estate, the work will come as a welcome end to months of business without even a sign showing that his firm is located in the shopping center.

"This will be a welcome relief," he said.



Herald photo by Bob Ringham

A NEW LOOK. The Wheeling Shopping Center will have a more modern look when a new parking lot, landscaping and other work on the face of stores is done in the spring. The construction will end two years

of planning the town's oldest shopping center built in the early 1950s at Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road. Nine stores are in the center anchored by Mark Drugs and Liquor and Country Dairy.

The week ahead

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Village considers loans for 2 firms

The Wheeling village board will consider Tuesday lending its name to two companies seeking \$4.65 million in low-interest loans.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

The Segerdahl Printing Co., 1351 S. Wheeling Road, is seeking a \$3 million loan to buy a new printing press and Peer Chain Co., 241 W. Palatine Road, is asking for \$1.65 million for a new office building.

With village sponsorship, the companies would be able to borrow money at lower interest rates because the bond holders do not have to pay federal taxes on the interest they earn.

In December, Village Manager Thomas Markus said he might consider putting all loan requests on hold until after congress votes on whether to limit the amount of bonds each town issues.

LIFE - 2-2-84

New wrinkle in airport issue

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

THE ISSUE of state ownership versus local control may become the major issue when Wheeling voters are presented a referendum in March on whether to purchase Palwaukee Airport.

This new concern came to light recently when the Illinois Department of Transportation offered to buy and operate the airport if local sponsors decide not to proceed with the acquisition.

Both Wheeling and Prospect Heights have shown interest in buying the airport in a joint arrangement, but are waiting until after the public referendum before committing funds to the project.

Under the proposed purchase plan, the federal government would pick up about 90 percent of the total \$36 million price tag, which includes initial site improvements. The municipalities and the state would split the remaining 10 percent.

DICK ADORJAN of IDOT said the state applied for funding through the Federal Aviation Administration only as a back-up measure to ensure continuation of the airport.

"If no local sponsors come forward, the state will undertake the acquisition of the airport," said Adorjan. "IDOT wanted to assure the federal government there is serious concern to keep the airport in operation."

"This is the second busiest air-

port in Illinois and it is very important to the whole six-county region."

The state, he said, is concerned about the "economic impact" if the airport were to close, citing the potential loss of businesses and jobs.

The timing of the state's proposal was prompted by a March 1 deadline for local governments to apply for FAA funding for the current fiscal year, said IDOT chief counsel Roland Eckert.

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Digital readout

FOUR-YEAR-OLD Stacy Olsen receives a first-hand lesson on fingerprinting from Wheeling Police Officer Gayle Prior. The Police Department, along with the Wheeling Jaycees, cosponsored the community fingerprinting session on Saturday, Jan. 28, to help parents secure positive identification of their children. (Photos by Ann Begam)

Shopping center face-lift in limbo

LIFE 2-2-84

WHEELING—Year-long discussions between village officials and the owner of the Wheeling Shopping Center have yielded little agreement on redesigning and updating the commercial center.

Glen Miller, owner of the 27-year-old shopping strip at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue plans to modernize the center this summer.

The proposed face-life would include uniform and contemporary storefronts, a canopy across the length of the center, and landscape and parking improvements.

There are nine stores and a restaurant in the shopping center.

Village officials have offered recommendations on improving traffic flow in and out of the center. Following a long series of talks with officials, Miller recently rejected these additional proposals, returning the matter for more study.

THE VILLAGE asked Miller to:

- Close one of two entrances on Dundee Road.

• Open up Willie Avenue a one-way access road, to two-way traffic.

• Change the traffic pattern in the parking lot.

"I feel very strongly that these changes would prove a detriment to the tenants of the Wheeling Shopping Center," Miller told trustees at the Jan. 23 board meeting.

Miller contends that closing an entrance on Dundee Road would "jeopardize" his tenants' businesses by restricting access. Similarly, he said, making Willie Avenue a two-way road would promote back-ups on Dundee Road.

And Miller claims that altering traffic patterns in the parking lot would only hurt the center.

"My tenants and I feel that the traffic flow works as it is now," said Miller.

Ed Cohen, owner of Mark Drugs and Liquor, one of the main businesses in the shopping center, agreed. He said changing the recognized traffic pattern would increase "the odds of having accidents."

ALSO CRITICAL of the board was Charles

Sieman, an attorney representing the shopping center, who referred to the lengthy negotiations with the village as an "ordeal."

In addition to traffic concerns, Sieman said, he had "serious reservations" whether the village is overextending its authority in calling for these changes.

President Sheila Schultz said the village was "only trying to improve the center."

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said the shopping center was located at a busy intersection and that its owners must take responsibility for improving traffic problems.

"This shopping center is one of the highest accident locations along Dundee Road and has been targeted for improvement for a long time," said Greenwood.

Officials also questioned why these objections were not brought out earlier. "We have been working with his (Miller's) planner and I thought we had come to an agreement," said Greenwood. "I guess we did not."

1984 Herald-Examiner

Village cites Phyllis Harmon for leadership

Phyllis Harmon, auxiliary member of the Senior Citizen Commission, bicycling enthusiast, and founder of the Wheeling Wheelmen was recently presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the Village of Wheeling. This award was given in recognition of Harmon's leadership in planning and implementing the Wheeling Bike-A-Thon, "Cycling for Seniors," to benefit the Senior Center Furniture Fund. Plans are under way to continue this popular activity as an annual event in the Village and an Oct. 7 date has been set for 1984.

Projected population hike surprises Wheeling

Reminder 2/2/84

Look around you and enjoy the space, because 25 years from now there will be another 1 million people joining us in northeastern Illinois.

Not only will our population jump from 7.1 million to 8.1 million, but, as a group, we'll be a lot older, says the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC). This advisory state agency makes population forecasts for the six Chicago-area counties so that governments can plan major investments such as highways and wastewater treatment plants.

NIPC projects that the Village of Wheeling's population will rise to nearly 39,000 in 2005, approximately a 16,000 increase from 1980. In addition, the agency forecasts that there will be almost 18,000 households in 2005, nearly twice as many as in 1980.

Although the village has no population forecasts for 2005, Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said she was surprised that NIPC projects such a large increase in the number of Wheeling households.

"The figure seems to be somewhat high because of so much of our land is already developed," she said.

However, NIPC's projections for Buffalo Grove were right on target with Village President Verna Clayton and village planner James Truesdell.

NIPC estimates that approximately 15,000 people will live in the Cook County portion of Buffalo Grove in 2005, approximately 2,000 more than in 1980, and that there will be about 1,000 more households.

However, it's in the Lake County portion of Buffalo Grove that NIPC expects the biggest climbs.

According to the agency, that area will have a population of approximately 31,000, a difference of nearly 21,000 from 1980. In addition, there will be approximately 11,000 households, a difference of almost 9,000 from 1980.

Clayton and Truesdell said the figures were "extremely close" to their own figures, partly because the village has worked with NIPC on its projections.

Here is the overall picture:

— Kane and Lake counties will experience increases in their growth rates, while the rates will slow in northwest Cook and DuPage due to land scarcity. McHenry and Will counties will continue their past growth rates.

— Household size will shrink from 2.80 people per dwelling unit to 2.58 in 2005. This means that while all communities will have more housing units than they have now, about 50 towns will have fewer residents in 2005.

— The decline in household size is based on the projected aging of the population. In 1970 and 1980, 42 per cent of the population was 35 years of age or older. By 2005 this figure will be 53 per cent.

— The number of school-age children will dip during the next 25 years, but rise to approximately the present number at the end of that period. The reason for this is that while the birth rate has dropped, the number of women in their child-bearing years continues to grow rapidly.

mid-1983.

Board President Sheila Schultz said commission members "informally agreed that what the youth commission was put together to do is already being done, they feel there's nothing they can do that is not being done already and better by someone else."

The board agreed to hire a Chicago engineering firm for \$8,000 to review engineering studies that might prove some land in the central part of Wheeling is not in a flood plane.

Village employees asked the board to hire Harza Engineering Company in hopes that as much as 50 acres of land north of Dundee Road between the Soo Line railroad tracks and Hawthorne Elementary School might be freed for development.

IF THE LAND could be taken out of the national flood plane construction — currently prevented because of the cost — could occur that would not require extensive engineering such as building on stilts.

The board voted to ask Cook County for conditions on a zoning request that will allow Wheeling Disposal to continue packaging trash at its Sumac Road facility. The four-year-old company began compacting its trash on location two years ago to cut down on transportation costs before driving it to a garbage dump.

A routine check by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency showed the company was working without proper Cook County zoning since it began compacting trash. The

village is asking the county to approve the zoning change on the condition that if the business changes hands or changes its type of work, the company would have to return to the county for another zoning change.

The board agreed to sponsor loans for two companies seeking to expand in Wheeling. Rosemont-based Dearborn Wire and Cable, Inc., has applied for a \$3 million loan to move its company into Wheeling. Peer Chain, 241 W. Palatine Road, is asking for \$1.8 million to move into a new office building.

With a village sponsorship, the companies are able to obtain lower interest rates because bond buyers do not have to pay federal income tax on the interest they earn.

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Housing site plan defeat was top issue

The highlight of the Wheeling Village Board meetings in January occurred when the long-awaited vote on a scattered site housing project for low-income families was taken.

Trustees voted 4-2 against the first of several sites to be considered for the housing, which is to be built by the Cook County Housing Authority. Following that vote, the CCHA asked the board to delay a vote on the other sites. Altogether the housing authority plans to build 17 units of the low-income housing, part of a package that included a 100-unit senior citizen housing project, opened earlier this year.

Trustees Charles Kerr and Nicholas Fanella voted in favor of the county's first question whether a duplex should be built at the southeast corner of Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue. But when other trustees voted against the needed zoning change, CCHA Executive Director Victor Walchirk asked that all other decisions be delayed.

WALCHIRK SAID he would "make every viable effort" to try to come up with a compromise plan. The CCHA plans to build the duplex near Mayer Avenue, two single-family homes at Sixth Street and Mayer Avenue and another at Manchester Drive and Stone Place, a four-unit town house on Ninth Street north of Strong Street and town houses off Hintz Road at Maple Lane and Cornell Avenue.

In other matters, the board agreed to eliminate the five-member youth commission which has not met since

POPULATION, HOUSEHOLD FORECAST

Cook County

Municipality	1980P	1980H	2005P	2005H
*Barrington	4955	1807	5946	2205
*Barrington Hills	1980	599	1951	633
*Buffalo Grove	13144	4353	15041	5399
Inverness	4046	1152	6353	1937
Palatine	32166	10628	43422	17069
South Barrington	1188	307	3094	882
Wheeling	23266	9038	38981	17639

Kane County

*Algonquin	258	86	5080	1660
*Barrington Hills	105	31	180	59
Carpentersville	23272	8883	32449	10867
East Dundee	2618	912	7056	2623
Sleepy Hollow	2000	604	2955	1042
West Dundee	3551	1381	8500	3400

Lake County

*Barrington	4074	1355	7761	2918
*Barrington Hills	524	183	547	181
*Buffalo Grove	9086	2648	30833	11222
Deer Park	1368	407	2251	713
Hawthorn Woods	1658	482	3010	1000
*Island Lake	1589	514	1840	643
Kildeer	1609	442	2659	804
Lake Barrington	2320	889	3059	1209
Lake Zurich	8225	2592	16448	5837
Long Grove	2013	534	2684	783
North Barrington	1475	460	1749	660
Tower Lakes	1177	342	1556	533
Wauconda	5688	1957	8676	2738

McHenry County

*Algonquin	5576	1787	20101	8505
*Barrington Hills	1022	297	2294	736
Cary	8640	2270	16572	6179
Crystal Lake	18590	6191	35230	13792
Fox River Grove	2515	932	3906	1577
*Island Lake	724	257	3339	1166
Lake in the Hills	5651	1869	7434	2439

(*P* stands for population. *H* stands for households. The *** sign indicates that the figures apply only to the portion of the community in this county.)

Herald 2-10-84

Village eyes plan to revamp downtown property tonight

Wheeling village board members will consider a plan tonight to prompt construction on vacant and rundown property in the downtown area.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Wheeling Village Planner Richard Greenwood is asking the board to hire a consulting firm that would determine if and how the village could use future tax collections to improve land.

Under the plan, the village would

buy land, add utilities, sidewalks or other improvements and then sell the land back to a developer who would then agree to build on the land. Future tax collections would pay the village's cost of the initial improvements.

THE WHEELING Township District 21 school board meets today to hear the reaction from parents about the district's options to ease overcrowding on the east side of the

school district.

The board meets at 7:30 p.m. at Jack London Junior High School gymnasium, 1001 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

Solving unequal enrollment distribution may involve shifting as many as 200 students to new schools. The board is considering moving some students out of crowded schools on the east side of the district to boost the enrollment of Poe School.

The board is expected to take action at its Feb. 15 meeting.

Two liquor stores fined by village

Herald 2-9-84

The Wheeling Liquor Commission has voted to fine Walgreens Company, 548 W. Dundee Road, and Bell Liquor, 773 W. Dundee Road, for selling alcohol to minors.

A \$500 fine was imposed on Walgreens for selling a 12-pack of beer to a 19-year-old and a 20-year-old last summer. A \$250 fine was imposed on Bell Liquor after a clerk sold beer to a 19-year-old.

Clerks in the two stores were arrested after they sold beer to minors without asking for identification. The arrests were part of a "crackdown on under-aged drinking," Police Chief Michael Haeger said, which resulted in 18 arrests last August.

Village Prosecutor Steven Handler recommended fines instead of revoking or suspending the stores' liquor licenses, but warned store owners that "if it happens again the village will take further steps."

REPRESENTATIVES from both stores admitted to the commission that the liquor was sold to minors.

"I'm recommending a reduced fine because Bell had the opportunity but refused to sell to a second minor that they did card," Handler told the commission.

The action is the first taken by the commission, created in a village referendum last fall.

Village President Sheila Schultz was the liquor commissioner prior to the election but now the entire board sits as the commission.

Trustees encouraged the change saying there is less possibility for abuse when control over issuing, renewing, revoking and suspending licenses is not in one person's hands.

HERALD 2-3-84

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

Selected decisions from the meetings of Jan. 3 and 16.

						
	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
To grant zoning variations to the Cook County Housing Authority to allow a duplex for low-income persons at the southeast corner of Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue. (Denied 4-2)	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
To eliminate the Wheeling Youth Commission. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To hire Harza Engineering Co. for \$8,000 to study flooding north of Dundee Road near the Soo Line railroad tracks. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To request conditions be placed on the Cook County zoning permit requested by Wheeling Disposal Company, 350 Sumac Road. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To sponsor a \$3 million low-interest loan request by Dearborn Wire and Cable, Inc. of Rosemont. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

NORTHWEST WHEELING

THE DAILY HERALD

No cable collateral cut: village

Herald 2-9-84
by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling Village Board has refused to lower the letter of credit — a \$200,000 guarantee that the company will fulfill its end of a contract — for the Cablenet, Inc., because village officials say they are not sure cable television has been made available to 90 percent of the village.

Wheeling Finance Director Greg Peters said he and village officials aren't convinced Cablenet, which is headquartered in Mount Prospect, has contacted as many households as records indicate.

"You take a look at the figures and the question boils down to availability," Peters said. "We have no indication that all the developments have been contacted."

But Peters said the discrepancy may be a matter of how the village and Cablenet keep records.

MOST OF THE 10 Northwest suburban towns working with Cablenet

have reduced their letter of credit, which releases money set aside to guarantee Cablenet will follow through with its part of the contract. Wheeling trustees voted against reducing the letter of credit from \$200,000 to \$50,000.

"We're showing maybe only 75 percent penetration but I think there is some problem in the way that Cablenet and the village are defining available service," Peters said.

Cable service is considered by village officials to be available if a resident can be hooked up to the system within 30 days of a call to the company, Peters said. Cablenet, however, considers service available to any household that has been contacted by the company.

About two-thirds of the village's 9,500 households are in multi-family units, Peters said. Many of the apartment, townhouse and condominium associations have signed an agreement with the company saying they are interested in having cable, but

still aren't hooked up because they have not agreed where and when cable lines will be installed, he said.

"SOME OF THE complexes are partially wired but the cable company is having trouble getting the work completed because the homeowners associations don't like where the company is trying to lay the cables," he said. "They want the cable but they don't understand that they have to let the company put the cable in."

Cablenet officials could not be reached for comment. Peters said he would meet with company officials next week to try to work things out.

"We just need to get the air cleared before we step any further," Peter said. "It's better for the village and the company to get everything

straight before the letter of credit is reduced because after that, a whole new set of harsher fines set in."

Any town contracting with Cablenet can assess a \$200-a-day fine if cable is not being installed at the rate called for in the contract.

Last fall, Wheeling fined the company \$6,000 and other towns took similar action. The most severe fines are being assessed in Des Plaines where city officials estimate by Feb. 21 that they will have imposed \$37,000 in fines to Cablenet.

"After the letter of credit is reduced the fines go up to \$500 per day for each incident," Peters said. "So I'd rather get it all straightened out now and I'm sure Cablenet would like to also."

HERALD 2-9-84

Seniors' club eyes township funding

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling's Senior Citizen Club is asking Wheeling Township for \$10,000 to help furnish a planned senior recreation center, but Township Supervisor Phil Rogers questions whether programs to be offered at the center are needed.

"The social workers and other things you are suggesting the center would have, a lot of these things already exist here in the township hall," Rogers said.

However, Wheeling senior citizen coordinator Barbara Hansen said the township hall is in the southern end of the township and sometimes hard for senior citizens to reach.

"They can get here," Rogers argued. "There's a bus that can bring them here."

Hansen agreed that some could take the bus, but said "it's a long way" and that the seniors need a place where they can meet on their own.

"It's going to be a wonderful asset to the area because there is no programming in the (Cook County) senior housing complex next door," she said. "Mainly this will be a place where seniors can get together and spend some time together. Many of them have trouble getting to all the other places where classes and services are offered."

THE RECREATION center is to be open to any senior citizen in the township, she said. Arts and crafts, health programs and classes through the park and library districts are being scheduled with surrounding organizations, she said.

The Wheeling Township Senior Citizen Committee voted to recommend

the township grant \$10,000 to the center. Township officials will consider the request along with those from 23 other agencies at a public hearing Feb. 27 public hearing on federal revenue-sharing funds.

The Wheeling senior citizens group has collected about \$10,000 for the furniture, which the architect estimates will cost a total of \$80,000. A fall bike-a-thon and other fund-raisers are planned to help raise some of the remaining sum, Hansen said.

Construction on the center was scheduled for 1983 but was delayed when contractor bids came in at twice the architect's estimate.

Stores fined; sold liquor to minors

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WHEELING—Two liquor stores here were fined by the Village Liquor Control Commission for selling liquor to minors. The commission met Monday, Feb. 6 for the first time since being created by a public referendum last November.

The commission imposed a fine of \$500 against Walgreens, 548 W. Dundee Road, for selling alcohol on July 29 to two persons under the legal drinking age of 21.

In the second case, Bell Liquors, 773 W. Dundee Road, was fined \$250 for selling beer to a 19-year-old, also on July 29.

In his presentation to the commission, village prosecutor Steven Handler stated that both cases involved "serious violations," though he noted that Bell Liquors also refused to sell liquor to another minor at the same time, leading to the smaller fine.

Although a suspension of liquor licenses was not deemed necessary, Handler warned both retailers, "If it happens again, the outlook of the village and the commission would be substantially different."

Police Chief Michael Haeger agreed that the penalties were "fair and equitable," adding that he hoped the fines would serve as a deterrent in the future.

In a crackdown on underage drinking last August, Wheeling police made 18 arrests for liquor-related offenses. Pointing to these arrests, Haeger said his department would continue to monitor liquor stores in the village.

"I believe what we did in August discouraged liquor stores from selling liquor to minors, but I don't think it has discouraged minors from attempting to purchase liquor," Haeger said.

Forecast doesn't faze officials

Life 2/9/84

By AVIS WALKER
Correspondent

VILLAGE OFFICIALS in the northern suburbs are skeptical about figures released recently by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission endorsing a new set of population and household forecasts for each municipality in northeastern Illinois for the year 2005.

The Commission predicts the average household size will decline from 2.80 in 1980 to 2.58 in the year 2005.

None of the officials interviewed was surprised by the new figures; however all felt that they would have little effect on planning in their communities. They say the predicted decreases in population would not affect the property tax base and, therefore, would not be cause in itself for any decrease in services.

The predicted decline is based on shifts in the age distribution due to the general aging of the population.

The influence of divorce rates, age at marriage and initial parenthood, the fertility rate and the effect of the housing market upon household size is assumed to remain constant at its 1980 level, according to a NIPC report.

The villages of Wheeling and Glenview are predicted to have the strongest growth, both in number of new households (wheeling from 9,038 to 17,639; Glenview from 10,670 to 19,356) and population (Wheeling from 23,266 to 38,981; Glenview from 32,060 to 50,236).

Northbrook is forecast to have a somewhat more moderate population increase, with a jump in the number of households from 9,552 in 1980 to 13,667 by 2005. NIPC sees Deerfield having 1,005 new households by 2005, but feeling the effects of the smaller family size with a population decrease from 17,430 to 16,978.

THE GENERAL consensus among village officials was that al-

though the figures are useful in predicting overall trends, they will not directly enter into village planning.

Deerfield Village Manager Bob Franz says that since the number of households are not decreasing, the tax base will remain constant so the basic level of services to the population will not be affected.

He, along with other officials, noted that dealing with a long-time span like 20 years is a risky business. It is just too long a time for all the variables not to change the results, he says.

Wheeling Village Manager Tom Markus sees his community as having a pattern of steady growth and feels that as the community grows whatever the figures, the services and facilities provided will be more than able to keep pace.

Lisa Wilcox, village planner in Glenview, attributed the predicted near-doubling of Glenview's house-

holds to the possible annexation of both developed and vacant lands adjacent to the village. Although she concurs with NIPC's figures, she says the big question is the time frame in which those annexations would or could occur. She said Glenview is currently embarked on a five-year capital improvements plan and has a Senior Commission to address the problems of senior citizens in their community.

Village officials all say they are concerned with the "aging of our population." The report mentions that the baby boom population was between the ages of 20-24 in 1980 and will be 45-49 by the year 2005. Fifty-three percent of the population will be 35 or older. All stressed that there are ongoing plans for accommodating seniors in housing, care activities and transportation. According to these officials, the growing needs of that segment of our population is being addressed now, and plans for the future are being made as the need arises.

New duties for police vet

Life 2-9-84

WHEELING—Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey, a 26-year-veteran on the Wheeling police force, began his new duties this week supervising the department's criminal investigation and youth bureaus.

Kimsey will be in charge of two youth officers and a three-man detective squad. Kimsey said he is looking forward to the new challenges he will face in the department.

"I'm very excited about this," said Kimsey. "I've never really

been involved in supervising these areas on a day-to-day basis before."

Kimsey recently served as acting commander of the support services division while Chief Michael Haeger completed an 18-month search for a new management team.

James Roche, formerly a police chief in Crete, Neb., was sworn in Monday as head of support services. Sgt. J. Michael Hermes was sworn in as deputy chief in charge of the field services division

Downtown lot revamp urged

Herald 2/4/84
by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village Planner Richard Greenwood is proposing that the village board continue its "aggressive redevelopment" of the downtown by using federal money to develop rundown or vacant lots.

Through the plan, the village could buy property, improve it and then sell the land back to a developer who would then agree to build housing or commercial businesses on the sites.

To pay for the improvements the village would borrow money and then use taxes collected on the land to pay off the loan.

"The whole basis for getting into this kind of project is that you have to prove these kind of developments wouldn't occur without our help," Greenwood said. "The end project is an increase in the tax base."

The downtown area has "slowly but steadily" grown during the last 10 years, Greenwood said, with the construction of Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, Cook County's senior citizen housing, Riverside Plaza and this past summer, an area sports equipment store, Sportmart.

MANY OF THE improvements were in the original downtown development plans from the late 1970s, he said. But the changes that are still needed are on property where developers might not be able to afford to develop the land.

Greenwood is asking the village board Monday to hire a consulting firm to study potential property for the program in an area from Lake-Cook Road south to Hintz Road and from the Des Plaines River west to Wolf Road.

The firm would suggest to the board whether the program is feasible in terms of potential land improvements and cost and time to the village.

As much as \$25,000 for the consultant firm could be provided with federal community development block grant funds, Greenwood said.

"With all that we have done in the downtown area, it's important to look at the possibility of taking it one step further by further developing Milwaukee Avenue," Greenwood said.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.



Towns want more control over Pal-Waukee sale

Herald 2-11-84
 athy Waugh
 Herald staff writer

Now that the state says it will buy Pal-Waukee Airport, Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials say there's more pressure than ever on them to have a hand in the public takeover of the nation's largest privately owned airport.

Last month, Illinois Department of Transportation officials volunteered to chip in the local share, about \$1.8 million. Federal funding would provide 90 percent of the \$34 million purchase price.

It would mark the first time the state has assumed sole ownership of an airport, but IDOT Secretary John Kramer has said Pal-Waukee is "an

absolutely essential component of the Chicago-area airport system."

Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials, who have discussed buying the airport for more than five years, will meet to discuss their next move at 8 p.m. in the Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

THE STATE'S plan to buy the airport with or without the towns' assistance, and a state-imposed deadline of Sept. 30 for the towns to act, has "made me very concerned about the loss of local control and it has put a new element of pressure on that," said Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz. "We haven't looked at that very closely but that's the big issue now."

Last year, the towns "pre-applied"

for the federal grant to buy and make improvements at Pal-Waukee. However, local officials say they are still waiting for "solid" figures that show the airport will be a drain on taxpayers. Tentative plans called for a fee to be placed on airport users to raise the local share of buying the airport.

Local officials also say they are waiting for the results of a March 20 referendum asking residents if they think the airport should be purchased locally.

"If the citizenry votes this down, the council's going to have to really look at a lot of angry residents if they don't agreed to go the same way," said Prospect Heights Alderman Wayne Gangler, 3rd.

BUT GANGLER said the state's re-

cent proposal is causing him to "lean more towards (the towns purchasing the airport) than ever before."

His concern is that the state will expand Pal-Waukee operations. "We don't need more runways, we don't need more noise and we don't need more pollution," he said. "If Prospect Heights buys it, I know that won't happen."

Wheeling Trustee Roger Powers agrees.

"Given for a minute that it's economically feasible, then why in God's name don't you want to control it?" he said. "What if the state of Illinois took it and at night planes started coming over people's homes at 11:30? Who would you call, Thompson?"

"It's a very critical thing," added Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan. "It's in our jurisdiction and we don't have much to say no, because state law regulates how much a municipality can regulate an airport."

HOWEVER, WHEELING Trustee William Rogers said he still isn't convinced the state is sincere in its proposal to buy the airport.

"State officials have said for years they would not buy and operate an airport," he said. "If we get it in writing that they are going to buy it, that would change the whole picture."

"The people of Wheeling must have control. If the state bought it, they couldn't build an outhouse without getting permission from Wheeling or Prospect Heights," he said.

But Warren Sunde, the leader of a group of Prospect Heights residents that opposes the purchase, said he opposes any public agency assuming control of the airport. However, if the state buys the airport the two towns "would be off the hook financially," and there would be no burden on local taxpayers.

"There is no control even though the city's been talking about control. The flight paths, volume of traffic, evening curfews, are all controlled by the Federal Aviation Administration," he said.

With the two towns out of the picture, the state could pursue other options if Pal-Waukee closes, such as rerouting air traffic to Glenview Naval Airbase, he said.

Gray urges repair of southside well

Herald 2-10-84

Wheeling Public Works Director Robert Gray is recommending the board spend approximately \$20,000 to repair a well at the south end of town which has been out of operation since December.

The village spent \$16,000 to discover why the well suddenly stopped in December. That led to the discovery that the 900 feet of pipe that leads to the well was broken and jammed in two places, Gray said.

The village has had no water shortage or pressure problems since the well stopped working, Gray said, but still should take into consideration the upcoming summer and the potential shortage of water.

"IT'S A BIG RISK and I don't want to take it," he said. "That's the only well we have in the south end of town and if a water main broke, we

wouldn't be able to get water to the south side until it was fixed.

"If, God forbid, there was a fire at that end of town, we wouldn't be able to provide water for them."

Gray said repairing the well will provide "assurance" that the high water demand through the summer will be met.

"There's always a possibility that another well would go down and then we would be in trouble," he said.

Although the village is expected to receive Lake Michigan water in June, Gray said he wants to have a backup water supply to meet emergency demands in case the lake water pipeline falls behind schedule.

Milaeger Well and Pump Co. of Des Plaines is storing the 900 feet of piping until the village authorizes the repairs. The board is expected to take action sometime this month.

Village board wrapup

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Trustees support drinking-age bill

Wheeling trustees voted to support a bill introduced by U.S. Rep. John Porter, R-10th, that could cut federal highway taxes to any state that does not have a drinking age of 21.

Porter introduced the bill to cut down on what he called "hundreds of senseless deaths each year." A major problem, the Illinois representative and trustees agreed, is adjacent states with different drinking ages.

Wisconsin's age limit is set at 18 and will go to 19 in July. Village President Sheila Schultz said they support the bill as a way to help end the highway deaths caused when youths drive north to Wisconsin, drink legally and then return to Illinois.

"I think it's important to lend our local support especially considering our proximity to Wisconsin," Schultz said.

Buffalo Grove and Mount Prospect also have voted to support the bill this week.

Firm hired to seek rehab sites

2-9-84

The board hired the Chicago consulting firms of Teske and Associates and Barton Aschman Associates for \$36,645 to locate vacant and run-down property that could be upgraded along the Milwaukee Avenue corridor.

Trustees also voted to apply for \$25,000 in a Cook County community development block grant to help pay for the consulting firms.

The village hopes to identify potential developers in the downtown area who have not improved their property because of high costs. Through a federal program, the village would buy the property, improve the land by adding things like sidewalks and sewer and water connections and then sell it back to the original owner with a guarantee that further development will take place.

The village's cost of the improvements would be paid for with future tax payments on the property.

Window sign changes approved

2/9/84

Wheeling businesses will be allowed to cover a greater percentage of their window space with signs under a plan adopted by the board.

In the past, businessmen were only allowed to cover 15 percent of their windows with paper and other temporary signs and then only for a limited time. But in September, 60 business representatives signed a petition asking for more lenient rules on the windows.

In response, trustees agreed to go along with Village Manager Thomas Markus' recommendation that the time limit be removed and the amount of space be increased to 25 percent.

Signs are regulated to enable police to see inside buildings while on patrol, Markus said.



Wheeling police took these pictures of Thomas Dahm following his arrest last week. He pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges of kidnapping and assaulting Jennifer Monte.

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Suspect in Monte kidnapping pleads not guilty to all charges

By MARY WROBLEWSKI

The suspect in the kidnapping and assault of 13-year-old Jennifer Monte pleaded not guilty but was indicted Tuesday by a Cook County Circuit Court judge.

Thomas Dahm, 27, was formally charged with rape, aggravated kidnapping, deviate sexual assault, indecent liberties with a child, armed violence and aggravated battery.

Dahm's attorney, Dennis Born, said his client's plea "was his own wish and according to my advice."

Dahm is still being held in the Cook County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bond.

Born said he expects Dahm will stay there until a Dec. 7 general discovery hearing at which time the state will produce evidence against Dahm. After that hearing, Born said he will begin his own investigation and form a case.

Jennifer was reported missing to police Nov. 4 after she exited a school bus 11 houses away from her home at 25 S. Schoenbeck.

Her disappearance sparked a frantic, weekend search which included about 300 people, many of whom were Wheeling residents.

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Dahm pleads—

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The search was called off last Sunday evening when Wheeling police and FBI agents began interviewing neighbors for clues.

After Dahm's name came up repeatedly during these interviews, and three witnesses who saw Jennifer struggle with a man on Schoenbeck came forward with information, police called Dahm in for questioning the following evening.

Under intensive interrogation, Dahm admitted he abducted Jennifer and told police she was tied up in his crawlspace, just two doors away from her home, police said.

Police found Jennifer, bound with rope, her mouth taped shut, curled up on the floor.

Her recovery ended an 84-hour vigil for her panicked parents and concerned neighbors and friends.

Money woes

Life 2/16/84

Village won't ease Cablenet's misery

WHEELING—Village trustees have rejected a plea by Cablenet, Inc. to reduce a \$200,000 escrow bond to \$50,000 in order to help trim company operating expenses.

Upon the recommendation of Finance Director Greg Peters and staff, the village deferred action on the company's request until additional documentation is presented.

According to a provision in the village's franchise agreement with Cablenet, the bond will be reduced to \$50,000 when regular subscriber service is available to more than 90 percent of all Wheeling residences.

However, village officials questioned Cablenet's claim that it has met this requirement.

Peters explained that "due to the

rather large amount of multi-family units that either do not show any activity or show no activity after access agreements have been signed," the village is not sure exactly what percentage of residents can receive cable hook-up.

A majority of the 10 Northwest suburban towns working with Cablenet have reduced their bond, or letter of credit, which acts as a guarantee that the company will fulfill its end of the contract.

In another development, Cablenet president Fred Klinkhammer has resigned effective March 1 to take another position in the company. This will mark the second changeover in the top Cablenet post in recent months.

Development chief Oppenheimer fired

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Wheeling Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer, a 14-year village employee, was fired Wednesday by Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Markus said Oppenheimer would stay on the job until Jan. 15 and then an acting director would be appointed until a replacement is hired.

Markus would give no reason for his action, which came after two village trustees admitted that they knew Oppenheimer had been asked to look for another job. "I don't discuss why's," Markus said. "I never have and I never will."

Oppenheimer refused to comment on the dismissal saying "personnel matters aren't discussed by the village."

Trustee Charles Kerr and Board President Sheila Schultz said Markus told them this week that Oppenheimer

was "asked to look for another job. I don't know all the specifics and I didn't ask," Kerr said.

"I THINK he just informed us so that if there were any repercussions we would know what's going on," Kerr said.

Schultz said she thought "it wasn't a specific incident" that prompted the move by Markus. "I think it had to be something in their relationship and it had just reached the last-straw point," she said. "What we get from Tom is more in terms of information."

Oppenheimer joined the village staff in 1969 as the director of public works and village engineer and earns \$36,000 a year.

He was promoted to director of community development in 1977 when the village consolidated the building, engineering and planning departments.

Firm hired to move water main *2/19/84*

The board agreed to hire Gustafson Excavating, Inc., of Waukegan, to relocate a water main so it will not interfere with bridge work the state is starting on McHenry Road.

The state is installing a 96-inch storm water pipe near the McHenry Road bridge and will be reconstructing much of the bridge to help increase the rate at which flood water can flow through from the Wheeling Drainage Ditch.

Village officials have agreed to relocate an existing 12-inch pipe to run parallel to McHenry Road and just west of the bridge. Trustees voted to pay \$12,567 to Gustafson Excavating for the 7-day project.

Swimming pool cover OK'd

Trustees agreed to allow a Texas developer to install a removeable cover over one of the two swimming pools in the Woodland Creek development at Wheeling and Palatine roads.

Developer Alan Huvard, a partner in Finger Enterprises, requested the "natatorium" as a way to provide his renters with year-round swimming as well as other luxuries in the complex, including an 8-acre man-made lake stocked with fish, jogging path, exercise rooms, lighted tennis courts and a baseball field.

The 400-apartment complex was proposed five years ago. It was constructed last year after village officials agreed to sponsor a \$35 million low-interest loan.

Police co-op given approval

The board agreed to join other Northwest suburban towns in a mutual aid agreement that allows police officers to work in neighboring towns.

"If a situation would occur where we would have to go into another town and we didn't have this agreement, we would still be allowed to and covered by state statute," Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said. "But, this allows us to exchange officers to work on investigations and other non-emergency situations."

Senior citizens can get help with taxes *2-16-84 Herald*

Wheeling senior citizens can receive free help with their 1983 tax forms through a program sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

AARP volunteers are trained by the Internal Revenue Department and have the latest information to help individuals fill out their tax forms, said Wheeling Senior Citizen Coordinator Barbara Hansen.

Tax assistance is available by appointment in the Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Volunteers are available today, Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 16, 22 and 29 and April 5 and 12.

Hansen said February appointments are nearly filled, but said senior citizens should call 459-2620 to check on available times.

"Everywhere I've been, the volunteers have been busy," Hansen said. "Many people call and say they are interested but then they don't want to make an appointment until they have all their things together."

"The times are filling up fast and I know there are only a few times left Feb. 24," she said.

Volunteers can provide help for itemized or non-itemized tax returns, Hansen said. Persons are asked to bring all receipts necessary for itemizing.

Village proposes housing compromise

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending a "compromise plan" that would allow the Cook County Housing Authority to build 13 low-income housing units at scattered sites throughout the village.

Markus is recommending the board approve a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue, a single-family home at Manchester Drive and Stone Place, a four-unit town house at Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue, and a six-flat at Ninth Street and Strong Avenue.

He is also recommending the board deny a four-unit town house at Hintz Road and Maple Lane because of a restrictive covenant that says only single-family homes can be built on the land. Markus said no compromise could be reached on that site, and that part of the housing plan probably will end up being resolved in court.

NEVERTHELESS, MARKUS said, county housing officials agreed with plans for the other 13 units in hopes of expediting construction of low-income housing in Wheeling.

"I think it's a good compromise and I support it," Markus said. "I think we made some pretty substantial movement. I think HUD and the housing authority have moved quite a way and made some significant changes."

The most dramatic change would eliminate two single-family homes on the northeast and northwest corner of Sixth Street and Mayer Avenue, and combine the units with a town house to create the proposed six-flat. That would add 330 square feet to the floor plan for the site.

Regardless of the compromise, some residents near the Manchester Drive and Stone Place single-family home said they don't want low-income housing in their neighborhood.

"I don't know how they can build

anything larger on that site without plastering it against the next-door neighbor's house," Terri Minkus, 462 Stone Place. "I'm so bewildered by this whole thing. I'm sure there will be some people there. We really don't want it at all under any circumstances."

BUT MARKUS said the compromise leaves the village with few objections since the house will be one of the largest the CCHA has ever built and will eliminate the need for any variations needed because of house size.

The village board is expected to take action on the proposal when it meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers of the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The compromises resulted from three weeks of discussion between Markus and CCHA Executive Director Victor Walchirk.

The argument over the proposed town house on Hintz Road and Maple Lane probably will have to be resolved in court because of debate over the validity of a covenant that would prohibit multifamily housing on the site.



Villages join forces in effort to improve suburban transit

by Theresa Norton
Herald staff writer

In an attempt to draw attention to mass transit needs in the Northwest suburbs, Buffalo Grove officials are trying to round up neighboring communities to campaign for more bus lines, commuter rail service, better highways and links to major tollways.

"We're trying to gather surrounding communities to identify their special transportation needs and then develop a course of action," said Glenn Ahrenholz, chairman of the Buffalo Grove transportation commission. "If we work together toward common goals we will probably have a lot more success than just one community."

Among the plans Ahrenholz would like to see revived or speeded up:

- Commuter train service on the Soo Line Railroad.
- The extension of Route 53 north to Lake-Cook Road.
- Ramps linking Lake-Cook Road with the Tri-State Tollway.
- More bus routes between the Northwest suburbs.

The projects would benefit many communities as well as Buffalo Grove, Ahrenholz said, by "reducing significant traffic time to work."

"And they would encourage developers to build in what some might

consider the hinterland," he said.

BUT AHRENHOLZ said transportation planning is more important now that Buffalo Grove and southern Lake County are starting to draw high-tech businesses and corporate headquarters. Buffalo Grove alone is expected to double its population in the next 25 years, according to one recent study. Northwest suburban Cook County is projected to grow almost 40 percent in the next quarter-century and southern Lake County should experience a population surge, according to the study by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission.

"We don't want to wait until it's so over-traveled, then look at improvement," said Trustee John Marienthal. "We want to show the agencies with the funding that we need it now rather than later."

Fifteen communities have been contacted about participating in a joint lobbying effort, he said, and so far 10 have responded positively, including Wheeling, Arlington Heights, Palatine, Northbrook, Deerfield and Long Grove. Buffalo Grove plans to host a day-long workshop in the fall to help determine objectives.

THE TRANSPORTATION projects are not new ideas, but have been proposed for several years. Reinstating commuter service on the Soo Line

commuter railroad service has been urged by some local officials for almost 10 years, but RTA officials remain unconvinced that the line will make money. That train would travel north from Des Plaines to Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and Mundelein, but its estimated start-up costs are about \$50 million.

Extending Route 53 north to Lake-Cook Road is a \$7 million reality, but the state does not expect it to be completed for another five years. Ahrenholz would like to see the completion time moved up to "reduce congestion on Dundee Road," currently the northernmost exit from Route 53.

The extension also would improve the accessibility of Lake-Cook Road, which Ahrenholz sees as a prime site for future office buildings. Ramps from Lake-Cook onto the Tri-State Tollway also would make the Lake-Cook corridor more desirable to corporations and industries looking for new homes, he said.

Ahrenholz also wants to lobby for more bus routes between the suburbs.

"Now it's a lot easier to go to downtown Chicago than to a neighboring community one mile away," he said. "A large part of our work force works in the Deerfield or Woodfield areas. We've got to have local mobility as well."

Merchant: New law is bad sign

WHEELING—An ordinance regulating temporary window signs—amended under pressure from store owners—will still harm village businesses, charges a local merchant.

The Village Board, Monday, Feb. 6, removed the time limitation that temporary signs could be displayed. But William Kaplan, owner of Billy K's Hair Again, 34 W. Dundee Road, said he objects more to the size restriction contained in the ordinance.

Kaplan was among 60 Wheeling businessmen who signed a petition in September opposing a village law that says temporary signs are limited to 15 percent of the window area. This provision was not

changed. "They're trying to beautify Wheeling," Kaplan said of the action by trustees. "To me, beautifying Wheeling is bringing more money into the village. Without businesses, there would be no Wheeling."

KAPLAN SAYS that the board, lacking an understanding of the competitive business world, is penalizing local merchants by over-regulating their businesses. According to a recent village survey, most northwest suburbs either have no such ordinance or allow from 30 to 50 percent of the window to be covered.

"The people on the board do not have their own businesses," said Kaplan. "If they had opened up their own stores they would know that window advertising is less expensive and a very good draw for people who walk or drive by. It does increase business." As evidence, Kaplan said he recently left a sign on his window for an entire month and it increased business 70 percent.

But building and zoning administrator Tom Fennell said the amendment was a fair compromise that amounted to a "considerable liberalization" of the former ordinance.

Under the old law, temporary

signs could be placed on windows for no more than 14 days before and seven days after a sale. Fennell said the new law leaves it up to the "convenience of the individual businessman" how long the sign is up, as long as it conforms to the size regulation.

"The vast majority of merchants are very pleased to live within these bounds," said Fennell.

In addition to concern over the community's appearance, Fennell said, the sign ordinance is needed for safety reasons. For example, squad cars on routine patrol must be able to see into the buildings as they drive by, he said.

Free assistance with taxes is offered here

Wheeling senior citizens seeking free assistance filling out tax returns can call 459-2620 for appointments.

The aid will be provided by volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Friday, Feb. 24 and Friday, March 2 at the Wheeling Village Hall, 255 E. Dundee Rd.

Herald reporter 2/16/84

Pass Wheeling housing project

Herald 2-19-84

In June 1980 the Housing Authority of Cook County and the village of Wheeling struck a deal. The village badly wanted senior citizen housing, and the housing authority wanted to build some scattered site low-income housing in the suburbs. The authority agreed to build 100 units of senior citizen housing if the village would also accept 20 units of low income housing.

One year ago the senior housing was completed. The units are filled and there is a waiting list. Most of the tenants are Wheeling residents. The low-income units, however, have been delayed by both bureaucracy and community pressure. The number of units was reduced from 20 to 17 by site acquisition problems, and the zoning board and planning commission have raised objections. Ultimately the task of developing a compromise plan fell to the village and the housing authority. That compromise will be presented to the village board Tuesday night for a vote. We think it deserves approval.

The compromise calls for building 13 units, including one six-flat apartment building, a unit consisting of four town houses, a duplex and one single-family home. The construction of four other town houses at the corner of Hintz Road and Maple Lane will be deferred pending resolution of a dispute. Prospect Heights, citing a 1956 covenant, says that only single-family homes can be built in this area. The housing authority disputes this. The matter may be settled by the courts.

The housing authority has shown flexibility. Consider two of the sites:

- The proposal to build a single-family home at 239 East Manchester Drive drew opposition from residents because they felt the planned unit would not be compatible with some of the larger homes — some as large as 2,000 square feet — in the neighborhood. The site is not a full lot and could not accommodate a large home, but the housing authority has agreed to alter the plans for the unit, adding a garage and an additional 331 square feet to increase the size of the home to more than 1,000 square feet.

- In the Strong Street area the housing authority originally planned to build a group of four town houses. Residents objected because the area has mostly six-flat apartments and town houses would not be compatible. The authority, which would prefer to build units "with a front door and a back door" more conducive to family life, nevertheless agreed to build a six-flat. It also agreed to eliminate two single-family homes planned nearby, thus assuaging those residents who said: "We'll take one unit in our neighborhood but not three." The net result is still six units in that neighborhood.

The week ahead

Fate of low-income housing on agenda

Herald 2/20/84

The Wheeling Village Board is expected Tuesday to decide whether to allow the Cook County Housing Authority to build 17 low-income housing units in the village.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending a "compromise" from original CCHA plans that would allow the authority to build 13 low-income housing units on sites scattered throughout the village.

The fact is Wheeling needs low-income housing. To qualify a family of four must have an income under \$13,850. Census figures show that 30 percent of all Wheeling residents would meet that criterion. The criteria used for selection will be weighted, as they were with the senior citizen housing, to give Wheeling residents preference.

There is a certain amount of fear connected with this proposal. We think those fears are misplaced. Studies by the housing authority and universities show that property values are not lowered by the presence of such housing. In Evanston, where 26 units exist and 19 more are under construction, the experience has been a positive one. The idea is to allow people to blend into the fabric of the community instead of lumping them together into one complex where the stigma of "low income" hangs more oppressively.

Unfortunately some of the community opposition has been based on old-fashioned intolerance. Some people carry a stereotypic idea of what a "low income" person is like. At public hearings residents voiced fears that the property would not be kept clean, and that low-income families would bring more crime. In reality the typical "poor" person is likely to be a young, divorced mother with small children who is trying to make ends meet. Such housing seeks to give people a helping hand.

The process of siting and building these units has now taken four years. It is time to get on with the job. We ask Wheeling residents to give this project a chance. We ask the village government to honor its agreement. There is no good reason to delay this project any longer.

87th annual fireman's dance slated Saturday

Herald 2/20/84

The Wheeling Fire Department's 87th annual fireman's dance is Saturday at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse.

Wheeling Firefighter Jack Mayer said about 1,200 tickets were sold last year and he expects the same, if not better, turnout this year. Tickets are \$2.50 at the door.

Two bands — the Jim Campbell Orchestra from Libertyville and the Park Avenue Band from Hoffman Estates — will provide entertainment for the 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. dance.

Profit from the dance goes towards fire department equipment, Mayer said.

Airport prompts unity plea

Life 2/16/84

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

OFFICIALS FROM Wheeling and Prospect Heights called for a "united front" this week in their continuing investigation into the possible purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport.

In the first joint meeting held in several years on the airport issue, trustees from both communities gathered Monday, Feb. 13, for an informal workshop to discuss the latest developments concerning the purchase proposal.

Under the joint purchase plan, the federal government would pick up 90 percent of the \$34 million price tag. The municipalities and state would split the remaining 10 percent.

But last month, the Illinois Department of Transportation applied for federal funds to buy and operate the airport. State officials say they would undertake the acquisition of

the airport only if local sponsors do not come forward. But local officials are not taking this assurance at face value.

Prospect Heights Mayor John Gilligan challenged the state's motives by asking why there was no prior consultation with his city before making its own grant request. "The state may have jumped into a ballgame they want us out of," he charged.

GILLIGAN ALSO questioned whether the local communities could compete with the state for the airport. Local sponsors, he said, would be more interested in guaranteeing that pollution, safety and noise abatement programs would be a part of the overall purchase agreement. This would require a larger funding request than the one submitted by the state, leaving the Federal Aviation Administration a choice as to how

much money must be appropriated, he said.

"If I was sitting in the FAA chair, I suppose I would say 'Why should we increase the kitty?'" Gilligan said.

Wheeling Trustee William Rogers said village officials were "thunderstruck" by the state's unexpected bid, assailing the move as creating "a whole new wrinkle if the village says 'no' (to the purchase)."

Rogers said the local communities should forge a "united front" in researching the airport question, adding that the FAA has been guilty of being lax in providing definite answers to basic questions, and treating the two towns like a "couple of country bumpkins."

ONE BASIC question explored at the meeting concerned the amount of control local ownership could exert over the airport. Several officials questioned whether the FAA

would still regulate the airport, leaving less direct control for local communities.

"I'm just wondering if this tiny increment of control is worth all the risks and obligations of owning the airport," said Wheeling Trustee Nicholas Fanella.

On this issue, a leader of a local group opposed to public ownership of the airport addressed officials. Warren Sunde, president of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, told local officials that only continued private ownership would guarantee tight controls over the airport.

Sunde said the summit meeting of the two boards was "disgraceful" because it assumed public ownership of the airport as a foregone conclusion.

"Let the people make the decision," he said, pointing to a March 20 advisory referendum on the airport question scheduled in both communities.

Low-income housing gets 2nd chance

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees for a second time are scheduled Tuesday to decide on a controversial low-income housing project for the village — but this time the board will see a revised plan and will hear additional assurances that the units will be rented by Wheeling residents.

A primary fear expressed by the hundreds of residents who have protested plans by the Cook County Housing Authority to build 17 "scattered site" homes is that "outsiders" — perhaps tenants of Chicago housing projects — will move into the Wheeling homes.

County officials say those fears may be calmed when residents learn

that about one-third of the families in Wheeling — about 6,800 people — would be eligible to live in the low-income housing, according to figures due to be released this month by the Cook County Bureau of Planning.

"WE'RE ONLY TALKING about 17 units here," said CCHA Executive Director Victor Walchirk. "I would be very surprised if they were not all filled by Wheeling residents."

"We'll make these houses available just like we make all our housing available and give preference points to local residents," Walchirk said. "It would really shock me if there weren't enough Wheeling families to fill the units."

To qualify for the housing, a family of four must have an annual income of \$13,850 or less and meet other

guideline. All units are rented for 30 percent of the family's income.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said the latest income figures show "that we fully expect Wheeling residents to use this housing. We really think it's needed."

Village President Sheila Schultz agreed. "The one thing we do know is that it will be offered to Wheeling residents first," she said. "This is an answer to people who say you're going to bring 'them' in and then they don't define who 'them' is."

LAST MONTH, the board deferred action on the housing requests to enable Walchirk and Markus to devise a compromise plan.

That plan calls for the elimination of two houses at Sixth Street and Mayer Avenue, and conversion of a

four-unit town house to a six-flat at Ninth and Strong streets. Also, the size of a house at Manchester Drive and Stone Place has been increased by 330 square feet. Markus has recommended against building a four-unit town house at Hintz Road and Maple Lane because of a restrictive covenant that prevents any multi-family construction. Walchirk disagrees with that interpretation and the matter is likely to be settled in the courts.

The board meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee to vote on the CCHA plan.

The balance of the low-income housing includes a four-unit building at Hintz Road and Cornell Avenue, and a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue.



Herald photo by Dave Tonge

RESIDENTS GATHERED Monday night to voice their displeasure at a plan to allow low-income housing into Wheeling. Village trustees, however, moved unanimously to get the program for scattered-site housing underway.

Low-income housing plan OK'd

by Kathy Waugh
Herald staff writer

The Wheeling village board Monday unanimously approved plans for 13 low-income housing units scattered throughout the village, a decision that left some residents as well as county housing officials dissatisfied.

The vote followed ten months of controversy over whether village trustees were obligated to follow a 1980 agreement with the Cook County Housing Authority that brought a 100-unit senior citizen complex to Wheeling in exchange for taking scattered site housing.

The CCHA planned to build the

homes last summer but was delayed by resident opposition and prolonged village zoning and plan commission meetings. Last month, board members voted against one site and the CCHA Executive Director Victor Walchirk asked to delay any further action until he and Village Manager Thomas Markus could devise a "compromise plan."

THE NEW PLAN allows construction of a single-family home at Manchester Drive and Stone Place, a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer, a four-unit town house at Cornell Avenue and Hintz Road and a six-flat at Ninth and Strong streets.

But the board voted against another

four-unit town house at Hintz Road and Maple Lane, saying a 1956 covenant on the land does not allow construction of multifamily homes.

Walchirk said the town-house request will not be withdrawn and legal action may be taken to settle the matter.

Nancy Lambert, a member of the village zoning board, said she was disappointed with the board's decision to approve any low-income housing. "I don't live near the sites, but I feel sorry for the residents," she said. "I think it's a bad move for Wheeling."

LAMBERT ALONG with other residents who left the meeting after the board approvals, said there would

"definitely" be repercussions in the April 1985 village board elections.

In 1980, the village board agreed to "take any necessary steps to guarantee" the construction of both the senior citizen housing and the scattered single-family housing. The senior complex opened in May 1983 and in June the CCHA began plans for the individual units.

But hundreds of residents packed zoning and plan commission hearings to object to the plans saying that low-income housing would bring "undesirables" into the village.

Wheeling residents will have the first opportunity to rent a unit, Walchirk said.

Two homes for autistic adults to open soon

by Anne Burris
Herald staff writer

Homes for autistic adults in Schaumburg and Wheeling are expected to open in March or April — more than three years after their founder first started making plans for them.

Francine Bernstein, the mother of a 26-year-old autistic man who will be living in the Schaumburg house, is the founder of BLARE House Inc., a Morton Grove-based volunteer organization that works to find homes for autistic adults.

Bernstein said she had hoped the two Northwest suburban houses would be open by last month but funding from the state was held up. She started the project three years ago.

"I'M A WHOLE lot disappointed," Bernstein said of the delays. "And I'm very tired. This has been three years in the making and the leases on the two buildings are up in May and March. We've been paying rent on those two buildings for two years without having a client living in them."

The funding for the houses —

which will each have four men over the age of 18 living in them — is coming mostly from the Illinois Department of Mental Health. It will cost the state at least \$64 per man per day to keep the houses operating.

Renovation of the Schaumburg house at 934 Parker Drive has started and should be finished by March 15, Bernstein said. Once that house is finished, work will begin on the

Wheeling home at 940 Pebble Drive.

Four men already have been selected to live in the Schaumburg home, but Bernstein still is sifting through more than 90 applications for the other four open spots.

"THERE IS SUCH a need for this," she said. "There are so many autistic adults out there who aren't getting the care they need."

Village board wrapup

Computer system set for upgrading

The Wheeling Village Board has hired the accounting firm of Ernst and Whinney to upgrade the programming for the village computer system, and will retain the firm to maintain the computer hardware.

The \$14,314 contract calls for the St. Louis firm to review the way the computer stores data and, if necessary, change the way the village handles its general ledger, payroll, water and sewer billing and collections and other financial matters.

Auditing firm rehired

The board hired the auditing firm of Karrison and Byrne for \$10,500 to perform an audit for the fiscal year ending April 30.

Karrison and Byrne have done the last four audits for the village and the new contract assures the company that if there are no problems with future audits, the company would be hired for an additional three years.

New liquor license considered

Wheeling trustees say they will consider adding another liquor license to the village so a new Italian restaurant can serve wine to its customers.

Maria L. Busillo, a partner in the business, said Il Nido restaurant should be open by March on the site of the former Delta Queen Restaurant, 600 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Another owner, John Serpico, told the board he would be willing to pay for a complete liquor license but was only interested in serving glasses of wine to his customers and had no bar facilities.

The owners also asked if they could go without a liquor license and just allow customers to bring in their own drinks but Trustee Anthony Altieri opposed that plan.

"What if he's underage but he brings something in?" Altieri said. "The owner really is under no obligation to check for age." Village President Sheila Schultz said she also would be worried about customers leaving with open bottles of beer, wine or liquor if they were allowed to bring their own.

March 7 designated ORT Day

Village President Sheila Schultz designated March 7 as "ORT" day in Wheeling to continue the village's support for the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training network.

The international organization works to improve educational programs worldwide and eliminate anti-Semitism. Primarily a Jewish women's group, ORT covers 40 nations and is in its 104th year.

Village will pay up to \$20,000 for well repairs

Wheeling will spend as much as an additional \$20,327 to repair a south-side well that stopped pumping water in December.

The village already spent \$16,000 to have Milaeger Well and Pump Co. of Des Plaines "pull" the piping out of the well and find out why it was not pumping water.

The additional \$20,000 contract would allow Milaeger to repair the well pipes and pump.

Trustee Nicholas Fanella questioned the high cost of the project, but Village Manager Thomas Markus said it's difficult to maintain a specific cost on any construction site.

"When they start installing that line in the shaft, there could be problems and when you start running into time and materials, that can add up," Markus said.

MARKUS AND Public Works Director Robert Gray recommended trustees hire Mileaeger to continue the work because the company already is storing the 900 feet of pipe removed from the well.

The village is expected to receive Lake Michigan water this summer as are three other nearby villages. But Gray said the village could run into water pressure or shortage problems if the lake water project is delayed.

No water problems have occurred so far, but the heavy summertime demand could tax the system and the breakdown of another would put the town's water supply in jeopardy, Gray said.

Trustees agreed they did not want to "take the risk" of having the well down during the summer months.

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Board OKs CCHA compromise

By GARY ROBERTS
Staff Writer

WHEELING—Putting to rest years of debate and discord, the Village Board approved a compromise measure Tuesday, Feb. 21, allowing for the construction of fewer low-income housing units than originally requested by the Cook County Housing Authority.

With trustees Roger Powers and Charles Kerr absent, the board voted unanimously to move ahead with plans to build 13 residential housing units on four scattered sites throughout the village. The original request by the CCHA called for 17 units located on seven sites.

The board approved construction of:

- a two-unit, two-bedroom duplex at the southeast corner of Fifth

Street and Mayer Ave.

- a six-unit apartment complex on the east side of Ninth Street, north of Strong Street.

- a single-family home at the southwest corner of Manchester Drive and Stone Place.

- a four-unit, two-bedroom townhouse on the south side of Hintz Road, west of Cornell Ave.

TRUSTEES DID NOT take action on plans to build two single-family residences at the corner of Sixth Street and Mayer Ave., pending formal CCHA withdrawal of these requests. The board rejected a plan to build four townhouse units at Hintz Road and Maple Lane, owing to a 27-year-old protective covenant which restricts the use of the land to only single-family dwellings.

Village Manager Thomas Markus

stated the village would not act against the covenant by rezoning the land from single-family residential to multi-family. However, he said the CCHA does not necessarily share this view.

"It is very likely the validity of the covenants will be determined in the courts," Markus said.

The compromise brought to an end years of controversy over the plan to build subsidized housing, first approved by the village four years ago in exchange for federal funds to build a high-rise housing complex for senior citizens. The senior housing was completed last year.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said the final package is more attractive than the previous plan because the sites are more widely scattered and, due to design

changes, fit better into the surrounding area.

But a handful of residents continued their protest of the plan after the meeting, saying the proposed construction is still not compatible with the neighborhoods in which they will be located.

"The homes will stick out like a sore thumb and therefore the people who live there will also not fit in," said Nancy Lambert, a member of the Wheeling Zoning Board of Appeals.

Clifford Wesa, who owns property near one CCHA site at 286 Eighth Ave., said the board's action will lower property values and prove detrimental to the village in the long run. "All I see is money going out and no gain for the village," Wesa said.

Village road crews to start new phase of street revamp

by Kathy Waugh
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Road crews are expected to be out by May, working on the second phase of a \$4 million street improvement project that eventually is to resurface 90 percent of the roads in Wheeling.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said it will take two or three months to complete resurfacing and minor curb work on 57 streets around the village at an estimated cost of \$1.7 million.

Like last year, where nearly \$1 million in work was done to 38 roads, Fialkowski said he expects no major

traffic delays and only one- or two-day closings for each street.

Wheeling's street repairs are primarily in subdivisions because the state is responsible for most of the major roads including Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road.

Summer work is to include resurfacing of roads in the older sections of town near Dundee Road at Elmhurst and Schoenbeck roads, and at Wille and Wheeling avenues and some of their crossroads.

THE MAIN drive around the northern subdivision of Cedar Run is slated for repaving, as is Glendale and Sixth streets leading to Nathaniel Hawthorne School.

The Chicago firm of Metcalf and Eddy handled engineering work on last summer's construction. But in November, the village board fired the firm on the recommendation of Village Manager Thomas Markus, who said the village had run into "a few bumps" with it.

Robert Maxman, vice president for the firm, conceded his company had to rebuild some curbs because they had been improperly installed.

A Crystal Lake company, Baxter and Woodman Inc., was hired for \$56,600 for this year's work. That's about \$2,000 more than Metcalf and Eddy was paid last year.

Roads to be completely repaved are: Sarah Court, Cindy Cul-De-Sac, Valley Stream Court, Holly Court, Glendale Street, Harvester Court and Alderman Road.

ROADS TO BE partially repaved are: First Street from Dundee Road to Deborah Lane, Alice Street from Wheeling Road to Willis Avenue, Cedar Run Drive from McHenry Road to Locust Drive, Chaddick Avenue from Hintz Road to Marquardt Drive, East Norman Lane from North Norman Lane to South Fletcher Road and Gilman Avenue from Willis Avenue to Wheeling Road.

Repaving also will include: Highland Avenue from Wolf Road to Wheeling Avenue, Holbrook Drive from Wheeling Road to Palatine Road, Noel Avenue from Hintz Road to Alice Street, Palm Drive from Schoenbeck Road to Redwood Trail, Palm Drive from Schoenbeck Road to Birch Trail, South Wayne Place from West Wayne Place to East Dennis Road, St. Armand

Lane from Dundee Road to Cedar Drive and Thelma Court from Anthony Road to Robert Avenue.

Partial work will be done on: Wheeling Avenue from Dundee Road to Crescent Drive, Willis Avenue from Alice Street to the railroad crossing, Sixth Street from Glendale Street to Wolf Road, Berkshire Drive from Sarasota Drive to St. Armand Lane, Bridget Place from East Dennis Road to East Wayne Place, Center Avenue from Wille Avenue to Wheeling Avenue and East Wayne Place from South Wayne Place to George Road.

In addition, work will be done on: George Road from Bridget Place to Dundee Road, Isa Drive from East Merle Lane to South Merle Lane, Jenkins Court from the west end to Elmhurst Road, Lakeside Drive from Hintz Road to Lakeside Drive, Lincoln Road from Mors Avenue to Walnut Avenue, North Norman Lane from West Norman Lane to Elmhurst Road, Redwood Trail from Palm Drive to Dundee Road and South Merle Lane from Elmhurst Road to East Merle.

Work will be done on: South Wayne Place

from East Dennis Road to East Wayne Place, West Norman Lane from Albert Terrace to Fletcher Drive, West Norman Lane from Fletcher Drive to North Norman Drive, West Green Drive from South Merle Lane to North Green Drive, West Wayne Place from North Dennis Road to south Wayne Place, Wille Avenue from Crescent Drive to Dundee Road and Willis Avenue from one railroad crossing to the other.

Repaving also will be done on: Wilshire Drive from Valley Stream Drive to Cedar Drive, Burnice Court from West Green Drive to North Green Drive, Cindy Lane from South Wayne Place to East Dennis Road, Pebble Drive from Cedar Drive to Wilshire Drive, Sandra Lane from George Road to East Dennis Road, St. Armand Lane from Cedar Drive to Valley Stream Drive, Cedar Drive from Dundee Road to St. Armand Lane, Center Avenue from Milwaukee Avenue to Wille Avenue, East Merle Lane from East Wayne to South Wayne Place, Laurel Trail from Dundee Road to Palm Drive and Linda Terrace from West Wayne Place to East Dennis Road.

Low-income housing plan topped issues

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The Wheeling Village Board ended months of speculation in February when it approved construction of 13 low-income housing units proposed by the Cook County Housing Authority.

At the same meeting, the board refused to allow the CCHA to build a four-unit town house at Maple Lane and Hintz Road. The 17 units were part of a two-part deal struck in 1980 to give the village a 100-unit low-income senior citizen housing complex if it would also take up to 20 units of scattered-site low-income family housing.

The senior housing opened last year, but the housing authority's plan for scattered site homes met with angry responses from residents and zoning and building request denials from village commissions.

TRUSTEES, HOWEVER, approved construction of all but the town house, saying that they could not allow it because of a 1956 covenant on the land that prohibits construction of multi-family homes.

The housing authority is to build a single-family home at Manchester Drive and Stone Place, a duplex at Fifth Street and Mayer Avenue, a four-unit town house at Cornell Avenue and Hintz Road and a six-flat at Ninth and Strong streets.

Trustees Charles Kerr and Roger Powers were not at the meeting. Kerr is at home recovering from heart bypass surgery performed earlier in the month. Powers told Village Manager Thomas Markus that he had the flu and could not attend.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

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Selected decisions from the village meetings of Feb. 6 and 21.

To approve construction of 13 low-income housing units at four sites in the village. (Passed 5-0)*

To deny construction of a four-unit townhouse for low-income families to be built at Maple Lane and Hintz Road. (Passed 5-0)*

To spend an additional \$20,327 to repair a south-side village well that stopped pumping water in December. (Passed 4-0)

To support a bill pending in Congress that would cut off federal highway funds to any state that has a minimum drinking age of less than 21. (Passed 5-0)

To delay reducing a letter of credit — guaranteeing the company will fulfill its end of a contract — to Cablenet, Inc. (Passed 5-0)

To hire Gustafson Excavating, Inc. for \$12,567 to relocate a water main on McHenry Road. (Passed 5-0)

* Village President Sheila Schultz voted yes.



	Altieri	Fanella	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
To approve construction of 13 low-income housing units at four sites in the village. (Passed 5-0)*	YES	YES	ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES
To deny construction of a four-unit townhouse for low-income families to be built at Maple Lane and Hintz Road. (Passed 5-0)*	YES	YES	ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES
To spend an additional \$20,327 to repair a south-side village well that stopped pumping water in December. (Passed 4-0)	YES	YES	ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES
To support a bill pending in Congress that would cut off federal highway funds to any state that has a minimum drinking age of less than 21. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
To delay reducing a letter of credit — guaranteeing the company will fulfill its end of a contract — to Cablenet, Inc. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES
To hire Gustafson Excavating, Inc. for \$12,567 to relocate a water main on McHenry Road. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES

The board approved an additional \$20,327 expense to try to get a well working that will be needed to assure adequate summer water and pressure to the south side of town.

The village already has spent \$16,000 to discover why the well stopped pumping water at the beginning of December.

LIKE SOME other Northwest suburbs, Wheeling voted to support a national law cutting off federal highway funds to states with a drinking age under 21 years.

Only 19 states have a drinking age of 21, but Rep. John Porter, R-10th, who introduced the bill, said he is optimistic it will pass. Wisconsin, with a drinking age of 18, would lose \$446 million or about 30 percent of its transportation budget if it does not comply.

The board also delayed a decision to lower a letter of credit — a monetary guarantee that the contract will be completed — for Cablenet, Inc., the cable television company for the village.

Cablenet asked for a reduction in the letter of credit saying it has provided cable service to 90 percent of the village residents. But trustees delayed lowering the credit amount from \$200,000 to \$50,000 because according to village employee calculation, only about 75 percent of Wheeling has cable.

The board hired Gustafson Excavating, Inc., of Waukegan, for \$12,567, to relocate a water main so it will not interfere with bridge work the state is starting on McHenry Road.

Trustee Kerr recovering at home after operation

Wheeling Village Trustee Charles Kerr is at home recovering from heart-bypass surgery after a two-week stay at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Kerr's wife, Dorris, said he had surgery the second week in February and was allowed to come home this week on the condition that he didn't have visitors or talk on the phone.

Kerr, who works at the Northwestern University Traffic Institute, probably will not return to work for a month or two but may be able to attend village board meetings by March, his wife said. "I don't see why I couldn't take him and then if he feels bad or begins to get tired we could just leave," she said.

"Next week they said he is supposed to try to get back into things a little more, going to get the mail, talk to some friends and visitors and things like that," Mrs. Kerr said.

She added that her husband is in good spirits and his condition seems to be improving each day.

Kerr, 60, was elected to a third term on the village board last year. During the campaign, he spent three weeks in the hospital recovering from surgery for a ruptured intestine.



Charles Kerr

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Trustees to meet at subdivision

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The Wheeling village board will take its meeting "on the road" Monday — to the clubhouse of the Harmony Village subdivision.

For the past two years, the board has scheduled committee meetings in different subdivisions as a way to go

into the neighborhoods and discuss various issues.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the clubhouse, located at Ferne and Rustic drives. Harmony Village is off Wolf Road between Dundee and Hintz roads.

The week ahead

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Village to update taxi regulations

The Wheeling Village Board will update a 38-year-old ordinance that regulates taxi services, when trustees meet at 8 p.m. in the Harmony Village subdivision at Ferne and Rustic drives off of Wolf Road.

The ordinance is one in a series being reviewed by the board in an attempt to update all village codes and ordinances.



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ADVISORY REFERENDUMS have lost their appeal in past elections with one area official saying they don't advise anything. Yet, Prospect Heights residents will vote on two referendums on the same issue - whether to buy Pal-Waukeee Airport.

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Interest wanes in advisory referendums

by Jim Davis

Herald assignment editor

The advisory referendum, fairly common on Northwest suburban ballots during the past few elections, has all but disappeared in the upcoming March 20 primary.

However, exceptions are found.

• In Wheeling and Prospect Heights, voters will be given a chance to voice their views on whether the towns should buy Pal-Waukeee Airport, a matter that has been debated for several years.

• And in Mount Prospect, voters will show their support or disapproval of the so-called "Taxpayers' Relief Act," a proposal that would cut the state utility tax in half and plug corporate tax "loopholes." This was to be a banner year for referendums on that proposal, but it has drawn more disinterest than anything else in the Northwest suburbs.

The consolidated election law, which placed supervision of elections in the county clerk's hands four years ago, was to make it easier for local agencies to poll their constituencies at election time, and initially, many did.

In November 1982, for example, 13 advisory issues appeared on ballots throughout the Northwest suburbs. They ranged from whether the size of the Rolling Meadows City Council should be reduced (it was) to whether Cook County residents favored a freeze on nuclear weapons (they did).

BUT THE fervor for advisory re-

ferendums has dissipated.

"An advisory referendum to me is like kissing your sister. It's not advisory of anything," Arlington Heights Village President James Ryan says. "I think referenda very frequently are used by public officials to duck their responsibilities. I think referenda should be really utilized for matters of real import. It can get really frivolous."

In fact, he warns, referendums may be poorly worded, oversimplify issues or used by special interest groups.

Officials in Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates know about the latter case. They were so besieged with requests from state and national organizations to support pet projects that they flatly rejected all ballot requests. They decided instead to give "local issues" top priority in the future.

That sentiment may be one of the key reasons why the Coalition for Political Honesty, a citizens group founded by Oak Park attorney Patrick Quinn that sponsored frequent referendums in the past, had trouble this year getting its Taxpayers Relief Act on the ballot.

DESPITE ATTEMPTS to get communities throughout the state to stage the referendums, Quinn's organization found acceptance surprisingly low. In the Northwest suburbs, only Mount Prospect put the proposition on the ballot.

Trustees did so, Mayor Carolyn Krause said, because the state utility

tax is unfair. That tax, Krause says, taxes "necessities" and increases as the utility rates go up — allowing legislators to duck a public vote for a tax increase. Krause said it did not bother her that the referendum on the issue was proposed by an outside group.

"These are key issues, whether they're from Quinn or whomever. I think it's justified in this case," she said.

However, the same proposal was rejected in Elk Grove Village, Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates and Buffalo Grove, with officials saying the issue wasn't local or relevant enough and that it might only shift the tax burden, rather than relieve it.

Buffalo Grove Trustee William Reid called non-binding referendums a "sham" because voters expect the results to become reality and often are disappointed or angry when they do not.

"I do not believe we need a referendum to find out if people want taxes lowered. That's like asking somebody to come out against apple pie and motherhood," he said.

THE EASE in which advisory referendums can be placed on the ballot sometimes causes the ballot to get a little crowded. Such is the case in Prospect Heights, where voters will get to vote not once, but twice on a long-discussed plan to buy Pal-Waukeee Airport.

This "confusing" situation occurred, Mayor John Gilligan said, be-

cause residents opposed to buying the airport insisted on having a referendum when the city council thought it was premature to have one.

Warren Sunde, leader of those opposed to buying Pal-Waukeee, said the residents had a right to express an opinion on buying the airport.

So Sunde collected enough signatures to force the question, "Should the City of Prospect Heights participate in the purchase of Pal-Waukeee Airport?"

CITY COUNCIL members did not care for the tone of the question, however. They said it did not explain the issue adequately and voted to place their own, "more correct" question on the ballot, Gilligan said.

The second question reads, "Should the City of Prospect Heights participate in the purchase of Pal-Waukeee Airport, with the following conditions: — no city taxes involved, — no runways lengthened, — with city control of airport noise and operations?"

Both questions will be explained by proponents in an upcoming issue of the Prospect Heights city newsletter. But Gilligan admits people will be confused.

"There's going to be the question of why is this question on there twice. They asked, 'Should the city buy the airport?' as if it's totally black and white or yes or no. The city's question, with the qualifications, does a little better job explaining the tremendous complexities involved."