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# Ruling worries towns

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Herald staff writer

Hiring garbage collection companies, regulating taxi rates, zoning land and licensing businesses have long been considered standard municipal functions.

But these and other powers of local governments may be in question after a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that cities can be subject to antitrust lawsuits.

Attorneys for the Northwest suburbs still are sifting through the implications of the court's ruling, but they fear that, in addition to traditional city services, the case could restrict local government efforts to build Lake Michigan water pipelines and cable TV systems.

"I think it is a big problem," said Mary Magnuson, attorney for the 23-suburb Northwest Municipal Conference. "We (local governments) might look at some of the things we do in a different light."

THE SUPREME Court ruling stemmed from an antitrust suit filed against Boulder, Colo., by Community Communications Co., Inc., a subsidiary of the cable television giant, Telecommunications, Inc.

Boulder had enforced a 90-day moratorium on expansion of the company's local cable TV business, while the city passed new cable TV regulations and invited other companies into the market. Community Communications charged that the city had violated antitrust laws by restricting its business.

Boulder claimed immunity from antitrust actions — that immunity is granted to states and has been presumed to be passed along to cities, Magnuson said.

But the high court cleared the way for Boulder to be sued, saying that in order to avoid antitrust liability a local government must have a "precise, clearly articulated and affirmatively expressed state grant of power to engage in specific anti-competitive actions."

Those "anti-competitive actions" could be interpreted to include the exclusive franchises many local villages grant for garbage collection, said George Knickerbocker, attorney for Elk Grove Village and Hanover Park. He said the villages are attempting to protect public health and keep rates down by allowing only one company under contract to collect garbage.

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# Ruling may tie towns' hands

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EVEN IF THE wording of a franchise is non-exclusive — allows more than one company to have a franchise for the same job — Knickerbocker said the court still could consider it anti-competitive if the practical effect is to prevent other firms from doing business. The cable TV franchises issued by many Northwest suburbs could be such a case.

"Right now, a franchise is deemed to

be a privilege that the company has, that the village bestows," Knickerbocker said. "It's not an absolute right."

He said in many cases franchises are granted for "quasi-utilities" and services to "try to keep things fairly uniform, to avoid confusion."

Justice William Rehnquist, dissenting in the five-to-three Supreme Court decision, said it will "impede, if not paralyze, local governments' efforts to

enact ordinances and regulations aimed at protecting public health, safety and welfare," because the cities will be afraid to risk expensive court battles.

The most immediate impact locally may be the postponement of plans to set uniform taxicab rates, Magnuson said. The municipal conference is organizing a seminar in May at which several attorneys will analyze the effect of the Boulder decision.

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# Higher water bills to surface in June

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By DAN ROZEK  
Correspondent

WHEELING RESIDENTS will pay higher water bills beginning in June to help finance the village's acquisition of Lake Michigan water.

Water rates are expected to rise from 90 cents for 1,000 gallons to \$1.90, Finance Director Greg Peters said at the Feb. 8 Village Board workshop.

The new rates actually go into effect in March, but bills covering that period do not come out until June, Peters said.

In addition to raising the water rate, the village will issue about \$12 million in general-obligation bonds to help finance the Lake Michigan water project. Wheeling is a member of the four-

community Northwest Water Commission working jointly to obtain water from the lake at an estimated cost of \$68 million.

ORIGINALLY, PLANS called for Wheeling's share of funds to be raised by the combined sale of revenue bonds and general-obligation bonds. But high interest rates made village officials decide to finance the whole project with general obligation bonds, which carry a lower interest rate, Peters said.

"With general-obligation bonds we would be able to issue bonds for 20 to 22 years," Peters said. "We're trying to spread the cost over a longer period of time. Revenue bonds only go for seven years."

The sale of the bonds will mean rela-

tively stable water rates, Peters said, but property taxes will increase because the funds to retire these bonds come from property taxes.

Taxes would go up sharply in 1983 and 1984, Peters said, but they would begin to drop in 1985. He presented figures that showed taxes increasing by about \$64 for the average homeowner in 1983, up to \$99 in 1984 and down to \$92 in 1985.

DURING THE SAME time period, average water costs for homeowners would rise from about \$108 a year now to \$327 a year by 1984 and then drop to \$320 in 1985, projections show.

The general-obligation bonds will be issued starting next month, Peters said.

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# Woodridge deputy new top cop

Michael F. Haeger, 34, deputy chief of police for the Village of Woodridge, has been named the new police chief for the Village of Wheeling.

Village Manager Thomas Markus announced the appointment. "Mike Haeger was chosen from a field of over 100 candidates due to his demonstrated administrative ability and integrity."

"We believe his experience will be a positive addition to the department and community, and look forward to his arrival," said Markus.

Haeger will assume his duties in Wheeling Feb. 22.

Haeger was instrumental in developing the six-community wide Felony Investigation Assistance Team (FIAT) in 1978 in southern DuPage County.

The FIAT team is a group of police officers highly-trained to investigate major crimes.

Because major crimes, such as murders, are infrequent in small villages the police force is not as well-equipped to handle it as the specialized team, Haeger said.

"The team represents the cream of the crop of local

officers in these towns," he said.

Haeger added that a homicide last summer in one of the six communities was solved in 16 hours with 25 officers working on it.

Haeger developed and served as commander of the FIAT team while at Woodridge.

As deputy chief, he supervised both the Support Services Division and Field Services Division.

Haeger began his police career in Leavenworth, Kansas in 1970 as a patrol officer. He joined the Woodridge Police Department in November, 1971.

A graduate of Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, Haeger received a Master of Science degree in Social Justice Management and Labor Relations from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill.

He lives in Woodridge with his wife and two children. He said he is planning to commute to his new job until August, when the family will move to Wheeling.

His starting salary as police chief will be \$36,000.

# Drunk drivers feeling a tighter pinch of the law

By STAN ZOLLER  
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ALTHOUGH THERE hasn't been an overwhelming increase, the state's new law which clamps down on motorists driving while under the influence has resulted in more arrests by area and state law enforcement agencies.

The law, which went into effect on Jan. 1, makes it easier for police officers to administer tests to persons suspected of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"There's definitely been an increase," says Corp. William Schmitt of the Illinois State Police. "I think it's because the troopers are more conscious of the new law and there is more pressure on them to make DWI arrests."

Schmitt said in the past, officers could have hidden behind the excuse that it took too much time to process a person stopped for possibly being under the influence.

That's not the case anymore. The new law requires a 30-minute span for a person to make up his or her mind to submit to a breath-alyzer test. If he

doesn't, penalties are tougher.

Schmitt says the 24-mile stretch of tollroad between the Deerfield Toll Booth and the Illinois-Wisconsin state line has one dubious honor.

There are more persons stopped and charged with driving while under the influence along that stretch than any other area in the country.

DURING 1981, nearly 400 arrests were made in that 24 miles.

A combination of tough enforcement by troopers in that area coupled with the easy access to Wisconsin, which allows 18-year-olds to drink, seems to be the key factor.

Locally, the new law hasn't had as dramatic an impact as it has along the state police-patrolled road.

Lt. Billy Ralston, acting police chief in Wheeling, says there hasn't been a significant change in that community. "We've always been pretty heavy with our enforcement," he says. Ralston said enforcement is not limited to any one section of the village, but admits most of the arrests seem to be along Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road,

two of the major roadways in the village.

RALSTON'S OBSERVATIONS were echoed by Glenview Police Chief David Kelly. "Our priorities are for all aspects of traffic safety," he says. "We haven't had the opportunity to use a blood or urine test because there hasn't been a need for use to pursue it further."

Kelly didn't seem to think that any road in Glenview is more prone to drunk driving arrests than others.

Northbrook Police Chief Arthur Schmidt says he thinks the law has helped. The Northbrook Police made three arrests for driving while under the influence, compared to none last year for the same time period.

"It's (the new law) clearer on several points and makes it easier to prosecute," Schmidt says.

HE ADDS that under the old law, persons suspected of driving while under the influence had to have blood or urine tests taken at a hospital. Those can now be done at a police department.

Schmidt added that the reduced time period for consent has also been a key factor.

"It's a reasonable time," he said. "Officers are able to make sure nothing is taken orally by the person which could alter tests."

Enforcement of drunk driving laws is a "high priority" for the Northbrook Police. Schmidt says that although no roads are targeted, most of "the contact" with drunk drivers in Northbrook seems to occur along Dundee Road east of Milwaukee Avenue and west of Skokie Boulevard.

In Deerfield, Police Chief Richard Brandt says there has been an increase in the number of persons arrested for driving while under the influence.

The department has arrested nine people on that charge in January, compared to five for January last year.

Brandt says all of the persons stopped by his department have taken a breath or blood test.

"I think that is attributed directly to the stiffer penalty for not taking a test," Brandt says. He says the Deer-

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## Drunk crackdown

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COOK COUNTY Sheriff's police spokesman Don Dziedzina says that department hasn't experienced a significant change in the number of DWI arrests, but says the reduced time period for consent to testing is a great help.

All officials contacted by Lerner-LIFE Newspapers did say civilian cooperation can help in apprehending drunk drivers.

"With the Secretary of State placing more emphasis on the new law, some of it is going to carry over to police departments too."

# Haeger chosen as Wheeling police chief

By STAN ZOLLER  
News Editor

WHEELING'S EMBATTLED police department has a new chief.

The village's search for a new top cop culminated with the announcement Monday, Feb. 8 that Michael Haeger, 34, currently Deputy Chief of the Woodridge Police Department, will assume the role of Wheeling Police Chief Feb. 22.

The naming of Haeger by Village Manager Thomas M. Markus ends the four-month search that included the screening of nearly 125 applicants from across the country.

Haeger has a bachelor of arts degree and a masters of science degree in social justice management and labor relations from Lewis University.

He began his police career in 1970 with a one-year stint as a patrol officer on the Leavenworth, Kan. Police Department. He joined the Woodridge department in 1971 and rose to his current position.

MARKUS SAID one of the reasons Haeger was selected was "due to his demonstrated administrative ability and integrity. We believe his experience will be a positive addition to the department and community."

Haeger says he considered the job because he wanted a chief's position and looked at all aspects of the Wheeling vacancy.

He says he is aware of both the negative and positive aspects to the department.

"I think there are more positive points to be brought out," Haeger said. "I think the people themselves and the staff have all been very positive."

Haeger said he's aware that "some problems have existed in the past, but those will only be a concern to me if the past affects the present."

The new chief is planning to do an "in-depth" analysis of the department and will be seeking the input of current staff members.

At 34, Haeger is the youngest police chief the village has had in several years. Markus, however, doesn't think that will make a difference in his performance.

"THAT DID not make any difference in our final selection," he said. "I think

he'll fit in well because Wheeling has a fairly young population and is an aggressive area."

Haeger's former chief in Woodridge, Ron Pavlock, praised Haeger's work as a police officer.

"HE'S HONEST, open and very pro-

fessional," said Pavlock, now police chief in Mount Prospect. As a member of the Woodridge department, Haeger was instrumental in helping establish the Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) which according to Pavlock brought the DuPage County area

"up to the northwest suburbs" in mutual aid.

"He's a good police officer," Pavlock said. "He's willing to do a good job. I'm very proud to have someone like that, especially someone who used to work with me, named chief."



# Residents blast plan to buy Palwaukee

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By DAN ROZEK  
Correspondent

IF THE SENTIMENTS expressed at a Jan. 28 public hearing are any indication, the proposed purchase of Palwaukee Airport is not very popular among Wheeling and Prospect Heights residents.

About 250 people attended the hearing, which had to be halted twice when spectators jeered and heckled speakers who were testifying. Most of the residents of Wheeling and Prospect Heights who testified spoke against the purchase. The village of Wheeling and the city of Prospect Heights are considering buying Palwaukee and operating it as a municipal airport.

SEVERAL RESIDENTS testified they fear taxes might rise to support the cost of a municipal airport.

"There is no guarantee our taxes wouldn't skyrocket to support a flying RTA," Wheeling resident Joseph Bender said. "The local share (of costs) will amount to 5 to 10 percent of \$52 million to come from the sale of 10 or 12 percent tax-free bonds and user's fees. But these bonds are not attractive at this time and user's fees are difficult to collect."

Wheeling resident Lowell Stoverall said that if any of the estimates made in the feasibility study were slightly wrong, a tax would have to be imposed to make up the difference.

(Airport consultant) Larry Donoghue predicts a profit of \$24,000 a year based on 1982 dollars, but if his estimate goes amiss, we're going to have to tax."

Donoghue said no local taxes would be needed to buy or maintain the airport. The federal government would pay \$41 million of the total cost of \$52 million, while the state would pay about \$5.5 million and the two local governments would split the remaining \$5.9 million.

THE LOCAL share of the costs would come from the sale of revenue bonds, user's fees and landing fees, Donoghue said.

## SUMMARY

THE THIRD public hearing focusing on the acquisition of Palwaukee Airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights was held Thursday, Jan. 28, with more than 250 people attending. Opponents to the purchase of the airport, now owned by George Priester, say increased jet traffic will pose additional safety and noise problems. Persons favoring the airport say the airport is needed to accommodate general aviation in the northwest suburbs. Palwaukee is one of the state's busiest airports and the long-discussed sale has been reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport. TAC includes representatives from state, federal, county and local government and agencies.

Several witnesses said the airport helps the community by attracting businesses to the area.

"If Palwaukee ever closes, Indeck Power Equipment Co. probably will move out of the community to a site near a good small airport," John Kleeland said.

But some residents testified they see the airport as a threat to adjacent areas in the community.

"I OPPOSE the purchase because unlike a private Palwaukee, which is restricted, a public airport must grow in size," Prospect Heights resident Warren Sundae said. "A public airport authority has the right of public condemnation of land adjacent to the airport, while a private owner cannot and therefore he has built-in restrictions."

No runways would be expanded if the airport is bought, Donoghue said, but about 500 acres of land would have to be acquired to meet Federal Aviation Administration safety standards for clear zones around runways at public airports.

"Less than 10 homes would be acquired and less than seven businesses," he said. "In total social impact, it's a smaller number than we would have expected."

Wheeling resident Harriet Orna lives in one of the houses that might be condemned if the airport is bought.

"THEY SAY it will only be 10 homes, but one of them is mine. I've been here 22 years and never complained about the noise," Orna said. "I don't want to take away (airport owner George)

Priester's right to sell, but don't take my rights away either. I'm going to be losing my home whenever the villages say."

Wheeling businessman Erv Koelper said he favors public ownership of the airport, even though it means he would have to move his business.

"If the government will come up with 90 percent of the cost, Wheeling and Prospect Heights would be damn fools not to take it," Koelper said. "Let's keep the airport, I'll move. But I've got to have a little (money) in my pocket to move."

SOME RESIDENTS expressed concern noise levels would rise as the number of flights to and from Palwaukee increases over the next 20 years.

"If it (the airport) goes public, you have the potential for continued expansion of size and noise," Steve Smeek said. "Public acquisition means building it up to bring in more jets and that could lead to a degradation of life in Wheeling."

Wheeling resident Larry Nichols said more noise from the airport could affect property values in areas near Palwaukee.

"With these expansions, Palwaukee will be required to handle more traffic and more noise pollution will depreciate property values," he said.

THE NUMBER of flights to and from Palwaukee will increase from the current total of 270,000 a year to about 420,000 by the year 2000, whether the airport is public or private, projections show.

While the number of jets operating from Palwaukee is projected to in-

crease from 5 percent of the planes based there to 7 percent, Donoghue said it will be easier to control the size and type of planes operating there if the airport is public.

The final decision regarding Palwaukee is in the hands of the Wheeling Village Board and the Prospect Heights

City Council. These boards have not responded to calls from some citizens for a binding referendum on the issue, which has angered some residents of the two communities.

"Every citizen of Wheeling and Prospect Heights should have the right to vote on whether or not we acquire

Palwaukee airport," Joan Johnson said.

Wheeling resident James Schwoebel said buying the airport without first holding a referendum amounts to "taxation without representation."

"A referendum today would be voted down," he asserted.



VILLAGE BOARD PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz was among the more than 250 persons who attended last Thursday's public hearing on Palwaukee Airport. (Photo by Steve Donisch)



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# Board to review street clearing

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A group of residents from the Forest River subdivision in unincorporated Wheeling Township who are complaining that the township highway department is not doing a good job of keeping their streets clear of snow and ice, and will take their complaints to the township board Tuesday.

The residents have charged that the private snow removal firm hired by Highway Commissioner Tom Gillis to plow and salt roads in the subdivision is not adequately plowing the streets and is only salting at intersections. They also say that repeated attempts to contact Gillis have failed, forcing them to bring their gripes to the meeting, at 8 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road.

Late last year, Miller Snow Control, a Wheeling firm, was hired by Gillis to plow and salt roads in the subdivision. The contract provides for the firm to plow the roads when two inches of snow have fallen and to salt the roads at the highway department's direction.

Since Gillis took office last April he has pared down the highway department, including selling much of the road equipment and contracting road maintenance to municipalities and private contractors. He also recently announced that he would abate the entire township road levy for fiscal 1981-82, returning \$611,000 to the taxpayers, and use surplus funds to finance the department.

But the residents have criticized the moves, saying the cuts Gillis made have been accomplished at the expense of the residents.

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM** Omni-House, Crisis Homes and Talkline, social service agencies that serve Wheeling Township residents, also will attend Tuesday's township board meeting to ask trustees for funds to help run their programs for the upcoming year.

Last year, Omni-House received \$90,000 from the township. The agency is traditionally funded with property tax revenues generated by the township's operating cost levy. Crisis Homes received \$16,000 and Talkline,

\$4,000, with the grants coming from federal revenue sharing money.

This year the township expects to receive almost \$488,500 in revenue sharing fund, but also has received funding requests from four agencies that have not requested money in the past.

Each agency that requests funds is required to appear before the board, explain their request and tell the board the other funding sources they've approached for money.

The Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, will be closed today, to celebrate Presidents Day. The hall will be open for village business Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**A PUBLIC HEARING** to gather suggestions on how Wheeling officials should spend some \$210,000 in federal revenue sharing funds will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Village Finance Director Greg Peters said the staff has not yet made any recommendations on how to spend the money but will listen to proposals from the public and other agencies at the hearing.

In the past, the village has used the money to buy land for the branch fire station, buy the village computer, and gave \$20,000 to the Wheeling Park District to buy a bus. They money also has been used in the village's senior citizen programs.

The village board will meet at 8 p.m., following the hearing.

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES TUESDAY** night also will consider hiring Speer Financial Services, Inc. to assist Wheeling officials in issuing the \$6 million in bonds needed to pay for internal improvements to Wheeling's water system.

The improvements are necessary to prepare the system to accept Lake Michigan water sometime during the

first half of 1984. The firm is working with the Northwest Water Commission, and will provide financial advice when Wheeling issues more bonds to pay for their share of the construction of the \$82 million pipeline that is being built to carry Lake Michigan water to the Northwest suburbs.

Village officials are recommending that the firm be paid not more than \$10,000 for their consulting work.

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

**INCREASING THE WATER** rates so all Wheeling residents will pay \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons of water used will be considered Tuesday night by village trustees.

Wheeling officials have proposed the increase, which would show up on June water bills, to help cover increased operation costs and Wheeling's first payment to the Northwest Water Commission. Further increases in water rates and/or property taxes will be necessary to pay the entire cost of bringing lake water to village residents.

If approved, Village Finance Director Greg Peters said the monthly rate increase would be pro-rated so the rates will be equitable for residents who are billed at different times. Peters said the rate will rise to \$1.23 per 1,000 gallons in April and \$1.57 in May to equalize the bills. In June the rate will reach the proposed \$1.90.

The \$1.90 increase will mean that an average water bill in Wheeling will increase from \$108 to \$228.

**ATTORNEYS FOR BOTH** Wheeling and the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District will be in court Wednesday for the first hearing on a suit filed by Wheeling to disconnect the village

from the district.

The hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the courtroom of Cook County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Schneider.

Wheeling officials filed suit last month to leave the district to seal an agreement between village and fire district officials reached several years ago. For years Wheeling has operated its own village fire department, while most village residents paid property taxes to both the village and the fire protection district. The fire district taxes at a rate of 50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and last year returned \$790,000 of the collections to Wheeling to run the village fire department.

Wheeling's disconnection from the fire district will correct a taxing inequity that has existed since the district was formed 30 years ago. All Wheeling residents with the exception of 2,000 people in the village's "old town" section pay taxes to the fire district for fire protection services. When Wheeling leaves the district, all village residents, including those in "old town" will pay taxes for fire protection to the village, spreading the cost of maintaining a municipal fire department over more residents.

Village officials expect to enter into long-term contracts with the district to provide fire protection services for areas remaining in the district, including unincorporated parts of Wheeling Township and Prospect Heights, which has no city fire department.

The disconnection will probably mean a 25-cent increase in the village's property tax rate, as opposed to the 50-cents residents currently pay to the fire district. By law, the tax rate for residents who remain in the district can not be higher than that paid by Wheeling residents who have disconnected. The fire district can legally tax up to 60 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

## Code deadline extended

The deadline to make non-conforming buildings meet Wheeling codes has been extended by two years to give village officials time to finish a complete building inventory in the village.

The extension, which will move the compliance date to January 1984, will allow officials to find non-conforming buildings, study their zoning and notify each building owner. This is the second time the village has extended the deadline. In 1979 the codes were extended one year as officials rewrote the village zoning codes.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood estimated that 60 percent of the buildings along Milwaukee Avenue don't conform to village codes. The extension will give the staff time to study each building, "so we don't have to eliminate most of the structures along Milwaukee." Included in the scrutiny will be items like setback requirements and building usage in different districts.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said without looking at each individual case he didn't think it was appropriate at this time to unilaterally go after all the structures. "Some of these are viable business. Technically we could force these people out of business, but we'd rather look at this."

## Bond help OK'd

Trustees directed the village manager to hire Speer Financial Services, Inc. to assist Wheeling officials in issuing \$6 million in bonds needed to pay for internal improvements to the village's water system.

The improvements are necessary to prepare the system to accept Lake Michigan water sometime during the first half of 1984. The firm is also

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# 'Ignorance, apathy cause most fires'

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When fires and their causes are examined, a pattern of ignorance and apathy often is found. One or both behaviors seem to be the basis for most fires.

Wheeling fire officials say most fires could be prevented if people involved had only known or cared about their personal fire problems.

And they say the average home is a very dangerous place because residents lack fire safety knowledge.

**THE HOME IS** where most people die in fires. The large fires like those in Las Vegas hotels receive a lot of attention in the news but they are only a small percentage of fire loss figures. Most fire deaths occur in the home between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m. in the morning when people are asleep. People die at night in their own homes, many of them never know they are in any danger until it is too late.

It is up to the individual to prevent fires, firefighters say, and to teach a person how to protect himself, what a fire hazard is and how to correct it.

Even if the fire station was next door, the firefighter could not stop a fire if the person has failed to protect himself. Many firefighters say that suppression is not enough.

## Public service

Suppression is after the fact, it's too late once the fire has started.

Codes are good at preventing fires, but even good fire codes are not enough. No code can protect a person from himself. The best bet is fire safety. Fire safety is a combined effort, one that requires the full support of codes, suppression and fire safety education.

**ANY OF THESE** by itself is ineffective. Fire safety education has long been overlooked in the fire service. Thankfully the benefits of public fire safety education are beginning to be better understood by the fire service.

Fire departments have long been involved in public education during fire prevention week, but the other 51 weeks have been sadly neglected. Public education on fire safety is a full time job, one that requires dedication, skill and a lot of hard work.

By teaching the public fire safety a general awareness about fire can be created. Good public education along with fire codes, and good fire suppression can and will save lives of the people in our communities.



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BETWEEN 250 and 300 barrels of corrosive chemical waste are stored in this abandoned warehouse on Glenn Avenue in Wheeling. Local officials are

monitoring the site as state officials try to get federal money to pay to remove the chemicals.

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# Warehouse designated hazardous waste dump

by Elida Witthoef  
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An abandoned warehouse in Wheeling filled with barrels of corrosive chemical wastes from a former metal-plating company has been designated a hazardous waste dump and targeted for cleanup by state environmental officials.

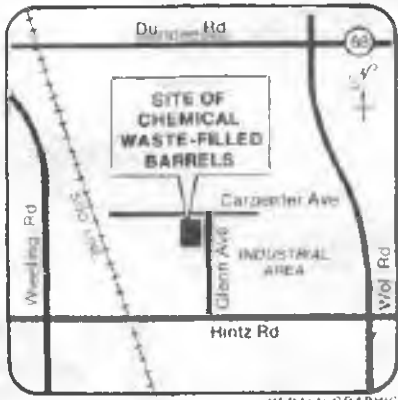
The warehouse, formerly known as Trans-I-Coat Co., 504 Glenn Ave., contains between 250 and 300 barrels of chemical waste used in metal plating. The waste "does not pose an immediate threat" to the area because the barrels are not leaking the chemicals, said Ken Bechley, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regional manager. But officials listed the warehouse in the "top 28" cleanup sites in the state, hoping to obtain federal funds to remove the barrels.

Neighboring businessmen said Wednesday that they too want the site cleaned up.

The metal-plating company occupied the south end of the three-section warehouse. Courtesy Mold and Tool Corp. rents the section in the middle of the building and vice-president Gerald Sommers said the situation "upsets" company officials. "(Trans-I-Coat) went bankrupt and everything was left like it was. The back part looks like the end of the world. It looks disastrous and depressing," said Sommers.

"IT UPSETS US. Nothing's being done. So far nothing has entered the other side, but they're having trouble moving the stuff out," said Sommers, adding that broken water mains during this winter's bitter cold left several inches of water standing in the building.

Last summer High School District officials filed suit for half of the building's waste to clean up the 28 hazardous waste sites in Illinois. Paul Zemitzsch, a spokesman for Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner, said



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the Wheeling site was included in the suit because moving the barrels to another dump site "could be expensive."

Illinois, New Jersey and the Environmental Defense Fund, a private group, filed suit in federal district court in Washington D.C. to establish a plan to release \$1.6 billion set aside by Congress in 1980 to help pay for the cleanup of 115 of the nation's most hazardous dump sites. Named in the suit were U.S. EPA head Anne Gorsuch and David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget. Stockman was appointed by President Reagan to oversee the distribution of the fund.

Under the legislation, by June 9, 1982 federal officials were supposed to set up a national plan to rank the cleanup sites and distribute the so-called "superfunds." Public hearings were also planned, but Zemitzsch said no plans have been made.

## Firm moves to Wheeling

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THE CONSUMER Research Division of United States Testing Company, Inc., has purchased new corporate headquarters at 300 Marquardt Drive in Wheeling.

The Wheeling offices will serve as the hub of the largest independently owned and operated network of consumer research centers consisting of 12 fully staffed central location facilities strategically located in shopping malls in major marketing areas. The Division serves the marketing community not only in Chicago but nationwide through market testing both new and existing products and services, creative concepts and new product ideas.

Each facility is equipped for all types of consumer research — with complete kitchen facilities, video tape and flexible interviewing/display area formats. The company's WATS Center also will be located in the new headquarters in Wheeling.

## Herald Neighbor Parents can learn to cope with use among children

Young people today must make decisions about drugs that no previous generation has had to face. And this means that parents too must learn to cope with the reality of a world in which drugs are readily available to their children.

The Wheeling Youth Commission and Omni House are sponsoring an informative discussion on drug use and abuse in today's world. A representative from Omni House and the Wheeling Police Department will lead the discussion and answer questions. A short film entitled "For Parents Only: What you need to

know about marijuana" will be shown to give you a look at some of today's marijuana users; their feelings and their family's feelings. This promises to be a most interesting evening. Due to the nature of the discussion children will not be allowed to attend.

The first in a series of these discussions will be held at Eugene Field School, 51 St. Armand Ln., Wheeling, on Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

# Water rate hike approved

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by Elida Witthoef  
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Wheeling trustees Tuesday night unanimously voted to double the village's water rate by June, raising the average yearly water bill from \$108 to \$228.

To make the rate increase equitable for residents who are billed on different schedules, the rate increase will be prorated by month. The rate will rise to \$1.23 per 1,000 gallons used in April and \$1.57 in May to equalize the bills. In June the rate will reach \$1.90. The village's current water rate is \$.90 per 1,000 gallons.

The increase is needed to cover increased operating costs and Wheeling's first payment to the Northwest Water Commission, which plans to build an \$82 million pipeline from Evanston to carry lake water to the northwest suburbs.

There were no residents present when the board voted to approve the rate increase. More than 30 residents turned out at a public hearing last week to express concern about the increase.

"THERE GOES MY political career," joked Trustee Charles Kerr, as he voted to improve the increases.

Further increases in water and/or property taxes will be necessary to pay the entire cost of bringing lake water to village residents.

If Wheeling officials decide to pay for the water with property taxes, the average village property tax bill will increase \$64 to \$149 in 1983. A Wheeling resident with a home assessed at \$12,000 currently pays \$85 a year in village property taxes. Under this proposal, water rates would remain at \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons.

But if the lake water is paid with a combination of tax and water rate increases property taxes will increase from \$85 to \$133 in 1983. The annual water bill would triple to \$320 by 1985.

The village board is expected to make those financing decisions later this year. Wheeling residents are scheduled to get lake water sometime during the first half of 1984.

General Agencies filed suit for half of the building's waste to clean up the 28 hazardous waste sites in Illinois. Paul Zemitzsch, a spokesman for Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner, said

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## New Wheeling chief doesn't fit the mold

By JOAN FLEISCHER

A clerk in the police records department whispered, "Oh, my gosh! Why didn't someone tell me he was the new police chief? I was expecting a short, fat bald man."

The tall, broad-shouldered man with dark, handsome features neatly attired in a navy suit did not look like the stereotype of an aging, hardened chief of police.

The 34-year-old former deputy police chief of Woodridge, Michael F. Haeger, on Monday takes over as the new police chief for the Village of Wheeling. His salary will be \$36,000.

Haeger belongs to the new breed of police officers—college educated, committed to professionalism and strong sense of ethics and community responsibility.

He is not afraid to say that things he has seen in ten years as a police officer have frightened him.

"Being a police officer is a difficult, stressful job. The street officer experiences a lot on the street. He sees the hard side of life. His job has a negative connotation to it, unlike the fireman who is always seen in a positive role," Haeger said.

How an officer deals with the stressful aspects of his work determine what type of policeman he becomes, according to Haeger.

"An officer can become very caring and recognize his ability to help change things.

"Yet, you will always have some men for whom the problems of the job manifest themselves in corruption, excessive force or just a lie-back attitude about their work," said Haeger.

His years on the police force do not appear to have damaged Haeger. Only his thick, dark brown hair sprinkled with gray bears evidence of a young man who has witnessed first-hand the dark, ugly side of life.

A native of Aurora, Haeger studied sociology at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS.

He got married the summer between his junior and senior year in college. He and his wife Jane then moved to Leavenworth, KS. She worked as a junior high school teacher there while he finished school.

Upon graduation, Haeger found himself in a poor job market. "1970 was not a good year for sociology majors fresh out of school," he said jokingly.

Flipping through the help-wanted ads, his eye was drawn to an advertisement for police officer openings in the Leavenworth police department. As a youngster growing up in Illinois, he had often dreamed of how exciting it would be to be a policeman, he said.

He was accepted by the Leavenworth police department and spent six-weeks in intensive training at the police academy.

His year as a rookie had great impact on him throughout his career, he said.

"One event that comes straight to my mind is the first fatality accident I saw. It was the day before Thanksgiving in 1970 and one person was lying there dead

because of a drunk driver.

"I have very strong convictions on alcohol and driving. I don't understand why people sit behind the wheel of a car after they have been drinking. They risk their lives and everyone else's. Why is it so important that they have to drive home?" said Haeger.

"In countries like Norway or Finland, once you're caught driving while intoxicated, you're prohibited from ever driving again," he said.

Haeger says such an extreme measure could never be implemented in the United States because of the importance of the car in one's work and personal life.

"I do favor stronger laws which suspend the driving license for a period of time.

"The greatest effect, however, would be to get to the root of the problem. Getting people to stop drinking. Judges could send convicted drunk drivers to programs to deal with their alcohol problem," Haeger said.

Haeger joined the Woodridge Police Department in November 1971 and rose through the ranks from patrol officer.

At Woodridge, he was instrumental in forming the Du Page County's Felony Investigation Assistance Team (FIAT).

In 1979, FIAT was created so that police detectives from five neighboring municipalities could be mobilized as a special unit for major crime investigations.

"We took the cream of crop in each town's police department and trained them as an evidence unit. With 25 officers working on a case, we once solved a homicide in 16 hours," said Haeger who served as commander of FIAT while at Woodridge.

During the past week, Haeger has been studying the problems in Wheeling. He has met with village officials and police lieutenants. He hopes to meet with each of the police department's 41 police officers before he takes over on Monday, he said.

"It will be an assessment process. I will talk with the men. I will carefully survey all aspects of the department before any changes will be made. There will be no overnight changes. Before any changes are made, there will be a long, structured deliberation," he said.

"I consider myself to be ethical. I will be honest with the department, the village and the general public. I expect the same honesty in return.

"I believe the public must be dealt with openly and honestly. I want people to know we are willing to listen here. The department is open to them, they should feel free to come in and inquire about something or seek help with problems," Haeger said.

Haeger, his wife and their two daughters, Kathy, 11, and Megan, 8, are still living in their home in Woodridge.

"We're all excited about our move here. We're looking forward to becoming involved in our new community. My daughters have already checked out Wheeling area stables and skating rinks," he said.

## New chief for Wheeling

MICHAEL F. HAEGER, founder of Du Page County's Felony Investigation Assistance Team (FIAT), was named Wheeling's police chief Monday. Haeger, 34, currently one of two deputy chiefs with the Woodridge Police Department, will take over the 56-member Wheeling department Feb. 22. He will assume the duties of Lt. William Ralston, who had served as acting chief since September. In Woodridge, Haeger supervised the support and field services divisions. In 1978, he helped create FIAT, which was formed so that police detectives from five neighboring municipalities could be mobilized as a cohesive unit for major crime investigations. Haeger, selected from among more than 100 applicants for the Wheeling position, will be paid \$36,000 a year.

## Sweethearts ball at country club

The 84th annual Fireman's Sweethearts Ball is Feb. 27 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

The dance will be from 9 p.m. to 1

a.m. Tickets are \$2.50 and are available at the door. Door prizes also will be awarded. Proceeds from the dance will benefit the Wheeling Volunteer Fire Department.



# Porn cleanup

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## New county law clamps down on smut

By Jeff Eichenfield  
Correspondent

A NEW COOK County ordinance regulating pornographic movie theaters and bookstores probably will not increase the number of the establishments in Wheeling Township, village officials say.

The ordinance allows adult businesses to operate in certain unincorporated industrial and commercial areas, after a special-use permit has been obtained from the County Board.

Although Wheeling Township has 24 such businesses in unincorporated areas, Village Attorney David Epstein said the ordinance will not make it easier for porno businesses to move to Wheeling.

"I don't see a proliferation (of porno businesses) in Wheeling," Epstein said. "It's a very, very restrictive ordinance. It's an attempt to open the door (to porno businesses) as little as possible and still be constitutional."

The previous ordinance regulating adult businesses was declared unconstitutional last June. That ordinance prohibited adult businesses within 1,000 feet of a residential area, unless 60 of the residents in that area consented.

THE NEW ordinance makes establishing a porno business in one of the designated areas a long and difficult process, Epstein said.

The Board is attempting to limit the number of porno businesses by making it too expensive for the owners to get the special use permit, he said.

"The County Board opened the door, but not very wide and they make it expensive to get through," Epstein said.

"First, you have to find a parcel of land that qualifies for what the ordinance defines as the physical criteria.

It's not saying you can have it in any unincorporated area—it has to be an

industrial area, too. After you have an eligible parcel, you have to show the requirements for a special-use permit."

EPSTEIN SAID there probably will be political pressure on board members not to grant many special-use permits.

"I would not guess the County Board would be granting too many of these things (special-use permits)," he said. "Someone might get one, but it would be an expensive process."

WHEELING VILLAGE Manager Tom Markus said village officials won't have much control over whether new porno businesses move to Wheeling, because "zoning is outside of our jurisdiction."

However, village officials could annex unincorporated areas near the village so those areas would no longer meet the criteria necessary to operate an adult business, Markus said.

# Local panel in charge of liquor-license appeals

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By DAN ROZEK  
Correspondent

WHEELING—Bar and store owners who lose their liquor licenses now will have to direct any appeals to the Wheeling Liquor Commission, instead of to a state liquor board.

Under terms of a new ordinance passed by the Wheeling Village Board at its Feb. 16 meeting, a license holder must appeal to the local commission if the license is suspended or revoked. Prior to the ordinance, the appeals process was unclear and it was possible for a licensee to appeal directly to the state liquor commission.

The ordinance was passed after a local store, Bell Liquors, lost its license and then appealed to the state commis-

sion to overturn that suspension. The village is disputing that appeal and village officials hope approval of the ordinance will prevent future disputes.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY David Epstein said the new regulations would make it more difficult to successfully appeal a suspension.

"It makes it more difficult for the liquor licensee because he has to take his shot here, not back at square one (with state board)," Epstein said.

The new ordinance also would save the village expenses because it would be easier and less expensive to hear the appeals on a local level instead of on a state level, he said.

"When you (the Wheeling Liquor Commission) do get an appeal, it saves

the village the time and expenses needed to re-fight the case up there (at the state level)," Epstein said.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the new ordinance also saved time and money because it limited appeals to what was already on record in the case.

"It would limit appeals to the record, you would not be running through all the testimony again," he said.

But the new ordinance may not affect the Bell appeal because it took place before the board approved the ordinance, Epstein said.

He is trying to have the state disallow the appeal because Bell Liquors ignored local procedure when it filed the appeal.



A NEW LAW WON'T shut down businesses such as the Cheetah II Lounge in Wheeling, but it does make it tougher for new businesses that deal with nude entertainment to locate in unincorporated Cook County.

# Price too high; part of land bought

After a Cook County Circuit Court judge set a higher price for two parcels of land than Wheeling officials planned to spend, the village has decided to buy the smaller of the two parcels for site improvements to the proposed senior citizens center.

The reduced land purchase will force the village to delay construction of a road that would provide access to the center from Milwaukee Avenue. The north-south stretch of the road, looping from First Street to the center, still will be built at the same time as the center. The smaller parcel has been targeted for construction of a detention lake that was part of the center's original plan.

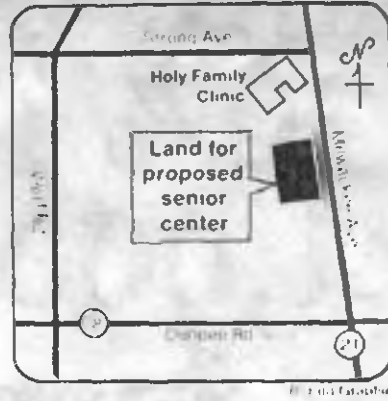
Last October village trustees sued to force the sale of the property after owner Lois Runeman rejected an offer of \$107,000. In January, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Arthur Dunne ruled that the land, slightly less than an acre running along Milwaukee Ave-

nue just south of Strong Street, is worth \$124,518.

Dunne also ruled that the village was "depreciating the value" of the land that would not be purchased in the deal and ordered Wheeling officials to pay Runeman \$31,000 in damages.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY David Epstein said the village would pay \$27,200 for the smaller parcel. He also expects to file legal papers next week, asking Dunne to reduce the damage settlement but said the village will have to pick up some \$20,000 in legal costs incurred by Runeman's attorney during the condemnation proceedings.

Runeman's attorney Richard Redmond made an emotional appeal to board members to buy all the land they originally sought by reading a letter from Runeman, detailing her financial picture. "I'm not pleading a case for Arthur Rubloff, but for a nice lady," said Redmond. "I'm just asking that she be paid what the court said is



fair and just compensation."

Epstein said the board was trying to be fair, but the court-ordered value was "the final straw" and "much higher than the village could afford to pay."

Village officials are using federal grant money for the project and Ep-

stein said buying both parcels would force the village to use an additional \$30,000 from general funds, just to purchase the land. "They were not willing to make the commitment to take \$30,000 just to acquire the land, before they build the road," said Epstein.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the decision to buy less land was "unfortunate," but the board thought the deal was too expensive. Schultz said buying the smaller parcel would still allow for construction of part of the access road and the lake.

Epstein said village officials decided it was not worth the legal expense to appeal Dunne's ruling.

Late last summer the village board voted to spend \$269,000 for 3.6 acres of land near Strong and Milwaukee as the actual site of the center. Wheeling officials estimate construction on the project will start late this fall and take two years to complete.

## Village board wrapup

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## Code deadline extended

The deadline to make non-conforming buildings meet Wheeling codes has been extended by two years to give village officials time to finish a complete building inventory in the village.

The extension, which will move the compliance date to January 1984, will allow officials to find non-conforming buildings, study their zoning and notify each building owner. This is the second time the village has extended the deadline. In 1979 the codes were extended one year as officials rewrote the village zoning codes.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood estimated that 60 percent of the buildings along Milwaukee Avenue don't conform to village codes. The extension will give the staff time to study each building, "so we don't have to eliminate most of the structures along Milwaukee." Included in the scrutiny will be items like setback requirements and building usage in different districts.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said without looking at each individual case he didn't think it was appropriate at this time to unilaterally go after all the structures. "Some of these are viable business. Technically we could force these people out of business, but we'd rather look at this."

## Bond help OKd

Trustees directed the village manager to hire Speer Financial Services, Inc. to assist Wheeling officials in issuing \$6 million in bonds needed to pay for internal improvements to the village's water system.

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## The week ahead

# Cable TV agency to be discussed

Wheeling officials tonight will meet to discuss proposals to hire an administrator and set up an intergovernmental agency to monitor cable television in the Northwest suburbs.

Wheeling is one of 10 area towns that are planning to chip in \$37,000 for an administrator employed by the Northwest Municipal Conference to monitor construction of the system. An umbrella agency, made up of 15 North-

west suburbs and six North Shore communities, is being planned to act as a clearinghouse for cable television information. The municipal conference would be paid an estimated \$22,180 a year to oversee that agency.

Village officials estimate it would cost \$1,026 to join the umbrella agency and \$3,000 to hire the administrator to oversee the construction phase.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the vil-

lage hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

HARPER COLLEGE TRUSTEES will name Albert Vajda of Barrington Thursday to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Trustee Shirley Munson. The Harper board meets at 8 p.m. in the board room of Building A on campus, Roselle and Algonquin roads, Palatine.

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## Seeking \$1.1 million

# Wheeling cop sues resident for libel

By Eddy McNeil

A WHEELING POLICEMAN filed a \$1.1 million libel suit Wednesday against a village resident who charged in a letter to village officials that the patrolman was harassing his son.

Thomas Lorenz, who has been with the department three years, denied the charges in a letter written by Jack Nikolich, 370 S.

Jeanne Ter. He claimed in his suit filed in Cook County Circuit Court that the charges had caused him to be ridiculed in both his private and professional lives.

In his letter to acting Police Chief William Ralston in December, Nikolich said Lorenz appeared to have "a personal vendetta" against his youngest son, Peter, 19. During a 20-month period, during which Peter was out of state for 10 months, Lorenz stopped the

youth five times and issued him three tickets, Nikolich said. All three tickets were dismissed in court, he said.

"The fact that all previous tickets have been dismissed in court doesn't lessen the fact that we had to spend time sitting in court," Nikolich said in the letter. "In my opinion, Lorenz has forgotten that he's on the police force to serve and protect. It's officers

like this who give the police department a bad name."

Copies of the four-page letter were sent to Village Manager Thomas Markus, Village President Sheila Schultz, the village board and the board of fire and police commissioners. Markus said the police department conducted an internal investigation of the matter but didn't find enough evidence to bring departmental charges against Lorenz.

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# Villages struggling to equalize fire protection

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

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Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials, both trying to resolve "inequities" in the cost and quality of fire protection within their towns, are at an impasse over the best way to solve those problems.

Wheeling will be in court next Tuesday to withdraw from the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District, a move they have planned for six years. That action is necessary to force about 2,000 residents and several businesses in the "old town" area of Wheeling to pay the same taxes as other village residents.

About half the village's \$1.3 million fire department

budget is supported through property taxes, while the balance comes from taxes levied by the fire protection district, which was formed 30 years ago. But the district's boundaries do not encompass the old town area, and those residents escape a tax levied against the rest of the village.

Prospect Heights is served by four different fire districts, including the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District, and some city residents pay twice the tax rate of others. The city, like Wheeling, eventually wants to withdraw from the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District, levy taxes and contract with Wheeling for fire protection services.

BUT UNTIL THAT happens, Mayor Richard Wolf says he wants written guarantees that Prospect Heights residents who reside in the Wheeling fire district will continue to

receive adequate fire protection from the Wheeling Fire Department. The city council has passed a resolution asking for Wheeling to indefinitely provide "equal or better service" at the rate presently being charged.

That, says Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters, is unrealistic.

"How can you say what the level of service is going to be in 10 years in light of the state of the economy?" he said. "What if our citizens decide they no longer want paramedic service? We would be forced to provide a service that we don't even provide in our own village."

Both towns say state law pertaining to "disconnection" from rural fire protection districts works in their favor.

Prospect Heights City Attorney Donald Kreger says Wheeling's action could be considered illegal because the village's boundaries sever the district, and once it withdraws, a "discontiguous" district would remain. Wolf, however, said the city does not plan to try to block Wheeling's withdrawal from the district in court.

He said he would prefer to negotiate some kind of agreement on fire protection service the village will provide to the portion of Prospect Heights it serves.

"Even though Wheeling is willing to approve long-term contracts (with the fire district), there could be some point where the village couldn't serve us," Wolf said. "All we're concerned about is achieving the same level of service they've agreed to provide the district."

# Wheeling to take shot at gun ban

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

As other Northwest suburban officials wait for the legal smoke surrounding local gun control to clear, Wheeling officials tonight will take up a proposal to outlaw the sale of handguns.

And Village President Sheila Schultz says she also will propose the next step — an outright ban on the possession of handguns.

Tonight's debate in Wheeling will be the sixth of its kind in the Northwest suburbs since last summer, but local gun control advocates are still looking for their first clear-cut victory. Buffalo Grove trustees narrowly defeated a proposal to outlaw the sale of guns and

ammunition, and similar proposals have been pigeonholed in Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Palatine and Schaumburg, where local officials say they want to wait until the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled on whether a municipal government can enact gun-control laws.

The official topic of tonight's meeting in Wheeling is a proposal advanced by Schultz last month to outlaw the sale, repair and manufacture of handguns and automatic weapons, but not rifles. The law would have little immediate impact because the only way to buy a handgun in Wheeling now is to purchase a kit from the local K-mart store, but Schultz said she wants a sales ban on the books as a "preven-

tative measure" in case other towns start passing similar laws, driving gun dealers out to look for new locations.

SCHULTZ ALSO SAYS she wants to "pursue a ban on ownership," will simply ask for legal reports and will not set a deadline for passage. "We will consider what Morton Grove has, but there is no timetable," Schultz said, adding that other village business, including a new budget, is more urgent.

Morton Grove became the first town in the country to forbid its residents to possess guns last June and has been in court ever since defending itself against complaints that its law violated the Constitutional right to bear arms. The village has won in both a Cook County Circuit Court and a U.S.

District Court, but gun-control foes have appealed both rulings.

Morton Grove's move prompted gun-control advocates to push for similar laws in other towns, but gun fanciers, sometimes wearing yellow ribbons to symbolize their support of the right to own guns, have turned out in the hundreds to protest.

Officially, the National Rifle Association will not be represented in Wheeling tonight because, said James Valentino, chairman of the NRA's Illinois legislative committee, "we have not been asked." But Schultz says she has received several phone calls from residents who identified themselves as NRA members. She said she encouraged them all to attend.

Jan Cady, one of the organizers of

the Northwest Chapter of the Committee for Handgun Control, Inc., said her group will send representatives and local supporters. "We're anxious for them to pass the ordinance," Cady said.

Cady said her group's function "isn't to start something, but to encourage and support" local governments that try to pass gun control laws. "We do have names on petitions of Wheeling residents and will inform them of the meeting. We'd rather be local and send residents of the area," she said.

Tonight's meeting is a workshop where no formal action on the proposal will be taken. The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

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# Schultz still favors handgun ban

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said Tuesday she still favors a ban on handgun possession in the village, but will delay asking for any such action until village officials make a decision on the proposed ban on handgun sales.

And while several trustees said they favor an advisory referendum on a ban of handgun sales, they will not personally push to bring gun control to Wheeling, because they're not sure whether residents want the laws.

"As a private citizen I'm interested in bringing up my issue, but I have to

be responsible as a public official. We have to be careful we don't muddy up the waters," said Schultz, adding that the proposed law banning sales will be put on a future board agenda for some type of final action.

Postponing a possession ban is "not a copout," she added. "I'm sure it's the wise thing to do. There's no point further confusing the issue when the on the board they have no clear-cut idea on the issue themselves."

Almost 200 people, many members of the National Rifle Association (NRA) packed the village board meeting Monday night to protest an ordinance proposed by Schultz that would

outlaw the sale, manufacture and repair of handguns and rifles larger than 30-30, a caliber used by many hunters.

TRUSTEE JOHN COLE said that if village officials decide to push for gun control, the question should be presented to village residents as a referendum. But Cole said it was hard to tell from the turnout at Monday's meeting how the residents feel about the issue.

Trustee Charles Kerr agreed with Cole. "I don't think there's any way the board can get any kind of indication without a referendum," said Kerr. "If we're going to have these packed meetings, the only way at all we could get some kind of response is through

an advisory referendum."

Trustee Joseph Ratajczak, who is a member of the NRA, said that while he'd be willing to allow the issue to die with no further action, he favored a referendum on the question if the board decides to pursue further controls.

Trustees James Goetch and Roger Powers expressed doubts that Wheeling actually has a gun problem making controls necessary. Goetch said he wants more information before pursuing the issue any further.

Schultz said she did not object to holding a referendum but said it would be a "poor use of time and money" if it did not address both a ban on sales and possession.

## Candidates disagree on gun bans

by Pete Nenni

Herald staff writer

As the battle over handgun control heats up again, this time in the Village of Wheeling, House District 54 candidates disagree on the issue.

Republican candidate Bernard Pedersen said he opposes handgun bans because they "treat the symptoms and not the cause" of the problem. His three challengers say they would favor banning the sale of at least some types of guns.

Former Palatine Trustee Terry Leighty and Arlington Heights Trustees Edith Jolly and Julia Walsh are split on how the ban would be administered, but say they support allowing municipalities to decide the firearms control issue.

Walsh is taking the hardest line in the issue of any candidate, favoring a

ban on the sale and possession of all handguns in a village and allowing residents to make the final decision in a referendum.

"I think it (a decision) almost has to come from the grass roots level — it's too hot an issue, too emotional," Walsh said. "I don't think anything will happen until the citizens show their feelings on it."

MORTON GROVE became the first town in the country to pass tough handgun control legislation. Since then, similar proposals have been presented to officials in Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines and Palatine. The new House District 54 includes Arlington Heights, Wheeling, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Prospect Heights and Mount Prospect.

Jolly and Leighty say they favor the ban on small, concealable handguns,

known as "Saturday Night specials," and other handguns that cannot be used for hunting or in collections. Both also favor a stricter licensing procedure and stiff mandatory sentencing for persons convicted of crimes in which handguns were used.

"The cheap concealable weapons should be kept off the market and the state is just not doing a good enough job," Jolly said. She wants to revise the handgun licensing procedure to include a training and testing process to insure firearm safety.

Leighty is proposing a person wait 90 days to obtain a license so police could check to see if the applicant has a felony record and to conduct an interview. The legislation also would require the re-registration for handguns that are resold.

HE SAID that while he is not against local communities drafting their own handgun control ordinances, he would prefer the matter be handled by the federal government as part of national legislation.

"It makes no sense to have some restriction in Morton Grove and the rest of the state open," Leighty said. "In the long run, there has to be a national at-

titude for handgun control to be truly effective."

While Pedersen agreed that if handgun control is done, it should be on the state or federal levels, he stressed that stiffer penalties for criminals will hit closer to the heart of the problem.

"I'm just not convinced this will solve the problem. You'll just end up with a big black market for guns," Pedersen said. "Let's sock it to the guy who uses it (handgun) for a criminal activity and leave the law-abiding citizen alone."

## Wheeling meets opposition on proposed handgun law

By Eddy McNeil

FOLLOWING A pattern established in other communities, opponents of handgun control legislation were out in force in Wheeling Monday as the village board met to consider the issue.

But Village President Sheila Schultz said the more than 200 persons who attended the meeting will not deter her from supporting a law to ban the sale, manufacture and repair of handguns in the village.

"I have sympathy and an understanding of their position," Schultz said. "Where we part company is that I don't see what has been proposed as any threat to the National Rifle Association."

MOST OF THOSE attending the meeting, a workshop session for the board to discuss issues informally, argued that

the village would be infringing on their constitutional rights by banning handgun sales. Handguns currently aren't sold anywhere in the village.

"We're not taking anything away or putting anybody out of business," Schultz said. "The concern on this particular ordinance is overweighted, I think."

Schultz said she proposed the legislation to head off what she sees as a potential problem. She also suggested that other communities ban the sale of handguns to deter gun shops from relocating in the area.

Schultz said the matter needs more discussion before it goes to a board vote. In particular, the board needs to discuss a proposal by board member John Cole that the matter be put to referendum to determine the feeling of the community, she said.

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**GUN CONTROL** opponents shoot wary looks at Wheeling Village Attorney David Epstein as he explains the village's proposed ordinance to ban the sale of most guns in the village. Several in the audience told Epstein he didn't know much about guns.

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# NRA jams Wheeling gun control hearing

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

Almost 200 people, most of them wearing yellow ribbons to symbolize their opposition to gun control, jammed the Wheeling Village Board meeting Monday night to speak out against a proposed ban on handgun sales in the village.

Speaker after speaker, many from neighboring towns, got up to tell trustees why gun sales should not be banned in Wheeling. The meeting was well attended by members of the National Rifle Association, who received mailgrams over the weekend urging

them to attend the meeting "and bring a friend."

Keith Finney, representing the Gun Owners Political Action Committee of Illinois, was also on hand to pass out yellow ribbons.

**AT ISSUE** was an ordinance proposed by Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz that will outlaw the sale, repair and manufacture of handguns and automatic weapons, but not rifles. Currently there is only one store in Wheeling that sells handgun kits.

Schultz has said she also wants to pursue an ban on handgun ownership, but Monday's discussion was confined to a ban on handgun sales.

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Gerald Thompson, a Buffalo Grove resident, said the proposed ordinance was "a sham and disgrace" both to Wheeling and surrounding towns. "This is a fair representation of the voters next November. We'll guarantee you have plenty of time on Monday evening to watch television," said Thompson.

Wheeling trustee John Cole agreed that the law would deny rights to residents. "This is a board of seven people, and we're being put in the position of

denying someone their rights. I will vote against it unless it's put out to referendum."

**THE AUDIENCE** applauded pro-gun remarks and booed when proponents of gun control spoke.

Buffalo Grove trustee Elliot Hartstein, who unsuccessfully pushed for handgun control in his town, made an emotional appeal to the Wheeling board.

Hartstein asked the board "not to be intimidated, frightened or conned into believing that people do not support some kind of meaningful handgun control."

"There's one purpose for a handgun, that is killing another human being. Only by acting, acting together, we stop or make a dent in the circulation of handguns in Illinois," Hartstein said.

No formal action was taken at today's meeting. Board members asked voters to be patient.

# Cop sues letter-writer for libel

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

A Wheeling policeman has filed a \$1.1 million libel suit against a resident who wrote a letter to village officials complaining that the officer was harassing his son.

In a suit filed in Cook County Circuit Court, Patrolman Thomas Lorenz claims that a letter written last December by Jack Nikolich, 370 S. Jeanne Terrace, is "false, malicious, wicked and illegal" and because of it Lorenz has "suffered in his business and private life."

Neither Lorenz nor Nikolich could be reached for comment Friday.

Nikolich's letter, addressed to Wheeling's acting Police Chief Bill Ralston, said Lorenz had "a personal vendetta" against his 19-year-old son Paul. For a 20-month period starting in April 1980, the letter chronicled several incidents between Lorenz and Paul Nikolich, including three traffic tickets that were later dismissed from court.

**NIKOLICH WROTE** that he "couldn't understand why Lorenz keeps writing tickets" for Paul and why his son had to keep appearing in court when the tickets were not for moving violations. Nikolich wrote that the fact that the tickets were dismissed "doesn't lessen the fact that we had to spend time sitting in court."

During the period Nikolich wrote of, his son moved to Washington state for 10 months because he "felt he was being hassled by Lorenz, who lives around the corner." When his son returned to Wheeling, Nikolich wrote, Lorenz asked him several times how long he would be in town, and last November told his son that he (Lorenz) "would like to see you out of town in 30 days."

Copies of the letter were also sent to Village President Sheila Schultz, Village Manager Thomas Markus, village trustees and members of the village fire and police commission.

Markus would not comment on whether the letter triggered an inter-

nal investigation. "I don't discuss personnel matters," Markus said.

**SCHULTZ SAID** she is sure the matter "was followed through and assumed the matter was resolved," and said she hoped the threat of a lawsuit would not keep other citizens from filing complaints. "I appreciate any citizen who is willing to take a stand and go through the proper channels," she said.

Nikolich wrote that at the time of one incident his son had gone to visit Schultz's son Dirk. Schultz said she had met the parents, but did not know the two youths were friends until after she received Nikolich's letter.

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# Price too high; part of land bought

After a Cook County Circuit Court judge set a higher price for two parcels of land than Wheeling officials planned to spend, the village has decided to buy the smaller of the two parcels for site improvements to the proposed senior citizens center.

The reduced land purchase will force the village to delay construction of a road that would provide access to the center from Milwaukee Avenue. The north-south stretch of the road, looping from First Street to the center, still will be built at the same time as the center. The smaller parcel has been targeted for construction of a detention lake that was part of the center's original plan.

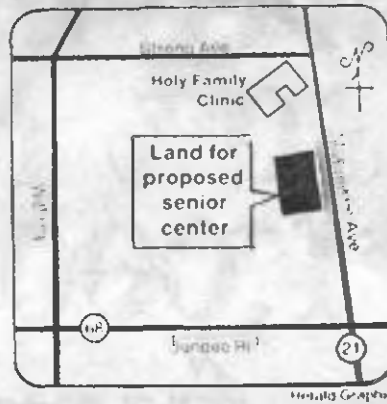
Last October village trustees sued to force the sale of the property after owner Lois Runeman rejected an offer of \$107,000. In January, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Arthur Dunne ruled that the land, slightly less than an acre running along Milwaukee Ave-

nue just south of Strong Street, is worth \$124,518.

Dunne also ruled that the village was "depreciating the value" of the land that would not be purchased in the deal and ordered Wheeling officials to pay Runeman \$31,000 in damages.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY** David Epstein said the village would pay \$27,200 for the smaller parcel. He also expects to file legal papers next week, asking Dunne to reduce the damage settlement but said the village will have to pick up some \$20,000 in legal costs incurred by Runeman's attorney during the condemnation proceedings.

Runeman's attorney Richard Redmond made an emotional appeal to board members to buy all the land they originally sought by reading a letter from Runeman, detailing her financial picture. "I'm not pleading a case for Arthur Rubloff, but for a nice lady," said Redmond. "I'm just asking that she be paid what the court said is



fair and just compensation."

Epstein said the board was trying to be fair, but the court-ordered value was "the final straw" and "much higher than the village could afford to pay."

Village officials are using federal grant money for the project and Ep-

stein said buying both parcels would force the village to use an additional \$30,000 from general funds, just to purchase the land. "They were not willing to make the commitment to take \$30,000 just to acquire the land, before they build the road," said Epstein.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the decision to buy less land was "unfortunate," but the board thought the deal was too expensive. Schultz said buying the smaller parcel would still allow for construction of part of the access road and the lake.

Epstein said village officials decided it was not worth the legal expense to appeal Dunne's ruling.

Late last summer the village board voted to spend \$269,000 for 3.6 acres of land near Strong and Milwaukee as the actual site of the center. Wheeling officials estimate construction on the project will start late this fall and take two years to complete.

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## Airport foes set endorsements

A group of Prospect Heights and Wheeling residents opposed to the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport by the two towns say they will endorse candidates in the District 54 and District 58 state legislature races.

Warren Sunde, vice-president of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, said CAAG is "trying to expand beyond the local situation" and "make the airport an issue." Sunde pointed to the more than 500 people who showed up at a public hearing on the airport issue last month as a measure of the group's political strength. "That last turnout will allow us to flex our political muscle."

The group already has interviewed several candidates, including Arlington Heights Trustee Edith Jolly, Palatine businessman Terry Leighty and Palatine Township Republican Committeeman Bernard Pedersen. All three are Republicans candidates running for the District 54 House seat. Another Republican candidate, Arlington Heights Trustee Julia Walsh, said she was scheduled to meet with the group Monday night.

**JOLLY SAID** she refused to take a stand on the airport's purchase until

she studied the issue further. "I can't just come out and support it when I have not studied it," said Jolly. "A lot will depend on the will of the local people."

Leighty said his "first impulse" is not to interfere with a local decision. "I used to be a village trustee and we didn't necessarily welcome outsiders, particularly politicians, to interfere in

village business," he said.

Pedersen said he's met with the group and is researching the issue, but said he hasn't made a decision about the airport purchase.

State Rep. Daniel Pierce, D-Highland Park, who is running unopposed in House District 58, said he has not been contacted by the group, but would be willing to meet with them.

## Foes of handgun ban take aim on Wheeling

By **JOAN FLEISCHER**

Should the sale of handguns be outlawed in Wheeling, or shouldn't it?

That is the issue that Wheeling board trustees had hoped to calmly discuss during Monday night's workshop meeting. Most workshop meetings draw little public attendance and nobody expected standing-room only in the board chambers.

Nearly 300 people crowded into the Village of Wheeling board meeting to voice their opposition to gun control. Nearly everyone of them wore a yellow ribbon on his or her lapel to symbolize support of the right to own a gun. Some even wore buttons saying "I love my handgun".

The National Rifle Association had sent out mailgrams over the weekend to local members urging them and a friend to attend Wheeling's meeting, a village trustee told other members of the board.

Village President Sheila Schultz last month proposed an ordinance that will outlaw the sale, repair and manufacture of handguns and automatic weapons, but not rifles.

There is only one store in Wheeling that currently sells handgun kits.

She said she would like at some later point for the board to consider banning handgun ownership, but Monday's discussion was restricted to the sale of firearms.

About 50 people addressed board members. The crowd applauded loudly with cheers when a pro-gun person spoke.

Boos greeted the few people who spoke in favor of gun control.

Gerald Thompson of Buffalo Grove, told members. "Your proposed legislation is a sham and disgrace. As employees of the village, you are not taking the residents into account. After the election next November, we will guarantee you will have plenty of time on Monday nights to watch TV."

Robert Disman of Mount Prospect, a member of the Morton Grove Legion Gun Club, said, "You're going to punish law-abiding citizens, the backbone of this country. Every citizen should have a weapon to protect himself from any tyranny taking over the country."

"It's the communists and leftists who are proposing gun control," said Disman.

Patty Diermont of Arlington Heights said, "Communities surrounding Wheeling do support some control of guns. There were 10,000 people killed last year. Handgun accidents are the fifth leading cause of death in children in this country."

"We don't want the banning of hobbyist's guns, just needless killings."

No formal action was taken at Monday's meeting.

Buffalo Grove trustees recently defeated a proposal to outlaw the sale of guns. Other neighboring villages, Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Palatine and Schaumburg have tabled similar proposals and officials there are taking a wait and see attitude.

**WHEELING CLUB.** Senior Citizens Club of Wheeling, which meets in Chamber Park Church on Wolf Road, will have its business meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 4, followed by a Candy craft demonstration. Cards will be played from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 11, 18 and 25. On Sunday, March 14, there will be an anniversary dinner for the club, at 1 p.m. at the Wheeling Ambulatory Clinic. March 20 will feature a trip to the Ice Capades, with dinner after the show. Members are also reminded that yearly dues are now due.

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# Proposed gun control draws opposition

Wheeling Life 2/25

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

WHEELING—Nearly 200 persons jammed into the Village Board meeting Monday, Feb. 22 to let the board know that they oppose any ordinance regulating gun sales in the village.

A majority of those in attendance wore yellow ribbons to signify their opposition to gun control. Many, but not all, of the ribbon-wearers said they were members of the National Rifle Association and had received mailgrams notifying them of the meeting and urging them to "bring two friends."

As proposed, the ordinance would have prohibited the manufacture, commercial sale and commercial repair of certain types of firearms in Wheeling. Village Attorney David Epstein said the ordinance would not ban the private sale of guns between individuals, but would "outlaw gun shops, per se."

He explained the ordinance was an

## BRIEFING

A PROPOSED ordinance that would regulate the sale of guns in Wheeling came under strong protest Monday, Feb. 22, when nearly 200 residents jammed the Wheeling Village Hall during a Village Board workshop meeting. The ordinance, if approved, would prohibit the manufacture, commercial sale and commercial repair of various types of firearms.

According to Village Attorney David Epstein, the Wheeling proposal is not like the one now in effect in Morton Grove.

Many of those persons who attended the meeting said they were members of the National Rifle Association and had attended the meeting at the urging of the NRA which sent its members Mailgrams to notify them of the meeting.

attempt to remove handguns, automatics and machine guns from stores.

Weapons that would not be subject to the ordinance would include pneumatic, spring and B B guns, flare guns and other safety devices, stud or riveting guns used in the construction business, antique guns and model rockets.

"This ordinance is not modeled on the Morton Grove ordinance," Epstein said. "It does not prohibit the possession of any weapons."

Trustee John Cole voiced two objections to the proposed ordinance. The first was to the provision that rifles over .3030 caliber should not be sold, and the second was to the limiting of

"a legitimate occupation."

Cole and others maintained that caliber should not be the criterion for limitations, since, small caliber guns can be quite powerful in many situations.

COLE SAID the board had put itself in the position of denying some people's rights. "The only way we can decide if it's good for the village of Wheeling is through a referendum," he added. "I won't vote for an ordinance unless it's put out for referendum."

Russell Green equated restriction of gun repairs with restriction of freedom of choice. "I think we should side with the most freedom of choice," he said.

Even though the proposed ordinance was a limited one, resident Oswald Pasugal said, "Eventually we are talking about total control of handguns. I'm afraid of that, so I want to make my opposition known."

His wife, Emilia, asked the board "not to punish me or any law-abiding housewife." She referred to a few women who had spoken in favor of the proposed ordinance and said, "I hope they'll never ever be faced with a situation where they wished they had (a gun)."

Buffalo Grove trustee Elliott Hartstein encouraged the board "not to be intimidated, frightened or conned into believing that people in this community do not support some kind of meaningful handgun control."

"There is one purpose for a handgun: that is the killing of another human being," he said. "Only by acting together can we stop the proliferation of handguns."

Hartstein said Buffalo Grove did not pass an ordinance regulating the sale or manufacture of handguns, but did notify Congress and the state legislature of the village's concerns. He urged

Wheeling to likewise make its position known.

Janet Cady, a representative of the Victims Family Committee of the Northwest Chapter of the Committee for Handgun Control said the committee would "support all control" because it was a "personal and emotional cause."

"If you have the opportunity to reduce the number of guns in circulation, do it," said Sally Kehe of Palatine.

But another woman, Lavelta Corrado, felt differently. "I've been a victim of violence. The police were not there to protect me and they could do nothing afterwards. This is a handgun control act. This is a wedge in the door. I don't feel the Wheeling Police Department can protect me. They have not shown me that."

ANOTHER RESIDENT, Rev. Wayne Gilbert, said the village was acting prematurely. "I think we're being sucked into a 'me-too-ism.' We're going a little too fast. We should let the courts decide the Morton Grove case first."

Although no formal action was taken at the meeting, board members were

pressed to say where they stood on the matter. Village President Sheila Schultz said she feels strongly that there should be gun control. "I am under no illusion that this ordinance or any proposed ordinance will stop a crime wave—real or imagined. But if this could save one suicidal teenager or one child from an accident with a gun, it would make it worthwhile to me."

"I have no intention to infringe on the rights of citizens," Schultz continued, "but rights are only rights when they do not infringe on others."

Cole warned that elected officials should not put themselves in a position of judging rights, but should leave that to the courts to decide.

Trustee Charles Kerr said he had not made a decision.

"I'm not convinced we have a gun control problem," Trustee James Goetch said. He said he would support a referendum "if and when we actually need a gun control ordinance."

Trustee Joseph Ratajczak, who said he favored neither "tonight's proposed ordinance" nor an ordinance governing possession, said he would be willing to support a referendum.

# Rangers admit being where deer died

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by Joe Sobczyk  
and Pat Doyle

Herald staff writers

Two Cook County Forest Preserve policemen implicated in the illegal killing of seven deer near Wheeling admit being in the Dam No. 1 Preserve when the animals were shot but deny hearing or seeing any shots, the acting forest preserve police chief said Monday.

One of the officers named as a suspect has resigned but denied the resignation was related to the investigation. The other officer involved was reassigned pending the outcome of state and county investigations.

The officers were "testing a high-

powered search light" on the orders of superiors about the same time residents of the area reported hearing gunshots, acting chief T.R. Lavenhagen said. The residents also reported seeing a four-wheel-drive vehicle similar to one that was driven by one of the forest preserve officers.

"There is no doubt they (the two officers) were there," Lavenhagen said.

EVIDENCE OF THE poaching was found Jan. 28. Residents of the area reported hearing gunfire late Jan. 28 and forest preserve officers told state investigators they saw two off-duty county officers at the site where the deer were killed. Another officer reported the killings to state conservation officials Feb. 9.

Patrolman Stanley Kubas, who quit the preserve police Monday, submitted his resignation after being ordered to take a lie detector test, Lavenhagen said. The other officer involved, Lt. Joseph Lacascio, submitted to the test and "passed portions of it," Lavenhagen said. He would not say which portions the officer failed.

Meanwhile, an Illinois Department of Conservation investigator said the state's probe into the poaching incident is "95 percent closed," and the information has been turned over to the Cook County state's attorney.

But Sgt. Roy Fitzsimmons admitted he is pessimistic about the outcome of the investigation.

"IT HAS NOT been good," he said of the information gathered during the past three weeks. "We have accumulated everything we possibly can with interviews (and) we have given all the information to the state's attorney. There really was very little physical evidence."

Elizabeth Schoettly, of the state's attorney's health division, said the investigation into the poaching is continuing. But she refused to comment on any possible grand jury investigation or whether charges will be filed.

Both Lacascio and Kubas have denied the allegations. Kubas' lawyer called the charges "wild accusations," and Lacascio dismissed the charges, saying, "I've got a lot of enemies."

# Parks point to need for tax hike

Countryside 2/25/82

By JOAN FLEISCHER

With summer just around the corner, Wheeling residents face another season without an outdoor pool as the old Chamber Park swimming pool remains unused since 1978. The health department ordered it closed to the public.

The Wheeling Park District wants to reopen the Chamber Park pool or construct a new one. That project and other park improvements hinge on the success of a referendum the park district will present to voters on the March 16 ballot.

The park district is proposing a \$5.3 million land acquisition and park development program to provide residents with an outdoor pool, a community recreation center, more neighborhood parks and improvements to all existing parks.

A referendum on the March 16 general primary election will ask voters in Wheeling if they want to spend some of their property tax dollars towards improving the Wheeling Park District.

The park development program would be accomplished over a 10 to 13 year period to minimize costs for taxpayers, said David F. Phillips, superintendent of parks and recreation for the Wheeling Park District.

If voters approve the property tax rate increase of 25 cents per \$100 equalized assessed value (EAV) proposed by the referendum, it will provide \$600,000 each year for the park district project, said Phillips.

"We want to keep costs minimal for property owners. We're not in the banking business, we don't need to have \$5 million dollars all at once. We're going to use a pay as we go approach," he said.

An example of how much an average homeowner can expect to pay towards improving the parks is as follows:

- if the equalized assessed value of the home is \$8,000 (a typical EVA for market value home of \$60,000) and property taxes now cost about \$675, then the .25 rate increase would cost \$20 a year.

"We want to be as candid as possible and present the program exactly as it is. It's for the betterment of the park district and will provide all parks with a uniformity of services provided," Phillips said.

The improvement program was designed with the help of a group of residents who assessed the needs of every village neighborhood. A standard advised by the National Recreation and Parks Association which calls for 2.5 acres of open space per 1000 residents was used in determining neighborhood needs.

The Friends of the Park Citizen Advisory Committee, comprising 18 residents, found two areas of Wheeling which were well below the national standard.

Zone one, an area bounded by Lake-Cook and McHenry Roads, would require seven additional acres of park land to be acquired. Zone six, bounded by Buffalo Grove and Hintz Roads (which includes Tahoe and Lake Villa complexes), would also require seven acres of park land to be acquired.

A community recreation center is also planned in the program. It calls for refurbishing the Jack London Jr. High School, which was recently closed.

Phillips, who has been with the Wheeling Park District since 1972, said this is not the first time residents have been asked to set aside funds for park improvements.

"Actually, it's the way we've managed to grow into what we are today. During the 1960s, there were a number of park district referendums. In 1977, we purchased the Children's Park and the Chevy Chase Country Club with \$3.7 million referendum which voters approved 4 to 1," he said.

Phillips said he encourages all residents with further questions to call his office at 537-2930.

## Hail to chief

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Political footballs are destined to be fumbled. Just consider, for example, what happened to the Wheeling Police Department after the retirement of Chief Horcher.

First came cronyism.

Chiefs were appointed, not because they had the right stuff but because they had the right buddies. The relationship between the police department and village hall wasn't just familial. It was incestuous. Two village managers' careers were foreshortened in the process.

Then came more cronyism.

Officers, too, were promoted because of who they knew. Dissension within the department started to grow.

Then came scandal.

In January, 1980, 11 officers brought suit against Village President William Hein charging that he and Chief Bracke had engaged in unfair promotion practices and doctored test scores. In March, a lieutenant placed the business end of a loaded revolver into the mouth of a suspect, a suspect whom, it was later determined, was simply minding his own business.

Yes, 1980 was something of a nadir for the Wheeling Police Department.

But then came a turnaround.

With a new regime ensconced in the village hall, an effort was made to de-politicize the police department. Recent developments indicate that the effort may have been successful.

Michael Haeger, Wheeling's new top cop, didn't get his job because of cronyism. He got it because of qualifications and hard work.

After graduating with a degree in sociology, Haeger first went to work for police departments in Leavenworth, Kansas and suburban Woodridge in DuPage County. While at Woodridge, he formed the Felony Investigation Assistance team which is made up of officers from five neighboring communities and which once put the collar on a homicide suspect in just 16 hours.

His credentials are impressive.

So, we'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Chief Haeger to the community. We're pleased to see that the board saw fit to hire a seasoned professional.

Now that Haeger has the ball, let's see him run with it.

## City, village OK fire pact

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Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials have approved a contract that will guarantee Prospect Heights residents adequate fire protection when Wheeling withdraws from the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District.

Officials from both towns now want fire district officials to approve the agreement and will present the document to Cook County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Schneider Thursday when Wheeling officials go to court to withdraw from the fire district.

Under the agreement Wheeling will provide fire protection and ambulance services to Prospect Heights residents "no less than equal" to the level of service being given to Wheeling residents.

That cost of providing the protection will be spread out over the assessed value of the portion of Prospect Heights that remains in the fire district to determine how much residents must be taxed to pay Wheeling.

FOR AS LONG as the city remains in the district the maximum property tax rate that can be levied to pay for fire protection is 60 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. If it costs Wheeling more to protect areas under contract, the village will have to absorb those costs. But if Prospect Heights withdraws from the district, there will be no legal ceiling on the tax rate that residents can be charged to pay Wheeling for the fire protection service.

In either case, Wheeling Village Attorney David Epstein said it was unlikely Wheeling would incur such high costs, since no major capital expenditures are planned for the fire department.

Both towns had been at an impasse over the best way to solve the "inequities" in the cost and quality of fire protection in their towns.

Wheeling has planned to withdraw from the fire district for six years to force about 2,000 residents and several businesses in the "old town" area to pay the same taxes as other village residents.

THE VILLAGE has maintained a municipal department for many years, with about half of the village's \$1.3 million fire protection budget coming from village property taxes. The balance comes from taxes levied by the fire protection district. But the boundaries of the district, formed 30 years ago, do not include the old town area, and those residents have escaped paying the fire district tax, which is levied in the rest of Wheeling.

The agreement does not include a termination date. Officials from the district or either town could terminate the agreement with proper notice. But Epstein said the agreement also provides that Wheeling can halt fire protection to any area after the village is not paid for the protection for one year. This will allow Wheeling officials to give adequate notice to the area that is not paying.



# Sidewalk law, fund on agenda

An ordinance requiring sidewalks on both sides of every street in Wheeling and establishing a fund to help pay for installing sidewalks will be considered tonight by the Wheeling village board.

Currently, developers are required to install sidewalks when they build in the village. The law, if approved, would require developers to deposit in a special fund the cost of installing a sidewalk in the future if a walk is not needed at the time of construction. The money will then be used to pay for a sidewalk elsewhere in the village, or at the construction site at a later date.

Village officials say the plan will help eliminate isolated sidewalk sections that do not connect to other walkways. This will also prevent the construction of sidewalks where there is no pedestrian traffic.

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

FORMER WHEELING Township assessor Frennd Yonkers will be in Cook County Circuit Court Tuesday for a hearing on a suit he filed against the township demanding some \$16,000 in back pay and benefits he says township officials owe him.

Yonkers was removed from office last spring by a newly elected township board that said the previous board did not have the authority to appoint Yonkers as assessor. Since then, however, new legislation gave the board appointive powers, and in October, former deputy assessor Dolores Stephan was appointed to the post.

Circuit Court Judge James C. Murray refused to rule on a request by township officials that the court determine who is the legal assessor of the township, saying township officials can raise the question when Yonker's suit is heard.

The hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Chicago courtroom of Cook

County Circuit Court Judge Brian B. Duff.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM the Countryside Association for the Handicapped, Glenkirk Association for the Retarded, the Salvation Army and the Northwest Opportunity Center, social service agencies that serve Wheeling Township residents, will attend Tuesday's township board meeting to ask trustees for funds to help finance their programs for the upcoming year.

Last year Countryside received \$20,000 from the township. The Salvation Army Family Community Counseling Center received \$58,000 and NOC, \$9,283, with the grants coming from federal revenue sharing money. Glenkirk is one of four agencies that this year approached the township for funds for the first time.

This year the township expects to receive almost \$488,500 in revenue sharing funds.

Each agency that requests funds is required to appear before the board, explain its request and tell the board which other funding sources it has asked for money.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

THE HIGH SCHOOL Dist. 214 Board of Education's school closing committee will meet today to resume discussions on coping with declining enrollment.

The committee meets at 7:30 p.m. at the administration office, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

# Wheeling lets gun ban die

Wheeling village trustees have decided to let a proposed ban on handgun sales die. It is the sixth such local gun control motion to fail in the Northwest suburbs since last summer.

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz had proposed a law making it illegal to make or sell a handgun or large-caliber rifle in the village and had planned to follow up with a proposal for an outright ban on the possession of handguns.

A hearing on the subject last week attracted a crowd of almost 200 people, many of them members of the National Rifle Association. When Schultz asked the village board to act Monday night, none of the six trustees would

offer a motion to vote on the proposal, and no one would even second Trustee James Goetsch's motion to table the matter.

Wheeling was the sixth town to confront the gun control issue, but gun control advocates have yet to win a clear-cut victory. Buffalo Grove trustees narrowly defeated a proposal to outlaw the sales of guns and ammunition and similiar proposals have been tabled in Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Palatine and Schaumburg, where local officials have chosen to wait until the U.S. Supreme Court rules whether local governments can enact gun control legislation.

THE MATTER will only be re-

opened in Wheeling if Schultz or two trustees ask that the law be put on a future agenda, which seems unlikely.

"I found no objection to bringing it up, but in light of the board's comments on some technicalities, it's a waste of time to send the ordinance back, if in fact the issue doesn't see any hope in passing," said Schultz. "If silence implies consent and if they could not support a ban on sales, then they obviously couldn't support a ban on possession."

Trustee Charles Kerr, who had once talked about a referendum on gun control, said he did not make that proposal because "I think the majority of the board is against doing anything, and I didn't want to make a fool of myself."

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# Parks capital needs referendum March 16<sup>3/4</sup>

An issue important to all Wheeling residents is coming up soon in a March 16 referendum. Maybe you've heard bits and pieces, or read articles about the future of your village's parks. Maybe a representative has spoken at some community meeting you attended recently. The following is a brief synopsis of just what is going on that may help you to make a decision as to your stand on the issue, or just help make you aware of the situation.

Last year, a community organization was formed called Friends of the Park. This is a citizens advisory committee made up of various Wheeling residents and representatives. The Friends of the Park committee developed a capital needs assessment for the Wheeling Park District Board of Commissioners, identifying five major areas of our town's park and recreational needs. They are:

- Land acquisition. It was determined that four neighborhood zones were not being served adequately by neighborhood parks and playlots.
- Park development. The following items were some of the minimum standards that the Friends of the Park committee felt our parks should provide: better parking areas for easy and safe access to parks, security lighting at all parks, restroom shelters, more and better playground equipment, more picnic tables and park benches available, and fitness trails. (This is a partial listing.)
- Community outdoor pool. Including a wading pool, diving boards, shallow and deep water slides, and a large sun deck.
- Community recreation center. A center to provide: gymnasium, pre-school facilities, exercise/fitness, multi-purpose community rooms, theater, dance room, teen center, and more. There is a possibility of leasing and/or acquiring Jack London Junior High School for these purposes. (This was recently closed as a public school.)
- Trails/paths. Walking paths and bicycle trails.

What these suggestions would mean to you as a resident would be approximately \$2.50 per month, or \$30 per year for the average home (with a market value of \$75,000 to \$80,000). This is a three percent increase in the overall taxes you pay. These taxes would be paid starting 18 to 19 months from the referendum date (September or October 1983). Projects would begin when the first funds came in.

You will have the opportunity to vote for or against the referendum on March 16. Voting locations will be announced. For absentee voting information, or any other information on details of the referendum, you may call Superintendent Dave Phillips at 537-2930.

## Seniors' meeting set

THE WHEELING Senior Citizens Commission will hold its second information meeting concerning Senior Activity Center Programming and Furnishings at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, in the Community Room of the Holy Family Hospital Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong Ave.

Seniors will discuss what activities they want to be involved in so staff can determine what furniture will be required to meet these needs. Representatives from the Wheeling Park District and the village's planning staff will lead the discussion.

Immediately following the meeting, JoAnn Ross will do blood pressure screening.

For information, call Julie Woods, senior citizens coordinator, 459-2620.

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# Board defers gun control plan

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By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

WHEELING—Handgun control is not likely to be brought up for consideration by the Wheeling Village Board in the near future. All seven board members—some willingly and some reluctantly—agreed Monday, Mar. 1 to drop the issue for the time being.

The question of what to do with the proposed draft ordinance discussed at the board's Feb. 22 workshop was raised by Village Manager Tom Markus. As proposed, the ordinance would have prohibited the manufacture, commercial sale and commercial repair of certain types of firearms in Wheeling.

Markus practically begged the board to let him know whether to bring back a revised version of the ordinance for a future agenda or to hold off on taking any action.

A motion by Trustee James Goetch to suspend further gun control legislation pending the outcome of court challenges to the Morton Grove ordinance died for lack of a second.

Referring to the large number of non-residents in attendance at the workshop meeting, Trustee Charles Kerr said, "I don't see how anyone on this board learned anything about what the citizens of Wheeling wanted. The NRA is not reasonable or rational. They're all one-sided. They don't give a damn."

Kerr said he would support a referendum to determine how the citizens feel, but "would not feel comfortable going into an ordinance at this time."

Although Trustee Joseph Ratajczak said the gun control issue should be put into ordinance form so it could be voted upon by the board "one way or the other," he added that he "personally would not want to pursue it further."

In response to Goetch, Village Attorney David Epstein said, "The ordinance wasn't even similar to the Morton Grove ordinance. To some extent, while there is some overlap, even if the Morton Grove decision goes (to the Supreme Court), the issues will be different."

Epstein's suggestion that the village staff prepare a list of all of the board's possible options on the matter, including no action at all, also was turned down.

Ordinarily, the Village Manager is responsible for placing items on the agenda, but Markus said he preferred in this instance to wait for any of the trustees or a group of trustees or the village president to bring the issue back to the board if they desired to do so.

Village President Sheila Schultz, an advocate of gun control, said she was bitterly disappointed in the outcome of the board's decision on the subject. "I regret leaving the meeting without knowing any more than I did last week about where the individual board members stand," she said.

"I would hope each trustee would take it upon himself to look into the matter more thoroughly," she went on. "I don't believe there's any point in wasting the attorney and staff's time" revising the ordinance. "If silence implies consent, then I can only presume they (the six trustees) all agree to let it die. If they won't support a ban on

the sale of handguns, they obviously won't support a ban on possession." In other action, the Village Board unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the village to enter into an agreement with the city of Prospect Heights and the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District concerning fire and paramedic service.

If approved by the other two parties and if Wheeling is allowed in court to disconnect from the township fire protection district, residents now living in areas of the village which are also part of the district will not have to pay a double tax for fire protection, as they are now doing.

Under the proposed contract, Wheel-

ing would agree to continue providing fire and ambulance protection to the district and Prospect Heights residents and would be paid for those services by the district and the city.

A meeting and possible signing of the document was scheduled for March 3, with a court date for the disconnection to be held Thursday, March 4.



NEW WHEELING POLICE CHIEF Mike Haeger (standing) confers with the department's three lieutenants (from left to right) Ronald Nelson, Ted Bracke

and Billy Ralston. Haeger started with the department on Feb. 25. He was appointed chief following a four-month search by the village. (Photo by Steve Donisch)



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# Police name suspect in Wheeling murder

WHEELING POLICE have issued a warrant for the arrest of a man they believe killed Walter Graf, an electrician with School District 21.

Graf was found slain on Sunday, Jan. 24.

The man police are seeking is 37-year-old Joseph Donati, 37, whose last known address was 4526 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago. Donati is currently being held by federal authorities in Springfield, Mo., on charges unrelated to the Graf slaying.

Investigators for the Wheeling Police Department worked with several other agencies in their investigation including the U.S. Treasury Department, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Northwestern Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG) and the Chicago Police Department.

Michael Haeger, Wheeling Police Chief, credits the break in the case to efforts of the investigation department. "It's a unique case because of the elements that make it unique," Haeger said. "The officers spent a lot of time with it and I'm very proud of their efforts."

Donati is being held in Missouri

where tests are being done to see if he is capable enough to stand trial for two federal indictments against him. One indictment has four counts charging Donati violated federal firearms laws while the other indictment charges that Donati sent threatening communications through the mail. He allegedly threatened the Holiday Inn in Memphis and, authorities say, sent a letter threatening WMAQ-TV news anchor Linda Yu.

# Double fire tax to end for Wheeling residents

By DEBBIE L. WALLACE  
Correspondent

The Village Board unanimously approved a revised contract for fire protection and emergency ambulance service between Wheeling, the Wheeling Township Rural Fire Protection District and Prospect Heights.

The Fire Protection District and the city of Prospect Heights are expected to approve the contract this week. Village Attorney David Epstein said the three parties met in a court session to iron out a previous contract approved by the Village Board March 1. He said the fire protection cooperation will "maintain the same service in the areas but will eliminate double taxation for Wheeling residents."

Prospect Heights requested an additional condition in the contract to assure they can withdraw from the newly formed fire protection agreement and provide their own uniform service, Epstein said. Prospect Heights is currently serviced by three other fire protection districts due to overlapping boundaries.

The Wheeling Township Rural Fire Protection District said it would agree to the Prospect Heights terms if "they pull out of the agreement for a legitimate reason such as setting up their own fire department," Epstein said. Prospect Heights asked that they be given a transition period of three years between the time of leaving the fire protection district and setting up their own department, Epstein added.

The Village Board also heard two

financial requests from local social service agency's. Directors of Omni-House, a youth service bureau with three local offices, the central one in Wheeling, is losing federal funds and requested an additional \$6,000 from last year's budget.

Executive Director Harry Wells said they will be losing \$34,000 in federal funds for 1982-83. They are requesting \$43,000 from the village of Wheeling.

Wells added that without additional support the reduction in federal funds would result in less support for the serious juvenile offender project, drug treatment program, child abuse project and most preventive programs.

A social work supervisor for Shelter

Inc, an agency that provides round-the-clock emergency housing for children and adolescents in Wheeling requested \$3,500 from the board.

Warren Simon said over the past seven years they have provided emergency housing to 50 Wheeling children. Shelter Inc. provides emergency foster care for infants and younger children, as well as a group home for adolescent boys.

He said the shelter is requesting the same financial support from the 17 municipalities it serves.

The village board will hold a budget workshop March 27. These and other financial requests will be considered at that time.

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# Happy 17th anniversary to senior citizen's club

Happy anniversary to you senior citizens of Wheeling! The Wheeling Senior Citizen's Club is 17 years old this year and they're celebrating with a dinner on Sunday, March 14. The club's anniversary meal will be held at 1 p.m. at the Wheeling Ambulatory Clinic, which is located at Milwaukee and Strong avenues. The Wheeling Senior Citizen's Club is open to all resident senior citizens in Wheeling. They are an active organization for persons 55 years and older who would like to meet with and enjoy the company of other persons their age. The club holds meetings on the first Thursday of every month at Chamber Park Church. Chamber Church is at 251 N. Wolf. (It's just north of the intersection of Wolf and Dundee, on the east side of the street by the old outdoor swimming pool.)

There are open gatherings of the club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and the cost for Wheeling residents is only \$4 per year. Along with their regular meetings, the Wheeling seniors have a variety of special events and trips planned throughout the year. The next outing will be March 20, when the seniors take a trip to the Chicago Stadium to see the Ice Capades. The show is at 11 a.m.; the bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. from Chamber Park. There will also be dinner after the show. If you're over 55, and are interested in joining the Wheeling Senior Citizens' group, call 459-2600 or 537-2222 to get more information on how to go about it.

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# Village cleared to leave fire district

After seven years, a Cook County Circuit Court judge Thursday approved Wheeling's withdrawal from the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District.

The disconnection, approved by Judge Joseph Schneider, means that all residents and businesses will pay the same taxes for fire protection next year. "The village has been actively attempting this since 1975, and so we're very happy it's over," Wheeling Finance Director Greg Peters said.

"We are taking care of an inequity that has been here for a long time."

Although Wheeling has its own municipal fire department, most of the village also was in the fire district and those residents were taxed by both bodies. But about 2,000 residents and several businesses in the "old town" section of the village were not in the district and escaped paying the fire district taxes. The fire district does not operate any firefighting equipment and contracts with the village of Wheeling for protection.

OFFICIALS FROM the fire district, Wheeling and Prospect Heights were all in favor of the move. Under the agreement, Wheeling will continue to provide fire protection to that part of Prospect Heights in the district with fire protection. The cost will be spread out over the assessed value of that portion of the city that remains in the fire district to determine how much residents must be taxed to pay Wheeling.

"We have to make sure our people in the Wheeling fire district continue to get good service," Prospect Heights

City Administrator Steve Sturgell said. "As long as we stay in the fire district we'll be covered by the Wheeling department and our service will remain the same."

Under the agreement ordered by Schneider, the district would waive its right to object if Prospect Heights wanted to leave the district after March of 1985.

Prospect Heights is in four fire districts and Sturgell said eventually the city may want to consolidate fire protection.



JULIA WALSH

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Selected decisions from the village board meetings of Feb. 1 and Feb. 16					
To allow the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry to maintain an office in the village hall. (Passed 6-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To increase the water rates from 90 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$1.90 by June 1. (Passed 6-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To pay \$27,200 for one parcel of land on Milwaukee Avenue for the proposed senior citizens center. (Passed 4-0).	Absent	YES	YES	Absent	YES	YES

# Don't buy airport: Walsh

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

Citing possible "negative financial, noise and safety implications," Julia Walsh, a Republican candidate for state representative in District 54, is opposing a proposal that Wheeling and Prospect Heights buy Pal-Waukee Airport.

Walsh's three opponents in the District 54 race say they will not take a stand on the issue because the decision to buy Pal-Waukee must first be made by local officials.

Walsh has received the endorsement of the Citizens Airport Activity Group (CAAG), an organization of Prospect Heights and Wheeling residents opposing the airport purchase. She said the group pledged to work for her campaign. "This is an issue in District 54 and I see this as being responsive to the citizens' concerns," she said.

WALSH SAID IN "difficult economic times" with proposed cuts in social services and education that "this is not the time to be funding a public airport." She also expressed concern over increased flight loads, safety risk and noise in surrounding communities.

Warren Sunde, vice-president of CAAG, said the group endorsed Walsh because she is "the most concerned with expenditures" and "the best candidate. The whole group feels that it's time to watch the way our tax dollars are being spent, and she's the most cognizant of this."

The group first launched into politics last spring, endorsing Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz and her slate of trustee candidates. Sunde said the more than 500 people who attended a public hearing on the airport's purchase in January showed the group's political muscle and said CAAG wants to "make the airport an issue."

Since 1978 Prospect Heights and Wheeling have been studying the airport purchase. A consultant has said it will cost \$53 million to buy the facility and upgrade it to meet federal aviation standards. The federal government is expected to pay between 80 and 90 percent of the cost, with the state and local government splitting the balance.

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WHEELING TRUSTEES tonight will consider spending up to \$32,000 to hire a firm to evaluate the condition of pavement on village streets.

The village staff is recommending that the firm of Novak, Dempsey and Associates be hired to check the streets so village officials can determine how much money must be spent in the future to repair and maintain the streets.

The program was originally planned over a three-year period, but the village staff recommended changing the evaluation so it will be done in one year. This will allow officials to look at the whole village street system when determining where money should be spent and concentrate the funds where they're needed the most.

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

TRUSTEES ALSO WILL discuss tonight whether to spend up to \$1,100 to join the Northwest Municipal Cable Conference.

Membership in the group is open to all municipalities in the conference and would be a forum for promoting cable television, local programming and interconnection between different cable systems. Funds for the membership would be covered by revenues from cable franchise fees.

WHETHER TO SUBMIT village financial reports to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs for a free analysis of the financial "viability" of Wheeling also will be discussed tonight.

Under a new program called "Local Government Financial Health Program," local communities can submit their five most recent financial reports. The reports will be analyzed for several factors, including financial trends, which may help village officials in planning spending.

TWO WHEELING RESIDENTS are expected to be appointed to the village board of health tonight.

Village President Sheila Schultz has nominated Mary Ellen Westrich and Susan Castle to fill two vacancies on the board. As village president, Schultz has the power to appoint residents to commission vacancies with the approval of the village board.

# Borrowing for lake water to commence

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials tonight will begin the formal process of borrowing \$13 million to pay for part of the pipeline being built to carry Lake Michigan water to the Northwest suburbs.

Bids for the loan, which will cover Wheeling's 1982, \$4.082-million payment to the Northwest Water Commission and some \$6 million in improvements to the village's internal water system, will be opened and awarded or rejected by village trustees on April 19.

Last year the village borrowed \$1.165 million at 8.7 percent interest to finance the first payments on the \$68.5 million pipeline. Wheeling is a member of the Northwest Water Commission that is planning to build the 23-mile pipe from the Evanston water plant to the suburbs to carry lake water. Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine are also members.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said this year's money probably will be borrowed at a 12 percent interest rate. Since interest rates have risen, the commission is asking the individual villages to borrow the money, because

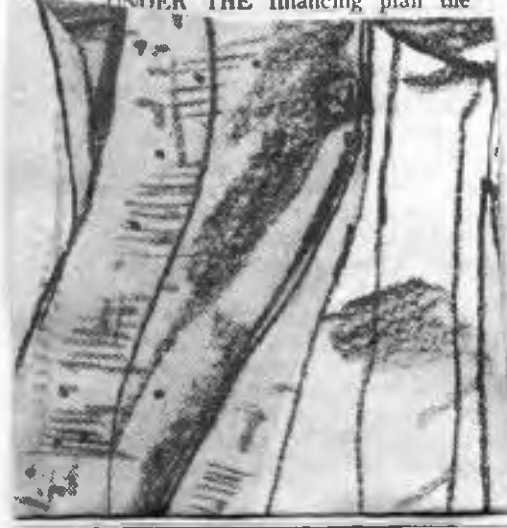
state law limits the amount of in the commission can pay on borrowed money. To do that Wheeling trustees tonight also must approve a plan that will remove the 9 percent ceiling on the interest rates at which village officials can borrow money.

MARKUS SAID HE will recommend that the loan be repaid entirely with property taxes. This means that village water rates will remain at \$1 per 1,000 gallons of water used, but the average village property tax bill will increase \$64 to \$149 a year in 1983. A resident with a home assessed at \$12,000 currently pays \$85 a year in property taxes.

Property taxes can be deducted from federal income taxes.

Aside from the pipeline expenses, \$6 million will be used to finance improvements to Wheeling's system that are necessary to prepare it to accept lake water. The proposed improvements include almost 50,000 feet of new water mains; two 2.5 million gallon storage reservoirs, two elevated storage tanks and several pump stations.

The board will meet to discuss water issue at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.





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# Two 10-year employees recall the village

by Donna Duncan  
Herald correspondent

Fire Dept. Lt. Robert Hoos can remember the days when the Wheeling department used a station wagon owned by a local funeral director as its ambulance.

"Up until 1973, the fire department made ambulance runs with a station wagon, which was owned by the former Wheeling Funeral Home owner, Mr. Ronald Potter," Hoos said. "It only consisted of basic first aid equipment. We could only give people minimal care and drive them to the hospital as fast as we could."

The police department later obtained a Pontiac ambulance, "which looked like an old Cadillac," he said, and a couple years later the fire department bought its own ambulance and then embarked on a paramedic program.

Hoos is one of several employees recently honored for 10 or more years of service to the village and his recollections reflect just how far the fire department has come in that time.

HOOS, 37, SAID THE department improved itself dramatically with the addition of the paramedic training program and two fire stations.

"When I first came on the job, there was only on-the-job training. The department also had volunteers to help. It's going to continue to get more and more sophisticated," he said.

Hoos said that the relationship between the community and the fire department has improved, with the addition of the paramedic program.

"It used to be that fire service was in the background. People didn't know us until their

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Tim Hillyer



Bob Hoos

## Wheeling Briefs

### Fire district residents get tax break

By SHERRY BOEMMEL

More than half of the \$1.2 million 1981 tax levy for the Wheeling Township Rural Fire Protection District was abated Monday by the village board.

The abatement of \$700,000 was made possible by a circuit court ruling March 11 which allowed the village to withdraw for the district.

The portion of Wheeling which was served by the district and also paid fees to the Wheeling Fire Department to provide service, will have lower 1982 tax bills.

The village fire department will provide service to residents in the district who were previously served by the district.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters estimated the 1981 tax bill will be \$30 per \$10,000 equalized assessed evaluation. The 1982 bill, due in 1983, will

not include district funding.

In effect, Peters said, the residents of the district had been paying twice for fire protection, once to the district and again to the village through taxes.

He said the village has been working on the issue since 1965.

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Two former volunteers for the board of health were sworn in Monday as regular members of the board commissions.

Mary Ellen Westich, 363 Maureen Drive, will fill the vacancy left by Frances Hoos, whose term expires June 1982.

Susan M. Castle, 622 Bridgeport Place, will fill the unexpired term of Arnie Miller to June 1983.

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The village board raised the interest limit imposed by 1980 ordinance so that \$1.3

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million in general obligation bonds could be sold for the Lake Michigan water project.

Markus said the ordinance would have limited the interest the village could offer to 11.5 percent or less while market rate was about 12 percent.

Markus said Buffalo Grove had sold \$8.5 million in bonds at 12.04 per cent.

Wheeling's sale is scheduled for April 19. The issue, which will first be felt in 1982 property tax bills, includes a \$4 million payment to the Northwest Water Commission.

That will be the village's share and first payment for the construction of the water pipeline from Evanston.

Internal village improvements will cost \$6 million.

# Village cuts tax levy \$700,000

Wheeling trustees have abated \$700,000 from the 1981 village tax levy, reducing it to \$1.96 million. The levy still is up about 18 percent from last year's levy of \$1.6 million.

The village has been trying to withdraw from the Wheeling Rural Fire District and initially levied the \$700,000 to help finance the village fire department when the disconnection was completed. That's the amount

normally provided to the village from taxes levied by the fire district.

Since Wheeling was in the district through 1981, residents will pay taxes to the fire protection district for one more year, thus eliminating the village's need for the \$700,000.

Wheeling has planned to withdraw from the fire district for six years to force about 2,000 residents and several businesses in the "old town" area to

pay the same property taxes as other village residents.

Wheeling has maintained a municipal fire department for many years with half the \$1.3 million operational costs coming from village property taxes and half from fire district taxes. But the boundaries of the district, formed 30 years ago, do not include the old town area, and those residents escaped paying fire district taxes, which

are levied throughout the rest of Wheeling.

On March 11, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Schneider granted Wheeling's disconnection. Because the village remained in the district through 1981, village residents will pay taxes to the district for one more year. That forced Wheeling officials to abate their levy.

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# Two 10-year employees recall the village

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house was on fire. Today, with the paramedic program, we have better visibility and better public relations."

"IT HAS BEEN fortunate in Wheeling because the paramedic program is volunteer. There always has been enough interest in it to keep it well-staffed. This gives us better quality," he said. For example, "In most suburbs,

you have to be a firefighter before becoming a paramedic.

Police Officer Tim Hillyer, 41, another 10-year employee, has worked as a youth officer for the past five years and a patrolman for six.

He called his Wheeling tour of duty has been filled with "interesting" experiences.

One of the experiences came several years ago when Hillyer stopped a man for speeding

on Dundee Road. He followed the driver and finally stopped him at K-Mart parking lot.

"I asked the man why he was driving so fast and the man answered, 'Because I wanted to blow the snow off my car.'"

Hillyer said he ended up giving him a ticket. "I NEVER HEARD THAT one before," said Hillyer.

Looking back over the past decade, Hillyer

said that in 1971 there was still a problem of anti-police feelings, which were probably left over from the 60's. But things have changed.

"Police were caught up in the middle and thought of as the bad guys," he said. "Now we are being treated, in a general way, with more respect," he said.

Better training and increased standards also have had an effect on the police department.

For lake water

# Wheeling OKs rate change

By JUNE STEWART  
Correspondent

Getting Lake Michigan water for Wheeling is a step closer.

The Wheeling Village Board removed the interest rate limitations on the general obligation bond issue scheduled to go on sale April 19. The Board also entered into an agreement with the Northwest Water Commission, to pick up the village share of the costs of bringing Lake Michigan water to the Northwest suburbs.

With fluctuating "high interest" rates and general obligation bond rates at "no consistent relationship to the prime rate," but "higher than usual" the \$13 million bond issue could have been in trouble without repeal of a previously passed ordinance limiting the amount of interest the village could pay.

"We don't want to restrict the sale of the long-term bonds," Village Manager, Thomas Markus told the board at

its regular March 15 meeting.

He called it "foolish" to specify an amount of interest now and then come back later and change it.

"I would like to see a limitation later," said Trustee Roger Powers. "Having the interest rate wide open could be dangerous—except in this case," he added.

The village accepted its obligation to pick up its share of the costs incurred by the Northwest Water Commission to obtain Lake Michigan water by repealing a previous ordinance and amending the water supply contract with the commission. Originally the contract called for revenue bonds issued by the commission to finance the project. In addition, the village agreed to waive the commission's responsibility to repay advanced funds of \$995,240, Wheeling's share. In the intergovernmental agreement, Wheeling's share of development and construction costs are \$8,683,217.

Recommending the intergovernmental agreement in the situation where multiple jurisdiction is encountered, Village Attorney, David Epstein explained that the agreement is a contract—"which will lock all communities into the joint venture."

"Each community will issue separ-

ate government obligation bonds instead of revenue bonds," Markus said.

The sluggish economy was blamed for the changes in the water supply contract. Bonds will go to the highest bidder, and bids of less than \$12,805,000 are unacceptable.

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# Ceiling on costs of borrowing lifted

The ceiling on the interest rate at which Wheeling can borrow money was removed this week to allow officials to borrow money to finance Wheeling's share of the Lake Michigan water pipeline, the village board decided.

By law, village officials could not borrow money for more than 9 percent interest, or 70 percent of prime — the interest rate at which banks loan money to their best corporate customers. That set an 11.5 percent ceiling on the interest rate.

But village officials estimate Wheeling will have to pay at least 12 percent interest on \$13 million that will be borrowed next month. The money will be used to pay Wheeling's share of a \$68 million pipeline to Evanston to bring lake water to the Northwest suburbs and for \$6 million in improvements to the village's own internal water system.

Trustee Roger Powers said he originally pushed for a limit on the interest level, and while he favored removing it for this loan, he wanted it restored after the village borrowed the money. "Leaving it wide open would be very dangerous," said Powers.

## Senior center work scaled down

Wheeling trustees have decided to spend not more than \$2,500 to revise the plans for site improvements to the proposed senior citizens center.

Gewalt-Hamilton and Associates, the firm originally selected to supervise the construction, will be hired to alter the plans.

The plans are being revised because village officials decided to buy less property than first planned, after a Cook County Circuit Court judge set a higher price on the land than officials planned to pay. The change will force the village to delay construction of a road that would provide access to the center from Milwaukee Avenue, but there still will be a road from the center to First Street.

Wheeling officials originally planned to purchase slightly less than one acre near the corner of Strong Street and Milwaukee for construction of the access road and a drainage lake. But when a Cook County Circuit Court Judge Arthur Dunne set the value of the land at \$124,518 and ordered the village to pay \$31,000 in damages to the owner, Wheeling officials voted to buy about one-fifth of the acre for \$27,200.

## Pavement evaluation firm hired

Wheeling trustees will spend \$32,000 to hire a firm to evaluate the condition of pavement on village streets.

The Palatine firm of Novak, Dempsey and Associates will perform various tests on the streets throughout the village so Wheeling officials can determine how much money must be spent in the future to repair and maintain the streets. The analysis is for the next 10 years.

The program was originally planned to take three years, but the village staff recommended changing the evaluation so it would be done in one year. This would allow officials to look at the whole village street system when determining where money should be spent and concentrate the funds where they're needed the most.

## Village financial health checkup set

Financial reports prepared by Wheeling officials will be submitted to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs for a free analysis of the financial health of the village.

Village trustees this week voted to submit the reports under a new program called "Local Government Financial Health Program." Under the plan, local communities can submit their five most recent financial reports. The reports will be analyzed for several factors, including financial trends, which may help officials in planning spending.

## The week ahead Herald 3/22

# Trustees to discuss video game law

Wheeling trustees tonight will discuss changes to the village's video game law.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Village Manager Thomas Markus is proposing an increase in the license fees from \$25 a year to \$40. The \$25 fee was adopted in 1976 and Markus said the increase will cover the increased costs of inspection and license review. In 1981 the village issued 31 licenses and collected \$775 in license fees.

Current village ordinance prohibits pinball machines, but allows businesses to have as many as four video games.

Markus did not make major changes to the law, as village officials say they have not had any problems or complaints about the current ordinance.

AN UPDATE ON the village board's plan to hold workshop meetings at different sites throughout the village will also be discussed at tonight's meeting.

Earlier this year the board expressed interest in taking workshop meetings to meeting rooms at multi-family developments, schools, churches and other areas where the public might feel more comfortable talking with village officials. Letters were sent out to various groups asking about accommodations, with the village receiving several replies.

Now the village staff is proposing that the board hold the meetings in each of Wheeling's neighborhoods to give all residents a chance to participate. The staff is also proposing that the traveling meetings begin in May and June, at local Dist. 21 schools, and that summer meetings be held at different multi-family complexes.

THE HIGH SCHOOL Dist. 214 Board of Education today will discuss a proposal to restore 15 of 32 teaching positions that were cut last January and hire eight athletic trainers, one for each high school.

The school board adopted a staffing plan in January which called for eliminating 32 teaching positions, decreasing the number of Dist. 214 teachers from 692 to 660. Board members said in January that if additional teachers or employees were needed, principals could make requests.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. at the administration center, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

# Government-community activities slated

"Dialogue with Government," a week-long program to help communication between village officials and residents and to encourage citizen participation in local government, begins today in Wheeling.

Activities this week include a series of speeches at local schools by Village President Sheila Schultz. On Tuesday and Thursday selected students from Wheeling High School, Holmes Jr. High and St. Joseph the Worker will assume the responsibility of village adminis-

trators and employees, observing the government work first hand.

The week will culminate on Sunday with Schultz delivering a "President's Report to the Village" at 3 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Village trustees and administrators also will be on hand to answer questions.

The activities are the project of Wheeling's municipal relations commission, with the help of officials from Wheeling High School, Wheeling Township Dist. 21 and St. Joseph the Worker. The village participated in a simi-

lar project several years ago and officials say they hope the week can become an annual event.

The week's schedule of events is:

• Monday: Schultz will address students from Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst Road, at 10:30 a.m. and students from Holmes, 221 S. Wolf Road, at 1:30 p.m.

• Tuesday: Twelve students from Wheeling High School will spend from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the village hall, assigned to work with various village staff members.

• Wednesday: Schultz will address students at St. Joseph the Worker, 171 W. Dundee Road.

• Thursday: Fifteen students from Holmes and St. Joseph the Worker schools will work from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the village hall.

• Sunday: Schultz will deliver her "President's Report to the Village" at 3 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Village trustees and administrators will be on hand to answer questions.

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# Condo conversion law considered

Guidelines governing the conversion of Wheeling apartment buildings to condominiums will be discussed tonight by village trustees.

Wheeling law covers the construction of new condominiums but does not specify regulations for conversions. Almost two years ago village officials discussed adopting conversion controls but did not act on the proposal, pending the outcome of a bill in the state legislature.

Village President Sheila Schultz said concern over the lack of such legislation, combined with the increasing costs of maintenance that might cause building owners to covert their property to condominiums, has prompted village officials to reconsider the guidelines.

Under current state law a building owner can sell apartments as soon as his intent is legally recorded. Tenants do not have to be informed of the sale, do not have to be given first right to buy their apartment, and often are obligated to their lease, though the building will be sold.

**WHEELING'S PROPOSAL** will require 180 days written notice to elderly, handicapped or large family tenants and 120 days written notice to all other tenants. The guidelines also require that the village be given the same notice, that all tenants have the first chance to buy their apartments and a tenant be able to break a lease with 30 days notice.

The guidelines would also require that all converted condominiums conform to the same village codes as do

new developments, that the owner pay for an engineering report to analyze the existing conditions and that he place a percentage of the money made from sale of the units in escrow to be used if repairs are not made.

The proposal also would require the building owner to provide prospective buyers with an estimate of maintenance costs, fees and an estimate of property taxes on the first year.

Currently there are 38 multi-family developments in the Wheeling with 6,425 units, housing about 40 percent of the village's 23,000 residents. About 4,600 people rent their housing. According to a survey done by the village's community development department, most of those units are "basically sound," although many maintenance problems were found, including rusted

gutters, chipped paint, missing shingles, broken trim and shutters, and deteriorating brick mortar. Deteriorating sidewalks, driveways, parking lots and damaged light poles and fences also commonly were found and many of the complexes.

By converting these buildings to condominiums, the developer transfers the responsibility for the repairs and maintenance to the owners of the units. Schultz said village officials are interested in establishing guidelines to prevent these conversions before the work is done.

The guidelines will be discussed, but no action taken at tonight's meeting. The board will meet with representatives of the community development department at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

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## Roll call of communities reveals that some units have faded away

### Civic events <sup>Countryside Reminder 3/25</sup>

**BLOOD DRIVE.** The Wheeling Community Blood Drive will be held April 7 from 2:30 to 8 p.m. at the Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd. To schedule an appointment call the village hall at 459-2600 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Walk-ins will also be accepted.

**CIVILIAN** patrol groups such as Pipeline, Stop, Alert and Coper popped up around the northwest suburbs during the citizens' band radio fever of a few years ago, aiming to help local police hold down crime rates.

But many of the groups have fallen by the wayside in the last several years, victims of rising gasoline prices, poor management, police hostility and a lack of

interest, among other problems.

The Park Ridge Citizens Patrol has prospered with strong police and community support, but its experience isn't typical. A survey of several other northwest suburbs that had similar groups turned up the following:

**DES PLAINES:** A group in Des Plaines disbanded after internal squabbles over who was in charge, inconsistency in filling out weekly reports and hurt feelings of some members when they were asked to leave some crime scenes, Sgt. Bob Neil said. The department held a meeting Feb. 18 to launch a new civilian patrol, but no one

showed up, crime prevention officer John Engeriser said. "I was shocked. I expected to get some."

**HOFFMAN ESTATES:** Civilians have patrolled school property in auxiliary police uniforms for six years, helping reduce vandalism, said Dick Monaghan, the group's head.

**MT. PROSPECT:** Police Chief Ron Pavlock put the group on inactive status in the fall. He was concerned about liability and the amount of staff time needed to work with the program, he said.

**ROSEMONT:** A group that was formed in 1976 worked well, but most of its mem-

bers joined the auxiliary police unit when it was launched a couple of years ago, said Joe Peterson, a police spokesman.

**STREAMWOOD:** Police Chief Howard Cornell said he had the group suspend operations about a year ago because he couldn't see that it was having any impact. "If it [a drop in crime] can't be shown, if it can't be proved, it doesn't exist," he said.

**WHEELING:** The group stopped operating about a year ago because of rising gasoline prices. "They started to get squeamish using their cars free of charge, and the village didn't have the money to pay them," Sgt. Jack Kimsey said.

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## Rhodes named village attorney; replaces firm

Des Plaines attorney James A. Rhodes has been hired as Wheeling's new village attorney.

Rhodes, 31, has worked as an assistant state's attorney in DuPage County and as an associate in the Des Plaines law firm of Samelson, Knickerbocker and Schirott. Village Manager Thomas Markus said Rhodes was chosen because of his "strong background in local government," including work as counsel to the DuPage County Board and Evanston, Elmhurst, Schaumburg and Waukegan.

Rhodes will be paid \$32,000 as village attorney. He replaces the Chicago law firm of Jann, Carroll, Sain & Dolan, which receives a \$43,000 yearly retainer fee for legal services. During the 1981 fiscal year the village paid an additional \$33,850 to other firms for legal work not done by Jann, Carroll, Sain & Dolan.

**LAST FALL,** VILLAGE officials decided to hire a full-time attorney and an outside law firm to handle the village's prosecuting duties. Officials dis-

cussed the move a year ago but were prompted to re-examine the proposal when Village Attorney David Epstein told village trustees that his firm's retainer would have to increase to \$70,000 and another firm would have to handle prosecutions, for the village to continue to receive the same legal services they currently get.

At that time Markus said that hiring a staff attorney would not significantly decrease the village's legal costs but could prove to be more efficient since the staff could have daily contact with the attorney. In the meantime, the firm was retained through March for \$3,841 a month. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said no decision has been made on whether the firm will be retained as a "senior adviser" while Rhodes becomes familiar with Wheeling's legal work.

Late last year village officials hired Northbrook attorney Steven J. Handler as prosecutor and agreed to pay him \$650 a month. Rhodes took over his new legal duties Monday.

## Village board postpones on-the-road workshops

Concerned that summer meetings will have a light turnout of residents, Wheeling officials have decided to postpone until fall plans to take the village board workshop meetings on the road.

Earlier this year the village board decided to hold the workshops at various locations in the community, rather than always meeting at village hall.

Twice each month the village board holds workshops to discuss proposed laws and other village business. Trustees can take no formal action, but the meetings serve as a chance for members to have in-depth discussions and hear explanations of various issues.

By taking these sessions into the

community, including multi-family housing sites and schools, village officials hope that residents will feel more comfortable approaching the board and participating in local government.

Letters to various groups asking about accommodations have been mailed, and the village has received several positive replies to the plan. The village staff is proposing that the board meet in each of Wheeling's neighborhoods to give all residents a chance to participate.

The staff has also proposed that some of the meetings, especially in single-family neighborhoods, be at Wheeling Township Dist. 21 schools.

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# Apartments may change to condos

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By DEBBIE L. WALLACE  
Correspondent

WHEELING — One-fifth of the 4,060 Wheeling residents who rent their apartments could be forced to either buy their units or look for housing somewhere else according to a Community Development Department report.

Condominium conversion guidelines were presented to the village board by the department at a workshop meeting Monday, March 22. If adopted, these guidelines would protect tenants from being kicked out or having property sold out from under them according to Village Board President Sheila H. Schultz.

The board first considered condominium conversion guidelines in May 1980 but delayed action due to a pending state conversion law. The state has not passed conversion guidelines or laws to date.

THE 21 ORDINANCE provisions recommended to the board by Village Planner Richard Greenwood were presented to ensure that residents are not put through the severe hardship of displacement and are given some

opportunity to purchase or relocate. These guidelines include:

- Requiring the condominium converter to give prompt written notice of intent to convert to all tenants 180 days prior to the first offering for sale.

- Requiring that the tenant be given the first opportunity to purchase his own unit by making a written offer to the owner before the end of the 180 days.

- All converted condominiums must conform to the same zoning, subdivision, building code requirements.

- The owners must furnish the village with a list of tenants names and addresses so the village can inform tenants of their rights.

- If the tenant's lease is scheduled to terminate prior to the recording of the intent to convert the building, he can extend his lease at the same rent and term up to the date of the declaration.

ABOUT 4,060 Wheeling residents rent their apartments and 5,580 live in condominiums. About 2/5 or 40 percent of the village's population live in multi-family housing. According to the Community Development Department report, the number of people renting now and in the future represents those who could be subject to conversion of their rental unit to a condominium.

A survey of multi-family housing conditions in the village revealed one building is critically deficient, the rest were rated as "basically sound" or "minor deficient." The most common faulty conditions found were: rusted gutters, chipped paints, missing shin-

gles, broken shutters and trim, deteriorating brick and mortar, and sinking porches. The report added that the level of deterioration will not become serious if these properties are promptly repaired.

IN OTHER business the village discussed increasing the license fee for "coin operated amusement devices." The present fee for each proprietor is \$25, per year for each device. The suggested increase is to \$40, "to cover the additional inspection and review costs which have increased since the fee was set in 1976," according to Village Manager Thomas Markus.

The license for these video-games is non-transferable and is usable only at the place and by the person designated in the license. The number of devices on the premises will remain limited to one game per 1,000 square feet up to four games total.

Markus said he gets a lot of calls about opening up game rooms or arcades in town and said, "This type of ordinance was first passed to limit the number of machines in each establishment. He added by not allowing a number of machines in one place, we eliminate the problems that go along with having a major concentration of players in one place."

Shultz said she gets complaints from parents who "wish the games were not around and wish their children were not spending their lunch money on them." but adds there are few complaints surrounding hang-out "because four-per-place eliminates th"

## Golf course neighbor questions plan

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling resident, afraid development of a nearby golf course may do more harm than good, is rallying neighbors to tonight's plan commission meeting to find out what's going on.

Nancy Lambert, of 122 Berkshire in Hollywood Ridge, said she'll go door-to-door to bring people out. She's concerned that the planned development will aggravate traffic problems on congested Dundee Road.

Lambert, whose home backs up to the golf course, also said she fears the planned condominium project is too high in density.

"WE KNOW IT will be developed, but it must be done correctly," said Lambert, a member of Wheeling's youth commission. "I think people should be out to let the developer know that we aren't dumb."

The plan meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Lambert said she will notify other Hollywood Ridge residents of the meeting and urge them to attend. She also said she is trying to obtain traffic figures for Dundee Road to present to the commission, to illustrate what she says is an already high volume of traffic on the road.

Officials from the Lexington Development Corp. are scheduled to meet with plan commission members for a preliminary explanation of their plans to build 1,200 condominiums on the site.

The 130-acre golf course has operated near the intersection of Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads since the 1920s. In recent years the Taggart family has planned to sell the course, saying rising property taxes are making the operation unprofitable. Four years ago 5.5 acres along Dundee Road were sold to a Skokie developer who is planning to build 126 condominiums there.

NO DEAL TO sell the land has been made, but Dean Taggart said his family is negotiating a sale with Lexington officials. Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus confirmed that the company has "indicated an interest in developing and annexing the property to Wheeling."

Lexington's plans for the property include the construction of two- and four-story condominium buildings on 124.5 acres with six acres for unspecified "commercial development." The company has not made any formal application to Wheeling for annexation or development permits.

## Suburban 'Walk With Israel' Scheduled For Sunday, May 2

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The whole family's invited to join in the Northwest Suburban Walk With Israel, Sunday, May 2.

The Walk With Israel will be routed thruout Buffalo Grove, Arlington Hts., Wheeling and Long Grove beginning at 8 a.m. from the Northwest Suburban Jewish Community Center, 3316 N. Schoenbeck in Wheeling. Last year's event raised more than \$16,000 to provide humanitarian programs thru the Jewish United Fund - Israel Emergency Fund. Now in its second year in the Northwest suburbs, the outlook for the 1982 Walk is even brighter, with over 1500 people expected to participate. There will also be a special Mini-Walk, leaving the JCC at 10 a.m. and going for 3 miles thru Arlington Hts.

Walk Chairman Steve Lehtman of Buffalo Grove announced plan-

for the May event. The theme for this year's Walk will be 'One Hundred Years of Modern Jewish Settlement', commemorating the contemporary era of the development of Israel", said Lehtman. "As we now celebrate 34 years of Israeli Statehood, we feel it is important to salute our forefathers whose efforts helped the dream of a homeland become a reality". Lehtman will be assisted by Teen Chairman Jay Jaffee of Arlington Hts., a student at Buffalo Grove High School.

Walk cards and information will be available at area synagogues and thru Jewish organizations. Adult volunteers are also being sought to serve in a variety of support activities. Further information is available from the Northwest Suburban JCC, 537-

7090.

All Participants turning in funds by June 18 will have their names entered in a special Walk drawing. Among the prizes to be given away are 2 round trip tickets to Israel, a trip to Milwaukee to serve as a batboy (or batgirl) at a Chicago White Sox game, Chicago White Sox tickets and baseball bats.

Ten other Walk events will be held thruout Chicago area on May 2. Prior Walks have raised over a million dollars, including \$250,000 raised by more than 5,000 walkers in 1981. Walk With Israel is coordinated by the Chicago Jewish Youth Council in cooperation with the Young Leadership Division, Jewish United Fund, and the Northwest Suburban JCC.

# Village budget plan boosts taxes

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Higher taxes and an increase in the cost of vehicle stickers are being proposed by Wheeling officials to boost revenue and pay for the 1982-83 budget of \$8.86 million, up 10.6 percent from last year.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said the increases in the budget, which carries a \$33,000 deficit, are due mainly to salary increases and capital improvements for the village water system. He said no new programs are planned in the coming year.

Peters estimated the new budget will increase the village tax rate by 10 cents to 81 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation.

A village resident with a house assessed at \$12,000 currently pays about \$85 in property taxes. The hike will raise that bill to \$97.

Peters said tax bills will increase in April when the village borrows \$13 million to pay for part of the Lake Michigan water pipeline and improvements to Wheeling's internal water system.

The village has also disconnected itself from the Wheeling Rural Fire Pro-

tection District, and for the first time in 30 years, will have to levy property taxes to pay the operating cost of the village fire department. But residents' increased taxes for the fire department will be offset by no longer paying taxes to the fire district.

The proposed budget includes a projected \$8.827 million in revenues, up 7 percent from this year's expected revenues of \$8.23. Peters said the extra \$590,000 will come from the higher tax rate.

Major sources of the \$8.827 million revenue include more than \$2 million in property tax collections, \$1.9 million in sales and state income taxes and almost \$2 million in water sales.

Earlier this year, village officials doubled the water rate from 90 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$1.90. The increase was necessary to help finance the lake water pipeline and cover the increased costs of operating the system.

Village officials are also proposing a \$5 increase in the cost of village vehicle stickers, which currently cost \$10. The increase will generate about \$75,000 and compensate for funds lost when Wheeling Township officials abated their entire 1981 highway levy.

In past years, the township has levied money for highway repairs and given a portion of the collection to the villages and cities in the township. Those payments will cease this year.

Peters said the \$1.5 million surplus the village has will be used to balance the budget.

The proposed budget covers seven fewer employees than last year's budget, and Peters said no new hirings are planned. Two positions in the fire department, two in community development, one in operations and maintenance and three in the police department are vacated and remain unfilled.

Peters said village officials are

working with a "modified attrition program," and that each additional opening will be "carefully evaluated" before any replacements are hired.

No new employee raises are included in the proposed budget, but it reflects raises granted last year. The raises include a 9 percent increase for police as a result of a two-year contract agreed upon in 1980. Clerical and professional supervisors were granted between 5 and 7 percent raises; non-supervisory workers in the operations and maintenance department received 6 percent raises.

Major proposed expenditures are \$69,000 for street maintenance, including a \$34,000 pavement analysis program carried over from last year's budget, \$10,000 for pavement markings and \$25,000 for snow and ice control.

Almost \$170,000 will be spent on storm sewer extensions in several areas of the village, improvements to the Wolf Road ditch between Highland Avenue and Manchester Drive and correction of the drainage problems at Lakeside Villas. An additional \$350,000 will be spent on the engineering study of the village's internal water system, started this year by Alvord, Burdick and Howson.

Wheeling will also receive \$266,000 in federal revenue sharing funds, spending \$100,000 to refurbish fire department equipment and \$63,000 on seven new cars for the police department. An additional \$44,000 will be spent on improvements to the municipal building, including moving the marquee sign so it will conform with the village sign ordinance.

The village board will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, to discuss the proposed budget. Final approval of the document could come on April 6.

## 30 hear plans to build condos over golf course

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Voicing concerns that a proposed condominium development on the Arlington Country Club Golf Course would mean overcrowding and traffic jams, nearly 30 people turned out at the Wheeling Plan Commission meeting Thursday night to hear a presentation on the project.

Lawrence Freedman, attorney for the Lexington Development Corp., said the company has a contract to buy the 13-acre course has operated near the intersection of Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads since the 1920s.

In recent years the Taggart family, course owners since 1950, has planned to sell it, saying rising property taxes make the operation unprofitable.

FREEDMAN SAID the company wants to annex the property to Wheeling and use the land for both residential and commercial development.

Lexington representative Peter Keeney said the company plans to develop an "active adult community" on the site geared toward residents over 50 years old. The development would be enclosed, and it would have private roads and a security system.

Plans for the development include the construction of 1,200 condominiums in two- and four-story buildings.

Also in the plan are the construction of two outdoor pools and recreation centers including a main center equipped with an indoor pool.

Architect John Nelson said the company also proposed to enlarge and reshape a retention lake in the center of the property. Some 17 acres of wooded land near the northeast corner of the golf course would be left as open space.

Company officials are also proposing some type of commercial or office development on six acres along Dundee Road, just east of Buffalo Grove Road. Freedman said no specific plans have been made.

SEVERAL RESIDENTS feared the development would further congest Dundee Road. But traffic engineer Donald O'Hara assured residents that state plans to direct traffic off Dundee would alleviate the problem.

Freedman told several Berkshire Drive residents whose homes border the property that a heavy line of trees and a fence along the east side of the property would remain. He said there would be a 50-foot buffer strip between the homes and the condos.

Keeney would not say when construction would start or how long the project would take.

## Village garners annual financial report award

Wheeling officials received an award from the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States for their annual financial report covering the 1980-81 fiscal year.

The "certificate of conformance" is the highest honor given by the association in the area of municipal finance.

The award is given to villages that publish an "easily readable and efficiently organized" annual financial report. The reports also must satisfy "generally accepted" accounting and legal requirements.

This is the first time Wheeling submitted a financial report for the award.

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## Saves girl, dog on pond

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# Rescuer braves thin ice

By JOAN FLEISCHER

A heroic feat by a 33-year-old salesman helped save the life of a 17-year-old Wheeling woman and her dog Sunday after they both fell through the ice in a lake behind the man's home.

Kathy Howe, 17, of 239 W. Manchester Drive, Wheeling, and her year-old Labrador retriever, Midnight, were running in Heritage Park, a block from her home, shortly after 3 p.m. last Sunday afternoon. She promised her mother they would be home by 3:30 p.m.

Midnight spotted some ducks along the water's edge and ran right across the ice-covered lake in pursuit of them.

The dog, who weighs about 70 lbs., fell through the ice. Kathy ran to her dog after the dog failed to get out of the ice hole. She, too, fell through the ice.

Michael J. Gervais, 33, of 234 W. Jeffery Ave., Wheeling, dashed out of his home within seconds of his wife calling to him from the kitchen window that a young girl was drowning in the lake.

The Gervais' back window overlooks the lake at Heritage Park. Gail Gervais was fiddling in the kitchen, she said, when she saw the large, black dog dart across the ice-covered lake chasing some ducks.

"I kept watching because I suspected that the dog would fall through the ice. It did. And then the girl ran to her dog and fell into the ice herself.

"I yelled to my husband, 'Oh, Mike, you have to go out there and save that girl. She's going to drown.'"

Mike Gervais said he didn't have time to think. "I don't know what came over me. I ran to the garage, grabbed some rope and ran out to the lake.

"I ran around the shore because I wanted to throw the rope to her without having to get into water myself. But the rope was too short. I started wading in. At

first I felt the shock of freezing cold water around my legs, but then I didn't feel the cold anymore. I only imagined how cold and weak she was becoming.

"I knew there was a drop off in the lake, with some areas as deep as 12 feet. I didn't want to fall in, but before I realized it, I was waist high in the water. I kept edging closer to her so I could throw the rope right to her."

Meanwhile, Gail Gervais had already notified the Wheeling Fire and Police departments. They responded to the scene almost immediately because the park is directly behind the stations.

Paramedics rushed out to where Gervais was and threw him a life preserver to throw to Kathy.

Each time Kathy attempted to rise above the ice, Midnight tried to free herself by pushing down on Kathy. The dog got out.

Kathy grabbed the life preserver and put it over her head, as Gervais and two paramedics heaved her out and across the lake.

She was rushed into a waiting ambulance which took her to Holy Family Hospital. She was released later that evening after being examined and treated for exposure and minor cuts.

In the ambulance, Kathy kept asking if Midnight and the man who tried to save her were all right. Paramedics assured her that both were just fine.

Lt. Richard Wydra, a diver master with the Wheeling Fire Department, said, "Gervais took a pretty big risk, what he did was super, but it was dangerous and easily could have been another drowning victim for us to rescue."

Wydra warned parents that with spring thaw upon us, ponds and lakes are very dangerous for pets and children to be walking on.



# Election complaint filed against trustee

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Two campaign workers for Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz have filed a complaint with the state board of elections against a village trustee, charging that he violated election laws when he was campaign manager for former president William Hein.

Robert Gerhold, Schultz's campaign treasurer, and Mary Ellen Westrich, campaign chairman, are charging that Trustee Roger Powers failed to file

campaign disclosure reports during the 1979 village elections, and that the forms filed in the 1981 campaign were late and did not adequately document contributions or expenses.

A closed hearing with representatives from both sides and a hearing officer from the board of elections is scheduled for Thursday.

Powers would not comment on the complaints. "We'll wait and see after we go down there for a hearing. There's no problem with it at all. I have 42 pages of documentation,"

Powers said.

GERHOLD SAID the 1981 reports showed "a good many inaccuracies" and "didn't document expenses we know they made," including a press party held at a Wheeling restaurant in January 1981 and the printing of signs posted throughout the village during the campaign.

"We noticed a whole bunch of things that were not reported," Gerhold said. "There were inaccuracies on their own contributions. It's obvious they weren't reported fairly."

After Thursday's closed hearing, Gerhold said the hearing officer will have to decide whether the complaint is valid, and if it is, schedule an open hearing on the question. Failure to comply with state campaign finance disclosure laws can result in fines up to \$1,000 and jail sentences, he said.

"It's the idea that they were not in compliance. It's a violation of the law," said Gerhold.

HEIN, WHO WAS first elected president in 1978, and Schultz, a former

trustee, are long-time political rivals. After a bitter campaign marked by charges of conflict of interest on both sides, Schultz defeated Hein last spring in his bid for re-election. Disclosure reports filed last July revealed that Hein outspent Schultz by over \$3,000 in his unsuccessful campaign. The reports show that Hein's Pro Wheeling Party spent \$4,937. Schultz spent \$1,574 on the campaign.

Powers was the only member of

Hein's slate to win his election bid.

Schultz said she was aware that the complaints would be filed, but did not ask for or prompt the filing. "Bob is so conscientious to follow both the letter and the spirit of the law, and I think it is his frustration that someone else didn't even bother to follow it," said Schultz. "If there has been a violation of state law and someone who is aware of it filed a complaint, I can support that."

## Wheeling rejects hike in sticker fee

by Anna Madrzyk

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees Saturday rejected a proposal to raise the village vehicle sticker fee from \$10 to \$15, saying they were worried about the impact on recession-weary residents already hit with a steep increase in water rates.

At a seven-hour workshop on the proposed 1982-83 budget, the trustees decided instead to tap the village's \$1.2 million surplus to cover a projected deficit in the road and bridge fund resulting from Wheeling Township's abatement of the entire 1981 highway levy.

Trustee Charles Kerr said it would be like "throwing salt in the wound" to

raise the sticker fee when water rates are set to double. "If there's any other way we can handle it without assessing another tax, we should do it," he said.

WHEELING IS RAISING water rates to pay for its share of constructing a pipeline to Evanston for Lake Michigan water.

Trustees said they would consider an increase in the cost of vehicle stickers for recreational vehicles, which currently cost \$5, and in the penalties charged residents who are late in displaying the new stickers.

Village staff proposed the \$5 increase in the vehicle sticker fee as a means to generate \$75,000 to make up for funds lost by the township's abatement of the highway levy. In past years, Wheeling Township has levied

money for highway repairs and given a portion of the collection to the villages and cities in the township.

Finance Director Gregory Peters estimated the abatement will result in a reduction in the tax rate of approximately 5 cents per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation.

THE VILLAGE OF Wheeling has the power to levy for road repairs, but the tax money wouldn't be available until next year. In the meantime, even with the proposed sticker increase, village officials were projecting a \$55,000 deficit in the road and bridge fund.

At the workshop, trustees cut several items from the proposed \$8.8 million budget, which is slated for adoption on April 6. Among the expendi-

tures they vetoed were \$14,000 for communication equipment for the fire department and \$6,000 for welcome signs to the village. Trustees also decided to cut \$4,000 from the police department's request for training funds and agreed to postpone several expenditures, including \$11,500 in sidewalk improvements.

But they approved no deep cuts in the budget, which is up 10 percent from last year, although several trustees argued the level of spending is too high for these recessionary times.

"I think the staff, all the people employed here, have to bite the bullet and it's sure as hell not reflected in this budget," Kerr said. "I'd like to see, as soon as we can, to freeze salaries in this village."

## Wheeling names attorney

WHEELING—Village Manager Thomas Markus has announced the appointment of James A. Rhodes as the new village attorney effective March 22, at a \$32,000 yearly salary.

A Palatine resident, Rhodes, 31, currently is in private practice. He pre-

viously worked in the office of the DuPage County state's attorney serving as senior assistant state's attorney in the civil division and has worked as an associate in the law firm of Samelson, Knickerbocker and Schirott in Des Plaines.

Markus said Rhodes was hired be-

cause of his strong background in local government. As senior attorney for DuPage County, Rhodes served as counsel to the County Board and major county departments. While with the law firm, his clients included the municipalities of Evanston, Waukegan, Elmhurst and Schaumburg.

## Village to study streets

By JUNE STEWART  
Correspondent

AT A COST of almost \$1,000 a mile, the village of Wheeling will find out which streets need repair.

The Village Board approved Monday, March 15, the \$32,000 comprehensive pavement evaluation program. Originally, the study was planned for three

phases; however, at Village Manager Thomas Markus' recommendation, it will be completed in one phase.

The study will suggest the best way to use the \$900,000 in funds, using tests such as chemical soil-and-pavement analyses.

Novak, Dempsey and Associates, the firm commissioned for the study, describes itself as the only pavement man-

agement and consulting firm in Illinois approved to do this type of study. The firm has done more than 100,000 test sections in the United States and Canada.

The board noted the village may not have sufficient funds in the street-and-bridge fund and may find it necessary to borrow funds to carry out the study's recommendations.





# Wheeling Twp. cuts road fund 46%; lowers taxes

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by Elida Witthoef  
*Herald staff writer*

Wheeling Township officials have adopted a 1982-83 road budget of \$171,400, down 46 percent from last year's budget of \$318,000.

Highway Commissioner Tom Gillis said he spent only about \$158,000 to run the department last year and this year expects to keep operations at the same level. Gillis attributed the decrease to a "shift in emphasis" from paying salaries to department employees to hiring outside contractors to handle the road work. Other large reductions came in the areas of machinery repairs and insurance payments for department workers.

The final budget is up \$21,000 from

Gillis' initial proposal. He said the additional money will be used to try to solve "serious flooding problems" on Jackson Drive and Fernandez Avenue and in the Dunlow subdivision. All three areas are unincorporated, and Gillis said that melting snow and spring rains cause water to stand and back up in yards, sometimes seeping into the homes.

GILLIS SAID HE currently is meeting with officials from Cook County and the Metropolitan Sanitary District to discuss possible solutions.

Township taxpayers will not pay property taxes for the newly adopted budget. Earlier, the township board abated the entire highway department tax levy for fiscal 1981-82, and Gillis

said he will not levy property taxes next year, but instead will use surplus funds from previous years to finance the department's operations. As a result of surplus cash, interest from investments and equipment sales, the department registered a \$326,500 surplus at the end of January.

The abatement means that a township resident with a house assessed at \$19,000 will save \$13.68 on next year's property tax bill. The current township road and bridge tax rate is 7.2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

LAST YEAR MANPOWER in the highway department was cut by two full-time workers, and Gillis cut his own salary from \$20,000 to \$3,000. When the department's workload

dropped off, he cut the deputy commissioner's salary from \$15,000 to \$12,000. Those workforce reductions, coupled with the sale of road equipment and the rental of half the township garage to Prospect Heights, dropped insurance costs from last year's \$30,000 budgeted figure to \$8,000 this year. Machinery repairs will drop from \$20,000 to \$4,000.

Proposed increases in spending include \$100 in the publishing fund and \$600 in legal fees to pay for increased legal work when Gillis contracts road work to outside agencies. Snow plowing has already been contracted to Buffalo Grove, Prospect Heights and Wheeling and two private plowing firms.

Been fighting fires since 1934

# Whenever sirens blew, Scanlon to the rescue

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Rushing into burning buildings to rescue people was all in a day's work for Walter Scanlon of Wheeling.

Since 1934, he would run out from his house when the sirens blew and never know if he would ever again see his wife and eight children.

As a volunteer fireman with the Wheeling Fire Department, 79-year-old Scanlon officially resigned yesterday after being on call for the past 48 years.

Scanlon has the heart and courage of a true firefighter. "Sure, I used to run out that door when the sirens blew. I didn't like leaving my family in the middle of the night, or in the midst of a bad storm. I might never see them again, but the same things were true for every other fireman who responded," he said.

Last Monday, the Wheeling Fire Department hosted a party in honor of Scanlon and awarded him a gold-plated fireman's badge and a plaque which reads, "In appreciation for 48 years of unselfish dedicated service to citizens of Wheeling."

Sitting in the small, neat living room of the home he built with the help of family and friends in the 1930s, Scanlon said, "I haven't operated on a fire truck in six years, when Chief Bernie Koeppen asked me to step down because of my age. He said people wouldn't like seeing an old man climbing a ladder. They assigned me as radiator dispatcher."

The radio scanner monitoring fire calls still sits in the Scanlon living room. "I asked them if I could still keep it a while longer. Listen, there's my call now," he said as a fire call from station two was being broadcast. "Nothing serious," he said after interpreting the fire codes.

In 1924, when he was 21, Scanlon took the exam to be a fireman in Evanston. "I was rejected because in the physical exam they found my arches to be off two

degrees. They told me I was flat-footed and wouldn't be able to climb ladders too good.

Scanlon was born and raised in Evanston. He was one of six children and lost his mother at an early age. He was forced to quit school after the fifth grade to help support the family. His father was a milkman and young Scanlon helped drive the delivery wagon, back in days of horse and buggy.

"I've worked as a cleanup boy, a delivery boy, a meat cutter and a whole assortment of part-time jobs to help make ends meet when I was raising my own family.

"My wife Irene, she stayed home and raised eight children. She was a good mother. She was strict and brought them up right," he said.

Their eldest son, Ted, served as police magistrate and mayor of Wheeling during the 1960s. The others also settled in the Wheeling area and helped produce 25 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. The pictures of each and everyone help adorn the walls of the Scanlon home.

Scanlon had moved to Wheeling with his young bride in 1929. "Wheeling was just a wild prairie then. Mostly all farms. We rented a big house on Milwaukee Avenue with an acre of land for \$25 a month.

"Course, I worked as a meat cutter in Glencoe for about \$15 a week. There were a lot of millionaires living up there then, but then the depression came and a lot of them lost their money just like the poor. I had some money in the bank, about \$6,000, wasn't it Irene?" he said asking his wife.

"No, Walt. We never had that kind of money. It was more like \$600," said Irene Scanlon.

"Anyway, we couldn't ever get to that money because the bank closed down just like the rest of them. I lost my job as a

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Walter Scanlon, proudly attired as volunteer fireman, retired yesterday from that position after 48 years service with the Wheeling Fire Department. (Staff photo by Nancy Stone)

## Fireman—

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meat cutter. I did any work that I could. I was selling ground beef for about 15 cents a pound," he said.

"I started as a volunteer fireman soon after that. Course, in the beginning, we didn't get paid. It was community duty. When the sirens sounded, barbers, judges, plumbers, meat cutters and farmers would all join to fight the fire.

"I kept up with my fireman's work not because of any glory, just dedication, I guess. It's a hazardous job. As a fireman, you can't help but come across death. You just do your best to help people out," Scanlon said.

In 48 years of service, Scanlon had never been hurt himself and he didn't want to talk about buddies or people he has seen hurt or killed in fierce blazes.

"A fire is an evil thing. You never know where and when it's going to start and how many lives it's going to take with it," he said.

Scanlon said he's stepping down from the fire department so that he can stay home and care for his wife. "Also, I figured it was time to start taking life easy."

OUR COVER



For 48 years, Walter Scanlon has been fighting fires in Wheeling. This week Scanlon will retire from his long and satisfying career as a volunteer fireman.

Staff photo by Nancy Stone

## Miffed at pipeline cost, he'll dig his own well

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Fed up with the increasing costs of obtaining Lake Michigan water, a Wheeling resident says he wants to drill his own well in his back yard, despite village laws that prohibit it.

Len Renquin, 773 N. Dennis, said he got the idea to dig the well from an ad in "Popular Mechanics" magazine. Renquin said he figures he can order the drilling kit, including 50 feet of pipe, and dig the well for less than \$600.

"I'm thoroughly disgusted and fed up with it all," said Renquin, a phone company cable splicer for Central Telephone in Des Plaines. "I even thought about sending fliers out to my neighbors. It (the water rate) went from 90 cents to \$1.90. Where does it stop?"

IN FEBRUARY, the village board approved water rate increases that will double the village's water rate by June, raising the average yearly water bill to \$228 from \$108. To make the increase equitable for residents who are billed on different schedules, the

rate will increase to \$1.23 per 1,000 gallons used in April and \$1.57 in May.

The increase is needed to cover increased operating costs and part of Wheeling's share of the \$68.5 million pipeline being built from Evanston to carry lake water to the Northwest suburbs.

In the past, village officials have had several requests from individuals wishing to drill their own wells, but Wheeling Finance Director Greg Peters said that since 1958 provisions in the village's bond ordinance prohibit the installation of "competing water systems."

After meeting with officials from the village's community development department, Renquin said he was advised to meet with Peters to discuss the situation. He said he is also thinking about bringing his proposal to the village board.

Peters would not speculate on what penalty Renquin would face if he goes ahead and drills a well. "I don't know. I wouldn't even think about it," said Peters.

Village Attorney James Rhodes could not be reached for comment.



# Wheeling seeks \$6 million water loan

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials have decided to borrow \$6.4 million to pay for part of the pipeline being built to carry Lake Michigan water to the village, but will postpone borrowing an additional \$6 million to pay for improvements to the village's internal water system.

Finance Director Greg Peters said concern about a poor municipal bond market caused officials to postpone part of the loan. Peters said the village probably will borrow the additional \$6 million this summer, after an engineering firm hired by the village completes further studies on Wheeling's water system.

Peters said the money will be borrowed for a 15-year period at an estimated 12 percent interest rate. A stan-

dard loan payment schedule indicates that it would cost about \$14 million to borrow the money, but Peters said that figure was conservative, because the village's payments will not be equal from year to year.

**THE LOAN WILL** be repaid with property taxes, and Peters estimated that it will increase property taxes from \$85 to \$97 a year in 1983 for the owner of a home assessed at \$12,000.

The village board has indicated it would rather see loans for the lake water repaid with taxes than water revenues. Property taxes can be deducted from federal income taxes.

The loan will cover a 1982 payment of about \$4.1 million to the Northwest Water Commission to cover the village's share of building a pipeline to Evanston for lake water, repay a \$1.1 million loan the village took out last

spring to cover an earlier payment to water commission and cover the first \$1 million in interest payments. Village officials originally planned to borrow \$13 million at once, including some \$6 million to pay for work on the village's own water system.

**BIDS FOR THE** loan will be opened and awarded or rejected on April 19.

Alvord, Burdick and Howson, a Chicago engineering firm, has been hired

to study Wheeling's internal water system. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said proposed improvements to the system include 50,000 feet of new water mains; two, 2.5 million gallon storage reservoirs and pumping stations; and two elevated storage tanks.

Peters said officials will wait for more cost reports before the money is borrowed to pay for the work.

## Hearing on budget of \$8.8 million

A public hearing on Wheeling's proposed \$8.8 million budget will be held tonight during the Wheeling Village Board meeting. Approval of the budget is expected after the hearing.

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

This year's budget proposal is up about 9 percent, with the increases due mainly to salary increases and capital improvements for the village water system. Village officials estimate the budget will increase the village tax rate by 10 cents to 81 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation.

A village resident with a house assessed at \$12,000 currently pays about \$85 in property taxes. The hike will raise that bill to \$97.

Major proposed expenditures include \$69,000 for street maintenance, including a \$34,000 pavement analysis program carried over from last year's budget, \$10,000 for pavement marking and \$25,000 for snow and ice control. Almost \$170,000 will be spent on storm sewer extensions in several areas of the village, improvements to the Wolf Road ditch and correction of drainage problems at Lakeside Villas. An additional \$350,000 will be spent on the engineering study of the village's internal water system.

No new employees or raises are planned, but the proposed budget does reflect raises of between 5 and 9 percent granted to several village departments last year.

Wheeling officials also will discuss how to spend \$266,000 in federal revenue-sharing funds. They have earmarked \$100,000 to refurbish fire department equipment and \$63,000 on seven new police cars. An additional \$44,000 is earmarked for improvements to the municipal building, including moving the marquee sign so it will conform with the village sign ordinance.

**WHEELING TRUSTEES ALSO** will decide tonight whether to spend up to \$69,600 to hire two firms to do architectural design work, site engineering and landscaping for the proposed senior citizens center.

The village staff is recommending that the board hire Holabird and Root to do the architectural work and Gewalt-Hamilton and Associates to do the site engineering. Both firms are familiar with the project, having worked on earlier aspects of it. Federal funds will be used to pay for the work.

The village wants to build the center near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street. It is considered a major component of Wheeling's planned downtown redevelopment.

**AUTHORIZATION TO** advertise for bids on a \$6.4 million loan needed to pay for part of the Lake Michigan water pipeline also will be voted on tonight by Wheeling trustees.

The loan will cover a 1982 payment of about \$4.1 million to the Northwest Water Commission to cover the village's share of building a pipeline to Evanston for lake water, repay a \$1.1 million loan the village took out last spring to cover an earlier payment to the water commission and cover the first \$1 million in interest payments.

The money will be borrowed for 15 years at an estimated 12 percent interest rate. The loan will be repaid with property taxes and officials estimate it will increase property taxes from \$85 to \$97 a year in 1983 for the owner of a home assessed at \$12,000.

Bids on the loan will be opened April 19.

**A DECISION IS** due this week on whether there will be a public hearing on a complaint filed with the state board of elections against a Wheeling village trustee, charging that he violated election laws when he served as campaign manager for former president William Hein.

Dan White, a legal assistant at the elections board, said board members will be polled by telephone today on the results of a closed hearing held on the complaint last Thursday. If the board decides to hold an open hearing, it must be conducted by Friday.

Early last week, two campaign workers for Village President Sheila Schultz filed a complaint charging that Trustee Roger Powers failed to file campaign disclosure reports during the 1979 village elections and that the forms filed in the 1981 campaign were late and did not adequately document contributions or expenditures.

Failure to comply with state campaign finance disclosure laws can result in fines up to \$1,000 and jail sentences.



Herald photo by Bob Reeder

**HIS FIREFIGHTING** days over, Walter Scanlon plans to spend his free time working in his garden and fixing bird houses in his backyard. Scanlon, 79, called it quits Wednesday after spending 48 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Wheeling Fire Department. Firefighting was a life-long dream for Scanlon, who spent his boyhood chasing horse-drawn fire rigs.

## Life on back of fire truck comes to voluntary end

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

With his 80th birthday approaching, and after 48 years of service, Walter Scanlon has decided to hang up his boots as a volunteer firefighter with the Wheeling Fire Department.

At midnight Wednesday, Scanlon stopped answering the fire calls he's answered for all of his adult life, although the decision to retire was not an easy one. Since he was a young boy, chasing the horse-drawn fire rigs in Evanston, Scanlon dreamed of the day when he, too, could be a firefighter and help people.

In 1923 he completed his firefighting training and was ready to join the Evanston department when a doctor declared him unfit for duty because his arches "were off by two degrees." Undaunted, Scanlon worked as a butcher, and waited until 1929 when he moved to Wheeling, to join the volunteer force.

The population of Wheeling was 500 people back then, and Scanlon said it was exciting to see the village grow. "I love to help people and I love the excitement," said Scanlon. "There was a community spirit here when the department was volunteer. Everyone was neighborly."

**IN RECENT** days Scanlon answered the phone at the fire station when the firefighters are out on a call. But he has done all the jobs at the firehouse, including radio dispatcher and firefighter-paramedic. He worked through four Wheeling fire chiefs and remembers when the current commander, Chief Bernhardt Koepfen, was a rookie "blue shirt."

In the early days Scanlon said a horn would blow throughout the village, summoning the men to a fire. Later the department installed phone buzzers and now Scanlon said he listens for the calls on a scanner he bought for his daughter.

"We didn't go to school to be paramedics, but we were certified by the Red Cross," said Scanlon, remembering the days before the department had sophisticated paramedics and equipment. "We had an E-J resuscitator. Most people call it a pullmotor. We thought we had the world by the ears with that," he said. In the early days the fire department consulted a "country doctor" instead of a modern hospital for medical aid.

**THROUGHOUT HIS** years in Wheeling, Scanlon said the worst fire he remembers was one that destroyed an apartment at the Wildwood complex, putting six people on the street a week before Christmas. Most of the fires were rural, including farm houses, barns or silos where farmers had stashed hay that was too green to store.

"Our fires were fires, some were big, and they were all hot," said Scanlon. "But they're getting bigger today with factories and apartments."

Now that he's retired from both factory work and the fire department, Scanlon said he will spend his time taking care of his wife, Irene, and working in his garden. He said he still "feels choked up" when he thinks about leaving the department, but that he knew "the time would just come" when he gave up his firefighting days.

"I'll miss it, but I was proud and happy to serve. This fire department is one of the best," said Scanlon.

Village officials will honor Scanlon for his service at the village board meeting on Monday.



# Police chief pledges new image for department

by Elida Witthoedt

Herald staff writer

Michael Haeger likes to describe police officers as salesmen whose product is protection.

But Haeger will have to sell a lot more than protection as Wheeling's new police chief. It will be Haeger's job "to resell" to village residents a department with a troubled past. And it was just that challenge that spurred Haeger to leave the Woodridge Police Department after 11 years and move to Wheeling.

"I took the job because of the challenge of taking the department from where it was and building it back up to where the men and the community can be proud of it," Haeger said. "I want to forget the past and look ahead. If the past starts to sneak up, I'll be able to hold it off and not allow the department to become embroiled in controversy."

Haeger said incidents such as the pending lawsuit filed by 11 officers against the former police chief and several former village officials, charging that they tampered with promotion test results, will not influence decisions he makes in his new position. "It comes up. It has to. But as I look at the department I try not to look at fragments. Decisions will be made for the police department as a whole."

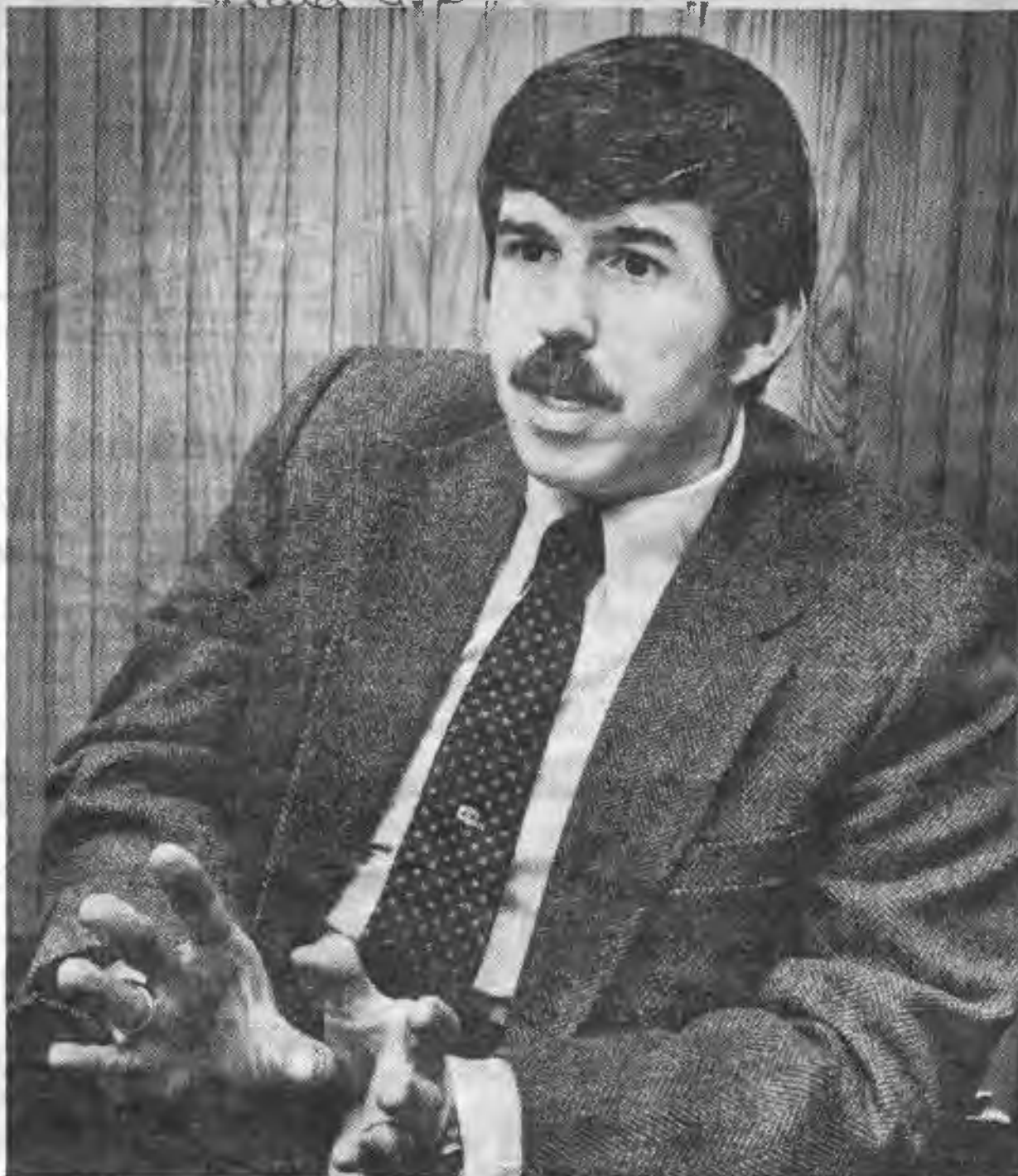
**PART OF** Haeger's orientation includes individual meetings with each member of the department and now after almost two months on the job, he said he's met with about 60 percent of the workers. Sometimes the discussions take

Haeger said he wants to "see how things work now" before he makes any changes.

"I'm starting to establish ideas in my own mind, but I'm not anticipating any rapid change. I want to listen to people and then make my decisions," he said.

At this point Haeger said he hopes to expand the role of civilians in the department, beyond the current cadet program. By allowing civilian employees to perform such work as abandoned vehicle checks and animal warden work, Haeger said he can release police officers from "mundane tasks" and put them on more important cases. "This work can be done by civilians and has been done successfully in other towns," said Haeger.

He also plans to develop a crime



Herald photo

**Rebuilding and instilling pride** in the Wheeling Police Department will be Michael Haeger's top priorities new police chief there. Haeger says that the de-

partment's troubled past will stay in the past as he concentrates on the future, gets to know department operations and develops new programs.

prevention unit with a specially trained officer, to identify potential crime hazards in Wheeling, and ways to avoid them.

Already a police chief at age 34, Haeger said he "backed into" police work in 1970 as a college graduate looking for work in a tight job market. He responded to an ad and became the first police officer in the Leavenworth, Kan., department to have a college degree. After 8 months Haeger came north seeking a master's degree, and ended up at the Woodridge depart-

ment.

**IN WOODRIDGE** Haeger developed and commanded a multi-town investigative unit that provided a large concentration of manpower on major crimes. "In the decade of the 80s with stress on cutbacks, multi-jurisdictional investigation units are one way of using a large quantity of manpower to investigate crime, as opposed to the antiquated system of putting 4 or 5 officers from one department on the case," said Haeger.

Despite his long-time career goal of

heading up a "large police agency," Haeger said he assured Wheeling officials that he would not use the chief's post as a quick steppingstone, but work to build a strong department.

"This will be a new chapter in Wheeling police department history," said Haeger. "The foreword was written when I came and we're starting to write the chapters. But this is strictly a chapter."

"Some people have some attitudes about this department and I'm going to change them."

## Crime prevention unit is proposed

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger is proposing to establish a special crime prevention unit to help increase contact between the police department and residents and to recruit residents' help in preventing and eliminating crime.

Haeger said he will choose a Wheeling police officer to head up the one-man unit and allow the officer to establish the kinds of programs he feels are needed to make Wheeling residents aware of crime prevention.

Haeger said the crime prevention officer becomes a "jack of all trades," working with fellow officers, village inspectors, builders, businessmen and residents to "anticipate, recognize and apprise" them of crime hazards and to "reduce or remove the risk."

The officer also will be trained in crime analysis techniques and will be responsible for developing community-wide educational programs in crime prevention.

**HAEGER HAS NOT** yet chosen an officer but said it would be based on his "interest expressed and discussions with others." This first year of the program will be devoted to development of programs and making Wheeling residents aware that a special unit exists. In later years, Haeger said he hopes to establish regular crime-prevention programs for both officers and residents.

Haeger also has not figured out how much the program will cost yet but said the cost will depend on how much special training the officer will need. Base costs for the program will include the officer's salary and some clerical help.

The police department currently runs a school liaison program, with Wheeling officers assigned to work with students in local grammar schools. A cadet program also allows young people to work with the department.

# Teen coerced into confession: lawyer

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

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The lawyer for a 14-year-old boy accused of murder charged Tuesday that the youngster confessed to the crime after he was put in a hypnotic trance by a former Wheeling police officer posing as a medical doctor.

The doctor ruse was used "to break this child's will" after the boy denied police assertions that he killed a 14-year-old neighbor girl, said Michael Norris, the boy's attorney, in a motion filed Tuesday in court.

Norris said the alleged scheme violated the constitutional rights of William C. Boyd Jr., 408 Sunset Lane, Wheeling, and asked a judge to suppress Boyd's confession and overturn his arrest.

Boyd is charged with the July 18, 1981 strangulation murder and attempted rape of Mary Kosinski, 14, of 190 W. Jeffery, Wheeling, in a shed behind the Boyd home.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger declined to comment on the allegations, citing a gag order issued by the court.

**BOYD WAS ORDERED** to stand trial as an adult after prosecutors said the boy killed Miss Kosinski during a rape attempt.

The murder occurred between 2 and 3 a.m. Norris said in the motion that Boyd steadfastly denied killing the girl during seven hours of interrogations that began about 1 p.m. July 18 at the Wheeling Police Department.

Boyd finally confessed to the killing after 13 hours of interrogation in which the former police officer, posing as a medical doctor and using hypnosis, urged the boy to confess, the motion said.

The court document, filed Tuesday before Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro, alleges:

Boyd was held without his parents or an attorney in an interrogation room where he was "cold, exhausted and frightened" during questioning by three officers.

Carol Boyd was not allowed to see her son until 7:30 p.m., when she saw him "lying on the floor, wrapped in a wool blanket and shaking with tremors, crying."

**MRS. BOYD SAID** she wanted to take her son home and contact a lawyer, but police told her that an attorney would "just slow things down" and that her son was a "sick boy" who needed a doctor more than an attorney.

"Mrs. Boyd and the child were then told that a 'doctor' was being brought to the Wheeling police station and that this 'doctor' would be a psychologist trained to deal with problems of stress and fear," the motion said.

The 'doctor' was Clarence Trausch, a former juvenile officer for the Wheeling Police Department, and described in the motion as "a highly trained hypnotist." Trausch, of 820 Kingsford Drive, Buffalo Grove, operates a firm called Institute for Metaphysical Research in Des Plaines.

"Clarence Trausch hypnotized William Boyd Jr. and placed this 14-year-old in a trance," the motion said. Trausch was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

The motion alleges Trausch gained Boyd's trust and suggested "the entire statement which William Boyd Jr. gave to him."

Trausch was paid an unspecified fee by Wheeling police to question Boyd "under the guise of being a medical doctor," the motion says. Norris alleges that Trausch "intentionally and maliciously concealed this fact from the 14-year-old child and his mother.

**"THIS CHILD AND** his mother believed that this 'doctor' would give this child medical relief from his tremors and his physical sickness," the motion said.

Norris alleges that Trausch never warned Boyd that whatever he said during the hypnotic session could be used against him in court. Boyd gave a statement confessing to the crime to police and a state's attorney at 4 a.m. on July 19, Norris said.

The motion charges that the statements were obtained as a result of "psychological and mental coercion" and from interrogation that continued after Boyd chose to remain silent.

Judge Pomaro is expected to rule on the motion this summer.

# Trustees approve \$8.8 million budget

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by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

Wheeling trustees Monday night adopted the 1982-83 budget of \$8.8 million, up 9 percent from last year.

Increases in the budget are due mainly to salary increases approved last year and capital improvements for the village's water system.

No new major programs are planned for the coming year.

Village finance director Greg Peters said the new budget would raise the village tax rate but refused to say by how much. A village resident with a

house assessed at \$12,000 currently pays about \$85 in property taxes to the village. But a tax levy adopted last August will increase that to \$97.

**THE BUDGET** includes a projected \$8.827 million in revenue, up 7 percent from last year's expected income of \$8.23 million. Peters said the extra \$590,000 will come from higher taxes.

Major sources of revenue include more than \$2 million in property tax collections, \$1.9 million in sales and state income tax, and almost nearly \$2 million in water sales.

Village officials also are proposing

an increase in the fee for vehicle stickers bought after the deadline — from the current \$5 to \$15 or \$20. They also are proposing an increase in the cost of a village sticker for recreational vehicles — from \$5 to \$10.

These proposals came after trustees rejected a \$5 proposed increase in the cost of a regular sticker saying it was too large a burden on those already hit hard by the poor economy.

**PETERS SAID** the budget will be balanced with \$1.2 million the village has in surplus funds. An additional \$350,000 will be spent on an engineering study of the internal water system

started this year.

No new employees or pay raises are in the budget, but it does reflect between 5 and 9 percent raises granted several departments last year. The village currently is working with a "modified attrition program" and is evaluating each additional opening before replacements are hired.

Major expenditures include \$69,000 for street maintenance, including a \$34,000 pavement analysis program carried over from last year's budget; \$10,000 in pavement markings; and \$25,000 in snow and ice control.

Almost \$170,000 will be spent on home sewer extensions in several areas of the village, improvements to the Wolf Road ditch and correction of the drainage problem at Lakeside Villas.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the budget saying a "yes" vote would indicate he was "completely satisfied with the budget, and I'm not."

Kerr said he objected to \$40,000 being given to Omni House, a Wheeling based youth services agency. "I know this has come up before but it's not the obligation of the village to support that."

# State high court won't hear Conte's appeal of dismissal

Herald 4-7-82

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

The Illinois Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal by former Wheeling Police Lt. Thomas Conte, who was fired in 1980 after he stuck a cocked and loaded gun into the mouth of a 20-year-old Wheeling man.

John Broihier, an attorney with DiLeonardi and Associates, the law firm that handled the case for the village, said the move "concludes the litigation" unless Conte decides to appeal his case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Conte's attorney, Stanley Jakala, could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

**BROIHIER SAID** the court Monday did not give a reason why the appeal was denied, and he would not speculate on a reason.

Conte, a 16-year police veteran, was



Thomas Conte

shotgun in a car parked at Hoyne Savings & Loan Association, 699 W. Dundee Road. Later, the two men told police they were just inspecting the gun, which they had just bought.

Conte was the last of four Wheeling police officers to arrive at the scene. The incident occurred after two of the officers had removed and handcuffed the driver of the car. The third officer had a gun pointed at passenger Eugene Grassmuck when Conte leaned into the car and stuck his loaded gun into Grassmuck's mouth.

**ACCORDING TO** testimony at hearings on the incident, Conte told Grassmuck to "suck on it" and threatened to "blow his brains all over the car." While making the arrest, police discovered the shotgun between the bucket seats of the car, still unassembled and wrapped in plastic.

Conte admitted to sticking the gun in Grassmuck's mouth, but defended his action, saying that two of the policemen could have been caught in a cross-fire and that spectators also could have been hurt if the officers opened fire. He also said that a later search of Grassmuck produced a hunting knife he carried on the side of his pants.

Wheeling police later determined that the two men did not intend to rob that bank, but charged Grassmuck and the driver, David Pearlman, of Wheeling, with disorderly conduct. The charges were dismissed by Cook County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Schwaba.

A report from the village's police and fire commission, which fired Conte, said Conte projected "an image of brutality to the community" and "set a bad example for younger police officers."

second in command to former Police Chief Ted Bracke when he was fired in May 1980 for using "excessive force" in an earlier incident when police responded to what was thought to be a bank robbery. A woman reported to police that two men were assembling a



# Hearing on Hein campaign charges

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Officials from the state board of elections will hold a public hearing today on a complaint that Wheeling Village Trustee Roger Powers violated election laws when he served as campaign manager for former Village President William Hein.

The hearing will be at 10:30 a.m. in the board's offices at 201 N. Wells St. in Chicago. Dan White, administrative

assistant in the board's legal department, said the full board will discuss the hearing and make a decision on the complaint at its April 13 meeting.

Early last week two former campaign workers for Village President Sheila Schultz, who ousted Hein last year, filed a complaint charging that Powers failed to file campaign disclosure reports for the 1979 campaign.

Robert Gerhold, Schultz's campaign

treasurer, and Mary Ellen Westrich, campaign chairman, also charged that the 1981 campaign reports were filed late and did not adequately document contributions and campaign expenditures.

A CLOSED hearing to judge the complaint's validity was held last week. Failure to comply with state campaign finance disclosure laws can

result in a fine up to \$1,000 and a jail sentence.

Hein, first elected president in 1978, and Schultz, a former trustee, are long-time political rivals. Powers, an incumbent trustee, was the only candidate on Hein's slate to win in 1981.

Campaign finance reports filed last summer indicate that Hein spent \$4,937 on his unsuccessful campaign — some \$3,000 more than Schultz.

## Financial papers filed for Hein

by Karen Huelsman

Herald staff writer

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The Wheeling trustee accused of failing to file a campaign financing report for former village president William Hein's slate filed an amended version of the statement Wednesday, an hour before a State Board of Elections hearing on the matter.

Trustee Roger Powers, who was the 1981 campaign manager for Hein, Wednesday filed the report on behalf of Hein with the county clerk outlining campaign contributions made prior to the April 1981 election.

The State Board of Elections will decide next week if the amended document and another document filed late will satisfy state campaign disclosure laws.

Two campaign workers for Village President Sheila Schultz, who defeated Hein in his bid for re-election, filed the complaint, charging that Powers did not file campaign disclosure reports required before the April 7, 1981 election and that another report was late.

"APPARENTLY IT (the report filed Wednesday) was not received, so we filed an amended pre-election report," said Gary Weintraub, Powers' attorney. Weintraub admitted the other 1981 campaign report — a document to be filed after the election — was "a couple days late. But it has been on file for nine months now so I don't think there is any problem with it." Powers refused to comment after the brief public hearing.

Powers was treasurer of the Pro Wheeling Committee in the 1981 election in which Hein was unseated and Powers was the only member of the slate elected. Hein and Schultz were locked in a bitter campaign last year, marked by conflict of interest charges on both sides.

Daniel White, an administrative assistant in the legal department of the state Board of Elections, said the pre-election report was due March 15, 1981 and was not filed until Wednesday. The financing report required after the election was due July 9, 1981 and was not submitted until July 23, 1981. The July report showed that Hein's Pro Wheeling Committee spent \$4,937 on the campaign while Schultz spent \$1,574.

The election board Wednesday dismissed five other complaints brought against Powers charging that the committee kept imprecise records and did not record contributions at the time they were received. Mary Ellen Westrich, who was Schultz's campaign chairman and Robert Gerhold, her campaign treasurer, brought the complaints to the election board.

Their attorney, Kathleen O'Dekirk, said although the reports in question are now on file, she said there is no proof Powers had previously filed a pre-election report. "He (Powers) was unable to show us a time-stamped copy of the filing. I still question if there was an original filing before the amended version was received."

## Hypnosis not used on boy: ex-cop

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

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An ex-policeman Wednesday denied charges that he hypnotized a 14-year-old Wheeling boy and persuaded him to confess to a murder.

Clarence Trausch, a former Wheeling juvenile officer and now a Des Plaines psychotherapist, disputed allegations that he posed as a medical doctor and placed William C. Boyd Jr. in a hypnotic trance to gain a confession.

The allegations against Trausch and Wheeling police were made in a pre-trial motion filed Tuesday by Boyd's lawyer, Michael Norris, who wants Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro to suppress the boy's confession and quash his arrest.

"None of it is true," Trausch said. "Posing as a medical doctor is a crime and I did not represent myself as a medical doctor nor did anyone I know of."

Trausch said Wheeling police called him to the station to talk to Boyd, but he "was working at the behest of nothing but the truth — not the police or state's attorney or Boyd."

HE ADMITTED talking to Boyd, but denied placing him in a hypnotic trance, and he declined to discuss what happened. Citing a judge's gag order in the case, he said, "My hands are tied: I don't want to get in trouble."

Boyd is charged with the July 18, 1981 strangulation murder and attempted rape of Mary Kosinski, 14, of 190 W. Jeffery, Wheeling, in a shed behind the Boyd home. The girl died between 2 and 3 a.m.

Norris contends that Boyd was taken to the Wheeling police station at about 1 p.m. July 18, and steadfastly denied killing the girl during seven hours of questioning.

Carol Boyd told police that she wanted to take her son home and contact an attorney, but investigators said an attorney would only "slow things down" and that the boy was 'sick' and needed a doctor, Norris said.

Norris said Wheeling police then called Trausch — who worked for the Wheeling police from 1967 to 1976 as a high school juvenile officer and in other capacities — and told Mrs. Boyd that he was a medical doctor who could help her son.

TRAUSCH, DIRECTOR of the Institute for Metaphysical Research in Des Plaines, holds a doctorate in education in counseling psychology from Northern Illinois University, but is not a medical doctor or licensed psychologist. He provides marriage and child counseling.

"I do trance work, yes, but it's limited to very few cases," he said.

## \$5 dog, cat tags go on sale May 3

Animal tags for dogs and cats in Wheeling will go on sale May 3 at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The fee for each tag is \$5 and a current rabies certificate is required to purchase the tags. The tags must be purchased by June 1. The village hall is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

## Up With Wheeling

AN UP With Wheeling Day organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the Wheeling Village Hall Council Chambers, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Wheelings annual clean-up day is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 1. The morning of hard work will conclude with a free picnic and awards ceremony in Heritage Park.

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## Fire breaks out in apartment

A fire caused nearly \$1,000 damage to an apartment in Wheeling Thursday but residents of the building escaped without injury, firefighters said.

The fire broke out about 10:30 a.m. in a bedroom closet at the Lake Run apartment complex, 16 E. Old Willow Road, a fire department spokesman said.

The Edward Wright family called Wheeling firefighters who contained the blaze to the closet. Firefighters said most of the damage was confined to the closet but other parts of the apartment were damaged by smoke.

Cause of the fire was under investigation.



## Village board wrapup

# Senior center contracts awarded

Wheeling trustees voted to spend up to \$49,600 to hire two firms to complete architectural design and site engineering plans for the proposed village senior citizens center.

Holabird & Root, an architecture firm, has been hired to design the senior center at a cost not to exceed \$43,200. Gewalt-Hamilton and Associates was hired to do the site engineering for not more than \$6,400. Both firms worked on earlier parts of the project and are familiar with the plan.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted to approve both contracts, but questioned why the firms were awarded the work without competitive bids.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said that "professional services" do not have to be let on competitive bids and that he is "confident" that both firms will "do a good job."

The village plans to build the center near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street and, with the Cook County senior citizens housing and Holy Family's ambulatory care clinic, is considered a major component of Wheeling's downtown redevelopment plan.

## Video game license fees increased

Annual license fees for video games in the village will increase to \$40 from \$25 per machine.

The fee, which first was levied in 1976, will cover the increased costs of inspection and license review, officials said. In 1981, the village issued 31 licenses and collected \$775 in license fees.

The revised law approved by the board also provides for fines from \$50 to \$500 to business operators who fail to register their games. Under village ordinance businesses are allowed to have as many as four video games, but pinball machines are prohibited.

## Bids for pipeline loan sought

The village will advertise for bids for a \$6.4 million loan it needs to help pay for the village's share of a Lake Michigan water pipeline. Officials said they expect to open the bids April 19.

The loan is necessary to cover a 1982 payment of about \$4.1 million to the Northwest Water Commission to pay Wheeling's share of building a pipeline from Evanston to the Northwest suburbs. The loan will also be used to repay an earlier \$1.1 million loan and to cover \$1 million in interest payments.

The money will be borrowed for 15 years at an estimated 12 percent interest rate, and will probably be repaid with property taxes.

## May 15 is Up With Wheeling Day

The board has designated May 15 as Up With Wheeling Day, and will enter the clean-up activity in the Illinois Home Town Awards program, which recognizes "organized efforts undertaken within a community to increase its economic vitality."

This is the third year the village has sponsored the annual clean-up day, during which various community groups and residents form teams to pick up trash and litter along major thoroughfares, parks and school yards in Wheeling. A picnic lunch is provided at noon at the village hall.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood estimated that between 12 and 14 truckloads of garbage were picked up during last year's cleanup.

## Village to back loan for truck firm

The village will sponsor a \$1.3 million low-cost loan for an Arkansas-based company that has opened a truck terminal in Wheeling.

ABC Treadco Inc. wants to purchase the Maislin Gateway Transport truck terminals at 1075 Chaddick Drive. The firm will use the facilities to establish an Arkansas Best Freight distribution site and will ship light manufacturing materials and food stuffs to companies within a 35-mile radius of Wheeling.

Frank Chase, ABC branch manager, said the company has spent \$60,000 since October refurbishing the terminal.

By asking the village to issue industrial revenue bonds, the company will be able to borrow the money at lower-than-normal interest rates.

# Airport-buy decision in June?

by Al Cabbage

Herald staff writer

A decision on whether to buy Pal-Waukee Airport probably will be made by elected officials in Wheeling and Prospect Heights sometime this summer after an acquisition plan is completed June 1.

Airport consultant Larry Donoghue said Thursday that his firm, Ralph Burke Inc., will finish its study by then and recommend the two villages buy the airport from owners George and Charles Priester to ensure it will remain open.

Total estimated cost to buy and make necessary improvements to the airport is approximately \$52.7 million, but the two towns would pay only 5

percent to 10 percent of that cost, with the state and federal government paying for the rest.

**WHEELING'S ADMINISTRATIVE** assistant Bob Fialkowski and Prospect Heights Administrator Stephen Sturgell said the elected officials still are uncertain about whether the municipalities should buy the airport.

"It's hard to say which way this would fall right now. Some board members still have questions about it," Fialkowski said.

Further complicating the picture is a demand by a citizens group opposed to the airport purchase that Wheeling and Prospect Heights hold a referendum on the question. The earliest a referendum could be held would be the

general election in November, which would delay a decision for at least another six months.

The two municipalities have considered the purchase since 1978.

Donoghue said federal funding for airport construction and purchase are likely to be approved by Congress around June 1. If the municipalities decide to proceed with the purchase, the chances of getting federal funds for Pal-Waukee are "very good," Donoghue said, because of its importance as a reliever airport for O'Hare International.

**MANY OF THE** private jets that use Pal-Waukee would be forced to fly into O'Hare because other airports in the area do not have long enough runways,

Donoghue said.

If Wheeling and Prospect Heights decide to buy Pal-Waukee, they would have to apply to the Federal Aviation Administration for a federal grant. The FAA then would review the project and either order the villages to conduct a full environmental impact statement or give the go-ahead for the project.

Should one village decide not to go along with the purchase, the other could do so on its own, provided it is willing to pay the local share of the cost, Donoghue said. Other possibilities include another outside agency buying the airport. Donoghue said that is technically possible, but he does not think it is realistic.

# Developer seeking village backing of \$35 million loan

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A Texas developer who plans to build 400 luxury apartments in Wheeling has asked the village for a low-interest loan of up to \$35 million to help finance the project.

Finger Enterprises of Houston is proposing to build the Woodland Creek development on a 40-acre site near the southeast corner of Palatine and Wheeling roads. Attorney Barry Nekritz said the firm hopes to start construction in late May on the five 5-story apartment buildings, underground parking and a variety of recreational facilities.

Nekritz said the three-year loan from the village would be used to cover the cost of the first construction phase. The developer also has applied for long-term financing through the Illinois Housing Development Association.

The village board approved the final



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plans for the development last October after nearly a year of talks.

**WHEELING FINANCE** Director Greg Peters said this is the first time a developer has applied for the loan program.

By asking the village to issue the bonds, the developer will be able to borrow the money at lower-than-normal

interest rates. The village issues the bonds to borrow the money, but has no liability in the matter, as the developer would be responsible for paying back the loan.

By using federal money to help pay for the project, the developer also will be required to make 20 percent, or 80 apartments, available to low-income or senior citizen tenants.

Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending that the village board "seriously consider" the request because the village would receive more than \$150,000 in fees if it issued the bonds.

In the past, the village has sponsored loans only for companies wanting to build factories or make improvements to existing factories in the village. But Peters said he has received several inquiries from developers about the loans.

The village board will discuss the proposal at 8 p.m. Monday at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

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# Bid opening for pipeline tonight

Bids on a \$6.4 million loan needed by Wheeling officials to help finance the village's share of the Lake Michigan water pipeline will be opened today.

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

The money will be borrowed for a 15-year period at an estimated 12 percent interest rate. The loan will be repaid with property taxes. The village board has indicated it would rather see loans for lake water repaid with taxes than water revenues. Property taxes can be deducted from federal income taxes.

The loan will cover a 1982 payment of about \$4.1 million to the Northwest Water Commission to cover the village's share of building a pipeline to Evanston for lake water, repay a \$1.1 million loan the village took out last spring to cover an earlier payment to the water commission and cover the first \$1 million in interest payments.

**WHETHER TO ISSUE** a permit for a restaurant in the Tahoe Village Shopping Center also will be considered tonight by the Wheeling village board.

George and Efrain Mallet have applied for a license to open the Puerto Vallarta restaurant at 1750 Hintz Road. That site was formerly known as Newberry Place, but that restaurant has been out of business for some time. The Mallets already own the El Amigo Restaurant, 1 S. Wolf Road.

The Mallets requested the permit some time ago, but action on the request was delayed until interior refurbishing work could be completed.

A meeting of Wheeling's liquor commission also has been scheduled, immediately following tonight's board meeting, to consider a liquor permit application for the restaurant. That meeting also will be at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

**WHEELING TRUSTEES** tonight also will discuss awarding a contract of up to \$6,450 to clean and paint the Dundee Road pedestrian overpass.

El Greco Painting and Decorating Company delivered the low bid on the project, which was originally included in last year's budget. No bids were received at that time and the project was re-bid this spring.

The company will sandblast dirt and graffiti off the concrete supports and paint the bridge.

# Village to borrow funds for pipeline

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Village trustees Monday night unanimously voted to borrow \$6.4 million at a 12 percent interest rate to pay for part of the pipeline being built to carry Lake Michigan water to the village.

The money will be borrowed for a 15-year period and will cost the village a total of \$14.3 million to pay off, including the interest.

Village finance director Greg Peters said the low bid on the loan came from the Northern Trust Co., a Chicago firm. The village received one other bid on the loan.

The loan will cover a 1982 payment of about \$4.1 million to the Northwest Water Commission to cover the village's share of building a pipeline to Evanston for lake water, repay a \$1.1 million loan the village took out last spring to cover an earlier payment to the water commission and cover the first \$1 million in interest payments.

**VILLAGE OFFICIALS** originally planned to borrow \$13 million at once. Including an additional \$6 million to pay for work on the village's internal

water system. But Woody Barce of Spear Financial Consultants said the loan was split in two parts to try and improve the interest rate.

Peter said he expects the village to borrow the remaining money this summer after engineering reports on the internal water system improvements are finished. Proposed improvements include 50,000 feet of new water mains; two 2.5 million gallon storage reservoirs and pumping stations; and two elevated storage tanks.

A final decision on how the money will be repaid has not been made but village officials have indicated they want the loan to be repaid entirely with property taxes. Village property taxes can be deducted from federal income taxes.

This means that the village water rates will remain at \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons of water used, but the average village property tax bill will increase \$64 to \$149 a year in 1983. A resident with a home assessed at \$12,000 currently pays \$85 a year in property taxes to the village.

Peter said those figures could change pending the final cost of the village improvement.

# County officials set May 12 signup for senior housing

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Cook County Housing Authority officials will accept applications May 12 for apartments in a new Wheeling senior citizens housing complex.

The applications will be taken at the Holy Family emergency clinic, 201 Strong St., between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Each application will be given equal consideration, regardless of when it is filed, said Victor Walchirk, executive director of the housing authority, but senior citizens who already live in Wheeling will be given first priority. Single applicants and at least one member of a married couple must be at least 62 years old to qualify.

Walchirk said he expects "a terrific outpouring" of applications on that day. The applications will be rated on a point system using factors such as income to determine which seniors will get housing.

Construction on the \$3.2 million building was started last November, with a completion date set for next January. Walchirk said construction "is on schedule" and officials hope the building will be finished early. Walchirk said the county could move residents in within 60 to 90 days after the work is finished.

**THE BUILDING** is being paid for with federal funds and will include 14 one-bedroom apartments on seven floors and a special first-floor apartment for a handicapped resident. The building also will have public rooms, offices, laundry facilities, a craft room and living quarters for maintenance workers. The housing authority will manage the building.

The housing authority currently is planning to charge rent that amounts to about 25 percent of a senior's income, or no more than \$105 a month. But Walchirk said the Department of Housing and Urban Development is reviewing those costs, and the rent could change, though he did not say by how much, or when the changes would be made. Residents also will be charged a \$12 monthly utility fee.

The complex is being built near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, just south of the Holy Family clinic. The housing site is just east of the proposed village senior citizens center and all three projects are considered major components in Wheeling's downtown redevelopment plans.



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# Village fails to get better bond rating

A bid by Wheeling officials to gain a better financial rating, which can be an important factor when the village borrows money, has failed.

Village Finance Director Greg Peters said Moody's, a major New York rating firm, has rejected the village's request for a new bond rating. Peters said the firm did not give a reason for rejecting the request, and that he is waiting for a written report to reveal more details.

Currently the village has an "A" rating from Moody's, a rating that Peters described as "very good." Peters speculated that the firm is currently not rating many towns because of the poor economy. "We're disappointed we didn't get a higher rating, but we're happy we maintained our good rating," he said.

Peters said the village's rating would be a factor on the interest rate on money it will borrow to finance bringing Lake Michigan water to Wheeling. "They say in the marketplace that the higher the rating the lower the interest rate, but lately it's the day you're in the marketplace," he said.

Village officials Monday will open bids on a \$6.4 million loan to pay for part of the lake water pipeline. The money will be borrowed for a 15-year period at an estimated 12 percent interest rate. The village also may need to borrow an additional \$6 million later to finance improvements to the village's internal water system.

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# \$650,000 in federal funds sought to repair park pool

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Park District officials have applied for \$650,000 in federal funds to rebuild the district's outdoor pool, which was closed in 1979 for health reasons.

Park Superintendent David Phillips said the district wants to use the money to build "practically a new pool," including a new pool well, bathhouse and a filtration and pumping system at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road. He said the district does not have the money to repair the pool and must depend on outside funding, like federal grants, to complete the work.

Last month Wheeling residents defeated a referendum proposing a 25-cent increase in the park district tax rate that would have helped pay for a

new pool, but Phillips said residents are still interested in having an outdoor swimming pool.

"It was a top-five priority component in our Friends of the Park survey and highly rated by citizens and the park board," he said.

THE PARK acquired the pool through a referendum in 1968, after leasing it for several years. The pool originally was built by the Wheeling Community Pool Corporation, a community investment group that went door-to-door, selling \$100 bonds to raise the construction money. Park district officials say they were aware of problems at the pool, due mainly to construction, but that other problems have cropped up as the facility deteriorated.

Currently, the park maintain an in-

door pool adjacent to Wheeling High School, Elmhurst and Hintz roads.

This is the second time the park has sought federal funding to repair the pool. In 1979 park officials asked for \$250,000 of a \$2.7 million federal grant application by the village to be used for a pool overhaul, but the park district portion of the application was rejected by the Cook County board.

Under grant application rules, the park district again this year had to obtain approval for its request from village officials. Although the village board approved the request, some trustees expressed concern that approval would jeopardize the village's own grant applications and questioned whether an outdoor pool really was needed.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS have asked

for \$1.48 million in federal grants for the next three years, including \$480,000 in 1982 to help fund the proposed senior citizens center. The remaining funds would be used for residential and commercial building rehabilitation and water and sewer work in designated older areas of the village.

Trustee William Rogers voted against approving the park district's application, saying there has been "no hue and cry" to reopen the outdoor pool. "Neptune's Pool is not being used fully. How fair is it for us and the park district to ask for money to fix the pool when there's no active cry for it?" Rogers said.

Later this year the Cook County board, which distributes the federal funds, will decide how to allocate the money to local officials.

## CAAG meets on airport referendums

Continuing its demand that residents be allowed to decide whether Pal-Waukee Airport will be publicly purchased, the Citizens Airport Activity Group will meet tonight with the Coalition for Political Honesty to discuss placing referendums on the November ballot.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the

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clubhouse at the Plum Creek development, just north of the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads in Wheeling.

Larry Nicholas, CAAG's research director, said the Coalition was asked to attend the meeting to help the airport group get binding referendums on the November ballot in Prospect Heights and Wheeling.

Both towns are considering buying Pal-Waukee, which an airport consultant has determined will cost \$52.7 million to buy and bring up to codes for a public airport. The two towns would pay only 5 to 10 percent of that cost, with the state and federal governments paying the rest.

Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf and Wheeling Village President

Sheila Schultz have said they support an advisory referendum on the issue, but question the legality of a binding referendum.

Nicholas said the Coalition has been successful in getting binding tax referendums on other ballots and asked the group for help because of that experience.

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## Cablenet at work stringing lines throughout the village

Cablenet, the firm which will provide cable television to Wheeling, has been at work in recent weeks stringing cable throughout the village. Although the crews are trying to be careful, some property damage may result. If you notice this happening on your property or the public right-of-way, the company will repair the damage at its cost, Wheeling officials say. Call Cablenet at 577-2550 to discuss any problems you might have.

### The fire-wise kitchen

Fire and burns can't happen without heat, so it stands to reason that the fire-wise homeowner takes special safety precautions in the kitchen. Wheeling firefighters offer these tips to make your kitchen fire and burn safe — for yourself and for the little ones.

Don't hold a child in your lap while drinking coffee. Keep the tyke a safe distance away while you pump yourself full of caffeine, lest a sudden movement by the child jostle your hand, spilling hot liquid and scalding the little one.

Speaking of little ones, if you have a toddler, put away that tablecloth for a few years. The child might tug on the tablecloth, pulling heavy objects, hot foods or scalding liquids down on himself or herself.

Appliance cords should be coiled and tied with twist ties so they don't dangle over countertops. Dangling cords can catch in cabinet doors or attract the tugs of a child, upsetting the appliance and causing burns or injury.

Always use potholders when carrying pots and pans off the stove. To carry a pot whose handles are so hot you can barely hold them is to invite a fumble and a deadly, burning spill.

If you have children, keep them in a highchair or playpen or behind a gate and out of the kitchen whenever you cook.

Keep pot handles turned in when cooking. A handle that dangles over the front of the stove could be jostled by an adult hip, or worse, tugged by a young hand, causing a scald burn.

Don't store cookies and similar goodies above the stove. It's easy to touch a hot burner reaching across the stove — little ones may actually try to climb onto the stove surface in search of sweets. For

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the same reason, it's wise when cooking to avoid garments with balloon sleeves, hanging tassels or other loose fitting features which are more likely to touch a burner and ignite.

Speaking of ignition, where have you mounted your kitchen fire extinguisher? If it's above the stove, move it elsewhere; otherwise, if a pan fire occurs, you'll have to reach through the flames to get the extinguisher! Of course, another way to put out a pan fire is to cover the burning pan with its lid, smothering the flames. Never try to carry a burning pan outside. If you don't spill flaming liquid on yourself, you're liable to ignite woodwork, curtains and upholstery as you rush to the door with your flaming burden.

Finally, know what to do if your clothing catches fire: drop to the floor and roll to put the fire out. Treat this, or any burn, by cooling the burn with cold water — this removes residual heat in the tissues that cause further burning. Cover the burn with a sterile pad or clean sheet — never with grease or butter — and seek medical attention.

### Licensing of vehicles

The Wheeling Police Department is initiating an enforcement program designed to ensure residents, businesses and industrial organizations are in compliance with the municipal code as it pertains to licensing of vehicles.

Provisions for purchase and display of vehicle licenses are covered in Chapter 9.62 of the Wheeling Municipal Code. Failure to comply with the provisions of the code can result in fines not less than \$5 and up to \$500, plus purchase of the license.

As a part of the program, Wheeling police will be patrolling subdivisions and other areas, issuing citations. Residents are encouraged to comply with the provisions of the ordinance and avoid citations, fines and court appearances.

If you have any questions, please contact the Wheeling Police Department at 459-2632.



# Village, police OK 1-year contract

Wheeling village officials and 32 police patrol officers have agreed on a one-year contract that grants police officers 5 percent pay raises this year.

Effective May 1, the starting pay for a Wheeling police officer will be \$19,552 and the top pay will be \$26,353. The current contract, negotiated with the help of a federal mediator in 1980, provides for patrolman pay ranging from \$18,621 to \$25,098.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the raises will cost the village an additional \$39,664. Currently 24 of the officers are paid at the top of the scale.

Village officials are currently negotiating with Wheeling firefighters, whose two-year contract also expires this year. Earlier this month the village board approved a budget that reflects 5 to 7 percent raises granted

other village hall workers last year.

FRINGE BENEFITS will remain the same as the last contract with no additional benefits added. But Markus said pay for off-duty patrolmen who return for department meetings will drop from time-and-a-half to straight pay. A maximum of ten departmental meetings a year will be allowed and Markus said each lasts "a couple of hours."

Markus said he was "sold" on the proposal as an "openness benefit. Instead of directives the meetings will be held to work out ideas and discuss grievances," he said. Markus said that newly-appointed Police Chief Michael Haeger has said he wants to hold more departmental meetings.

Village trustees approved the plan without comment Monday.

## Village board wrapup

### Loan for apartments gets initial approval

Wheeling trustees tentatively approved a request from a Texas developer for a \$35 million low-interest loan to finance construction of 400 luxury apartments in the village.

A special meeting was called for April 26 to consider final approval to the loan request.

Finger Enterprises of Houston hopes to start construction by May 10 on the Woodland Creek development on a 40-acre site near the southeast corner of Palatine and Wheeling roads. The development would include five, 5-story apartment buildings, underground parking and a variety of recreational facilities.

The three-year loan will be used to cover the first phase of construction work. By asking the village to issue the bonds, the developer can borrow the money at lower-than-normal interest rates. The village issues the bonds to borrow the money but has no liability as the developer is responsible for repaying the loan.

This is the first time a developer has applied for the loan program and will be the largest loan the village has ever approved. Traditionally businesses have used the program to build factories or make improvements to existing factories in the village. The village will receive more than \$150,000 in fees if the loan is approved.

### Fee to apply for bonds doubled

Trustees doubled the application fee for industrial revenue bonds from \$500 to \$1,000, and decided to base the final fee on a negotiated amount instead of a percentage of the bond amount.

The village staff recommended the change in application fees, saying that the current \$500 fee does not cover the time and expense of reviewing the applications.

Currently, final fees are based on one-half of 1 percent on the total amount of the bond issue, not to exceed \$25,000. Now the village staff will negotiate that fee with the firm requesting the bonds.

### License OKd for new restaurant

A permit and liquor license for a new restaurant in the Tahoe Village Shopping Center has been issued by Wheeling officials.

Prospect Heights restaurant owners George and Efrain Mallet plan to open the Puerto Vallarta restaurant at 1750 Hintz Road. The site was formerly known as Newberry Place, but that restaurant has been out of business for several months. The Mallets already own the El Amigo Restaurant, 1 S. Wolf Road.

The Mallets said they hope to open the restaurant May 1, when the liquor license becomes effective.

### Overpass painting contract awarded

A contract to paint the Dundee Road pedestrian overpass for a cost not to exceed \$6,450 has been awarded to El Greco Painting and Decorating Company.

El Greco delivered the low bid on the project, which was included in last year's budget. At that time no bids were received, and the project was bid again this spring. The company will sandblast dirt and graffiti off the concrete supports and paint the bridge.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said El Greco will be liable if any damage occurs to cars traveling under the bridge while the work is being done.

## Walk for Israel May 2 to feature wailing wall

Reminder 4/22/82

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Israel is coming to Buffalo Grove.

That's what the folks organizing the second Northwest Suburban Walk with Israel are saying as they work on constructing a Wailing Wall and transforming local sites into Israeli settlements.

On May 2, the Northwest Suburban Jewish Community Center will become Jerusalem, complete with a Wailing Wall, falafel (Israeli hamburgers) vendors and Israeli dancers.

On that same Sunday morning, about 1200 men, women and children are expected to join the 14-mile Walk with Israel to help raise money for the Israel Emergency Fund which supports humanitarian programs in schools and hospitals.

The theme of the 1982 Walk with Israel is "100 years of modern Jewish settlement in Israel, honoring the people who live in the land of Israel, and the settlements they have built," said Steve Lehtman of Buffalo Grove, chairman of the walk.

The Walk with Israel checkpoints along the 14-mile route will be decorated to depict settlements of the past 100 historical years, he said.

"As we now celebrate 34 years of Israeli statehood, we feel it is important to salute our forefathers whose efforts helped the dream of a homeland become a reality," Lehtman said.

Participants from Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights, Long Grove and Wheeling in the Walk with Israel are part of a nationwide event

Jewish groups throughout the county on May 2 will be conducting walkathons and jogging events to raise money for the Jewish homeland, in celebration of Israel's 34th year of statehood.

About 5,000 walkers are expected in the ten area walk events in Chicagoland.

Chicago area Jews have sent \$1.5 million to Israel in the last ten years that walk events have been conducted, said Julie Olian, promotions director for the Walk with Israel.

Last year, the Northwest Suburban area raised more than \$16,000 in its first Walk with Israel in Buffalo Grove.

The 14-mile Walk with Israel will be routed throughout Wheeling, Arlington Heights, Long Grove and Buffalo Grove, beginning at 8 a.m. from the Northwest Suburban Jewish Community Center, at 3316 Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling.

There will also be a three-mile Mini Walk leaving from the center at 10 a.m.

All walkers will submit walk cards for registration at the start of the Walk with Israel. The walk card lists the names of people who have sponsored the individual walker and who have pledged to donate a certain amount of money based on how much of the route the walker completes.

All participants turning in money they collect from sponsors after the walk by June 18 will have their names entered in a special contest for prizes. The top prize is a trip for two to Israel.

Walk cards and further information are available at area synagogues and the center at 537-7090.

## Feds asked for public pool help

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It's been four years since Wheeling residents have had an outdoor pool to dive into to escape the summer heat and it seems unlikely they will enjoy it ever again unless the federal government lends a helping hand.

Wheeling Park District Supt. David F. Phillips believes there are many parents and children in Wheeling who would like to see an outdoor pool reopened again.

Village board members and voters who defeated a park district referendum in March's election don't believe there is a need for an outdoor pool in Wheeling.

"There has been no citizen outcry for lack of pool. The Neptune indoor pool is not doing well. It often only has three or less people in it. I don't believe there's an active call from citizens for a pool," said Village trustee William H. Rogers.

Phillips was seeking the board's

endorsement of the park district's application for a federal Community Development block grant.

Phillips said the Wheeling Park District wants to apply for a \$650,000 federal grant under 1982 Community Development Block Grant funding for the reconstruction of a community outdoor pool at Chamber of Commerce Park.

Because the park district is a special purpose, and not a general purpose unit of local government, it is eligible to apply for the federal grant only with the endorsement of the village.

Phillips told trustees that his office has been swamped with calls from people wanting to know if Wheeling will ever again have an outdoor pool.

In last month's election, the park district asked voters to approve a .25 tax rate increase or 25 cents per \$100 valuation. It was defeated.

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# First-hand look

## Village officials tour Palwaukee Airport

By ELLEN WADE BEALS  
Correspondent

THE WHEELING Village Board of Trustees and some of the village's executive staff went on a field trip of sorts—they visited Palwaukee Airport to learn more about the facility they might end up owning some day.

Charles Priester served as guide and he prefaced the tour by explaining his family's philosophy of operating the airport. "Our biggest singular philosophy for an airport to be successful is that it would serve the gamut of needs—maintenance, training, service, and renting."

It's evident this philosophy has been put to work. Palwaukee Airport is more than just a place from which airplanes can take off and land. It's an employer to hundreds of people, a source of tax revenue for nearby communities, and the home of many corporate jets.

Highlights of the tour included a stop at the airplane sales. Palwaukee is a full-service Cessna dealer, the only such dealership in northern Illinois, and is also a Piper dealership, the only one in 150-mile radius.

Trustees also visited flight operations, the base for 540 airplanes, which also comprises the flight school and a chartering service. Nearly 75 aircraft and 20 pilots are available for hire. Charles Priester said, "Our philosophy again is to offer something that nobody else has."

The tour also included a stop at the piston maintenance shop where an \$800,000 inventory of parts is sold to keep up the planes in Palwaukee and airports in five neighboring states. The sales of parts averages about \$100,000 per month.

New hangars were seen. Some were constructed specifically for the maintenance of the new turbine engine planes; each is subjected to an inspection after 150 hours of flying. Another

### SUMMARY

WHEELING OFFICIALS got a first-hand look at Palwaukee Airport on Saturday, April 17 when they toured the facility. The tour gave members of the Village Board a chance to visit the various areas of the facility which is being considered for public ownership by Wheeling and Prospect Heights. Following the tour, the group met with airport owners and operators, George and Charles Priester.

was built especially to house corporate airplanes. This deluxe condominium hangar includes space for individual offices and waiting rooms that companies may decorate and use according to their needs.

AFTER THE three-hour tour, trustees had an informal lunch and discussion with George and Charles Priester about acquisition of the airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Trustee John Cole raised a question that was repeated often: "The problem in this issue is in educating—not propagandizing—the public to the extent of the airport's business operation. The average citizens see planes taking off and landing and do not understand the airport's business operations." He also expressed concern about how a complicated issue such as the acquisition of the airport could be accurately reflected in a simple yes or no referendum question.

Charles Priester expressed concern about the availability of federal funds. "I'm paranoid about timing," he said and reported that other airports, such as Waukegan Memorial Airport, may already have applied for federal funds.

Wheeling, he said, should act quickly and submit their application for funds. He explained that an application is not binding and can be withdrawn and that Wheeling should not miss the opportunity to be first in line for funding. Priester added that Palwaukee's biggest users want to know the airport's status. Prolonged indecision could make these corporate users turn to other

airports such as Waukegan Memorial.

George Priester expressed disbelief at the slowness of the decision regarding acquisition. "In 20 years, you'll own the property outright. How can you lose on a deal like this?" he asked the trustees.

HE EXPLAINED also that people don't realize Palwaukee's biggest asset is not its land but its air space. Another airport could not be built so close to metropolitan Chicago. Palwaukee is a "rarity" and should be used to its best advantage.

He added that Wheeling residents could not lose on the deal. As currently planned, the acquisition would be funded by revenue bonds so in the event of the airport's failure, the bond holders would lose. Whereas, if the airport is as successful as currently, the citizens of Wheeling would reap the benefits of profits.

Other concerns centered on who would be responsible for various functions, such as maintenance, if the airport is acquired by Wheeling and then leased to a fixed base operator.

Evident throughout the discussion were the complexity of the issue, the difficulty of presenting the facts to the public, and the myriad of details that will have to be settled before any agreement is reached. As Village Manager Thomas Markus commented after the tour that "This and the Lake Michigan water project are probably the two most difficult issues Wheeling has faced."



WITH ONE OF THE sources of complaints behind them, members of the group which toured Palwaukee Airport

Saturday, April 17, get a look at one of the hangars at the airport.



# Arson bared in fire that closes Cheetah

By JOAN FLEISCHER

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the fire Monday at the Cheetah II nightclub just outside Wheeling. Arsonists are blamed for the fire that caused extensive damage to the interior of the nightclub, which featured nude female dancers and strip tease acts.

Wheeling Fire Chief Bernard Koeppen said seven five-gallon fuel oil containers were discovered in the wreckage of the Cheetah II, 393 S. Milwaukee Ave.

"Arson was the cause. We found the seven jugs, which contained diesel oil or some other heavy fuel oil. It caused heavy smoke, but little damage to the building structure. The fire was contained inside," said Koeppen.

No one was injured in the fire, which caused an estimated \$30,000 damage to the interior.

Koeppen said the fire was put out by 40 Wheeling firefighters within 15 minutes.

The fire was discovered at 3:29 a.m., soon after the club closed, by a Wheeling police officer on patrol who spotted flames by the rear door.

The investigation, he said, has been turned over to the Cook County Sheriff and state fire marshal's offices and that no arrests were yet made.

An official with the state fire marshal's office said the low grade fuel used to ignite the fire was similar to kerosene and was set with road flares. He said it was apparently the work of amateurs.

"That business really has had a string of bad luck," said Koeppen referring to a number of bombing attempts the nightclub experienced when it was at Routes 21 and 45 in Half Day.

The nightclub, owned by Mark DeFoor of Libertyville, moved last spring to the Wheeling area location after dynamite bombs were found on the roof of the building in Half Day and threats were made to blow it up.



Heavy smoke damage was limited to the interior of the Cheetah II nightclub, 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., during an early Monday morning fire blamed on arsonists. (Staff photo by Nancy Stone)

# Lowest water pipeline bid carries \$2 million saving

Four Northwest suburbs planning to pipe Lake Michigan water from Evanston apparently will pay \$2 million less than expected for the longest leg of the 42-mile pipeline.

The Northwest Water Commission, which includes Palatine, Arlington Heights, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, received 15 bids to build the 6.5-mile section of the pipeline between the Edens Expressway and the Tri-State Tollway.

The lowest price offered for the work came in a joint bid from DiPaolo Co., of Niles, and Rosetti Contracting Co., of Rolling Meadows. The two companies bid \$7.75 million for the job, which had been estimated would cost \$9.75 million.

The two firms already are working together on the only section of the

pipeline construction that has been started, a one-mile stretch through Skokie. John Callan, consulting engineer for the water commission, said there is no reason Rosetti and DiPaolo couldn't handle both contracts because the first job, which was started last month, is expected to be completed by the end of next week.

The highest of the 15 bids received was \$10.3 million.

"I think we got some excellent bids," Callan said. "It was extremely competitive. I knew there would be quite a few, but I didn't expect 15."

**AWARDING A** contract for the job was delayed until the Illinois Commerce Commission decides whether it has jurisdiction to approve the contract. The section of pipeline in question will be installed along right-of-

way belonging to Commonwealth Edison, which is regulated by the ICC.

The ICC is expected to decide the issue at a meeting May 5, and Callan said that won't cause any significant delay in construction.

Water commission attorney Cliff Weaver said the ICC probably will claim authority over the utility right-of-way, but "there's close to a 100 percent chance that they will approve the contract."

The four towns expect to pay a total of about \$88 million over the next two years to build the pipeline, which is necessary because the deep wells now used for most of northern Illinois' water supply are drying up. Funding to repay the construction loans will come from increased water rates and property taxes in the villages.

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# Wheeling may not have 4th

Committee lacking volunteers, cash

By Eddy McNeil

**WHEELING'S PLANS** for a Fourth of July celebration may fizzle if volunteers don't materialize soon to raise money for the event.

David Phillips, superintendent of parks and recreation, said "the lack of significant community response" has caused the park district to wash its hands of the project. He warned in a statement released recently that "the lack of a response by the community will find that Wheeling will not have any 4th of July activities in 1982."

Alberta Klocke, listed as the co-chairman for the parade and fireworks subcommittees, said Wednesday, "Right now, you're talking to the committee. It appears that no one is interested."

The Village Board decided two years ago to stop giving money to the Jaycees for a fireworks display at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Rd. Last year, the steering committee raised \$3,000.

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fund from last year, Klocke said, but without another \$2,200 to \$2,700, there won't be a display this year. A parade already looks doubtful, she said, and she's not even sure she'll convince enough groups to have a festival at the park.

"People just don't seem to care," she said.

**IRONICALLY**, Klocke, the former village clerk, supported the move to end village sponsorship of the holiday activities. But even now, she said she doesn't regret the decision.

Klocke said she won't recommend that festivities be cancelled yet to see if interest in the event picks up.

## The week ahead

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# Trustees to check panel aspirants

The Wheeling village board meets at 7 p.m. today to interview applicants for openings on various village commissions.

In an effort to keep the commissions at full staff, Village President Sheila Schultz schedules the interviews on a regular basis. Citizens are appointed to the board on Schultz's recommendation, with approval of the full board. Commissioners serve voluntary multi-year terms.

**WHEELING TRUSTEES** will also give final approval to a \$34.7 million low-interest loan to finance the construction of 400 apartment units in the village.

Finger Enterprises of Houston hopes to start construction by May 10 on the Woodland Creek development on a 40-acre site near the southeast corner of Palatine and Wheeling roads. The board gave preliminary approval to the loan on April 19.

The three-year loan will be used to cover the first phase of construction work. By asking the village to issue bonds the developer can borrow the money at a lower-than-normal interest rate. The village issues the bonds but the developer is responsible for repaying the loan.

The board meets in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

# State slates millions for area roadwork

Reminder 4/22

Several million dollars worth of work on state roads in the area is scheduled for completion this summer.

Projects recently approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation or let for bid are intermittent resurfacing for seven locations, two traffic signals and major resurfacing on Dundee Road, Northwest Highway and Rand Road.

For Dundee Road in Wheeling, a new deck for the bridge over the Des Plaines River will be built for an estimated \$600,000.

Another \$1.1 million major resurfacing will be let for bid next week for Rand Road between Route 53 and Euclid Avenue.

Other IDOT road projects include replacement of a deck of the bridge over Buffalo Creek in Wheeling at a cost of \$177,000 and installation of a concrete barrier in the median between Wheeling and Sanders roads in Wheeling at a cost of \$500,000.



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## Condominium flooding cure sought

In an attempt to temporarily stop flooding at the Lakeside Villas condominium complex, Wheeling officials will spend \$20,000 to drain and clean the development's drainage pond and pipes.

But draining the pond and cleaning silt from the pipes that lead into the pond is only a short-term solution to the flooding problems at the complex, and Village Manager Thomas Markus said village officials are trying to find a permanent solution.

Robert Gray, village director of operations and maintenance, said that an inadequate storm sewer outlet has caused the pond to rise to a level about 3½ feet higher than it was planned to be. The high water level has prevented village workers from doing maintenance work in the storm water sewer system at the site.

Gray also said the storm sewer leading from Mallard Lake to the Lakeside pond is heavily filled with silt and backs up to form a small lagoon of stagnant water that collects garbage and dead ducks.

**THE LAKESIDE** pond is the last in a series of drainage ponds that start in Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove and end in Wheeling. Heavy silt and the inadequate water outlet at Lakeside have made the area a prime spot for flooding problems.

When the area was first developed, a series of legal battles was fought between the village, developers and adjacent property owners over how the water would be drained from the area. A sewer pipe was ordered to be constructed from the eastern edge of the Lakeside pond down to Hintz Road and east on Hintz Road. But Cook County refused to grant permission for the sewer unless a larger pipe was installed and it was extended almost 2,000 feet longer than the original plans.

The developer could not afford to build the line, and now the water bubbles up at a manhole just east of the pond. Gray said that water then runs over and floods Jackson Drive in unincorporated Wheeling Township. Highway Commissioner Thomas Gillis is working to solve that flooding problem.

AN ACTIVE storm sewer has been discovered in the vicinity of the Lakeside property, but Gray said the property owner has refused to allow village officials to tap into the system. Markus said the village will try to acquire the land surrounding the sewer and will

decide whether a new sewer will be needed to carry the water.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village hopes to start the work at Lakeside as soon as some necessary legal work can be worked out between the village and the Lakeside homeowners' association.

## Citizen committee to study buying Pal-Waukee Airport

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

Prospect Heights city officials have formed a citizen committee to study the proposed purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport.

John Gilligan, who proposed the committee in a letter to Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf, said the group will "study what the citizens need to know if the citizens are to vote intelligently" on the airport's purchase.

A consultant hired to study the airport's purchase has recommended that Wheeling and Prospect Heights buy the facility and bring it up to code for \$53 million, with funding coming mainly

from federal and state sources. Pal-Waukee owner George Priester has been trying to sell the airport for years.

Wolf and Wheeling Village President Shejla Schultz have said they support an advisory referendum on the issue, but at least one local group is demanding that the residents be allowed to make the purchase decision with a binding referendum.

A TECHNICAL Advisory Committee, with representatives from both towns, local, state and federal agencies was formed several years ago to study the airport's purchase. But Gilligan said Prospect Heights residents are less concerned about the technical aspects of buying the airport and more

interested in "what's in it for them," including whether the airport will become a tax burden in the future and the alternative uses for the airport if it is not sold.

"What is the benefit of the airport to the entire community?" said Gilligan, who served as chairman of Prospect Heights' incorporation committee. "If it goes away, what can we do? Is it worth saving? What are the alternative uses and the impacts of those uses?"

Gilligan said the committee expects to become familiar with the consultant's reports on the airport and "fill in the gaps" with testimony from a massive public hearing, interviews with

airport experts and other documentation it can find on the question. Gilligan said city officials have asked for some sort of report by Aug. 2.

The other members of the committee, appointed by Wolf, are Esther Noffke, an administrative assistant at Pal-Waukee; Warren Sunde, vice president of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, an organization opposed to the purchase; Frank Allgauer, of Allgauer's Fireside Restaurant in Northbrook; and residents Bud Lemke and Dan Query.

The committee will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Prospect Heights city hall, 4 E. Camp McDonald Road, and Gilligan said regular Wednesday meetings are planned.

## Protesters boost effort on Pal-Waukee plan

By Eddy McNeil

A GROUP OPPOSING public acquisition of Pal-Waukee Airport vowed Thursday to increase pressure on Wheeling and Prospect Heights officials, whose towns are considering buying the facility.

Larry Necheles, research director of the Citizen Airport Activity Group, said that after meeting with representatives of the Coalition for Political Honesty, the group decided to inundate officials with letters and telephone calls in the coming weeks to make their position known.

"We're not against the airport—we're against the public acquisition of the airport," he said. Members of the group claim the airport will cost more than its estimated \$52.8 million purchase price and could become "a flying RTA."

PROSPECT HEIGHTS and Wheeling are trying to deter-

mine if their portion of the price tag for acquisition and improvements of the airport at Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road can be financed through revenue produced by the facility. Federal and state agencies are expected to pay 80 to 90 percent of the costs, and local officials have said they won't even consider raising local taxes to pay for the airport.

Necheles said members of his group met with the Oak Park-based coalition to discuss strategies of torpedoing public purchase of the facility. He said members of his group, which he said numbers more than 400, believe they were shortchanged during a January public hearing held in Wheeling.

More than 500 persons jammed that meeting, and Necheles said people opposing the purchase became discouraged by persons speaking in favor of the acquisition at the beginning

of the meeting. Although organizers of the meeting said speakers were taken in the order they signed up, Necheles disagreed.

"I THINK THE DECK was stacked against us," he said.

He said his group believes that cost estimates by Ralph H. Burke Inc., Park Ridge, an airport consultant hired by the two communities, are low. He also claimed that Larry Donaghue, the firm's president, was "very biased" in his recommendation that the communities buy the facility.

Officials from both Wheeling and Prospect Heights are continuing to study the possible purchase of the facility. Wheeling officials already are committed to holding an advisory referendum on the issue, possibly in November, and Prospect Heights officials also are considering a referendum.

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## Fire rips WHS field press box

Wheeling fire investigators are searching for the cause of a "suspicious" fire that destroyed the press box and a section of the grandstand at the Wheeling High School athletic field.

The fire, which broke out about 1 p.m. Friday, gutted the two-tiered press box, and destroyed the mechanism for operating the scoreboard, firefighters said. Damage was estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Although the fire was of suspicious origin, the cause is undetermined, fire fighters said.

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# Restaurants banding together

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A number of Wheeling restaurants have banded together to form a restaurant association to promote what they say is the village's largest industry.

Michael Halloran, general manager of the Best Western Pal-Waukec Motor Inn and an organizer of the new group, said that about half of the 39 restaurants in the Wheeling area already have joined the Wheeling Area Restaurant Association, and he hopes all eventually will participate.

"The general purpose of the group is to give restaurants a voice in community affairs and to work on promotions," Halloran said. "We're the largest industry in the area. We're bringing

a lot of money into the village. We need to get some power and clout."

Halloran said the association plans to include restaurants ranging from hot dog stands to the world-famous Le Francais. The group will raise money by charging a flat fee to all members, regardless of their business volume.

"RESTAURANTS ARE the biggest draw we (Wheeling) have," he said. "People are looking more and more for economical food. If we can get them to the area as they drive back from Great America or to Long Grove, they'll stop at different types of food operations."

Wheeling Chamber of Commerce executive secretary Jackie Pollack said the group has received chamber support, and both organizations will work

together to promote the restaurants. "Each has its different needs and promotion requires a great deal of planning. The group is one step towards that planning," she said.

Halloran said the group is talking about publishing a directory map of restaurants in the area and holding a "Taste of Wheeling" festival, similar to that held annually in Chicago. At the festival restaurants set up booths and sell their specialty foods for people to sample.

Halloran said the promotions would work to sell both the restaurants and the village. "Wheeling is a good place to come and eat and it has had that reputation for 150 years," he said.

**BUT THE** association also hopes to

become involved in village affairs and decisions that concern restaurants. For example, he said, the controversial sign ordinance adopted by the village last year will cost Wheeling area restaurants \$2 million over the next few years to update and change their signs to conform with the law. "There are some problems we have to go after as a group," he said.

In the future, Halloran said, the group plans to organize educational programs for local schools about the food industry and training and the future of restaurants. Membership in the National Restaurant Association may also be considered.

"We've taken a little ice cube of an idea and now we're an iceberg," he said.

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## Getting lake water a real taxing task

By JUNE STEWART

High taxes and high water rates are getting to Len Renquin, of Wheeling. Renquin recently appeared on a television interview when work began on the water pipeline in Evanston, one end of Northwest Water Commission Pipeline. Renquin has a water project of his own—a well in his Wheeling backyard to water his garden and shrubbery.



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A Coast Guard reserve training and project officer, with 18 years military service, and a Central Telephone Company employee, Renquin has the cost and returns of his well figured pretty closely. He estimates the well will cost \$600, and water from it about 2½ cents per thousand gallons as compared with the \$1.90 per thousand gallons the village plans to charge by mid-summer.

Not only are the higher water rates an irritant to Renquin, so are the property tax increases to cover the recent bond issue, as well as other areas of local government spending, which have caused local property tax increases to way offset any of President Reagan's tax cuts, he said.

He believes government spending on the local level is getting out of hand. Renquin is in the process of organizing a group called The Wheeling Coalition to reduce water and tax rates, and to make people more aware of what is going on in Wheeling. He says the group will meet as soon as it receives a state charter for a not-for-profit organization.

Anyone interested in joining the group call 537-4873.

Artist Gregory Perillo, was in Wheeling recently. Perillo, famous for his paintings of Indian chiefs, his lithographs, and his collector plates, appeared at the Wheeling Nursery Gift Shop in a special showing of his work. Four of Perillo's original oils are on display at the gift shop—they

sell for \$19,500 each.

If you haven't seen the new gift shop at the Wheeling Nursery yet, it is worth seeing. General Manager, Al Solomon turned the main garden center building into an 8000 square foot gift gallery with limited edition plates, porcelian figurines, original oils, and other unique gifts. Hummels, Boehms, and Hibils are all there. Stocking the unusual gallery of gifts took from last October, when the gift shop first opened to April, when it had its grand opening, said Solomon. From time to time various artists will have showings at the new gift gallery. Most of the people who have seen the collection of gift items say it is a fantastic collection.

The Wheeling Nursery has been around for about 50 or 60 years and certainly has changed. Some of Wheeling's other changes may be seen at the Wheeling Historical Museum open Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. The Historical Society meets at Chamber Park on the fourth Wednesday of every month, at 8 p.m. for anyone interested in joining. "We're always looking for new members," says Shirley Mueller, Historical Society board member, and a former Wheeling Park Board member.

If you know of anyone who would like to give away a mannequin or two, or three, or more, the Historical Museum would love to have them. If anyone is cleaning out an attic and has pictures or items from the old days, don't throw them away, take them to the Wheeling Historical Museum. Keep a record of our town's history. Latest is that the Wheeling Park District and the Wheeling Historical Society are getting together to hire a part time museum curator.

The Puerto Vallarta, featuring Mexican food, is trying for a May 1 opening, in the Tahoe Village Shopping Center.

Wheeling's old business district is back in the news, too. Seems the Plan Commission and Appearance Commission work is overlapping and causing problems for a number of business people, among them the Hilltop Inn. Trustee Bill Rogers is heading a committee to find out which commission "is doing what".

# Flooding problems still plague condo owners

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

VILLAGE OFFICIALS and Lakeside Villas residents still are trying to resolve chronic flooding problems that have plagued the condominium development since it was built. The Village Board met with representatives of the homeowner's association Monday, April 26 to determine what could be done to prevent further erosion and silting problems at the lake in the development, but no definite solution was reached.

Wheeling's Operations and Maintenance Director Robert Gray explained that the lake at Lakeside Villas is the downstream lake in a string of nine lakes. The other lakes all send their overflow rainwater into it, but it has no place to discharge the excess water. As a result, the lake is about 3½ feet higher than it was originally designed to be, Gray said, and it has caused flooding and erosion problems which will only worsen if not corrected soon.

**ANOTHER PROBLEM** with trying to get drainage for the lake is the refusal of the homeowner east of the development, who resides in unincorporated Wheeling Township, to allow the village an easement through his property so pipes from the lake can be hooked up to an existing drainage system built

in the early 1900s.

Gray said the old drainage system was not known to the village until last year when it was discovered after a section of the old drain tile had collapsed. In the meantime, the homeowner has filled it in and put a small channel around his property, so it won't flood.

The man is leery of village workers, according to Gray. "He was of the impression we dug the pit and were going to do something illegal," he said. In addition, Gray said the homeowner lost a suit brought by Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights and Wheeling during the late '60s and early '70s to allow the drainage to flow over his property.

Gray said there originally had been a proposal by the developer of Lakeside Villas to construct connecting pipes south to the Hintz Road sewer system, but it was too costly and the developer abandoned the idea.

If the property owner is not willing to cooperate with the village, Village Manager Tom Markus said, it might be necessary for the village to condemn the land needed for an easement, although it would be difficult to define the easement boundaries.

**ANOTHER PROBLEM** with the lake is that lines from the other lakes, particularly the one from Mallard Lake have sediment building up in

them. Silt also is being carried along the pipes and deposited into the Lakeside Villas lake, making it shallower.

"If there's a blockage, we have to maintain the lines, otherwise we would be liable," Gray said. "We're going to have a problem if we don't do anything about it."

The homeowners were concerned primarily with the erosion caused by the excess water because of the possibilities of flooding, and the creation of eyesores by the erosion of the banks.

"We see Lakeside as the victim of bad history," said Bernie Talbert, president of the homeowner's association.

One option for the residents would be to make the lake into a dry retention basin by draining it completely, Gray suggested. While they might have a harder time "selling" that idea, it would make maintenance of the area much easier, he said.

Gray added the village is hoping to pump out the lake this summer in order to clean out the sewer lines, catch basins and manholes.

Asked if the village would help resolve the problem, Village President Sheila Schultz responded, "Yes, we will assist you in so far as we are able. We should like to solve the problem for you and for us. We want to get it resolved."

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## Loan for luxury apartments backed

Wheeling officials have agreed to sponsor a \$34.7 million low-interest loan for a Texas developer who plans to build 400 luxury apartments in the village.

Finger Enterprises of Houston hopes to start construction on the Woodland Creek development by May 10. The development, which will include five

story apartment buildings and recreational facilities, will be built on 40 acres near the southeast corner of Palatine and Wheeling roads.

This is the largest development bond issue in Wheeling's history and the first time the village sponsored a loan for a developer. Traditionally, the village has sponsored the loans for companies

wanting to build factories or improve existing facilities in the village. The village will earn more than \$150,000 in fees by sponsoring the loan.

The three-year loan will cover construction costs for the project. Developers also plan to use federal funds. By asking the village to sponsor the loan, the developer can borrow the

money at lower-than-normal interest rates. Wheeling carries no liability for the loan and the developer will be responsible for repaying the money.

By using federal money to help pay for the project, the developer will be required to make 20 percent, or 80, of the apartments available to low-income or senior citizen tenants.

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# CAAG concerned

## Public purchase of Palwaukee opposed

By ELEANOR KERLOW  
Correspondent

CITING A concern over increased traffic and higher taxes, the Citizens Airport Activity Group (CAAG) met with representatives of the Coalition for Political Honesty Wednesday, April 21.

The concerns aired by CAAG members took on a somewhat different approach. While there have been concerns about expansion, CAAG members said they fear a worsening of noise, traffic, pollution and higher taxes.

"We are not anti-airport. We don't want it to close. We don't want it to go away. We knew it was there," said Lowell Stolerow of CAAG.

"But if it were to become a public airport, it would be a public authority that could levy taxes and condemn property. That's why we're against the public acquisition of Palwaukee Airport," said Stolerow.

At a meeting April 21 at the Plum Creek Condominium Association clubhouse, CAAG members and newcomers said they're going to put the pressure on village officials to vote against buying the airport.

"What can we do to our local politicians to slap them upside the head and make them pay attention. These crooks might do this (buy the airport) tomorrow," said James Schwab.

Mike Rappaport, Wheeling, suggest-

ed CAAG have a petition drive and go door-to-door and to the shopping centers.

"I'M STILL a believer in a democracy. I think that if 40 percent of the people in Wheeling signed petitions, they would have enough pressure to get politicians to vote against the airport," said Rappaport.

One woman suggested a protest march on Memorial Day. Others at the meeting said they would flood the village hall with letters and phone calls.

"The politicians have been vague about the benefits and costs of buying Palwaukee Airport. We don't have to re-elect them," said Stolerow.

Stolerow said he questioned the village consultant's recommendation that Wheeling and Prospect Heights buy the airport.

One woman, however, spoke out in favor of acquiring the airport, a view shared by airport consultants.

"I take issue with many things that you say and that are not entirely true. You say you'll have a C-5A plan (military transport) in your backyard. We don't need that. We need correct information," said Esther Noffke, administrative assistant at Palwaukee.

"I WANT to take issue with all four items on your poster announcing this meeting. You say the airport purchase will steal from your hard earned dollars and that it will depreciate property values. It will not," said Noffke.

"The village is not being coerced into buying Palwaukee as you say. I believe they asked for the study. The study has been going on four years. The Technical Advisory Committee is not a secret," said Noffke.

Larry Necheles, CAAG research director told Noffke that the municipalities believe that Palwaukee brings in business. But he said that if it did, every business in the country would be here.

"As traffic goes up there'll be more cars. No one wants a house near traffic. If the villages buy the airport, there are tax dollars that you did not want to spend. Therefore, they're being stolen from you," said Necheles.

CAAG MEMBERS suggested a debate in the future with the village consultants to perhaps determine who's "misinforming" whom.

Schwab said that residents are afraid of a crash, afraid of a depreciation in property values and afraid of an increase in taxes.

He told Noffke she was looking at the airport issue from the point of view of a business woman who has a business venture there.

"We already benefit from the airport from sales tax and gas tax. We enjoy it. Continue the airport, but just don't ask us to buy it," said Stolerow.

# High water rates may mean browner lawns, dirtier cars

Herald staff report

Because of hefty water rate increases in most Northwest suburban towns, local officials are predicting that residents will sprinkle their lawns and wash their cars less this summer — at least until they adjust to the higher cost.

"I do not anticipate too many green lawn awards," said Palatine Village Manager Anton Harwig, whose town has more than doubled its water rate since last summer. "This is much too substantial an increase to be ignored."

Municipal officials expect most residents to be stingy with their water this summer because water rates have

been or soon will be raised substantially to help pay for extensive pipelines to Lake Michigan water.

Water rate increases in Arlington Heights, Palatine, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, which formed the Northwest Water Commission to build an \$88 million pipeline to Evanston, range from 81 to 241 percent so far. Buffalo Grove doesn't know yet whether it will pay for its share of the project by increasing property taxes or water rates, but estimates indicate that taxes could go up 63 percent or water bills could triple.

MEMBERS OF the Northwest Suburban Joint Action Water Agency — Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Hano-

ver Park, Elk Grove Village, Streamwood, Mount Prospect and Rolling Meadows — haven't raised their rates as much because they don't know yet what rate Chicago will offer them when they finally negotiate to buy water for their \$110 million pipeline. However, initial water rate increases in those towns that have started paying preliminary costs range from 8 to 54 percent.

Des Plaines has purchased its water from Chicago for nearly 13 years, but had to increase rates 42 percent last May after Chicago boosted the price of water 51 percent. And Bartlett, which is considering buying Fox River water

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# Wheeling housing opens to elderly

THE COOK COUNTY Housing Authority will begin accepting applications Wednesday for 100 units of low-income senior citizens housing under construction in Wheeling.

An eight-story structure near Milwaukee and Strong Avenues will be ready for occupancy this winter or next spring, according to housing authority officials.

Applications will be accepted from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong Ave., Wheeling. All applications will be evaluated separately, according to Patrick Zerega, housing authority area manager. Early applicants won't receive preference.

APPLICATIONS ARE available at the housing authority's central management office, 9201 Maryland St., Niles, or they may be obtained by calling the office at 757-7640. Written requests for applications also will be accepted. Applications may be mailed or delivered to the office after Wednesday. No cut off date for accepting applications has been established.

To be eligible, applicants must be 62 years old or older, and total income after approved exemptions and deductions may not exceed \$9,700 for one person or \$11,100 for two persons.

# Water rate hikes may bring about conservation

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from Elgin, was forced to boost its rates 29 percent to prevent a deficit this month in the water and sewer fund.

After residents receive the first few bills reflecting the new rates, municipal officials expect as much as a 20 percent drop in total consumption as homeowners realize how quickly running water turns into evaporated dollars. For example, Streamwood Public Works Director John White said when rates were increased two years ago, consumption went down between 15 and 20 percent.

In a special newsletter to its residents to explain the pipeline, Arlington Heights officials warned that running a garden hose continuously while washing a car wastes up to 20 gallons a

minute, which translates into \$2.90 an hour in that village. And deeply watering a 7,500-square-foot lawn once a week could cost as much as \$12.

"Typically, whenever there is a big increase, consumption goes down for six to nine months," said Mount Prospect Village Manager Terrance Burghard. A 9 percent increase he is proposing this spring, on top of 12 percent increases since last year, would add about \$3.15 per quarter billing for the average customer, he said, but "I don't think for \$3.15 a quarter the people are going to radically change their consumption habits."

"THERE WILL be a certain amount of conservation going on because of the water rates, but there will be some people who say, 'I've got to pay it any-

way and I want my grass to look nice,'" said Don Renner, superintendent of utilities at the Arlington Heights Public Works Department.

However, other officials are expecting their water revenues to suffer from decreased usage and are counting on are more growth in their towns and additional water rate or property tax increases to make up that loss.

In Wheeling, Finance Director Greg Peters said he thinks growth in that village could offset a drop in usage. He said several projects, including a planned 400-unit luxury apartment complex, have yet to hook onto the village's water system.

As a way to avoid an unpredictable loss of water revenues, some towns are considering putting a portion of the

pipeline costs on the property tax bills. Some support that method because it would allow residents to deduct a portion of the increase from their federal income taxes. However, other municipal officials point out, that money wouldn't even be collected until 1½ years after the tax is levied. In addition, they say it would be unfair because not all residents use the same amount of water, but they would have to pay the same property tax increase as a heavy user.

SCHAUMBURG, HOFFMAN Estates, Streamwood and Rolling Meadows already have opted for higher water rates. "Everyone can control the amount they use, rather than leaving it to the inexact science of property assessment," Hoffman Estates

Finance Director Keith Wendland said. Although Palatine raised its rates in 1980 from 50 cents per 1,000 gallons to 99 cents and then to \$3.38 in 1981, rates will revert to 99 cents next year because residents in October voted to pay for any water cost increases on their real estate tax bills.

Mount Prospect officials have decided to raise property taxes to cover the construction costs and water rates to pay for the water itself. Preliminary estimates show that the tax rate will rise from \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation to about \$1.45 in 1984, \$1.55 in 1985 and \$1.70 by 1986.

Hanover Park Village President Louis Barone said he thinks his town will settle on a combination of water rate increases and property taxes.

## The rising costs of water

	1981		1982		Change
	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Annual cost <sup>2</sup>	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Annual cost <sup>2</sup>	
Arlington Heights	\$1.35	\$162	\$2.45	\$294	+ 81%
Bartlett	\$0.70	\$84	\$0.90	\$108	+ 29%
Buffalo Grove	\$1.00	\$192 <sup>3</sup>	\$1.00	\$192 <sup>3</sup>	—
Des Plaines	\$1.65	\$198	\$1.65	\$198	—
Elk Grove	\$0.69	\$134 <sup>4</sup>	\$0.69	\$134 <sup>4</sup>	—
Hanover Park	\$1.30	\$156	\$1.55	\$186	+ 19%
Hoffman Estates	\$1.30	\$213	\$2.25 <sup>5</sup>	\$327	+ 54%
Mount Prospect	\$1.40	\$168	\$1.53 <sup>6</sup>	\$184	+ 12%
Palatine	\$0.99	\$119	\$3.38	\$406	+ 241%
Prospect Heights <sup>7</sup>	\$2.17	\$260	\$2.17	\$260	—
Rolling Meadows	\$0.85	\$102	\$1.15	\$138	+ 35%
Schaumburg	\$1.27	\$152	\$1.26	\$176	+ 15%
Streamwood	\$1.30	\$156	\$1.80	\$216	+ 38%
Wheeling	\$0.90	\$108	\$1.90	\$228	+ 111%

<sup>1</sup> Per 1,000 gallons. <sup>2</sup> Based on 10,000 gallons per month. <sup>3</sup> Includes a flat fee of \$6 per month. <sup>4</sup> Includes a flat fee of 14 cents per day. <sup>5</sup> Effective June 1. <sup>6</sup> Proposed. Will take effect in June if approved by village board. <sup>7</sup> For customers of Citizens Utility Co.

# Residents push for more park land over pool

by Elida Witthoedt  
Herald staff writer

Saying that the park district needs more open land and not another swimming pool, residents from Wheeling's Tahoe Village condominium complex are protesting the park's request for \$650,000 in federal funds to renovate the outdoor pool.

Homeowners' association president Debbie Roseman said Tahoe residents will attend Thursday's park board meeting and write letters to park officials to protest plans to rebuild the outdoor pool at Chamber Park.

Many Wheeling residents live in multi-family housing and already have access to private pools, she said. But several areas have no parks.

In March, residents defeated a proposed tax-increase referendum that placed an outdoor pool on a list of items the district wished to acquire. In late April, park officials applied for the federal money to rebuild the Chamber Park pool at 251 N. Wolf Road, which was closed in 1979 for health reasons.

Roseman said the Tahoe board is "totally disgusted" with the request and wants to "register its dissatisfaction" with the park board.

**BUT PARK** Superintendent David Phillips said park officials are not abandoning plans to acquire more land and said that the federal block grant program limits what the money can be used for. Phillips said that the "old town" area of Wheeling has been targeted for the funds by village officials, and only projects within that area would qualify for funding. The outdoor

pool is located in the old town area.

Phillips said park officials are still "pursuing both short and long-term space acquisition" including possibly renting open land along McHenry Road to serve residents of that area. Phillips said at the same time it authorized the funding request, the park board also asked the village to designate 31 acres in four areas of the village as open park space on the village's comprehensive land plan.

Tom Lyons, Wheeling assistant village planner, said village officials are currently working to update the comprehensive plan and have received the park's request. The Wheeling plan commission is scheduled to hold a workshop meeting on the park district request on May 20.

Phillips said the land request calls for 17 acres to be set aside along McHenry Road, 10 acres in the southern industrial sections, 2 acres along Buffalo Grove Road and 2 acres in Lake County.

**MEANWHILE HOMEOWNERS** in the Cedar Run development are also directing letters to park officials urging land acquisition. Don Kirchenberg, chairman of the Cedar Run board park and zoning committee, said the board has taken no official position. "We're not opposed to a pool, but we're seeking a fair share of park services. There are 5,000 people in the McHenry Road area without a park or school playground," he said.

It was Kirchenberg and other Cedar Run residents who last May originally approached the park board and started the campaign for more open park space along McHenry Road.

*HEerald Neighbor May 6, 1982*  
**Moving in May? Welcome Wagon's Singer says hello**

May is the month to make a move. Or so I'm told. According to some very scientific national studies (something like the Nielsen ratings, I suppose...), our flower-filled fifth month is the one that Americans choose most often to make a change of address. That makes sense. After all, carrying a couch up a flight of stairs is hard enough — why do it in the heat of August? Carrying a couch across a "pot-holed" parking lot is hard enough — why chance it on the ice in January? Americans chose mom and apple pie, no doubt we're smart enough to move in May.

So, for all you folks who spent last weekend trying to remember where you packed the can opener — Welcome to Wheeling! And as a housewarming gift, we present you with the name of Janet Singer, who is your Welcome Wagon representative. When you get a free moment, give Janet a call at 634-4506. Let her know you're new in town, and she'll be happy to provide you with community and business information, as well as complimentary gifts. Or, if you're lucky, maybe one of your neighbors will see that you could use an extra hand, and will call Janet for you. (Hint hint to those of you who are getting new neighbors.)

If you've moved before, you know the hassles of trying to get your mail to follow to your new residence. All those magazine subscriptions, and billing addresses, as well as personal friends that need to be notified. That should be taken care of well in advance, but if you still need help, the Wheeling Post Office (250 W. Dundee Rd.; 537-0700) has a change-of-address kit waiting. Included in the kit are post cards to be used to alert anyone necessary about your address change. What's more, these kits are also complimentary (yes, free). Take advantage; make the job easier and pick one up.

One man who moved into town is Robert Bolon, and he brought his furs with him. Bolon has been a furrier for 35 years, located first in the State and Lake building, and most recently in Skokie. You may have noticed his newest fur coat shop in Riverside Plaza (corner of Dundee and Milwaukee Roads.)

Bolon is no middle man. He actually designs and makes all the fur coats he sells. And if you've already got a fur, but need to take it in for "service and repair," Robert Bolon Furs can provide you with remodeling, repair, cleaning, or storage. I wonder if this place gives out free samples through Welcome Wagon...?

**TO MOVE OR NOT TO MOVE**, that is the question that some senior citizens may be asking themselves soon. On Wednesday, May 12, the Housing Authority of Cook County will begin to accept applications for the new Wheeling Senior Citizens building, which is now under construction at 200 N. Milwaukee Ave. Seniors interested in housing at the upcoming facility will have to fill out applications available at the Housing Authority's Central Management Office. You can call the office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday, or write to them at: Housing Authority, County of Cook, 9201 Maryland, Niles, Ill., 60648. Then you must turn in the completed application between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center (201 E. Strong) on May 12.

The new Wheeling Senior Citizen building is under construction with no definite completion date thus far. The building will have one hundred one-bedroom units available for rental.

**CONGRATULATIONS THIS WEEK TO SOME** dedicated athletes at Wheeling High School, who are moving UP to be sure. The WHS gymnastics team recently broke a school record for team scoring (158.36 points against Buffalo Grove), and Anne Kent broke a school record for the discus toss in the Palatine Relays. (She didn't stop there either, but went on to break her own record, going from 125-7 to 128-5.)

"What is your idea of success? Personal freedom. Freedom from what? From money, from poverty, from all material accidents..." — Edith Wharton

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Rogers	Ratczak	Powers	Keit	Goetch	Cole
Selected decisions from the village board meetings of April 5, 19 and 26.	YES	YES	ABSENT	NO	YES	ABSENT
To adopt an \$8.8 million budget for fiscal 1982-1983. (Passed 4-1)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To borrow \$6.4 million to pay for part of the Lake Michigan water pipeline. (Passed 6-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES
To sponsor a \$34.7 million low-interest loan to help finance the construction of the 400-apartment Woodland Creek development. (Passed 5-0)	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES

\*Village President Sheila Schultz voted yes.

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SCHULTZ

## Wheeling

Population: 23,098  
Incorporated: 1894  
Motto: Wheeling: Where Progress Is By the People  
Budget: \$7,859,560 (1980-81 fiscal year)  
Total Employees: 153 full-time  
Police Dept.: 56  
Fire Dept.: 44  
Public Works Dept.: 25

Form of Government: Village President and 6 trustees elected-at-large. Appointed manager.  
Village president: Sheila Schultz  
Water supply: Wells  
Parks: Wheeling Park Dist.  
Schools: Elementary children attend Wheeling Township Dist. 21. High school students attend Wheeling Elk Grove Township Dist. 214 schools. Served by Harper Jr. College.  
Average per capita income: \$7093  
Geographics: Wheeling is 7 square miles and is served by 4 highways—3 Illinois routes, 21, 68 and 83, and U.S. Route 45. Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road are major thoroughfares.  
Total sales tax receipts for fiscal year 1980-81: \$1,500,780  
Outstanding features: Many fine restaurants, including Le Francais. Palwaukee Airport.



*DAILY HERALD*  
*May 6, 1982*

# Village dries up plans for backyard water well

by Elida Witthoef

*Herald staff writer*

Saying that it violates a number of village laws, Wheeling officials have dried up plans by a Wheeling resident to drill his own backyard water well.

Fed up with the increasing costs of obtaining Lake Michigan water, Len Renquin had asked village officials to give him permission to dig the well in his backyard at 773 N. Dennis Road. Renquin said he got the idea for the well from an article in "Popular Mechanics" magazine, and that he wanted to use the water to sprinkle his lawn and wash cars. He figured he could drill the well for less than \$600.

But Wheeling Attorney James Rhodes said the plan would violate several village ordinances. "For the health and safety of the community a number of ordinances were drafted establishing who could put in plumbing and wells and it is limited to industrial areas," said Rhodes.

Renquin's home is currently hooked into the village's water supply. Rhodes said that allowing him to drill his own well could pose a threat to the purity of that water. "The biggest problem we have now is when you have someone drill their own well there's a danger they'll cross-section with the existing water system and contaminate the

water," he said.

WHEELING LAWS also prohibit the installation of "competing water systems."

Renquin could not be reached for comment. Rhodes said he has not spoken to Renquin since he sent a letter to him last week.

Rhodes said the village probably would ask for a court injunction to stop the drilling if Renquin goes ahead with the plan. He also said he wasn't sure what legal action Renquin could take to force the village to allow the well.

In February, the Wheeling village board approved water rate increases that will double the village's water rate by June, raising the average yearly water bill to \$228 from \$108. To make the increase equitable for residents who are billed on different schedules, the rate will increase to \$1.23 per 1,000 gallons used in April and \$1.57 in May.

The increase is needed to cover increased operating costs and part of Wheeling's share of the \$88 million pipeline being built from Evanston to carry lake water to the Northwest suburbs.

But Rhodes said village officials figured it would take Renquin 20 years to recoup the cost if he pumped his own water for sprinkling, than if he bought it from the village.

## Apply May 12 for apartments

The Housing Authority of the County of Cook will begin to accept applications for its Wheeling Senior Citizen building Wednesday, May 12. Applications will be taken on that day only at the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong, Wheeling, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications received at 10 a.m. will have no preference over those received at 2:00 p.m.

Applications will normally be available at the housing authority's central management office by calling 757-7640 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. except holidays; or, by writing, Housing Authority, County of Cook, 9201 Maryland, Niles, 60648.

A single person who is 62 years or over may be eligible.

A two-person family may be eligible if head or spouse meets the qualifications. Total income, less approved exemptions and deductions, may not exceed the applicable approved income limits for admission which are \$9,700 for one person, and \$11,100 for two people. Assets shall not exceed \$15,000 at admission. Certified Wheeling residents will receive a priority.

*Senior Life - May 6, 1982*

## Village board wrapup

*DAILY HERALD*  
*May 6, 1982*

# Schultz names 2 to commissions

Two Wheeling residents have been chosen by Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz to serve terms on village commissions.

With unanimous approval of village trustees, Schultz has appointed Steven Caruso to a three-year term on the fire and police commission. Schultz also reappointed Michael Iser to a two-year term on the police pension board.

Under village laws, Schultz has the power to appoint residents to the commission with board approval. Trustees have held interviews over the past several months to fill vacancies.

## New Riverside Plaza sidewalk

An addition of a sidewalk in the Riverside Plaza shopping center has been approved by the Wheeling Village Board.

The 39-foot section of sidewalk will be added at the northeast section of the shopping center and will run in an east-west direction in front of Libby Camera, 401 E. Dundee Road, and extend to the southern curb of the parking lot.

The sidewalk was not included in the shopping center's original plans, but Larry Oppenheimer, community development director, said people are walking on the grass in the area. The sidewalk is designed to give pedestrians better access to that portion of the shopping center.

*Herald Nelson*  
*May 6, 1982*

**Wheeling Senior Citizen Building Applications Will Be Accepted Beginning Wednesday, May 12, 1982**  
**At Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center**  
**201 E. Strong, Wheeling, Il.**

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*Country Side Reminder*  
*May 6, 1982*

## Violations found at new Cheetah

She wouldn't say what or when, but Assistant State's Attorney Joanne Tansey said building code violations at the Cheetah II Club will be handled by her office.

"Soon," was all Tansey would say of the action her office will take against the club, now reopened in a different part of the same building in which it was burnt out April 19.

Violations had been cited and unrepaired at the old site of the striptease club at 962 S Milwaukee Ave., and a recent visit to the new site, Tansey said, revealed a list of violations there. Among those are failure to secure permits for some work and problems with ventilation, exits, and

fireproofing. Failure to have separate toilet facilities and insufficient facilities for the capacity of the club also are listed as violations.

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz had written a letter to Cook County Board President George Dunne, requesting his efforts to keep the club from re-opening. Wheeling Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said Tuesday the village has had no response to its letter.

Wheeling has no jurisdiction over the club because it is out of its corporate limits, but the village has objected to its operation since it opened last summer

# Water financing needs further study

Herald 5/11/82

by Richard A. Mugalian

Everything I have read about Palatine's proposal to finance the cost of obtaining Lake Michigan water leads me to the conclusion that the situation is partly out of control. The present "solution" is simplistic and full of inequities. A thorough re-examination is in order.

First of all, relying upon an advisory referendum is wrong. The issue is too complex for a simple choice of "A or B." This is substantiated by reports that tax-exempt real estate will not (after all) escape some share of the \$56 million program cost. The referendum implied that if the real estate tax option were chosen, no other charges would be imposed.

The public — and the village board — were beguiled by the hope of deducting real estate taxes on the federal income tax returns. At no time during the pre-referendum period was it explained that for most

residents this apparent bonus is a will o' the wisp.

The burden of the project should be proportional to water use — past, present and future. The real estate tax — and assessed valuation — has no relationship to water use.

The village board failed to consider, or publicize, some important facts:

Itemized deductions (as we know) are not permitted on the state income tax return. On the federal income tax return a taxpayer has the choice of itemizing deductions — essentially interest, taxes, contributions and unreimbursed medical expenses exceeding 3 percent of adjusted gross income — or taking the standard deduction. If itemized deductions do not exceed the standard deduction, the taxpayer will not itemize. In such cases, obviously, the taxpayer-homeowner cannot be helped by the real estate tax approach.

A married couple filing jointly has a federal standard deduction of \$3,400; a single taxpayer, \$2,300. Only 31 percent of U.S. taxpayers itemize their deductions!

The major defect of the real estate tax approach is two-fold:

As distinguished from an increase solely in water rates (the current temporary system), it virtually eliminates the user's ability to influence his water bill and encourages wasteful water practices.

Under the water rate system, all water users will have their bills increased by 310 percent. Under this system the increase is directly proportional to one's water use. Under this system if one uses less water, one is rewarded by a leveraged percentage decrease in his next bill. By the same token if one increases the water use, he will be proportionately burdened in his next bill. Such incentives are highly desirable and flow naturally from a method that correlates cost to usage.

Under the real estate approach the situation is starkly different: At the very outset, more than 75 percent of the average "water bill" is fixed and unchangeable regardless of increase or decrease in water use. The real estate tax increase is proportional only to the assessed valuation of the real estate and is totally unrelated to the amount of water used on the property!

This is a complicated situation, but a careful analysis will bear out my conclusions.

I will give only one example of many to illustrate the inequity of the proposed real estate tax approach:

Consider a retired couple living in a large home. They use relatively little water, but their real estate tax bill will be significantly increased — for years. Their income is such that they do not itemize tax deductions, i.e. they cannot deduct the increased real estate taxes. In short, families with lower incomes and senior citizens will unfairly bear the cost of the project. The low-assessed valuation car wash, by contrast, will make out like a bandit.

The proposed financing formula will penalize the poor, the elderly, those who would conserve water and those who would like a measure of control over their water bills. It will assess the burdens most unfairly, encourage wasteful water use and give an income tax break to only a third of village residents.

The Lake Michigan water project is the largest in Palatine's history. It deserves more attention than it has received. Whatever the final decision, we'll all have to live with it for many years.

## Wheeling residents assail fund's for pool

By Eddy McNeil

*may 10, 1982*  
*Debbie Roseman*  
*trible*  
A GROUP OF residents in northwest Wheeling say they still oppose the park district's application for \$650,000 in federal funds to build a swimming pool despite assurances the money couldn't be used to buy park land in their area.

Debbie Roseman, president of the board of managers of the Tahoe Village Condominium Association, said Friday that she will seek permission from her board this week to petition the Cook County Board to deny the request for a Community Development Block Grant for the pool.

ALTHOUGH INITIAL opposition was

raised at the idea of spending money for a pool when the northwest area lacks park land, she said her group still opposes the expenditure after learning the block grant money could be spent only in one section of the village.

The pool would be built in Chamber Park, 191 Wolf Rd., an area of the village that meets federal economic criteria for block grant expenditures. The northwest section of the village doesn't meet the requirements.

"In our country today, funding and programs are being cut back at alarming rates," Roseman said in a letter to park board members.

## Clini-Med gets OK to erect sign

By JUNE STEWART  
Correspondent

CLINI-MED was granted permission to install a sign, Wheeling Nursery permitted to keep their signs, at the May 3 Wheeling Village Board meeting.

Clini-Med, located in the rear of Brittany Court, 307 S. Milwaukee Avenue, received village permission to install a sign on the building that is visible from Milwaukee Avenue.

Village Manager Thomas Markus did not agree with Plan Commission and village staff findings, and Trustee John Cole objected to the proposed Clini-Med sign.

"PEOPLE CAN identify the building, and they don't need a big sign—it is purely an advertising sign," Cole said.

Other tenants may request a similar sign, Markus told the board and recommended a sign package. However, when asked by Village Trustee William Rogers what would happen if other tenants requested a sign, he replied, "the owner would stipulate in the lease" the type of sign permitted.

The building is allowed 156 feet of signage, stated Tom Fennell, building, housing, and zoning administrator, in his report, and suggested the owner establish a sign district on the building.

Attorney Sherwin Abrams, representing Clini-Med, said that outpatients of the medical clinic had difficulty finding the clinic because of its location.

WHEN ROGERS noted there already

was an identifying sign on the building, Abrams explained the sign was on a slant to Milwaukee Avenue.

Although Markus called the board's attention to the lack of a sign-district agreement with the Brittany Court owner, the request for a sign visible from Milwaukee Avenue passed. Cole voted no; trustees James Goetch and Joseph Ratajczak were absent.

The Wheeling Nursery requested two variances to keep an oversize roof-mounted sign, not allowed under the new sign ordinances, according to Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer. The board approved both variance requests.

The variance permits amortization of the non-conforming sign until May 14, 1985. The ordinance limits the size of the sign to 400 square feet, while the Wheeling Nursery rooftop sign is 600 square feet, not including other signs on the property.

SEVERAL WHEELING Nursery signs exceed the square footage allowed for signs, and at its previous meeting, Zoning Board of Appeals recommended sign changes when and if the Wheeling Nursery adopts a redevelopment program on its 26 acres. Nursery officials said they were open to redevelopment, but told the Zoning Board it was not economically feasible at this time.

After considering the Zoning Board and staff recommendations, the Wheeling Village Board granted the Nursery's request for two variances in the village sign code.

The 7-Eleven Food Store request for a variance in the side yard, front yard, and the five feet setback of the sign was tabled. Larry Ladd, real estate representative for the 7-Eleven Food Stores said the store operators were unaware of the five-foot setback in sign requirements when they agreed to do certain landscaping.

Ladd argued that the commitment to landscape was better than moving the sign back five feet. The cost of moving the sign post would be from \$800 to \$1,000, Ladd said, and noted that the cost made it "unjustifiable."

The petitioner's request for variances in the village sign code was tabled for discussion in a workshop session.

IN OTHER business, the board heard complaints over speeders running stop signs, a dirt mountain and garbage from Denise Rosemann, president of Tahoe Home Owners Association.

"Unsightly garbage is being dumped in a hill in the development next to Tahoe," Rosemann said.

"Our landscapers have picked up garbage, and the Hoffman Development, owners of the 'dirt mountain,' have begun a cleanup, Rosemann added, but people still dump bags of raw garbage on the site.

Residents of the townhouse complex are "worried about a serious rodent problem from the garbage dumping," Rosemann said, telling the board that some Tahoe residents set their garbage out all week instead of only on garbage pick-up day.



# Hein to fight for beer-and-brat fest

Former Wheeling Village President William Hein says he won't let the village's annual beer and bratwurst festival die without a fight.

Hein said he is contacting merchants and shopping center associations in the village to try and find someone who is willing to sponsor the annual summertime festival.

"I used to cook brats for it and I remember when it went from a few hun-

dred brats to nine or ten thousand," said Hein, who was village president from 1977 until he was defeated by Sheila Schultz in the 1981 election. "I won't let this thing drop."

Last week the Wheeling park board voted to cancel the festival because of a parking shortage at the Chevy Chase golf course. Landowner William Johnson decided he would farm a nine-acre

parcel of land he owns just north of Chevy Chase, leaving park officials without land for parking.

Park officials discussed moving the festival to Heritage Park, but state liquor laws prohibit the park from serving beer at any other site. A possible change in the law will allow liquor at other parks, but the change is not expected in time for this year's festival.

The festival was originally held as a fund-raiser for the local historical society 12 years ago, but was quickly transformed into a regular August event, including food and craft sales, shows and German music.

Individuals or groups who may have a site, or want to help Hein organize the festival, should call him at 537-2430.

## Fireworks to fizzle if fund efforts flop

Organizers of the July 4th fireworks have collected \$423 towards the display but say they must raise \$2,500 by June 1 or they will scrap their efforts.

Alberta Klocke, co-chairman of the July 4th planning committees, said she still is looking for individuals to work raising the money. About \$4,000 is needed to put on a fireworks display. Last year residents held garage sales, went door-to-door and sold tags at local shopping centers to raise the fireworks money.

A "Fireworks for Wheeling" fund has been set up at the First National Bank of Wheeling, to accept donations for the fireworks. Donations can be made at the bank, 125 McHenry Road. All contributors are asked to include their name and address with the donations, so the money can be refunded if not enough is raised.

KLOCKE ALSO is looking for community groups to sponsor booths for the annual festival held at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. Individuals and organizations interested in partici-

pating in the festivities should call Klocke at 537-0574.

Last month Wheeling park officials decided to end their involvement in the July 4th planning, after only two people volunteered to work on it. The Wheeling Jaycees traditionally organized the event, using money from the village board. But in 1980 the board voted to restrict funds given to non-profit groups for special events, and the Jaycees ended their involvement. The park board got involved in the planning last year.

## Seafood restaurant sought for vacant village building

The owners of a Northbrook restaurant have asked Wheeling officials for permits to open a seafood restaurant in an empty building on Milwaukee Avenue.

Chinn Enterprises, Inc., owner of the Kahala Terrace restaurant, 3065 Dundee Road, Northbrook, plans to open the Crab House seafood restaurant at 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., the site of the old Spaghetti Factory restaurant.

The building is one of Wheeling's oldest, the Hartmann House, and has been remodeled several times to house several restaurants in its long history.

The building has stood vacant and boarded up for the past few years.

Representatives of Chinn Enterprises could not be reached for comment, but Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said no date has been set for the restaurant's opening. Fialkowski said extensive renovation must be done before the restaurant can open.

The Wheeling liquor commission will consider a liquor license application for the restaurant on Monday at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

## Wheeling housing opens to elderly

THE COOK COUNTY Housing Authority will begin accepting applications Wednesday for 100 units of low-income senior citizens housing under construction in Wheeling.

An eight-story structure near Milwaukee and Strong Avenues will be ready for occupancy this winter or next spring, according to housing authority officials.

Applications will be accepted from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong Ave., Wheeling. All applications will be evaluated separately, according to Patrick Zerega, housing authority area manager. Early applicants won't receive preference.

APPLICATIONS ARE available at the housing authority's central management office, 9201 Maryland St., Niles, or they may be obtained by calling the office at 757-7640. Written requests for applications also will be accepted. Applications may be mailed or delivered to the office after Wednesday. No cut off date for accepting applications has been established.

To be eligible, applicants must be 62 years old or older, and total income after approved exemptions and deductions may not exceed \$9,700 for one person or \$11,100 for two persons.

## The week ahead Herald Senior housing applications open

Cook County Housing Authority officials Wednesday will accept applications for apartments in the new Wheeling senior citizens housing complex.

The applications will be taken at the Holy Family emergency clinic, 201 E. Strong St., between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Each application will be given equal consideration, regardless of when it is filed, but senior citizens who already live in Wheeling will be given first priority. Single applicants and at least one member of a married couple must be at least 62 years old to qualify.

Construction on the \$3.2-million building was started last November, with a completion date set for next January. The building is being paid for with federal funds and will include 14 one-bedroom apartments on seven floors and a special first-floor apartment for a handicapped resident. The complex is being built near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street.

THE WHEELING Park Board will meet with the Wheeling Friends of the Park Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

Park Superintendent David Phillips said the group will discuss the Friends' next project, which probably will be an assessment of park district programs.

The Friends' most recent project was an assessment of park district property and equipment. Their proposal led to a package of improvements including land acquisition, park development and a new outdoor pool. The package was rejected by Wheeling park district voters in March in a referendum that proposed a 25-cent increase in the district's tax rate.

THE TECHNICAL Advisory Committee of Pal-Waukee Airport will meet Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The committee is scheduled to discuss responses to questions raised in January's public hearing on the matter. A timetable for steps that must be taken if Prospect Heights and Wheeling decide to purchase the airport will also be discussed, as well as the availability of funding for the project.

In 1978 the towns hired a consultant to study the airport's purchase. Consultant Larry Donoghue, from Ralph Burke, Inc., has recommended that Pal-Waukee be bought and improved to meet federal standards at a cost of \$52.7 million. The two towns would pay only 5 percent to 10 percent of that cost, with the state and federal government paying for the rest.

A decision on the airport's purchase could come sometime this summer.

THE ANNUAL Up With Wheeling Day, a village clean-up project, will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Village officials are asking workers to assemble promptly at 9 a.m. at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, where they will be split into teams and assigned areas to clean, including parks, schools, and major streets. Workers will be issued plastic bags for trash and transportation will be available to take workers to their clean-up sites.

A free picnic lunch will follow at noon in Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.



# Residents with connections get first cable service

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

Henry Pietruszka and his family were eating dinner the other evening when the vice president of Warner-Amex Cable Corp. knocked on the door.

Half an hour later, Pietruszka had signed a contract and the family was watching cable TV. They rated the fast, high-level service because they were the first cable customers in the Northwest suburbs.

After years of planning, Warner has started cable TV service to 38 families along Oak Street in south central Palatine and is continuing to sell cable subscriptions in neighboring areas.

Pietruszka said Wednesday he had

been waiting for cable for several years and was eager for a change from network television. "We have more options, more alternatives," he said. "We don't have to watch the same stale stuff anymore," he said.

WHILE PIETRUSZKA enjoys a 24-hour news channel and coverage of unusual sports like karate, his neighbors were enthralled by science and fishing programs, aerobics classes and Las Vegas shows.

"I just wish this had hit at winter-time," said Barbara Insidioso, 220 S. Oak St. "We're finding ourselves glued to the television, and it's gorgeous out."

With five children at home, the Insi-

diosos have signed up for the full Warner package of 53 channels — only about 30 have programming right now — plus three special movie channels, at a total cost of \$35.50 a month. The cost can be as low as \$6.95 a month for the basic 24 channels, but most customers also take at least one extra-charge movie package.

Carol Settelmayer, of 208 S. Oak, said she ordered cable mostly for the movies, and "so far it's been fun." She and her three daughters were watching the Alan Alda movie, "Four Seasons," Wednesday afternoon. The previous day, she said, they had been engrossed by an educational show about childhood diseases and the operation of the brain.

"THE ONLY COMPLAINT I would have about this is there's R-rated stuff during the day," Settelmayer said. "There is some nudity." She said she would prefer that R-rated movies be scheduled only during the evenings, but "we want movies, so we'll just have to set rules ourselves for our girls."

One problem all the early customers are having is that Warner has not yet put out a program guide for its non-movie channels. It is due out in July.

The cable system began in Palatine because that was the first suburb to give Warner a franchise, and in the Oak Street neighborhood because it happens to be near the company headquarters where the programming is

received by satellite antennas. Warner also is installing cable through Rolling Meadows, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates and Buffalo Grove, and plans to send salesmen door-to-door as the cables are strung along utility lines.

Another company, Cablenet Inc., is building a cable TV system in Arlington Heights, Wheeling, Des Plaines, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and Schaumburg. Cablenet Vice President Avis Nopar said the system will be turned on by Aug. 15, when at least 15 percent of each of those towns has been wired.

"We are not going to randomly select people," she said. "We are going to turn them all on at once."

HERALD 5/13

## Tentative liquor license for 2 village businesses

Wheeling officials tentatively have agreed to grant liquor licenses to two Wheeling businesses.

Licenses, subject to conditions, have been approved for Hilltop Inn, 322 S. Milwaukee Ave., and for the proposed Crab House restaurant, 393 S. Milwaukee.

Liquor Commissioner William Rogers said Hilltop currently is involved in inheritance proceedings, and before the license is issued, the village wants to officially determine whether the owner or an outside operator will run the tavern.

Rogers said the liquor license of the Crab House restaurant will be issued

after the village approves the renovation plans.

Chinn Enterprises Inc., owners of Northbrook's Kahala Terrace restaurant, have proposed opening the seafood restaurant in the Hartmann House, one of Wheeling's oldest buildings and the former site of the Spaghetti Factory restaurant. The building has been empty for several years and will need extensive work before it can be reopened.

No date has been set for the restaurant opening. Rogers said the plan commission and the village board still must review and approve plans for the restaurant.

HERALD 5/12

## 'Up With Wheeling' day — time for working together

New Year's, Valentine's, St. Patrick's, Labor, and now ... "Up With Wheeling" day. Yes folks, we've made the charts. Village President Sheila Schultz has appointed our fair town with its own day. (I don't know that anyone outside our city limits will be celebrating, but hey, it's ours to enjoy.) Saturday, May 15, has been declared as a "day where all residents, businesses, industries, citizens' organizations, and concerned citizens shall work together to pick up litter and beautify public properties in the village." And when the work is over, a picnic lunch will be held, with lunch provided by the village, and an acknowledgement presentation.

Sounds like a good day to me. If you want to get involved, meet behind the village hall, 255 W. Dundee, at 9 a.m. Saturday. Everyone will break up into "road crews" and be bused to various parks and roadways to clean-up activities. At noon, the buses will take you back to Heritage Park for the picnic lunch. This is an annual community event. Please do you part to Help Keep Wheeling Beautiful.

5/13 Herald Neighbor

## Up with Wheeling on Saturday

Saturday is Up with Wheeling Day, the third annual pick-up, clean-up and fix-up-the-village day.

Village President Shelia Schultz called Up with Wheeling, "A day where all residents, businesses, industries, citizens' organizations and concerned citizens can work together to pick up litter and beautify public properties in the village."

All residents are encouraged to

participate in the annual community event. Clean-up will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Groups will gather at 9 a.m. behind the Village Hall.

From there, road crews will be organized and bused to various roadways and parks in the village to begin clean-up activities.

At noon, all volunteers will be treated to a picnic lunch provided by the village at Heritage Park.

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*Daily Herald, May 15, 1982*  
**Seniors can apply for housing June 8**

Cook County Housing Authority officials have announced they will return to Wheeling June 8 for another day of taking applications for apartments in a new Wheeling senior citizens housing complex.

The applications will be taken at the Holy Family emergency clinic, 201 Strong St., between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Each application will be given equal consideration, regardless of when it is filed, though senior citizens who already live in Wheeling will be given first chance at the apartments.

To qualify for an apartment, single applicants or at least one member of a couple must be at least 62-years-old. Yearly income for an individual must not exceed \$9,700 and \$11,100 for a couple, and no one can have assets worth more than \$15,000 to be eligible.

Patrick Zerega, area manager for the housing authority, said he gave out between 100 and 150 applications on Wednesday, the first day applications were taken for the housing. No cut-off date for the applications has been announced, and they are also available

from the central management office, 9201 Maryland, Niles. For more information, call 757-7640.

ZEREGA SAID he didn't know how many Wheeling residents had applied for the housing. The Wheeling village board has directed that eligible village residents be given first chance at the apartments.

The complex is being built with federal funds near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, just south of the Holy Family clinic.

County officials expect it to open sometime after Thanksgiving.

The building will include 14 one-bedroom apartments on seven floors and a special first-floor apartment for a handicapped resident. The building will also have public rooms, laundry facilities, a craft room, and living quarters for maintenance workers. The housing authority will charge rent that amounts to about 25 percent of a senior's income, or no more than \$105 per month. Residents will also be charged a \$12 monthly utility fee.

*Daily Herald, May 14, 82*  
**Seniors willing to lose sleep to seek new housing**

by Elida Witthoef

*Herald staff writer*

Normally, Gertrude Lamberty likes to sleep late and enjoy a leisurely breakfast before she faces her day.

But Lamberty and two of her friends, who confessed only to being "older than 39," were up bright and early one day this week to be the first to apply for a low-cost apartment in a new Wheeling housing project for senior citizens. In fact, they arrived a half-hour before the Cook County Housing Authority opened its doors.

Housing authority officials assured all the applicants that the 100 apartments will be doled out according to need, not first-come, first-served, but Lamberty and her companions — Mary Smith and Genevieve Stanis — were taking no chances.

"We expected to see people lined up," said Smith. "It's a new thing here and it's important."

"Everybody likes less rent," said Lamberty. "Rents keep going up. We moved here nine years ago and our rent was \$200. Now it's \$320. That's a big chunk of your Social Security check." If she is given a spot in the new project, her rent will drop to a maximum of \$105 per month.

LAMBERTY SAID she applied for senior housing in Northbrook five years ago but was turned down. She, Smith and Stanis now live in the same apartment building and hope to move into the senior center together.

Another of the early applicants was Lillian Trawinski, an 82-year-old retired dressmaker, who has spent the last several years sharing an apartment with another woman and wanted to be her own boss. "I'm living with someone else now and I don't like it," she said. "I'd like to get out on my own."

Pat Szymanski, Trawinski's granddaughter, said her grandmother has the right to want a little independence after all the years of living with others. "When you live with someone else you can't come and go as you please. This is her life. This is what she has left after working all those years."

Trawinski said she likes to walk and logs about 10 blocks every Sunday as she strolls to and from mass at St. Joseph the Worker church. "She's been praying every Sunday to get one of the units here," said Szymanski.

MYRA LINDSETH donned a bright flowered dress and pearls to fill out her application for housing. Lindseth likes living on her own but wants the financial security senior housing could offer.

"Every year the rent goes up and my income is still frozen," she said. "You never know if you have to move and where you could go. Here everyone is



*Herald photo*

**NOW THAT SHE'S 82**, Lillian Trawinski wants her own apartment and the independence that will bring. Trawinski was one of the eager seniors who filed applications early Wednesday morning for an apartment in the senior citizens housing complex, now being built in Wheeling. Currently, Trawinski shares an apartment with another woman.

treated alike. I hope to get a unit because it's more secure than renting someplace else."

"Seniors have got it coming to them. Social Security — I paid into that all my life. I owned my own home and paid into government finances. You have to watch your pennies and then you can only afford the bare necessities if you watch."

Even if she gets an apartment, Lindseth, 73, said life on a fixed income would be tight. "I won't be going on any cruises," she said.

The complex is being built with federal funds near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, just south of the Holy Family clinic. County officials expect it to open sometime after Thanksgiving.

AREA MANAGER Patrick Zerega said seniors will be notified about the apartments this fall, but he refused to

speculate on how many of the apartments will go to Wheeling residents or how many applications were being taken Wednesday. The Wheeling village board has directed the eligible village residents be given first chance at the apartments.

But at least one senior citizen heard Wednesday that she would not qualify for an apartment. Viola Ahlstrand, a Wheeling resident for 26 years, was rejected because she owns her own home and federal rules bar anyone with assets of more than \$15,000.

"We have a little house in Wheeling," Ahlstrand said. "My husband is in the hospital and he's had two operations. I can't keep up the house by myself. It's sad. Where do you go?"

For seniors who did not apply for the housing Wednesday, applications will be available at the central management office, 9201 Maryland, Niles. For more information, call 757-7640.

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**Pal-Waukeee purchase study completed**

by Elida Witthoef

*Herald staff writer*

After 3½ years of studying and analyzing the purchase of Pal-Waukeee Airport, a group of local officials Thursday finished its job, asking a question of Prospect Heights and Wheeling: will you now spend between \$2.6 million and \$5.3 million to help buy the controversial airport?

The panel of local officials, known as the Technical Advisory Committee, decided Thursday there is no more reason to meet. Its members have exam-

ined all the facts and figures prepared by the consultant that was hired by the two towns.

All that remains now is for the elected officials in Prospect Heights and Wheeling to sit down and decide whether they want to own Pal-Waukeee Airport and are willing to pay the price in improvements and dollars.

Airport consultant Larry Donoghue has estimated it will cost \$53 million to buy Pal-Waukeee and bring it up to federal standards for a public airport. The two towns would pay between 5 and 10 percent of that cost. State and

federal governments will pay the remainder, between \$47.7 million and \$50.4 million.

**NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS** include widening the main runway and taxiways, closing one runway and removing obstructions near the runways. And before the airport can be publicly owned, the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads must be moved northwest of its present location.

Those improvements will take 20 years to complete, consultants say.

Wheeling Trustee William Rogers, long critical of both the airport and the

consultant's study, applauded Thursday's final TAC meeting.

"I'm happy to see them complete the study. I have felt for a long time that board members should have been more involved."

From here, Rogers said, board members will "have time to look into the report and decide 'do we want to go ahead?'"

If the two towns decide to proceed with plans to buy the airport, it will be at least another year before federal and state money becomes available — the time it takes the government to

complete its own environmental study, said state airport planner Terrence Schaddel.

It will take between three and five years for the towns to acquire the airport, Schaddel said. To date, neither town has committed itself to the purchase.

**THAT GO-AHEAD** may come from the voters. Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus and Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said Thursday they believe their respective boards are interested in hold-

ing referendums on the airport question.

One local group opposed to the airport is trying to force a binding referendum about Pal-Waukeee. The earliest the question can be put before the voters is this November.

Thursday's decision to dissolve the committee is the final page of a chapter started in 1978. It was then officials from both towns hired Ralph Burke, Inc., a Park Ridge consulting firm, to study the airport's purchase.

## Village paints itself into a tight corner

By Eddy McNeil

*SUB T21B  
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**WHAT'S BLACK** and white and has made some Wheeling village officials red all over?

Seven new police cars that cost the village nearly twice as much to have painted by village employees as it would have to let the manufacturer do the job. And the manufacturer's \$75 per car price tag for the two-tone job would have included painting the tops of the car, but it wasn't part of the do-it-yourself price.

"It was something we wanted to try," Finance Director Gregory Peters said Wednesday. "When you add it up, I guess it wasn't worth it."

**AFTER DECIDING** the new squads should be traditional black and white, officials decided the village could save money by purchasing black cars and painting the doors and tops white in the village's paint booth, Peter said. But the \$52 of materials and the \$96 in wages paid a village mechanic for the eight hours of work on each car brought the total cost for each to \$148. Only the doors were painted.

"I think we'll do things differently next year," Peters said.

The price of the work cost the village an extra \$500 on the \$58,750 paid for the seven vehicles. But by repainting the cars one color when the village is ready to sell them several years down the road, Peters said the village may recoup its loss.

Hoffman Estates officials last year found that an inexpensive paint job on several village-owned cars brought higher prices at auction than comparable cars that weren't repainted. This year's cars, which weren't repainted, commanded still higher prices, however, Village Manager John Dixon said.



*TriD photo by Walter New*

Wheeling policeman Armando Pizzi shows one of the new cars that village employees painted.

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**350 expected for village clean-up**

With good weather and a large turnout predicted, Wheeling officials are hoping volunteers today will make a clean sweep of village streets during Wheeling's third annual Up With Wheeling clean-up day.

Julie Woods, Wheeling staff planner who organized the project, said she expects about 350 people to turn out and pick up trash along six major routes throughout the village. The clean-up kicks off promptly at 9 a.m. in the parking lot at the village hall, 255 W.

Dundee Road.

Cleaning crews, equipped with plastic garbage bags, will be dispatched along Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee, McHenry, Schoenbeck, Wheeling and Wolf roads to pick up trash within 15-feet of the roadway. Transportation will be provided by the village and Wheeling police and firefighters will patrol the areas along busy streets to protect the volunteers from the traffic.

Additional teams of cleaners will be dispatched to Chamber Park, 251 N.

Wolf Road, and Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. On Friday, Wheeling High School students worked to clean up the areas along Elmhurst and Hintz roads near the school.

Last year several dump trucks full of trash were collected and Woods said she anticipates at least as much garbage will be cleaned up this time.

At noon, all volunteers will be picked up and transported to Heritage Park for a free picnic.



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# Village says water bacteria charge tempest in test tube

by Elida Witthoef  
*Herald staff writer*

Wheeling failed to comply with a federal law and notify residents after lab tests of village water showed a higher-than-normal bacteria count in some samples, according to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

But Wheeling officials say new water samples taken within 24 hours of the first tests showed the water was pure and that they never received a notice from the IEPA, informing them of the notification requirement.

Dorothy Bennett, supervisor of the IEPA's water quality division, said the village was mailed a postcard "on or about March 1," informing them that higher amounts of coliform bacteria

were found in three of 27 water samples tested in early December, but that the bacteria was "highly scattered" and probably did not pose a health hazard to residents. Bennett said Wheeling's drinking water currently is safe.

Coliform is a bacteria found in the intestines of warm-blooded animals. The bacteria can cause mild nausea and diarrhea and its presence may indicate that other, more serious contaminants may be present in the water. That is the major reason a town is notified when the bacteria is found in the water, said Bennett.

EVERY FOUR weeks the IEPA takes six samples from Wheeling that are tested by a private lab. Robert Gray, Wheeling's director of operations and maintenance, said as soon as

the village was told that three samples taken on December 8 were contaminated, new samples were taken and tested within 24-hours. The new samples were pure, and Gray said village officials assumed the matter was taken care of.

Gray said in the past, state officials sent several letters warning of the contamination, but budget cuts have forced the changeover to postcards. "They go to those little postcards and they could easily get lost," he said.

"If there was a problem, of course we'd notify residents. All the test for the periods January, February, March and April were fine," said Gray, adding that village officials suspect the collection vials were contaminated, and not the actual water.

Under the federal law the village has 90 days to notify residents that an abnormality was found in the water. Bennett said it was very possible that two sets of samples would differ because the bacteria is "very transient," but that the state can't accept a second or "check" set of samples and still issues the warning.

Bennett said she "doesn't anticipate" any action will be taken against the village for failure to notify the residents. "Before we'd recommend action we'd look at the overall record. Wheeling's record is very good," she said. The Illinois Pollution Control Board can issue fines of up to \$10,000 for failure to notify residents of contaminated water.

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# Tahoe residents fight pool request

by Elida Witthoef  
*Herald staff writer*

Because the Wheeling Park District refuses to withdraw its application for \$650,000 in federal funds to rebuild the outdoor pool, residents from Tahoe Village condominiums want the Cook County board to reject the park's request because they say it will end up costing taxpayers money.

Homeowner's association president Debbie Roseman said her board will send a letter to county board members asking them to turn down the park district's request because residents will have to pay to maintain the swimming pool. Roseman said she will also urge other Wheeling groups to take the same action.

Last month the park district applied for the federal grants to extensively

rebuild the outdoor pool at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road. The money is provided by the federal government, but distributed on the local level by Cook County.

The district does not have the money to repair the park's existing pool, which has been closed for health reasons in 1979. The park acquired the pool through a referendum in 1968, after leasing it for several years. It was originally built by the Wheeling Community Pool Corporation, a community investment group that sold \$100 bonds door-to-door to raise construction money.

"THE FACT that we already have an outdoor pool has nothing to do with it," said Roseman. "They're asking for a block grant and they have no money to maintain it and it will end up costing

the taxpayer money. When it comes to the maintenance of the swimming pool, it will come out of tax money. The board doesn't seem to be farsighted enough, ever."

Park Commissioner Glenn Meier said many park districts see outdoor pools as "a necessity" and if things are planned correctly, "pools pay for themselves." He acknowledged that the park district does not have any money for pool maintenance, but that park officials "are anticipating that the pool will be self-supporting."

Meier said the old pool did not support itself, but its maintenance costs were very high because it was old, and in poor condition.

"It (the federal grant) is a method of getting funds and we need it," said Meier. "It was a top priority on the Friends of the Park list."

IN MARCH, Wheeling residents defeated a referendum proposing a 25-cent increase in the park district tax rate that would have helped pay for a new pool, but Meier said he thinks residents are still interested in having an outdoor pool. "It's tough to teach swimming and lifesaving at these complex pools. That is needed."

The park district does maintain an indoor pool adjacent to Wheeling High School, Elmhurst and Hintz roads.

Roseman said Tahoe residents will continue to urge the park district to acquire more open land, particularly in the southwest section of the village. Originally the residents claimed that open land was more important than the pool. "We don't intend to let the land issue drop, but they're separate issues," said Roseman.

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# Board to discuss downtown work

Downtown development and revitalization of the village will be discussed tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

A slide show called "Wheeling - Past, Present and Future" will be presented by the community development department, showing changes and proposed changes throughout the village. Architects from Holabird & Root will also be on hand to discuss plans for the proposed village senior citizens center. That project, which will be built near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, is considered an anchor of Wheeling's downtown redevelopment plans.

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

WHEELING TOWNSHIP trustees Tuesday night will hold hearings on and are expected to adopt a proposed 1982-83 general assistance budget of \$342,000, up almost 31 percent from last year's budget. Trustees will also discuss the proposed operating budget of \$408,000, down \$867 from last year's budget of \$409,667.

The township board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

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# Firefighter pay hikes approved

by Elida Witthoef  
*Herald staff writer*

Wheeling firefighters and village officials have agreed on a two-year contract that gives the 31 firefighters a 6 percent raise this year and 3 percent raise next year.

Village trustees also have agreed to raises ranging from 5 to 7 percent for 55 other village workers not covered by negotiated contracts. Under the agreement, clerical workers will be granted 5 percent raises. Supervisors and other professionals will be eligible for raises up to 5 percent. Department heads, the assistant village manager and village attorney will be eligible for increases up to 7 percent.

The raises all are retroactive to May 1.

Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters said the raises for the village workers were not included in the 1982-83 budget that was approved last month, but were granted to adjust village salaries to the rising cost of living. Peters said the village will transfer funds from several accounts to cover the raises, which will cost the village up to \$77,300 this year.

**SALARIES FOR** clerical workers

will range from \$10,388 to \$21,009. Supervisory salaries will range from \$16,007 to \$36,862.

Also effective May 1, the starting pay for a Wheeling firefighter will be \$18,159 and the top pay will be \$24,484. Firefighters with paramedic certification will be paid between \$19,376 and \$26,360.

There will be no changes in fringe benefits for firefighters, but the contract does include a provision that will allow contract negotiations for the second year to be reopened if the consumer price index for urban areas exceeds 10 percent. Village Manager Thomas Markus said the provision "does not bind" the village to renegotiate the contract and raise salaries. "It merely requires that we sit down and discuss it," he said.

Last month village officials approved a one-year police contract that grants police officers 5 percent raises this year. Markus said the larger increase for firefighters will help equalize salaries in the two departments. "When the police department got 9 percent and 9 percent the fire department got 9 percent and 8 percent (raises). This brings them into parity," said Markus.



## Pitching in

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD President Sheila Schultz is out to clean up Wheeling—literally. Schultz and many other Wheeling residents participated in the third annual "Up with Wheel-

ing Day" which was held Saturday, May 15. The annual event gives residents a chance to help clean up the village. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

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Remember the Wheeling Municipal Complex Dedication and Open House, May 23, at 2 p.m. Here's a chance to see where your tax dollars are going. The new complex is really a tribute to the people of Wheeling. Village President Shiela Schultz will officiate. Call 459-2600 for more information.

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# Two towns summing up Pal-Waukee deal

By Eddy McNeil

Suburban Trib 6 May 19, 1982

AN ADVISORY committee studying public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport has finished its 3½ years of work, and it now is up to Wheeling and Prospect Heights to determine if the plan will fly.

Ralph Burke & Associates Inc., Park Ridge, an airport consulting firm hired by the communities, submitted a final report and summary outlining a 20-year plan for purchasing and upgrading the facility at a cost of \$52.5 million.

Robert Fialkowski, Wheeling assistant village manager, said the village board next month will consider signing the final airport layout plan, which would authorize the final payments for the \$120,000 study, all but \$6,000 of which was funded with federal money. Stephen Sturgell, Prospect Heights city administrator, said the city council will consider the plan in June.

WHEELING VILLAGE President Sheila Schultz said village voters will be asked in a November advisory referendum if the village should buy the airport, at Palatine Road and Milwaukee Avenue. The referendum, promised during Schultz's election campaign a year ago, could slow the decision process, she said.

Although neither community has committed itself to the purchase and neither would be bound until it accepts a grant offer from the federal government—which could be months or even years away—proceeding with the process could make it appear the final decision has been made, Schultz said.

"One of the problems of going into the pre-application before the referendum is that it makes it look like we wouldn't pay any attention to the vote," she said.

STURGELL SAID Prospect Heights officials would like to discuss the possibility of funding with federal officials this summer and start the pre-application procedures.

During that process the communities would present a formal proposal for the airport. Federal officials can be flexible in determining funding levels for airport projects, he said.

"It kind of depends on how bad the government wants it to be a public airport," Sturgell said. The consultant told the communities last summer that they could afford to buy the privately owned airport if they obtain 80 to 90 percent of the funding from federal and state sources. The remainder of the funds—\$3.3 million to \$5.9 million—would be raised through revenue bonds, which would be repaid through airport user fees and other revenue generated at the airport.

Officials in both communities have said they will not buy the airport if property taxes have to be raised to pay for it.

BECAUSE SAFETY regulations for public airports are more strict than those for private facilities, the consultant's report calls for the acquisition of 389 acres, 9 houses and 7 businesses around the airport. The intersection of Hintz and Wolf Roads also would have to be moved to comply with federal safety standards, according to the consultant.

The plans do not call for expanding runways to accommodate larger aircraft in the future.

Pal-Waukee is owned by George Priester, who originally approached officials in 1978 about buying the airport because of concern that his heirs might someday have to sell it to pay inheritance taxes. Although Priester now says that probably would not happen, the communities have proceeded with the study.

J.L. Donoghue, president of the consulting firm, encouraged officials to consider the purchase because federal money is available for public facilities, but is not for those privately owned. He said they also would have more control over airport operations if they owned it.



## Cleaning up

JODIE OLSEN AND Phil Cajigas collect some litter as part of the third annual "Up with Wheeling Day," held Saturday, May 15. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

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# Residents want Mayer Ave. closed: traffic a hazard

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A group of Wheeling residents is asking the village to close Mayer Avenue because they say the heavy car and truck traffic is endangering neighborhood children.

Residents of the area in northeastern Wheeling also have presented trustees with 58 signatures on a petition asking the village to restrict truck traffic on residential streets in the area.

Robert Randolph, 363 First St., said the escalating traffic problem prompted the petition drive. "There are no sidewalks. This is an older section of town. People must use the street along with the traffic. I've lived in Wheeling for 12 to 13 years. Mayer Avenue was

a nuisance, but how it really poses a traffic problem, especially for children in the area. We have the Holy Family clinic and senior housing and those people will have no place to walk."

MAYER IS AN unimproved dirt road that runs west from Milwaukee Avenue to Second St. Randolph said trucks are using Mayer, along with Strong Street, First and Second to avoid the busy intersection and Milwaukee and Dundee Road, creating heavy traffic in a residential area.

Randolph also said the Wheeling Car and Van Wash, 400 N. Milwaukee Ave., is adding to the neighborhood traffic problem. He said cars and trucks are pulling out onto residential streets after they've finished with the car wash,

instead of leaving on Milwaukee. The car wash has been at the site since the 1960s, but Randolph said the problem has escalated in the past six years since the car wash changed owners.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said village officials are aware of the problems and have met with car wash owner Ron Schilling several times to discuss possible solutions. It was the village that originally proposed closing Mayer, but Markus said he is unsure how to stop the truck traffic from cutting through the neighborhood.

MARKUS SAID Schilling had proposed to move his gas islands to the front of the car wash on Milwaukee, to try and alleviate the traffic on the side

streets, but that the poor economy shelved the plan.

Schilling said he wants to work with the residents to solve the problems, but that he must also work to keep his car wash business successful. "I'm here to service the public. The car wash has become somewhat of a luxury and I have to sell gas to anyone," said Schilling. "I can't just sell to a certain segment of the motoring public."

Schilling agreed that there is truck

traffic at the station, saying he has one of the local stations that sells diesel fuel, but said the residents "overemphasized" the truck problem.

Markus said the village plans to make improvements to Mayer in 1983, but that vacating and closing the street would cost "substantially less." He also acknowledged that solving the problem would ultimately cost money.

"We've had both sides in and ultimately the solution will require the

spending of funds. Now the commercial doesn't want to spend the money. The village has improvements scheduled, but it's not the right year. From a cost standpoint it (closing the street) would be beneficial to us," he said.

Before Mayer can be closed, a public hearing must be held. Markus also said the village is working on updating the traffic code, and could include a provision to ban commercial traffic from residential streets.

# State report on water said to be erroneous

AN APPARENT mix up by the state led to the issuing of information by the state environmental protection agency citing Wheeling's water supply.

According to Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance for the village, while there were some water samples taken in November that had to be retested, the problem was resolved and there has not been any bad samples since then.

"We are required to send six water samples to the state every month," Gray explained. "In November, all of our samples were OK with the state." The problem, he continued, came with the 20 samples sent to an independent

laboratory.

"We sent the 20 in and there were three bad samples," Gray said. The bad samples, he pointed out, does not mean there is a problem with the water.

"It's possible the bottles became contaminated which made the samples bad," Gray said.

If the independent laboratory finds some bad samples, it must then notify the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), which is what occurred with the samples sent in by the village.

"Our samples since December (when the November ones were submitted) have been OK," Gray said. He added the possibility that the information just didn't make it

back to the village and the state could have created the misunderstanding.

"A copy of the report used to be sent to the water superintendent," Gray said. "But the state stopped doing that and all they send is a postcard to the village."

He added the village apparently never received its notice from the state.

As for public notification by the state, Gray said if there are "two or more bad reports, the state lets the people know."

As for the IEPA's notice, Gray said it was all likely due to a change in the state's system and added there has not been a problem with the village's water supply.

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## For village staff, firemen

# Pay hikes OK'd

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By ELEANOR KERLOW  
Correspondent

WHEELING — The Village Board of Trustees Monday approved a 5 percent pay hike for village employees and a 6 percent pay increase to Fire Department personnel.

The 5 percent pay increase applies to all employees except those who are sworn in or who negotiate a contract. The raises are retroactive to May 1.

A 7 percent raise was recommended for department heads and the assistant village manager and village attorney.

"We feel this is consistent with other village's increases," said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

After two months of negotiations, the village and the village Fire Department reached a two-year salary contract.

Non-supervisory sworn personnel will receive a 6 percent pay increase the first year and a 3 percent raise the second year.

The overall cost of the pay increases is \$62,598.

The Village trustees also unanimously adopted a resolution allowing the village to appraise a home at 232 N. Milwaukee Ave. and to proceed with buying that home.

The property is north of and adjacent to the senior housing facility. The trustees plan to buy the land, raze the home and landscape the property to give the senior housing building more open space.

Plans for a senior citizens center got a favorable response at the meeting. Although the board took no formal action, the trustees said they liked a plan that had a kitchen off of a multipurpose room. An enclosed porch also would be off the multipurpose room. The building would have a library facing one of the lakes.

There would be one central entrance with a recreation room, a classroom, and offices set off at an angle from the right of the entrance. An arts and crafts room would be at an angle from the left of the entrance.

Village President Sheila H. Schultz said a public hearing proba-

bly will be scheduled to try to resolve a conflict between neighbors on Mayor Avenue and Strong Street who want Mayor Avenue closed because of truck traffic and traffic from a nearby car wash.

Robert Randolph presented a petition to the board with about 58 signatures asking that Mayor Avenue from Milwaukee Avenue west to Second Street or from Milwaukee Avenue west to First Street be vacated partially or entirely.

"All of the truck and car traffic has been increasing and is very noticeable. Regarding children, there's a great danger there. I was almost hit by a bus that was coming out of First Street on to Strong Street at 9 a.m.," said Pat Girley, 182 E. Strong.

The board will discuss Palwaukee Airport at a workshop meeting Wednesday, June 2, to discuss the proposed acquisition of the facility. The board will hold another meeting June 14 to discuss the airport purchase further with representatives from the FAA and the state regulatory commission.



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# Park district outlines rationale for pool funds

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

To combat recent criticism, Wheeling Park District officials plan to circulate a fact sheet explaining why they are applying for \$650,000 in federal funds to refurbish the outdoor pool.

Park Superintendent David Phillips said the park district does not have enough money to mail the sheet to all district residents, but the information will be mailed to all park program

participants, homeowners' associations and other groups. The information also will be available at parks throughout the district.

"We have to do this to get both sides out and let people make up their own mind on the block grant application and land acquisition issues," said Phillips.

The district's funding request to rebuild the pool at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road, which has been closed

since 1979, has been severely criticized by officers from the Tahoe Village homeowner's association. The residents said they are worried the park will have to raise taxes to pay for maintenance of the pool, and said they think land acquisition is more important than the pool.

But Phillips said the grant money cannot be used to buy land and the park is continuing to try to lease empty land until money is available to buy

it. Wheeling village officials have also been asked to designate empty land as park sites on the village's comprehensive plan.

PHILLIPS ALSO said park officials expect that user fees and taxes collected under the park's current tax rate will provide enough money to maintain the pool and that park officials are not planning to raise taxes.

"This (the grant application) is a sincere effort by the park board on behalf

of the whole community, and not just for the benefit or suffering of one segment," Phillips said. "The chances of getting the grant are slim, but it is still an opportunity for funding and we would be remiss if we didn't apply."

Still, Tahoe residents have sent a letter to the Cook County board, urging that the park's request be rejected. The money is provided by the federal government, but distributed on the local level by the county.

The park acquired the pool through a referendum in 1968 after leasing it for several years. The pool originally was built by a private investment group that raised the construction money by selling \$100 bonds in the community.

In March park district residents rejected a referendum that would have raised taxes to pay for a series of improvements, including acquisition of open land, an outdoor pool and park equipment.

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# Airport study's done, now it's up to villages

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Even if the weatherman hasn't yet predicted a long, hot summer in Wheeling, controversy over Pal-Waukee Airport says it's going to be.

Federal and state officials will meet with Wheeling board members next month to discuss the possibility of Wheeling and Prospect Heights taking over the now-privately-owned Pal-Waukee Airport.

Robert Fialkowski, Wheeling assistant village manager, said representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and from the state are scheduled to speak before the village board at its workshop meeting June 14.

Last Thursday, the Technical Advisory Committee, a panel of local officials

organized in 1978 to study the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, announced its work was completed. The group has held periodic meetings during the past three-and-a-half years and will submit its final report to the board.

The group has analyzed studies prepared by Ralph Burke Associates, Inc., a Park Ridge consulting firm hired by the two communities to assess the costs and feasibility of buying the airport.

Larry Donoghue, president of Burke Associates, has estimated it will cost \$52.6 million and 20 years to buy Pal-Waukee and upgrade the airport to comply with FAA safety regulations which must be strictly adhered to when receiving federal funds.

The airport consultant has said Wheeling and Prospect Heights can afford to buy the airport at a cost to them of between \$3.3 million to \$5.9 million if they obtain the initial 80 to 90 per cent of the cost, between \$46.5 million to \$50.4 million, from state and federal governments.

Money for Wheeling and Prospect Heights' share would be raised through revenue bonds and would be repaid by airport user fees and other revenue generated at the airport, Donoghue said.

Officials in both communities have said they would not buy the airport if property taxes have to be raised to pay for it.

Wheeling Village President Shelia Schultz has said village voters will be asked in a November advisory referendum if Wheeling should buy the airport.

She said she feared residents would think a final decision on the airport has already been made if the village agrees to go into a pre-application phase before the referendum.

Neither Wheeling nor Prospect Heights has committed itself to the purchase and would not be bound until it accepts a grant from the federal government. A procedure which could very well be years away, according to the advisory committee.

Right now, the two communities must decide whether they want to proceed into what is called a pre-application phase. It is up to each village to decide whether it wants to apply for federal funds to buy the airport.

Informal negotiations with state and FAA representatives are planned during the summer to finalize a project request decision, said Fialkowski.

Once the pre-application is completed, it

will be sent to the state for its review and then to the local and regional FAA offices.

After it wins approval from all those agencies, the application is sent to the national FAA office to be placed on a national priority list. Washington then determines what priority level will be funded and if the project will be included, Fialkowski said.

The federal money comes from the Airport Development Aid Program in Washington. Revenue for the program, which last year spent \$450 million to help fund airport projects throughout the country, comes from airline ticket and fuel taxes.

About 125 acres of land surrounding the existing airport is slated in the airport consultant's study to be taken over. The land is required for adequate clear zone and safety area protection for the existing runways in accordance with FAA airport standards.

Nine homes and seven businesses are on that 125 acres. "It's a relatively small number of relocations considering the project," Donoghue told an angry audience last January at a public hearing.

About 500 people attended a public hearing Jan. 28 at the Chevy Chase Country Club when results of the Burke study were first announced.

A number of area residents, including members of the Citizens Airport Activity Group (CAAG), are adamant about their towns purchasing Pal-Waukee and would prefer to see the airport shut down.

Pal-Waukee Airport is owned by George Priester, who approached local officials in 1978 about his decision to sell the airport.

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## Deadline ahead for village tags on local trucks

Wheeling village stickers for trucks and vehicles with Illinois license plates ending in TA or TB will go on sale June 1 at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. The stickers must be displayed by July 1.

The stickers start at \$12 and are sold by the weight of the vehicle. Necessary information needed at the time of purchase includes the vehicle identification number, license plate number, and make and year of the vehicle. Owners buying the stickers after July 1 will be charged an additional \$5 per vehicle.

The village hall is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Sticker payments left in the 24-hour depository at the village hall will be processed and mailed to truck owners.

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## Airport study ends

WHEELING—The end has come.

After three-plus years of meeting and discussing taxiways, runways, clear zones and other assorted items, the Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport has completed its work.

The ball is now in the hands of the Wheeling Village Board and Prospect Heights City Council. Both bodies now have to discuss the issue to see if they want to own Palwaukee Airport.

According to Wheeling Village Manager Tom Markus, the Wheeling board will discuss it at meetings in June.

"There have been some questions about the applications for funding," Markus said. The board, he added, has also asked about drafting a question which could be put to voters in the form of a referendum in November.

Markus added that representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration would be available to attend board meetings and to answer questions which may arise about the project.

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# Suit against Highland Pk. cops points at use of fingerprints

By Tom Schilling

SEVEN YEARS ago, Steven Handler gave the Highland Park Police Department a set of his fingerprints so he could get a permit to drive a taxicab to pay his way through Loyola University Law School.

Last week, he asked that the department be ordered to return those fingerprints.

In a suit filed in Lake County Circuit Court, Handler, 30, who now is an attorney practicing in Northbrook, contends that his fingerprints and those of all applicants for Highland Park permits are given illegally to the Northern Illinois Crime Laboratory in Highland Park for use in criminal investigations.

HOWEVER, Sgt. Donald Verbeke, chief of the department's records division, said Tuesday that the department doesn't turn the fingerprints of people applying for permits over to the lab unless they are suspects in a pending investigation. Verbeke denied that Handler's fingerprints had been turned

over to the lab.

"I don't know why they would be [given to the lab]," Verbeke said.

Handler, who is the village attorney for Wheeling, filed the lawsuit after he requested that the department return his fingerprints.

"I don't feel that when a person gives his fingerprints for a business license they should wind up being stored with criminal fingerprints," said Handler, who stopped driving a cab in 1977.

In the suit, Handler asks Judge Lawrence Inglis to order the department to return the fingerprints and to award Handler \$50,000 in damages.

According to Verbeke, the fingerprints, which are used to determine if applicants have a criminal record, are kept by the police department until the department learns the applicant has died.

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# Plan commission head will leave post in June

After nine years on the Wheeling plan commission, Chairman Anthony Altieri said Tuesday he will not seek reappointment to the commission when his term expires at the end of June.

Altieri was first appointed to the plan commission in 1973, and served as chairman for the past seven years. He would not comment on his reasons for stepping down.

Altieri said he has no immediate plans to get involved in another village panel, but said he would stay active. "I've always been involved on one or the other, the Jaycees and the plan commission, and I'll continue to be in-

involved," Altieri said.

Wheeling residents interested in serving on the various commissions can pick up an application at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Bheula Peterson, the village's personnel administrative assistant, said applications filed when there are no commission openings are kept on file and called on as openings occur.

Openings on commissions are filled by Village President Sheila Schultz with the approval of the village board. At various times throughout the year village trustees hold interviews to talk with applicants to the various commissions.

# Neighbors blast airport purchase

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By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

CONCERNS ABOUT noise, financing, village control, possible expansion and congestion in the proposed purchase of Palwaukee Airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights were voiced by residents of Wheeling at a meeting of the Citizens Airport Activity Group May 18.

Jim Schwoebel, a homeowner in the Meadowbrook West subdivision, said that while CAAG is opposed to public acquisition of the airport, the group "does not desire Palwaukee to be closed." He told the gathering of about 50 people, "our job is to convince the village officials they are following the wrong path."

Village President Sheila Schultz and Trustee William Rogers attended the meeting.

Schultz also is a resident of the Meadowbrook subdivision. She said that the three-phase feasibility study on purchasing the airport has been completed and the Village Board now must sort them out.

"MY FEELING is the consultant was hired to find reasons to purchase the airport," said Schwoebel, who added he questions several aspects of the feasibility study, in particular the financial ones.

According to the study, the initial outlay of \$53 million to purchase Palwaukee would be split, with the villages sharing about \$2.9 million, or 5 percent of the total. The state would pay about 5 percent and the federal Airport Development Assistance Program would pick up 80 to 90 percent of the amount.

Schwoebel said he was worried

that the "ADAP funds may not be available from the federal government." He also questioned how the village would raise its share of the funds through municipal airport bonds and landing fees.

"Municipal bonds are difficult to sell and landing fees are uncollectable," he said. "Pilots have said they owed landing fees all across the country."

Even though a computer to track down the pilots who don't pay the fees was included in the study, the costs to run it were left out, Schwoebel said. He argued that it would be very costly to run a computer, particularly to pay the salaries of the personnel.

LARRY NECHELES, CAAG's 18-year-old research director, pointed out that the feasibility study admits revenue bonds and field use fees are not generally used to fund airport purchases.

The consultant has a vested interest in seeing that the airport becomes a public facility, Necheles added. "He gets \$20,000 if it will be bought, or he will not be paid (if it is not)."

Schwoebel said that, in the original phase of the study, the airport was estimated to cost \$75 million, which included a "drive-in area" where pilots could park their cars. He said the cost of the purchase was lowered to \$53 million in Phase 3 by omitting that area, but that left unanswered the problem of where the cars would be parked.

Should Wheeling and Prospect Heights purchase the airport, "there's no backing out," Schwoebel warned. If "the gamble" fails, he said the villages would have only two alternatives: To levy "heavy, burdensome" taxes or to extend the runways so more and bigger planes could use them.

Schwoebel also questioned what advantages there would be in the municipalities owning the airport, because both already collect sales taxes on airplanes and fuel sold, as

well as real estate taxes on the property.

PLUM CREEK resident Lowell Stolerow, corresponding secretary, said former Wheeling President William Hein and Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf "promised the airport would not become a burden on the taxpayers."

Stolerow said he did not understand how the taxpayers would be unaffected, since, by his reckoning, about \$1 million would be taken off the Cook County tax rolls if the airport became publicly owned. The county would then try to replace those funds, probably by increasing taxes, he said.

Schwoebel said the study recommended noise insulation be installed in each home at the homeowners' expense. Other recommendations included keeping the air conditioner on all summer to block out the noise, keeping all windows closed and going outside as infrequently as possible, he said. "You're asking us to live like moles. I don't want to live inside," Schwoebel said.

He said a curfew during undesirable hours would merely "cram more planes into less time," creating more noise during flying hours. A curfew also would be impractical because "the FAA has already said it will not honor a curfew, no matter what the town or the owner say," Schwoebel added.

He said the group's goal is "to defeat this silly project," adding CAAG is planning to ask the Village Board for a workshop session to "point out the gross discrepancies" in the study.

Another measure Schwoebel recommended was for every citizen to write to the village officials to "let them know how you feel." He called it "a golden opportunity to be heard."

Warren Sunde of Prospect Heights said, "I firmly believe this will remain a private airport if it doesn't go public. We know if it remains private it won't expand."



# Malibu residents want problem sidewalk closed

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Saying that vandalism and traffic problems continue to escalate, residents of Wheeling's Malibu subdivision have requested that a public hearing be held to close a sidewalk between nearby Tarkington School and their homes.

Christine Morgan, who last October petitioned the village for help with the situation, said she and her neighbors on Pacific Court want the sidewalk closed and children prevented from cutting

through their property on their way to school.

The Wheeling Village Board will meet tonight with the homeowners, parents, area residents and officials from Wheeling Township School Dist. 21 to discuss the request. The meeting is at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Morgan and her neighbors estimate that nearly 200 children use the walkway each day to go to and from school. She said the children often cut through the development, walking on lawns and gardens, fighting and spreading

litter. One homeowner has even contacted an attorney after his screen door was kicked in.

MORGAN ALSO SAID that parents who drive to pick up their children from the school often line the sides of Pacific, blocking driveways and fire hydrants, despite the fact that "no parking" signs have been posted along the street.

"Nothing has changed. It has never let up," said Morgan. "We want the sidewalk closed and turned into private property. Our kids are afraid to play and we can't see it getting bet-

ter."

Morgan said both the parents in cars, and the children behave when Wheeling police patrol the area, and when other village officials have been out taking pictures and monitoring the situation. But as soon as the cars leave, the problem resumes.

But school children aren't the only ones who use the pathway. Morgan said dirt bikes frequent the sidewalk and this winter a snowmobile used it to gain access to the school property. Teenagers hang out in the area at night, drinking and lighting firecrack-

ers. She said her neighbors are afraid to let their children play for fear they will be hit by another child on a bicycle or bit by a wandering dog.

Morgan also said that cars line the street in the evening when there is an athletic event at the school, instead of using the school parking lot.

TARKINGTON PRINCIPAL Edward Searing said he has worked to try to convince both the students and their parents to respect the private property, but he still must go out each day and direct the children with a bullhorn to stay on the sidewalk and out of

yards.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the board will discuss several options tonight but said that the village's position is that it is "a legitimately open area" for people to use. "But if village ordinances are broken they will be enforced and violators will be prosecuted," he said.

The sidewalk was installed by the Hoffman Group, developers of Malibu and some of the surrounding area. The village required the Hoffman Group to give children safe access to school.

# Trustees' to take their turn on Pal-Waukeee talks

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

After more than three years of listening, Wheeling trustees Wednesday night will begin talking about the Pal-Waukeee Airport purchase.

The workshop meeting is at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Village President Sheila Schultz said there is no agenda for the meeting, but added she will limit discussion on the issue to board members and not guarantee residents a chance to talk. "Obvi-

ously it's an open meeting, but we have listened and listened and listened to residents. We now must limit it to our own discussion," Schultz said.

"It's not a public hearing. It's a workshop. There's not an awful lot new," she said, adding "it's kind of incredible" that the board has never held such a meeting before.

Trustee William Rogers, a long-time airport critic, agrees with the decision to limit discussion to the board members. "I don't want them (residents) to

talk. This is the first time the board has to sit down and talk about it. It is necessary for people to hear the questions the board has. If we open it up, we'll go over old ground."

SCHULTZ SAID topics that could be discussed include the wording of a referendum on the airport's purchase and whether or not the village intends to file preliminary funding requests with the federal government. Called a "pre-application," the move would not bind the village to later buy Pal-

Waukeee.

Another meeting on the airport tentatively has been scheduled for June 14, with representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration.

A consultant hired to study the airport's purchase has estimated it will cost \$53 million to buy Pal-Waukeee and bring it up to federal standards for a public airport. Prospect Heights and Wheeling would pay between 5 and 10 percent of that cost, or between \$2.6

and \$5.3 million. State and federal governments will pay the remainder, between \$47.7 and \$50.4 million.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS include widening the main runway and taxiways, closing one runway and removing obstructions near the runways. Before the airport can be publicly owned, the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads must also be moved to the northwest. The improvements will take 20 years to complete.

If the towns decide to buy the air-

port it will take at least another year before the federal and state funds become available. It will take between three and five years for the towns to actually acquire the airport. Until now, neither town has committed itself.

But Rogers said "it is ok" if the decision to buy the airport takes another year. "We must get the fundamental questions out of the way. If it takes us another year to make this decision, that's OK with me. The airport will still be there," he said.

# Park district near annex of Johnson's 50 acres

Wheeling Park District officials are ready to complete the annexation of 50 acres of land owned by developer William Johnson after several years of talks.

Park Superintendent David Phillips said legal papers now must be filed with the proper authorities to close the agreement.

The 50-acre parcel is located just west of the Soo Line railroad tracks and north of Lake-Cook Road. The land is part of a larger 203-acre parcel that surrounds the Chevy Chase golf course, which is owned by the park district.

Wheeling village officials are currently negotiating the annexation of that land as part of a plan that defines a common border for Wheeling and Buffalo Grove along Lake-Cook Road. But Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said that under the boundary plan the 50-acre plot could be annexed to Buffalo Grove, though the whole annexation agreement is still being negotiated.

Markus said preliminary discussions on the annexation could start with the village board this July. In 1979 the village annexed Johnson's 110-acre parcel located just south of Lake-Cook

Road.

Johnson could not be reached for comment.

THE PARK district bought the golf course in 1977. The purchase agreement included a provision that if the land was not annexed by a neighboring village within two years of purchase, the Wheeling Park District would have first chance at annexing it.

Phillips said the property was intended "as a plum" to either village to annex the entire piece of land and that Johnson apparently didn't want the land to go to one town and a different park district. He said park officials

have been "hassling" with Johnson over the annexation since July 1979.

Phillips said the annexation would only bring the district a few thousand dollars in tax revenues, because the property is undeveloped. "But the potential for some modest property taxes is there," when improvements are made to the site.

No specific development plans for the land have been announced, but the Wheeling plan commission has already approved a zoning variance that would allow Johnson to build industrial parks, multi-family housing and commercial office buildings on the land.



# Right route?

Life 5/27

## Fence, policing of school path OK'd

By ELEANOR KERLOW  
Correspondent

**WHEELING** — The Board of Trustees told some 50 residents at Monday's Board Workshop meeting the village would build a fence to keep out minibikes and snowmobiles, add police enforcement and solicit volunteer monitors or crossing guards to help end the long dispute over the sidewalk that joins Booth Tarkington School to Pacific Court in Lake Tahoe.

The trustees decided not to hold a public hearing to vacate that pathway. Christine Morgan, 436 Pacific Court, the petitioner for the public hearing, told trustees she wanted the sidewalk abandoned because 180 to 200 children use it daily and they allegedly had vandalized several homes.

Morgan cited traffic congestion from parents picking up students from school or dropping them off in the morning and teen-age drinking and smoking at the bridge as other problems resulting from the pathway.

"On one given day there were 33 cars. Neighbors' cars couldn't get to their homes. I am home every day and I see the cars triple- and double-parked on the street," Morgan said.

"TEEN-AGERS COME to the bridge to smoke and drink there. I like my home and I want it more peaceful. That's why I started this," Morgan added.

Gary Freeman, 433 Pacific Court, told trustees he lives next to the sidewalk. He said his screen door has been kicked in, the mailbox torn down and the grass trampled by the children using the walkway to get to the school.

"I've got a 2-and-a-half-year-old kid who can't go on her own property without getting run over by 10-speed bikes. Everyone is disclaim-

ing liability from that sidewalk and who's catching the brunt of that? Me," Freeman said.

But two Pacific Court residents said the problems in the area have been greatly exaggerated. One of the residents said her mailbox had been vandalized at night, not during the day by the children going to school.

Debbie Roseman, another Tahoe Village resident, asked how much vandalism was committed by children 11 years old and under. "Vandalism is in every community. Vandalism is vandalism, and it's not necessarily attributed to a school path," she said.

**SOME RESIDENTS** told the trustees that vacating the pathway would cut off walking access to the public library and to the Booth Tarkington playground and playing field, which, they said, was the only park in the area.

"We bought our home knowing there'd be a lot of children. We also bought knowing that path was going in," said Alan Blum, 498 Navajo Trail.

"Our bedroom is right on the tennis courts," said Linda Baum, a Tahoe Village resident. "There's drinking and there's a lot of noise. But I knew what to expect when I moved in. We have kids coming through our yard all the time, too."

Several solutions to alleviate the cited problems came up during the meeting. Roseman said the School Board and the Police Department should station a full-time crossing guard at the path during the morning, lunch and afterschool hours. She said the police should step up their enforcement of laws on parking, teen-age drinking and smoking, and vandalism.

"But as far as I'm concerned, that sidewalk cannot be closed," Roseman said.

**RESIDENTS SUGGESTED** posts or a chain-link fence should be erected to keep out motorized vehicles, which they said posed the greatest danger to the schoolchildren and to the neighbors.

"There have been some good ideas and some not so good," Trustee John Cole said. "But mainly there's been a lot of verbal finger pointing. You all talk about kids and motor vehicles like they come from the moon. But the parents are you people."

Cole said he gets a little upset with people "constantly coming to the government and saying do something with our kids. The only people who are going to solve this problem are you people as parents."

Trustee Charles M. Kerr said he sympathized with the people whose lawns were getting trounced because he lives near a convenience store and is plagued by broken bottles and bikes on his lawn.

"Do we really think an adult or police officer monitoring the path would do any good?" asked Trustee Roger A. Powers. "Motorized vehicles seem to be the biggest problem."

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the fence situation could be worked out without fencing someone's back yard for them.

Markus said the village engineering department would meet with School District 21 officials and Pacific Court residents to consider appropriate fencing. He said the path would be cemented all the way to the street.

The village staff also will meet with Police Department personnel to discuss recruiting volunteer monitors and to investigate drinking, parking and vandalism complaints.

"We will get this problem resolved," Markus said.



## Low mileage?

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GIL VIZENSKY CHECKS things under the hood of a new Wheeling police car during an open house held at the Wheeling Village Hall and Municipal Complex Sunday, May 23. The formal opening

gave the public a chance to tour the facility, which includes in addition to village offices, the Wheeling police and fire departments. (Photo by J.R. Turner)

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**Village rejects fireworks request; effort continues**

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials have refused to spend village money on the annual Fourth of July fireworks display, but fireworks organizers say they will not give up and will make a final effort to raise enough money for a scaled-down display.

Alberta Klocke, co-chairman of the July 4 planning committee said she "is not going to say die" on the fireworks display. So far, her two-person com-

mittee has raised \$1,100, with commitments for another \$600. Its original goal was \$4,000, but Klocke says she will try to pare the cost of the show down to \$3,000.

Klocke had asked the village for \$2,000 donation, but the village board voted to deny that request Monday night. "I can't think of a worse time to blow up \$4,000 of firecrackers," said Trustee Charles Kerr. "This is a poor time for this village board to take the taxpayers money and blow it up."

Trustee John Cole was the only board member who supported the re-

quest, suggesting the village consider co-sponsoring the event. "Maybe we should become a co-sponsor for this," said Cole. "It's for everyone in the village."

IN PAST YEARS, the fireworks were run by the Wheeling Jaycees and underwritten by a \$5,000 contribution from the village. But in 1980, the board voted to limit its contributions given to non-profit groups for special events, and the Jaycees ended their sponsorship. The park district began planning the event but bowed out this April after only two residents volunteered to

help in the planning.

Village President Sheila Schultz said she was disappointed by the board's decision but understands why board members refused the funding. "I would guess they (the board) do not see that the citizens care. It's a subjective way to make a decision, but they adhered to the ordinances. The only reason to change that would be an outpouring of sentiment and they don't see that," she said. "If there's an outpouring of sentiment, it would have to be matched with hard dollars."

But Schultz said she was saddened

that the annual event might not occur. "I think the community needs those kinds of things and they're hard to put a pricetag on. It's important to the spirit of a community."

Marvin Hill, vice president of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, said he will meet with Klocke and co-chairman Nicholas Fanella and plans to renew the request for village funds at the next village board meeting on June 21.

HILL SAID village officials were putting organizers "in a bad situation" by denying the funds. "The village is

dropping the ball and not being very fair," he said.

Meanwhile contributions are being accepted by the "Fireworks for Wheeling" fund at the First National Bank of Wheeling, 125 McHenry Road. Contributors are asked to include their names and addresses so that contributions can be returned if the event is eventually canceled.

Klocke also is looking for volunteers to go door-to-door, asking for contributions. Interested residents should call her at 537-0574.

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**Village board to mull liquor license request**

A special-use permit to allow Walgreen's to operate a package liquor store in Wheeling will be considered tonight by the village board.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Walgreen's has asked the village for permission to sell packaged liquor at its store at 548 W. Dundee Road. Village officials already have created another package liquor license in response to the request, but the store also needs the special-use permit to sell liquor. The liquor license, to be issued by the village board, is not expected until later this summer.

Officials from the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and others who are opposing a new package store in the village are expected to attend the meeting.

AN AGREEMENT WITH Speer Financial Inc. to provide consulting services when the village borrows money this summer to help pay for Lake Michigan water also will be considered tonight by trustees.

The village expects to borrow \$5 million to help cover the cost of internal improvements needed to make Wheeling's water system ready to receive the lake water. The proposed improvements include new water mains, storage tanks and water towers. Speer Financial would help the village borrow the money and offer other financial advice regarding the project.

The consultant's fee would be based on the final loan but would cost \$16,500 if the village borrows \$5 million.

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

THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS citizens committee studying the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport Wednesday night will meet with the consultants who prepared the report on the purchase. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Prospect Heights city hall, 4 E. Camp MacDonald Road.

Representatives from Ralph Burke, the Park Ridge consulting firm that prepared a study on the purchase for Wheeling and Prospect Heights will be available to answer questions. Representatives from surrounding towns also have been invited to the meeting.

The consultant has set a price tag of \$53 million to buy Pal-Waukee and bring it up to federal standards for a public airport. The two towns would pay between 5 and 10 percent of the cost, with the state and federal governments picking up the rest of the cost.

The needed improvements will take 20 years to complete, and the towns are not expected to make a final decision on the purchase for several months. If they decide to go ahead, it will take at least another year before the federal funds become available.

*Could this side remember June 17 '82*  
**Residents want to be heard**

Several Wheeling residents, including members of the Citizens Airport Activity Group (CAAG), were upset at Monday night's village board meeting because they were not allowed to speak. Because it was a scheduled workshop meeting and not a committee meeting

of the whole, the public was not permitted to address village trustees or representatives from the FAA and state Division of Aeronautics.

Walter Auer, of Wheeling, had brought petitions signed by 200

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residents from 6th and 7th streets and the Glendale area saying they oppose the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport.

"I have nobody to give these petitions to. Nobody even talks to us. This is the human side. We're affected the most. In my neighborhood on 7th Street, I see little kids cover their ears when jets go by," Auer said.

The petition Auer was planning to give to Village President Sheila Schultz included a letter which said they were opposed to Wheeling's buying the airport because they feared even higher levels of noise and air pollution and safety hazards caused by increased air traffic.

Auer said residents were also afraid a public airport would cause a tax increase on home properties and mass exodus from apartment complexes on Wolf Road and Strong Street.

John Whitman, of Wheeling and a member of CAAG, said, "How can you vote on something you don't know. The pre-application is real. They're getting the ball rolling without knowing the facts."

Whitman said he wished the village board would allow citizens groups, like CAAG, to meet with them. "We'd like a one-on-one with the board. They've listened to answers from the consultant, FAA and other pro-airport advocates. Now, it should be our turn."

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**Cook County sues to close adult club**

By Eddy McNeil

*Suburban Trib*

THE COOK COUNTY state's attorney's office filed a suit Friday seeking to close the Chectah II nightclub near Wheeling permanently, something a fire in April at the establishment featuring nude dancing could do only temporarily.

The suit, the first under the county's new adult use zoning ordinance, could prove to be a major precedent, said Joann Tansey, the assistant state's attorney who sued. The courts have struck down as unconstitutional previous legislation to control the establishments.

Tansey said she will seek preliminary and permanent injunctions to close the club at 952 Milwaukee Ave., in unincorporated Wheeling Township, during a hearing in Cook County Circuit Court tentatively scheduled for Wednesday.

THE SUIT ALLEGES that club owner Mark DeFoor and Ladislav Vyskocil, from whom he leases the property, violated the county ordinance by failing to obtain a special-use permit to operate the club. The suit also contends that inspectors found 17 county building code violations in April.

DeFoor reopened the club within weeks after the fire in its former location, 968 Milwaukee Ave. Tansey said DeFoor did not obtain county building permits to remodel the club's new quarters and reopened the facility without notifying county authorities.

The state's attorney's office had brought suit against the club in its earlier location, contending that the building was full of building code violations. Because the club existed when the Cook County Board passed the adult use ordinance in December, DeFoor hadn't exhausted his six-month grace period to obtain the special-use permit from the Cook County Zoning Board, Tansey said.

THE NEW SUIT also asks for a \$200 fine against DeFoor for violating the ordinance, Tansey said.

Investigators from the state fire marshal's office and Wheeling Fire Department said that after the fire in April they had found seven containers inside the club that had contained fuel oil, leading them to suspect arson.



# Village meeting needs of young and old alike

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

With abundant rental housing and moderately priced homes, ten years ago Wheeling was a haven for young families looking for a starter home.

Today, the village is still populated by young families and their young children. But many of the once-young settlers have decided to stay and grow old with the village, and the inexpensive "temporary" housing that once attracted youth is now filling with retirees.

The 1980 census indicates that the number of Wheeling residents under 5 years old jumped 27 percent during the last ten years, a rarity in the Northwest suburbs. During the same period, however, the number of elderly residents has more than doubled and today one person out of every eight is 55 or older.

"I think older people are staying here close to their families," said Village President Sheila Schultz, who moved to Wheeling over 25 years ago. "The families are bringing older people here. Families can't afford to keep senior citizens in other places anymore."

BUT SCHULTZ said Wheeling's "diverse housing market" is also working to keep the village young. "The housing market is very adequate and desirable for young families," she said, pointing to the more affordable townhomes and single family homes in several parts of the village.

Currently, 4 out of every 10 residents live in multi-family housing in Wheeling. Village Planner Richard Greenwood said a worsening economy coupled with a tight housing market has forced apartment residents to postpone or abandon their plans to move, keeping people in Wheeling and aging the population.

But village officials say the influx of aging residents did not catch them unprepared and they have instituted plans to accommodate the changing population. A 100-unit senior citizens housing complex that offers subsidized rents and special senior programming is being built in Wheeling by the Cook County Housing Authority and is ex-

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## Village population detailed

Wheeling	1980	1970	Change
Population	23,266	14,746	+ 58%
Households	9,038	4,014	+ 125%
Household size	2.56	3.64	-30%
<b>By age:</b>			
Under 5	1,948	1,537	+ 27%
Under 18	6,005	6,294	-5%
Over 55	2,697	1,131	+ 138%
Over 65	1,198	580	+ 107%
<b>By race:</b>			
White	22,121	14,669	+ 51%
Black	188	7	+ 2,586%
Other	957	70	+ 1,267%
<b>Marital status:</b>			
Single	4,636	2,235	+ 107%
Married	11,172	6,762	+ 65%
Widowed	777	404	+ 92%
Divorced, separated	1,702	350	+ 386%
Single parents	864	285	+ 203%
Children of single parents	804	408	+ 97%

pected to open late this fall.

Using federal funds, the village is also building a senior citizens activity center that is scheduled to open in late 1983. When these facilities are in place, village officials say they will work to make help seniors be productive community residents, instead of concentrating on simply providing more services.

"WE MUST KEEP gearing what we're doing to how people can fit into community life," said Schultz. "This is economic reality. The seniors have to realize it may not be as convenient and there will be some adjusting, but they can realize that they have a lot to offer and become more aware of helping themselves."

Julie Woods, Wheeling's senior coordinator, agreed. "We want to encourage seniors to participate because the village is providing the services and now we'd like to see the seniors help the village out. Some seniors can come

out and plant flowers and do weeding."

Woods said the village expects to hire a full-time administrator for the senior center but will rely heavily on the work of seniors who will volunteer their time. "There's not a whole lot of money to provide an endless pot of service. It's their center. They wanted it and they'll have to make it work."

Lisa McCord, senior coordinator for the Wheeling Park District said the center will go a long way in meeting the needs of village seniors. "There's a desperate need for a facility that will bring all the seniors in Wheeling together. It's almost imperative in order to program for them."

McCord said local officials must recognize that the traditional definition of senior citizen has changed and that as Wheeling ages, the needs of two generations of seniors must be met.

"Seniors need young people to work with them; someone who will live and push them to live. We've got a flood of

young seniors, (age 55 to 70 years) but have been planning for old seniors. We need programs to bring them through the first phase and into the second phase."

TRANSPORTATION FOR seniors also remains a problem. Currently Wheeling Township bus service is the only special transportation available to village seniors. But acknowledging that they can't serve all seniors, township officials recently started a move to coordinate special senior transportation with the five communities in the township.

Seniors aren't the only residents who've grown in number during the past decade. Despite declining enrollments that moved Wheeling Township Dist. 21 officials to already close four schools and plan to close two more this June, the 1980 census revealed that the number of children under 5 years has actually grown during the past decade.

But Associate Superintendent John Barger said the growth will not change the district's closing plans, though there is a "remote possibility" that schools on the east side of the district could refill by 1990. Barger also said the district may experience "an increase in kindergarten registration and bottom out about our projection for 1985" in Wheeling.

If more schools are needed, Barger said the district could reopen London Junior High as an elementary school and redraw boundaries to redistribute the students to Dist. 21 schools in Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove.

THE OVERALL dwindling number of school-aged children has also forced High School District 214 to close Arlington High School at the end of 1983-84 school year. But, at the same time, the district finds itself unable to accommodate all the adult groups that want to use high school facilities. Planner Howard Feddema suggests that the empty classrooms could be used by senior citizens and local cultural and social groups or for vocational training and English classes for recent immigrants.

In an attempt to reach the growing senior population, the district sponsors the 4,000 member Gold Card Club, that

allows residents 62 years and older to attend school plays and sporting events at no charge. About 900 seniors regularly attend travelogues sponsored by the district, and about 400 more are enrolled in evening classes. This year the district also opened daytime classes to adults.

Local educators also are trying to cope with another major population trend — with divorce rates on the rise, there has been a steep increase in the number of single-parent households. The latest census figures show that one adult out of every 11 is divorced or separated and that one child out of every seven lives with only one parent,

most often the mother.

Dist. 214 also has a committee studying special programs for children of "atypical families," but chairman Clare Feiereisel of Prospect High School, but said the term is rapidly becoming archaic. "Actually, atypical families soon will be more typical than the typical nuclear family," he said.

Those recommendations will include suggestions on how counselors can identify children of one-parent families, better ways to reach parents, plans for support groups for the students and ways to make school staff members more sensitive to changing family situations.

## Liquor store dispute brews

THE OWNER OF A chain of eight liquor stores in the Chicago area, including one in Wheeling, is asking the Wheeling Village Board to deny a liquor license request from the Walgreen Drug Store, 548 W. Dundee Rd. Charles M. Yacullo, president of Bell Liquors Inc., which has a store at 767 W. Dundee Rd., near the Walgreen store, said Wednesday that granting the license to sell packaged beer and liquor would create enforcement problems for the village without increasing revenue. His objections are outlined in a letter to Village Board members, who Monday will consider increasing the number of package liquor licenses to provide one for Walgreen. Yacullo claims "there is a fixed demand for alcohol based upon consumption, not on places of supply," and that "to allow a giant company . . . to enter the market will result in a deterioration of the quality of the existing stores and provide no additional benefit to Wheeling or its residents."

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# Parade king just has a Bunch of fun

by Sue Duerksen

Herald staff writer

The tiny king may not have realized that he was heir to a family tradition, but he seemed to enjoy adjusting his crown and waving to the crowds.

Michael Bunch, 4, was king of Wheeling's Memorial Day festivities Monday. He rode in a convertible at the head of the parade, just as his mother, Bonnie, had when she was the parade's princess in 1957.

Riding with Michael were queen Rachel Savage, 4, princess Kimberly Schwartz, 4, and prince Jimmy Eul, 2.

"We've had practice at this," said Michael's grandmother, Ruth Wieder, who had gathered friends, neighbors and relatives to watch the parade from lawnchairs on her front lawn. A sign on the lawn proclaimed, "Hail King Michael."

"IF WE DON'T have anybody in the parade, then we just sit here and cheer them on," Wieder said. "It's not much of a parade, but it sure has a lot of enthusiasm."

In addition to the car carrying the young royalty, the parade comprised a fire truck, cars carrying representatives of Amvets Post 66 and Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 7178, Village President Sheila Schultz, and newly appointed Police Chief Michael Haeger. There also were the Wheeling High School Wildcat marching band and a gaggle of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Cub Scouts.

Although the parade was short and the skies threatening, several hundred spectators lined Wolf and Dundee roads to watch it pass, and then trooped into Chamber Park, at 251 N. Wolf Road, for a memorial service.

"We remember and are grateful to those who gave their lives for their country," Schultz said during

the ceremony. "We keep them alive in our memories, and so Memorial Day is a celebration not only of the past, but of the present. How tragic it would be if we did not hold dear the ideals for which they fought and died."

Haeger told the crowd that "we should reflect on what is going on today in the Falklands and what effect that could have on us."

After a prayer, flag-raising and placement of flowers on a stone marker honoring war dead, the ceremony was closed with a three-volley rifle salute by six members of the Amvets Post 66.

## Village asked to give funds for fireworks

by Eric Norment

Herald staff writer

Unless the Wheeling Village Board breaks its own rules and comes up with \$2,000, there may be no fireworks on the Fourth of July, says the organizer of the annual fireworks display.

The fireworks display this year should cost around \$4,000, said Alberta Klocke, co-chairman of the July 4 planning committee, but so far only \$1,750 has been donated.

"If the village settles this matter on Monday, we'll call and order the fireworks on Tuesday morning," Klocke said. But if the village decides not to participate, the July 4 celebration is off "unless some fairy godmother comes along with \$2,000."

In 1980, the board voted to limit its contributions to 20 percent of the total cost of community events. That vote came after a controversy over a \$3,200 donation to help pay for a trip by the Wheeling High School band.

KLOCKE, WHO WAS village clerk at the time, opposed that donation but says her request for the July 4 fireworks display is different. "That was going to 150 kids," she said. "This money for the display would be for the entire village if they wanted to go. We're talking about the entire village instead of 150 children."

Village President Sheila Schultz said

there is some concern that disregarding the 20-percent rule could lead to similar requests from other groups but added that the fireworks display "is pretty unique."

In past years, the event was run by the Wheeling Jaycees and underwritten by a \$5,000 contribution from the village. But the Jaycees abandoned the project after the village's decision to reduce funding to 20 percent.

The park district took over the event last year, but dropped out in April when only two people offered to help in planning. Park officials offered the use of Heritage Park, 222 South Wolf Road, if the display occurs.

"There just wasn't any effort for community funding," Schultz said. "I think people just think it's going to happen so they put it out of their minds."

A "FIREWORKS for Wheeling" fund has been set up at the First National Bank of Wheeling, 125 McHenry Road, to accept donations for the fireworks display. Contributors are asked to include their names and addresses so that contributions can be returned if the event is canceled.

The village board will debate matching contributions raised by a volunteer committee dollar-for-dollar at a meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday at Wheeling Village Hall, 255 West Dundee Road.

## The week ahead

### Drugstore seeks liquor sales OK

The Wheeling village board tonight will discuss a request from a local drugstore for permission to sell packaged liquor.

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

Walgreen's has asked for permission to sell packaged goods at its store at 548 W. Dundee Road. Currently there are three package liquor stores — and as many licenses — in Wheeling, so the store is asking the village board to increase the number of liquor licenses and to approve a special zoning permit.

Chuck Yacullo, owner of Bell Liquors, 767 W. Dundee Road, has petitioned the village board to deny the license. Yacullo said allowing Walgreen's to sell liquor will bring an unneeded liquor store to the village and give Wheeling officials one more store to supervise. He also expressed concern that granting a drug store a liquor license will "open the gates" for all sorts of business to apply for the licenses.

THE VILLAGE BOARD also will consider contributing up to \$2,000 for a July 4 fireworks display.

Alberta Klocke, a former village clerk and chairman of a committee organizing the fireworks display, said her committee has raised only \$1,750 of the estimated \$4,000 cost and may have to cancel the show if the village does not donate \$2,000.

But, in 1980, the village board voted to restrict the amount of money it gives to private non-profit groups for special events to 20 percent of the total, which would limit the village's contribution to the fireworks display to \$800. Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending that village trustees waive that rule.

## Taxi deregulation seen for suburbs

by Al Cabbage

Herald staff writer

Like the trucking and airline industries, the taxicab business appears headed for deregulation — at least in the Northwest suburbs.

Under a new ordinance proposed by the Northwest Municipal Conference, taxis would be licensed to operate in a group of towns instead of applying in each municipality. Also, taxi companies would be able to charge whatever fares they desire, ending the long-standing practice of government rate-setting.

The result, conference transportation planner John Glasgow said, should be better taxi service for Northwest suburban residents.

"THIS SHOULD STIMULATE competition, which would hopefully increase the level of service to the public," Glasgow said. "Whether prices would actually fall is not so certain, but the rise of fares might not be as quick and it should definitely increase the availability of taxis."

Almost every town in the Northwest suburbs now has its own taxi licensing requirements and fare limits, Glasgow said. As a result, a company such as the Arlington Heights-based American Taxi must pay license fees and undergo rate regulation in 15 of the 16 towns where it operates.

Under the conference proposal, several neighboring municipalities would work as a group. A taxi company would be able to provide service in all of the communities but would be licensed and inspected by only one of them.

"By coordinating the administration and inspection of taxis, you can reduce the amount of red tape but maintain safety standards," Glasgow said. "It's really not the function of a municipality to determine how many taxis there should be and how much they should charge."

For their part, most taxicab owners gave their approval to the proposal.

"FROM OUR POINT of view, it's about time. It will save everybody time, aggravation and trouble," said Randy Moss of American Taxi. "It saves each village the administrative costs and means we don't have to go to each one of the towns we operate in."

Moss also rejected the idea that deregulating taxicab fares would lead to sharply increased rates, a fear of some municipalities.

"If you raise fares, you get a substantial decrease in ridership. You make money for about three to six months and then you're priced right out of the market and somebody else will try to come in," Moss said.

TAXI FARES IN the Northwest suburbs average about \$1 for the first two-tenths of a mile and 10 cents for each additional one-tenth of a mile, a municipal conference study shows.

Under the proposed ordinance, Arlington Heights, Elk Grove Village, Palatine and Rolling Meadows would be in one group, while Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and Wheeling would be in another. Other municipalities in the area did not want to participate in the proposed changes, Glasgow said.

If approved by the participating municipalities, the new regulations would take effect in six months to a year, Glasgow said.

TRUSTEES TONIGHT also will consider a request from the Northwest Opportunity Center to participate in the Summer Youth Employment Program and provide work for three disadvantaged youths for ten weeks this summer.

The program is paid for with a federal grant and provides work for youths between 14 and 21 years old. Wages, insurance and workman's compensation are all paid by the center, and the village must only provide the job. Wheeling officials are recommending that two youths be assigned as maintenance trainees in the operations and maintenance department and a clerical aide work in the finance and administrative department.

Wheeling Township officials already have agreed to employ up to three youths in the same program.

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**Village may extend  
\$7,500 Nortran loan**

Whether to extend a \$7,500 village loan to the North Suburban Mass Transit District will be discussed Tuesday by Wheeling trustees.

Last July village trustees voted to loan Nortran \$10,000 to help cover overdue subsidy payments to the financially strapped Regional Transportation Authority. In turn, Nortran agreed to repay the loan in six months at a 15 percent interest rate.

In January the village board granted NORTRAN a six-month extension on the loan, but required that \$750 in accumulated interest be paid. The RTA would not allow Nortran to make that payment, but late last month Nortran paid the village \$4,056, or 25 percent of the loan and all the interest due. RTA still owes Nortran \$200,000 from its cash shortage last summer, and Nortran is asking the village for a one-year extension.

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

**APPROVAL OF PLANS** to build a two-story office building on Schoenbeck Road just south of Dundee Road also will be considered Tuesday by trustees.

Michaelsen Brothers, Inc. of Northbrook is proposing to erect one building near the southwest corner of Schoenbeck and Dundee. The site, just under one acre, is zoned for a commercial building and is the only vacant property at the corner behind a gas station. Residents of the area originally opposed the plan and asked that the village ensure the building would be compatible with the mainly residential character of the neighborhood.

The entrance and driveway to the building will be located along the north side of the building, away from the houses. Additional bushes and landscaping along the west side of the building will be required as an additional buffer.

**TRUSTEES TUESDAY** night will also discuss several staff proposals for dealing with the traffic problems on Mayer Avenue.

Residents of the area in northeastern Wheeling have asked the village to close Mayer because they say the heavy car and truck traffic is endangering neighborhood children. The residents say that the Wheeling Car and Van Wash, 400 N. Milwaukee Ave., is adding to neighborhood traffic, with cars and trucks pulling out onto residential streets after they've finished.

The village staff has proposed four plans to deal with the problem, including vacating the street, closing and planting it to make a "greenbelt area," installing a fence along the carwash property, and making the street one-way. The board now must decide which option to pursue.

**THE WHEELING LIQUOR** commission will meet Tuesday to consider issuing a liquor license to Walgreen's to sell packaged liquor.

Walgreen's has asked the village for permission to sell packaged liquor at its store at 548 W. Dundee Road. Despite opposition from other Wheeling liquor store owners and the chairman of the village youth commission, the village board already has voted to create a new liquor license and grant the store a special use permit to open the department. All that remains is that Walgreen's be granted an actual liquor license.

Currently there are three package liquor stores in Wheeling. Previously the village issued one of the package licenses to another drug store, Mark Drugs & Liquors, 303 E. Dundee Road.

The commission will meet immediately following Tuesday's board meeting in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

**Liquor store dispute brews**

**THE OWNER OF A** chain of eight liquor stores in the Chicago area, including one in Wheeling, is asking the Wheeling Village Board to deny a liquor license request from the Walgreen Drug Store, 548 W. Dundee Rd. Charles M. Yacullo, president of Bell Liquors Inc., which has a store at 767 W. Dundee Rd., near the Walgreen store, said Wednesday that granting the license to sell packaged beer and liquor would create enforcement problems for the village without increasing revenue. His objections are outlined in a letter to Village Board members, who Monday will consider increasing the number of package liquor licenses to provide one for Walgreen. Yacullo claims "there is a fixed demand for alcohol based upon consumption, not on places of supply," and that "to allow a giant company to enter the market will result in a deterioration of the quality of the existing stores and provide no additional benefit to Wheeling or its residents."

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**Suit to test adult-club law**

**THE COOK COUNTY** state's attorney's office has filed a suit seeking a court order to close a club near Wheeling that features nude dancing. The suit, filed Friday against the owners of the Cheetah II nightclub, may be the first test of the adult-use zoning law adopted by the county in December, said Joann Tansey, an assistant state's attorney. The law limits adult theaters, cabarets and massage parlors to certain unincorporated parts of the county. Previous laws regulating the establishments have been declared unconstitutional. The suit contends that the club owners violated the law by failing to apply for a special-use permit waiver. It also contends that inspectors found 17 county building-code violations on April 28. A hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday.

*Daily Herald June 9, 1982*  
**Bid to get money from Stavros denied**

A Circuit Court Judge Tuesday denied an attempt by the Village of Wheeling to immediately recover \$92,000 from James Stavros, former Wheeling Township Democratic Committeeman, for his role in a 1974 bribery scandal.

John M. Burke, attorney for the village, had asked Judge Anthony J. Scottillo for a summary judgment ordering

Stavros to pay the village the \$92,000 he pleaded guilty to extorting from developers in 1974.

However, Scottillo ruled that while there is no question that Stavros took the money, the village must prove that it was used to influence village officials to act in violation of the law.

"Whether village officials acted unlawfully or whether he was in a posi-

tion to influence them has not been established," Scottillo said.

"I don't see the fairness in allowing Mr. Stavros to keep the money," Scottillo said. However, the judge said the individuals who made the bribes could argue that they were entitled to the money instead of the village.

"I DON'T KNOW if the prayers are

entitled to the money because of acting in bad faith," Scottillo said.

No trial date has been set.

The village's lawsuit against Stavros was filed in 1976. The suit also names former building director William Bieber and former Trustee William Hart. Bieber and Hart were both convicted in the bribery scandal.

# Late vehicle sticker charge now at \$15

Wheeling trustees agreed to increase the late charge on vehicle stickers from \$5 to \$15 and increase the minimum fine for violating the sticker law from \$5 to \$15.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the increases will help make up the \$60,000 that the village lost this year after Wheeling Township abated its entire road tax levy. Under state law the township levies twice as much as it will spend and returns half the money to municipalities in the township. With the abatement the towns didn't receive their share of the money.

An increase in penalties and stricter enforcement of sticker deadlines were proposed by village trustees during budget hearings earlier this year. The police department has already stepped up enforcement, including posting officers on streets and at entrances to apartment complexes to check vehicles.

The board also suggested that the fee for recreational vehicle stickers be increased, but a public hearing will have to be held on that proposal before the board can make a decision.

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Wheeling trustees have also approved spending \$43,150 in motor fuel tax funds for traffic signal maintenance, snow and ice control, and pavement markings throughout the village.

The village is requesting \$6,750 for signal maintenance at Old Willow and Wolf roads, Schoenbeck and Dundee roads and Hintz and Wheeling Roads. Road salt will be bought for \$26,750 through the Northwest Municipal Conference. Striping at intersections and lane markings will cost \$10,000, and be done throughout the village.

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Markus said the money was needed in the contingency fund for possible emergencies, but no money can be spent without the approval of the village board.

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# Liquor store seeks to stop new license

By Eddy McNeil

CHARLES YACULLO said he knows what it may look like, but he insists his opposition to Wheeling granting another package liquor license has nothing to do with the fact that the applicant's store is two blocks from his own.

"Obviously they won't help us," Yacullo said Wednesday of the request by the Walgreen Co. drugstore, 548 W. Dundee Rd. "But the key issue is whether it will benefit the village or the residents of Wheeling."

Yacullo, president of Bell Liquors Inc., which has one of its eight Chicago area stores at 767 W. Dundee Rd., outlined his objections in a letter to village board members, who are to decide Monday whether to increase the number of liquor licenses by one and grant the special-use permit needed to sell

"ALTHOUGH OUR interests are self-serving, we have presented some arguments which are valid and should be considered by the board," he said in the letter.

"It will provide little or no additional revenue to the Village of Wheeling because there is a fixed demand for alcohol based upon consumption, not on places of supply," he said.

Yacullo said his stores have competed against Walgreens stores that sell liquor in other areas, and he said he isn't afraid of the competition in Wheeling. But noting that there already are three package liquor stores along Dundee Road between Milwaukee Avenue and Ill. Hwy. 83, the extra license couldn't help but hurt the existing businesses, he said.

The village board meets at 8 p.m. in the municipal complex, 255 W. Dundee Rd.

# Wheeling adds a liquor license June 10 '82

There are now two Class E liquor licenses for the Village of Wheeling. A Class E license permits the retail sale of packaged liquor for consumption off the premises only. Mark Drugs has one and the second, approved Monday night by the village board has not been issued yet. But there seems little doubt that the new license will go to Walgreen's at 548 W. Dundee Road.

Walgreen's has asked the village to grant a special use permit and to issue a liquor license for the retailing of package liquors. Under a Class E license it would be able to do so. But, in voting to increase the number of licenses in this classification, trustees made it clear their action does not require the granting of the license to Walgreen's. And, in fact, they voted to defer their action on the requested special use permit until their June 21

meeting.

"It was Trustee (John) Cole who moved we defer the special use action. He felt the action on the second license should be published first," said Village President Sheila Schultz.

The increase to two of the Class E licenses was done over the objection of Chuck Yacullo, president of Bell Liquors. Yacullo petitioned the board to deny the issuance of a license to Walgreen's because he wrote, "...granting another liquor license will not benefit the Village of Wheeling of its residents."

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# Airport purchase a half-step closer

By ELEANOR KERLOW  
Correspondent

WHEELING — The Village of Wheeling may be one document closer to publically acquiring Palwaukee Airport.

At a workshop meeting Wednesday, June 2, the board of trustees tentatively agreed to file a preapplication for federal funds, which is the first in a series of steps before receiving funding to buy the airport.

Although the board took no formal action, the trustees also tentatively decided to hold an advisory referendum to give Wheeling residents a chance to vote on public acquisition of the airport.

The board is expected to make a final decision on filing the funding preapplication and holding an advisory referendum when it discusses the airport again at a meeting Monday, June 14.

WHILE FOUR trustees favored an advisory referendum, several trustees questioned to what extent the referendum would be effective.

"I have no objections to a referendum," said Trustee Charles M. Kerr, "I question what value a referendum might have. I'm quite

concerned that there's a lot of misinformation on this issue."

"If everyone who was to vote on the referendum promised to be as informed as we are, then it would be much more meaningful," said Trustee Roger A. Powers.

The advisory referendum would not be binding, but would be a gauge for the trustees to measure the residents' thoughts on the village buying the airport.

"WHAT IS best for the village might not be best for the people who have turned out to express their opinion. Taking into account all meaningful impact, it's still our decision," said Powers.

Trustee William A. Rogers said he had a lot of faith in the electorate. If there's any misunderstanding, he said, the board should understand the issue is very volatile.

"I'd be in favor of a referendum providing we go ahead and apply for federal funding because we can always turn the funds down if we decide not to purchase the airport," said Trustee John C. Cole. "I don't think the Village of Wheeling should get involved with running an airport if it will cost the taxpayers money."

Village President Sheila Schultz said filing the preapplication means the village is just getting in line for the funds. She said it is the first step in a long series of procedures for federal funds.

"Then we should get in line as soon as we can to start moving,"

said Trustee James Goetch.

THE FILING application for these funds apparently is so complicated, it has been recommended the village hire a consultant to help it, according to Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Markus said the application first has to be put on a priority list by the Federal Aviation Administration. Once it is on the list, the village can notify its appraisers and engineers to supply more data to the government before a grant offer is made, said Markus.

Trustee Joseph W. Ratajczak said the preapplication doesn't obligate the village in any way, and it can always be withdrawn.

LOWELL STOLEROW of the Citizens Airport Activity Committee said he hopes his group, which opposes public acquisition of the airport, will have a chance to present their views to the board.

The trustees will continue discussion June 14 on whether the village could impose a curfew on when planes could land. The trustees said they also want to discuss whether half the airport would be required to adhere to the zoning laws of another community if Prospect Heights mutually purchases the airport with Wheeling.

Representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration will be at that meeting to answer questions.

## Board's refusal hasn't snuffed fireworks hopes

Reminder June 10, 1982  
It may not be as big as last year's, but Wheeling may still have a fireworks display to celebrate the 4th of July.

It will, that is, if the public decides to fund the display. Still smarting from a turndown of her committee's request for financial assistance from the Village of Wheeling, Alberta Klocke said Tuesday that if each family would donate 50 cents to \$1 it could still be a bang-up Fourth for the village. A Fireworks for Wheeling account, she said, has been set up at the First National Bank of Wheeling, 125 McHenry Road. Just in case, she said, those sending donations should enclose their names and addresses, so if the worst happens and it is not possible to have fireworks, the money can be returned to the donors.

The fireworks committee had asked the village to match funds it raised to a limit of \$2,000. And Monday night, trustees voted not to appropriate the funds. Village President Sheila Schultz said that though she was personally disappointed with the board's decision, she can understand it. "Trustees felt that there was not a tremendous outcry from the community for the activity," she said. Schultz said there may have been some problems with the private and business solicitation process, as well. And in light of this perceived lack of enthusiasm, she said the board was guided by an ordinance on donations which called for such funding requests to be filed prior to budget planning.

"I'm going to continue to try and raise the money and hope we do," Klocke said. She had contacted the fireworks company to discuss planning a smaller display, and she had not had a chance to talk to Nick Fanelli, first vice president of the First National Bank. Among the donors, to date, she said, are the bank, \$200; the Wheeling Lions Club, \$100; Whippletree Homeowners, \$50; and Wheeling Rotary Club, \$59 raffle proceeds. The remaining donations, she said, are generally smaller and from individuals.

"I was ready to drop the whole fireworks idea. But I'm counting on the people of Wheeling," Klocke said.

## Prospect Hts. should stake out airport funding: Wolf

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf says his city should join Wheeling in "pre-applying" for federal funds to buy Pal-Waukee Airport — but it still is not yet time to ask residents to vote on the matter.

Wheeling trustees Wednesday night informally agreed to "get in line" for federal funds, which they hope will cover at least 80 percent of the estimated \$53 million purchase price. They also tentatively agreed to hold an advisory referendum during the November general election in which residents will be asked whether they favor a public takeover of the airport.

Wolf said failing to pre-apply for federal aid "would cut off all further discussions (on the airport purchase), and I see no reason to do that." The city council is scheduled to vote on the matter Monday.

But Wolf added that there are "still a lot of ifs" about buying the airport and a referendum on the matter would be premature.

AFTER 3½ YEARS of studying the airport issue, a group of local adminis-

trators and airport experts last month disbanded their special committee, saying they had studied all the facts and figures prepared by a consultant hired by the two towns.

But Wolf said the consultant's figures are only estimates, and it is extremely unlikely the city will know by August, when the referendum question would have to be in final form, what its share of buying the airport will be. "I don't believe in going to the public and asking them for a blank check."

Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell, a co-chairman of the special airport committee, agreed with Wolf. A referendum would be more meaningful when the towns formally apply for an exact amount of federal dollars, which probably won't happen at least until next year.

"That's going to be the cutting of the cake," Sturgell said. "At that point we're going to be putting out some money that might not be recouped." He said the towns probably will have to hire consultants and attorneys to draw up the grant application. Portions of that money will be reimbursed only if federal officials decide to assist

in the public takeover of Pal-Waukee.

FURTHER CLOUDING the picture, Sturgell said, is the fact that legislation which enables municipalities to purchase private airports has expired. There are bills being considered in Congress that would renew that process, however, and airport customers' gasoline taxes are still being held in reserve accounts.

Wheeling officials, too, have reservations about a referendum and say they may not abide by its outcome. Nonetheless, they have instructed their attorney to draft the wording of the ballot question.

"I see the referendum as just one factor in the decision," said Village President Sheila Schultz. She said residents who live near the airport and oppose its purchase may be able to muster a high turnout. If most of the negative votes come from that area, it may not reflect the feelings of most Wheeling residents.

Other trustees complained that there is much "misinformation" about the airport purchase plan being circulated by the anti-airport groups, something the airport foes have denied.

*Daily Herald June 11, 1987*  
**Police chief orders strict rules on press information**

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger Thursday ordered his officers to stop releasing any police information to the press and designated one officer to serve as the department's spokesman.

Sgt. Jack Kimsey, formally head of the department's traffic division, has been named administrative services supervisor. He will be responsible for coordinating all information released to the press by the department.

Haeger said the department "may have created some of its own problems" with statements issued to the press in the past, but he refused to name specific incidents. "The controversial issues in the Wheeling police department are known to everyone, and it's not necessary to rehash them," he said.

Haeger joined the Wheeling department in February, after serving as a police officer in Woodridge. Shortly after his appointment he said he would be developing a series of press guidelines for the department.

**UNDER THE NEW** rules, reporters will be able to get information regarding police cases only from Kimsey or Haeger. If a reporter wants to interview a specific officer, permission must come from either man before the reporter and officer can talk. Police officers will not be able to release information or police reports if Kimsey or Haeger are not available, or have not authorized someone to do so.

The policy is so strict that reporters who attended a Thursday press conference were unable to get copies of it because Haeger will not allow police orders to be removed from the municipal building.

Haeger said he doesn't think the guidelines, which are based largely on guidelines drawn up by the American Bar Association, will control the flow of news from the department.

"It's important to coordinate information. When one person has the information we can get a better feel for the needs of the press. Then, maybe we can loosen the guidelines. A lot of times an officer just doesn't realize they're releasing a key piece of information that the detectives may consider vital to a case," said Haeger. "We are not controlling information."

**HAEGER SAID** that Kimsey will be called into work to handle the press if a major case arises. Though the police will be determining what constitutes a major case, Haeger said he thinks the department will develop "a pretty good feel for the needs of the press."

Daily duty sheets, call slips and other police reports will still be available, but must be obtained from Kimsey or Haeger and can no longer simply be released by the records department.

The new order was issued to the department Thursday morning. Kimsey said he thought the men "were relieved" by the new rules.

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**It's amazing how things to do crop up in June**

Just like everyone else last January I yearned for the month of June (I didn't have much faith in May which a few years back snowed all over my quince blossoms) when maybe there'd be a chance to thaw out, get out and go places.

Today I'm not so sure June is all that great.

Sure, the weather has been tolerable, albeit unpredictable, and my heat bill has nose-dived from an all-time-high on that weekend six months ago when the wind chill factor made it minus 80 degrees.

**BUT JUNE IS** so busy.

According to Chases' Calendar of Annual Events there are 145 events (or maybe only 135 because I lost count when the phone rang just now) that are worth celebrating — and that's only through today.

**And tomorrow is Children's Day.**

I've already helped five birthday celebrants celebrate, entertained the bridge bunch, toasted three June brides and two graduates, planted six tomato plants and held memorial services for my 12-year-old lawn mower.

And the month isn't half over yet. The Chases list another 167 events (more or less — the phone just rang again) during what's left of June; there are three more birthdays and a wedding anniversary on my own calendar plus an out-of-town visit to make and an out-of-town visitor to receive. Besides, my garden's only half-planted, I need to go summer clothes shopping and I haven't taken down all the storm windows yet.

**SINCE I'M NEVER** going to get everything done anyhow, I've devised a reverse calendar — a list of things to not worry about not getting done this month and you might as well join me so we can all relax and enjoy what's left of June.

First of all, let's not fret that the rabbits have eaten all the beans we planted early last month and hoped to harvest later this month. The neighbors will have so many (beans, not rabbits — the rabbits all live in our yards) that they'll beg us to take some off their hands. We hope.

Let's also not worry about our summer work wardrobe being inadequate. The office air conditioning/heating system makes a mockery of any seasonal wardrobe (you need long johns and/or sunsuits no matter when) and anyway the stores are already clearing out their warm-weather fashions and showing woolens. Which won't fit come autumn. (See item below.)

Furthermore, let's forget all about the diets and exercises designed to make us look great in bikinis for our weekends lollgagging on the beach. If you're old and saggy like me nothing helps but if you're young and crispy you know it's going to rain every weekend. Beside, all that diets do is make you cranky and nobody wants to be in your company, but if you do get skinny your new fall wardrobe won't fit. (See item above.)

In addition and from my experience June is also not the month to:

- Hope the Chicago Cubs will start a winning streak. (They promise to be late bloomers when actually they are just early droopers.)
- Hope it's not too late to buy young healthy flowers to replant your decimated bean patch. (Like the Cubs they'll only hint at blooming but never do much but droop.)
- Think that a 12-year-old lawn mower can be resurrected.
- Think that your children will forget that tomorrow is Children's Day.

*Suburban Times June 17, 1984*  
**Taxi firms welcome proposed reforms in fare regulation**

By Carol Jouzaitis

**A PROPOSED DEREGULATION** of taxicab fares under consideration in nine north-west suburbs has been hailed by taxi companies as a move long overdue.

The current system of individual municipalities regulating the companies under a widely varied and confusing set of rate and licensing requirements would fall by the wayside if the suburbs adopt a model ordinance suggested by the Northwest Municipal Conference.

"We'd like to give it a try. It's very time-consuming to get the same fares approved in each town," said Lyle Tartak, vice president of American Taxi, based in Arlington Heights.

**THE PROPOSAL ALSO** would deregulate fares, allowing the companies to raise rates without prior government approval. Suburbs would have up to 60 days to object after being notified of an increase, said William Grams, executive director of the conference.

As an alternative to deregulation, suburbs could continue requiring their prior approval for an increase, but adopt a uniform method of calculating fares. Or they could allow

automatic increases indexed to rising costs of gasoline and maintenance, Grams said.

A joint approach toward regulation "would save everyone time and money. Time is money to a cab driver," Tartak said.

**TARTAK PREDICTED THAT** competition among the 20 or so companies in the conference area would keep fares from automatically rising if rates are deregulated.

The ordinance has been suggested because "there are so many disparities between the municipalities' (taxi) ordinances," Grams said.

Most of the companies operating in the area are licensed by more than one suburb. But current regulations for everything from inspection standards to required mileage calibrations differ from suburb to suburb.

Under the ordinance, Arlington Heights, Palatine, Rolling Meadows and Elk Grove Village would act as one licensing group, while Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines, Mt. Prospect, Wheeling and Prospect Heights would be another.

None of the suburbs has approved the law, but Palatine Village Manager Anton Harwig called the joint licensing concept "a step forward."

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**Now there are 2 brat fests planned**

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The demise of Wheeling's annual beer and bratwurst festival has prompted two village leaders to start planning two separate summertime celebrations.

Village President Sheila Schultz said Thursday she approached officials from St. Joseph the Worker Church about holding the festival on their property at 181 W. Dundee Road. Church Administrator Father James Steel said the festival has been tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 14-15.

Meanwhile, former village president

William Hein, who earlier vowed he would not let the annual event die, has met with the Wheeling Jaycees who have "made the fest a project" and scheduled the event for Aug. 1.

Jaycees President John Mankel said pending approval from the merchant's association, the festival will probably be held at Riverside Plaza shopping center, Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue. A rain date has been scheduled Aug. 8.

Both Schultz and Mankel said they were not aware of the other's plans and would go ahead with their own.

**SCHULTZ SAID SHE** approached the church because of the open grounds and large amounts of parking avail-

able at both the church and next door at the village hall. "Ideally we'll also get plenty of walk-to people. It could be very successful," she said.

Hein said Riverside was targeted because of its central location in "old town" Wheeling. "We'd like to keep it in old town," he said. "That's where it always used to be held."

Last month the Wheeling Park Board voted to cancel the festival because of a parking shortage at the Chevy Chase golf course. Landowner William Johnson decided he would farm a nine-acre parcel of land he owns just

north of Chevy Chase, leaving park officials without land for parking.

Park officials discussed moving the festival to Heritage Park, but state liquor laws prohibit the park from serving beer at any other site. Now, wherever the festival is held, officials will have to secure a temporary liquor license from the village liquor commission before serving beer.

The beer and bratwurst festival was originally held as a fund-raiser for the local historical society 12 years ago, but was quickly transformed into a regular August event, including food and craft sales, shows, and German music.



# Wheeling mulls taking test flight

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Wheeling village trustees are considering following Prospect Heights' decisions to file a pre-application agreement for the proposed public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport and approve the airport consultant's layout plan.

Monday night, village officials met with representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Illinois Division of Aeronautics to discuss the implications of moving ahead with decisions on the airport.

Several trustees were concerned that agreeing to file a pre-application for a federal grant with the FAA would be viewed by Wheeling residents as a move toward an airport purchase.

David Wellhouse, FAA representative, told trustees, "Filing a pre-application does not bind you. It is a preliminary stage and the first notice of interest in the purchase. After a pre-application comes an environmental assessment and then a grant application."

"You're committed to open an airport for 20 years only after acceptance of a federal grant. The environmental assessment study will take at least a year to complete," Wellhouse said.

Trustee William A. Rogers said residents had been promised an advisory referendum on the proposed public acquisition of Pal-Waukee Airport by the Village of Wheeling and the City of Prospect Heights.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village board had agreed to put the issue on a voters' referendum, but that no date had been set and it does not have to be this November.

Markus said the city council of Prospect Heights decided not to hold a referendum until more complete information on the airport could be presented to the voters.

Jack Gilligan, chairman of a Prospect Heights citizens advisory committee formed by Mayor Richard Wolf, said he didn't believe there was enough time to get an informed opinion out to the public before the Sept. 8 deadline for filing a referendum petition.

He added that right now it appeared the public would oppose the airport just because there was no organized citizens group out there supporting the public purchase.

Wheeling Village President Shelia Schultz said not filing a pre-application agreement would be forcing the village to make a decision against buying the airport.

The city council of Prospect Heights last Monday unanimously agreed to submit the pre-application for a federal grant and to approve the airport layout plan prepared by Ralph Burke Associates, Inc., the airport consultant.

Terry Schaddl, representative with the state Division of Aeronautics, said his office would be willing to work with village staff to complete pre-application requirements.

"We've had phone conversations with Prospect Heights to aid them with pre-application. We would entertain helping

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# Too soon for public vote on Pal-Waukee: trustee

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Agreeing with Prospect Heights officials that November might be too early for a referendum on the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport, a Wheeling trustee is proposing that the village also consider postponing the vote.

Trustee William Rogers, a long-time critic of plans to buy the airport, said he thinks the village board should come up with "more complete decisions" on the airport's purchase before residents are asked to vote on the issue.

Earlier this month Wheeling officials tentatively agreed to hold an advisory referendum during the November general election in which residents will be asked whether they favor a public takeover of the airport. But now Rogers said he doubts whether the board, and village residents, can have all the information they will need to make the referendum a valid vote.

"They (Prospect Heights) made a lot of sense, to postpone the referendum until we have something ready and defined. I don't think the board will be able to come up with all the answers unless they work like hell and meet several times a week," said Rogers.

A DECISION on the referendum and the wording of the question would have to be made by August, in order to get it put on the November ballot. Earlier,

the Wheeling board briefly discussed six possible forms of the question that were prepared by Village Attorney James Rhodes, and were unable to agree on any one.

Rogers said asking residents to vote on the airport's purchase would be premature, because the board still hasn't answered several vital questions, including how the purchase would be financed and who would run the facility afterward. Rogers also said he wants to know how several pending lawsuits involving both towns and the airport will affect the purchase.

"These issues must be resolved before we move ahead," he said. "What's the hurry? The airport is going to be there. It's not going to close."

Even if both towns decide to pursue federal funding for the project and file the preliminary forms, federal officials estimate it will take at least another year before the towns receive any money. Rogers said that delay takes some of the urgency out of the need for a referendum.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Shelia Schultz said the board will probably postpone the referendum if there is any "missing information," and agreed the timing for a referendum may be premature if it means that residents will end up voting their feelings without knowing all the facts beforehand.

Rogers said he will ask that the village board discuss postponing the referendum at its June 21 meeting.

# Couple files suit to stop citations, change zoning

A Wheeling couple has filed suit against the village of Wheeling asking that village officials be barred from citing them for zoning violations and that their property be rezoned.

Austreberto and Carmen Salinas, 290 N. 12th St., argue in the suit filed in Cook County Circuit Court that they never use their 1.4-acre parcel for a business but have occasionally stored black dirt and vehicles they use in their landscaping business.

Wheeling officials on June 19, 1981, notified the Salinases by letter they were operating a landscaping business illegally on property zoned for single-family use. Village officials have since threatened the Salinases with citations unless they remove the dirt and vehicles, according to the suit.

THE SUIT SEEKS an injunction to block village officials from issuing citations to the Salinases. It also seeks to have the single family residential zoning declared "null and invalid" and replaced with multi-family residential and industrial zoning. The change in zoning would permit the Salinases to construct a three-flat and industrial garage on the property.

The village planning commission turned down the requested zoning change in February, and the village board voted to deny the change last April.

The suit contends the village discriminated against the Salinases in denying the rezoning since surrounding property is zoned industrial and multi-family.

# Airport—

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Wheeling with pre-application either separately or jointly with Prospect Heights," Schaddl said.

Schaddl suggested it would be better to go jointly with Prospect Heights.

"Pal-Waukee Airport has a high federal priority, at least the same as Waukegan (Memorial Airport). It is considered both a satellite and reliever airport. The airport is an escape valve for general aviation at O'Hare," Schaddl said.

Wellhouse agreed Pal-Waukee was a very important airport. "Pal-Waukee is one of five airports name-placed and designated by Congress and the FAA. It has special significance because it's a reliever airport. You have a high place in line already because it's such an important airport," Wellhouse said.

Schultz said residents were concerned that if the communities did purchase the airport it would lose money. "People have said there's no such thing as a small municipal airport that makes money."

Larry Donoghue, airport consultant and president of Burke Associates, responded, "Small municipal airports are generally losers, but that's with about 25 to 40 airplanes. At 100 airplanes, you're more in the block and with 400 to 500 airplanes, in general aviation, you're making money."

Donoghue said as a public airport, Pal-Waukee would be free from federal income

tax. "With good management, Pal-Waukee can meet its expenses with revenue generated from the airport. It wouldn't be profit-making, just revenue enough to sustain itself and future improvements," he said.

Charles Priester, current owner of Pal-Waukee, will continue as the fixed base operator of the airport if it goes public. Priester will retain ownership of money-making aspects of the airport, such as the new hangars, restaurant, hotel and newer buildings.

Donoghue said, "Business on a airport makes money, the land does not make money. Land does not offer a private businessman a return on his money. For example, \$15 million worth of land could generate \$1.5 million on C.D.'s (certificate of deposits) on 10 per cent."

Rogers asked, "Why should Wheeling buy it?"

The airport consultant answered, "The reason is that you can preserve status quo. You have the right of control. You can mitigate noise and use federal funds for noise insulation or to buy land in high noise areas."

Wellhouse added, "If bought by a municipality, the airport can choose to implement a curfew. The municipality will run its local airport, not the FAA, except where safety is involved."



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**New approach needed to resolve airport issue**

Memo to: Tom Markus, Wheeling Village Manager and Stephen Sturgell, Prospect Heights City Manager.

Come on, you guys, enough is enough. You are still trying to decide if you want to buy Palwaukee Airport—not an easy decision, I know.

But after three-plus years of meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee, you still want to have more meetings.

You guys need a different approach. How about a game show? You know, something like "Let's Make a Deal," or "Family Feud," or even "The Price is Right."

Allow me.  
"Live, from the airport crisis center of the world, it's time for "Let's Make Them Squeal!"

"Hi everybody, I'm your host Monty Hall, and tonight, these people, dressed the way they are, will be trying to decide behind which door lies the best airport plan for these two communities. But—before we get to the fun, here's Don Pardo to tell us about some really great prizes for our contestants. Some swell ones, right, Don?"

"Thaat's right Monty, our winners tonight have the chance for the time of their lives. Behind one of the doors is a fabulous weekend for two at the elegant Palwaukee Motor Inn overlooking Palwaukee Airport. Our lucky winners will be transported via village of Wheeling Ford Escorts to their destination before dining at—you guessed it—the Market Square restaurant where they'll dine before attending the village meeting of their choice. Upon arrival at Village Hall, they will be greeted by Village Manager Tom Markus and the entire Wheeling Village Board.

"After the meeting, they'll be whisked back to the motel and after a night's sleep, will enjoy breakfast

for two at the popular Prospect Heights Denny's Restuarant.

"Our contestants today, Monty, also have the chance to win the popular Prospect Height's package.

They'll stay at the charming Holiday Inn in unincorporated Cook County, just south of the Prospect Heights city limits. They'll dine on the popular bill of faire at All-gauer's before attending a meeting of the Citizen's Airport Activity Group (CAAG). A tour of Haymaker's Pub is included in this plan—and—for a real treat, the luck winners will get to tour the Prospect Heights City Hall and Post Office.

"The big prize, however, Monty, is the airport itself. Our winner will get to stay overnight in the hangar of their choice followed by dinner at, of all places, The Hangar Restaurant where they'll meet with George and Charlie Priester and Esther Noffke. As a special treat, our lucky winners will be flown around the area to view the airport and its clear zones and catch a breath-taking view of Wheeling from the sky. After that trip, they'll meet with the members of TAC and airport consultant Larry Donoghue. The evening will be capped off by a visit to Le Francais where they'll dine on French delicacies — dutch treat, of course. Back to you, Monty.

"Sounds great, Don, and now to our studio audience.

"Here's a lovely young lady, can I have your name?"

"Sheila, I'm head of the Wheeling Village Board."

"Say, that's quite a costume, Sheila, can you tell our studio audience about it?"

"Well, it's a replica of the Wickes tower which is just west of the Village Hall. It was Tom's idea because he looks at it every day from his office window."

"I see, very nice. Now Sheila, you

get one choice—will it be Door No. 1, Door No. 2, or Door No. 3?"

"Gee, I don't know—Charlie wanted me to take the cash, but Tom said go for Door No. 2. It's really very tough because Roger wanted to put it into committee and submit a report—oh, I'll go for Door No. 2."

"OK, now let's look for another contestant—this gentleman in the third row—you sir, dressed up as a megaphone, can we have your name please?"

"I'm Jim Schwabol of CAAG."  
"Hey, Jim, that's quite a costume..."

"Well, I'm the most recent voice of CAAG and we thought a megaphone is appropriate."

"Well Jim, that's just great—but what door would you like?"

"Golly, that's tough. I was going to ask our expert, but school's not out yet and when I asked the group, I couldn't get an idea which direction to go—well, what the hell, I'll take Door No. 2."

"Aw, I'm sorry Jim, but Sheila already has that door."

"She does? No doubt they already have the airport, too? Why can't she expand the door?"

"Sorry, Jim, that would have to go to committee—what door do you want?"

"I guess I'll take Door No. 3."

"And now, for one last contestant—you sir, in the dollar bill look-alike costume."

"Me?"  
"Yes, you. Can we have your

name?"

"I'm Larry Donoghue, an airport consultant."

"Well, what a pleasure to meet you Larry. What door would you like?"

"As I see it, based on Phase 2 of the three-phase study I think it would be best to..."

"Larry, we only have a few more minutes—and besides, Door No. 1 is the only one left."

"Oh, I see. Well, I guess that's the one I'll take."

"OK contestants, before we make the big announcement, are there any questions?"

"I have one."  
"Yes, Jim, what is it?"

"Can we review the plans and come back with an alternate proposal? Besides, I think we should check with the residents before we open the doors."

"I'd have to check with my board first," Sheila added.

"Larry, what about you?"

"Well, I'll be out-of-town for a while but..."

"I'm afraid we've run out of time, contestants, so while you're hashing this out, I'll say good night to our viewers and say thanks for watching "Let's Make Them Squeal."

"Contestants on tonight's show will receive the home version of "Let's Make Them Squeal" that comes complete with airport layout plan, feasibility study and agenda for airport public hearings."

"This is Don Pardo speaking."

## Dist. 23 chief Grodsky sets retirement

by Laura Watters Bianchi  
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Edward Grodsky, superintendent of Prospect Heights Dist. 23 for the past 14 years, announced he will retire in June 1983, saying he wants to rest and travel "while I'm healthy."

His retirement could pave the way for eliminating the position of associate superintendent, a reduction the administration has recommended for June 1983 "if enrollment continues to decline."

But Grodsky said Thursday his decision to retire early was not related to the possible reduction in administration. Grodsky said he and his wife have discussed the retirement for a year and want to move to their property in



Edward Grodsky

Arizona.

Grodsky, 55, came to Dist. 23 in June 1968 and on his first day, opened bids

for the construction of Eisenhower School in Prospect Heights.

"WHEN I made the decision to become superintendent originally, I thought 'this will be a four-year job and I will move on to bigger and better things,'" Grodsky said.

But he said Thursday he decided to stay because of the challenges the district offered. Beyond building a new school, Dist. 23 was in debt \$270,000 when Grodsky arrived and was seeking a tax increase his first year.

Since then, Grodsky has directed "four or five" referendum attempts, "I can't remember how many," with two successes.

There also was a teacher shortage, and Grodsky remembers hiring 31 teachers in August, including one

teacher only days before school started.

One of the first improvements Grodsky convinced the board to make was buying materials for a library in each of the four schools. When he arrived, there was one central library at MacArthur Junior High, and it was stocked with books collected from the community, including useless college texts.

Before arriving in Dist. 23, Grodsky was principal of Gemini Junior High in Des Plaines for two years and before that he was assistant superintendent of a high school in Norridge. He taught for eight years before that.

Today, Grodsky says "education is in for a very difficult time. And I will be honest about it. I am worn out. It's been 33 years."

## Fireworks funds sought door-to-door

Organizers of Wheeling's July 4th fireworks say volunteers will hit the streets tonight to collect money to help pay for the display.

Alberta Klocke said \$2,000 already has been raised to help pay for the \$4,000 display, as the campaign to raise the necessary money winds into its final weeks. Klocke said all "official volunteers" will carry cans or jars bearing an official "Fireworks for Wheeling" sticker and a sticker with their name. She said the volunteers probably will start knocking on doors around 6:30 p.m. and will continue

throughout the week.

Whether Wheeling would have a fireworks show this July 4th had been in doubt since April, when the Wheeling Park District dropped the event. Klocke picked up the planning and has been struggling to raise the needed money, after committing to a \$4,000 display.

Letters also have been sent to approximately 200 Wheeling businesses asking for donations, and Klocke said money also will be collected the night of the display. The fireworks are

scheduled for dusk on July 4th at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

AFTER DONATING \$500 to the cause, officials of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce have added their support. Chamber President Chuck Schramm said he and Chamber Vice President Marvin Hill will work to raise \$1,500 from the business community to help offset the cost of the project.

Donations also are being taken in the "Fireworks for Wheeling" fund at the First National Bank of Wheeling, 125 McHenry Road.

Klocke said if extra money is raised, a special fund will be created for next year's display. Klocke said she has plans for a three-day festival, including a parade and fireworks.

Meanwhile, the Wheeling Jaycees, former sponsors of the fireworks, are going ahead with plans for a beer and bratwurst festival to be held Aug. 1 at Riverside Plaza, Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Jaycees President John Mankel said all money raised at the fest will be used for next year's fireworks, which the Jaycees hope to sponsor.

# Walgreen's obtains liquor license

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Over the objections of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and a few other residents and businessmen, the village board is allowing a local Walgreen's store to sell packaged liquor.

Trustees two weeks ago approved creating an additional liquor license for package sales, and since Walgreen's was the only applicant, board members found no reason Monday night to deny the request. The village plan commission had recommended approval of the proposal, extracting a promise from the owners to do some landscaping and cleanup work at the Lynn Plaza shopping center, where the drug store is located.

Only Trustee Roger Powers voted against issuing the special zoning permit the store needs to sell package li-

quor. He said because Wheeling's population hasn't increased much lately, there is no need for another liquor store.

**CHAMBER OFFICIALS** said their objections stem mainly from concerns that allowing another liquor store in the village will add to the problem of under-age drinking. Chuck Schramm, chamber president, said his board of directors unanimously voted to oppose the issuance of "any" new package liquor licenses.

Faye Moroz, chairman of the village youth commission and a former chamber director, asked the chamber to take a stand on the issue. She also asked board members to reconsider allowing any more liquor licenses.

Moroz said she was mainly concerned with the number of youths who already frequent Lynn Plaza, and hav-

ing a liquor store there heightens the opportunity for "kids sitting in the parking lot, pimping for booze" by asking adults to go in and purchase some for them.

But Ed Choroski, a Walgreen's spokesman, said his firm is "very, very conscious of the problem of sale of alcohol to minors."

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT** Sheila Schultz said Wednesday she agreed that Walgreen's has a "reputation for being careful" about not selling alcohol to minors, and an additional liquor store will not necessarily add to the teenage drinking problem.

"It's not the number and the location of the (liquor) licenses, but the integrity of the owners" that will curb the number of minors who are able to obtain liquor, she said. She added that she doubted whether the board should attempt to stifle "free enterprise" by

restricting the number of liquor licenses that are available.

But Chuck Yacullo, owner of Bell Liquors, 767 Dundee Road, which is across the street from Walgreen's, said allowing the drug store to sell liquor will cost the village money. Because alcohol sales "are a function of supply and consumption," the village will not receive any additional sales tax revenue. But the village's cost of enforcing liquor laws will increase with the addition of a new liquor establishment, he said.

Also protesting the issuance of Walgreen's liquor license was former village president William Hein, who complained that there are too many package liquor stores in the northern portion of the village. Hein's parents own a liquor store and tavern on Milwaukee Avenue.

## 1st step to Pal-Waukee buy taken

Wheeling village officials Wednesday night tentatively agreed to file a "pre-application" for federal funding, a preliminary step to buying Pal-Waukee Airport.

The move, when completed, will not bind the village to continue with the airport's purchase, but will let federal officials know Wheeling is interested in applying for funding. Officials will discuss the application process further when state and federal officials meet

with the board on June 14. Any formal action on filing the pre-application is not expected until after that date.

Village President Sheila Schultz said filing the pre-application is like "getting in line for funds," but emphasized the move did not commit the village to buying the airport.

Village trustees have also informally agreed to hold an advisory referendum on the airport purchase in next November's general election. Trustees

Roger Powers and Joseph Ratajczak opposed that move, questioning whether a referendum would accurately represent the majority of village opinion.

More than 20 residents attended the meeting, including several representatives of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, which is opposed to the public purchase of Pal-Waukee. But Schultz restricted discussion on the issue to board members.

## Carry-out pizza business proposed for Tahoe mall

Two Northwest suburban restaurant owners are proposing to open a carry-out pizza shop in Wheeling's Tahoe Village Shopping Center.

Brian Hefferan and Tony Cirrionetoneight will ask the village for a special use permit to open Nino's Pizza at 1764 W. Hintz Road. The store was formerly occupied by Giannini's Hair Studios, which moved to 1766 W. Hintz Road a year ago.

Hefferan said the shop would feature carry-out and delivered food, including three types of pizza, ribs, chicken and other items. He said there will be no facilities for customers to

eat in the restaurant.

Hefferan said he thinks the shopping center is a good location for the restaurant because there are no other carry-out restaurants in that area.

Assistant Village Planner Tom Lyons said several improvements must be made to bring the building up to village health codes before the restaurant can open.

The Wheeling Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on the request at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Pending approval of the permit by village trustees, Hefferan said he hopes to open the shop in August.

# Board gives Walgreens green light to sell liquor

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The Wheeling Village Board Monday voted 5-1 to give the Walgreen store at the Lynn Plaza Shopping Center a special-use permit to sell liquor.

On Monday, June 7, the board passed an ordinance allowing an increase in the number of package liquor stores in Wheeling. Walgreen was the first to petition for a special-use permit after that ordinance passed.

The special-use permit maintains that a package liquor store is a suitable use for this site. Walgreen Co. still must get a liquor license approved by the board. That vote is expected at a later date.

Trustee Roger A. Powers, who voted against the ordinance, said he had no objection to Walgreen as a petitioner, but he didn't think Wheeling should add another liquor store.

"What bothers me most is the name Walgreens is being set up as the potential villain. It is not. This is a special-use permit," Powers told the trustees.

"There's been no rapid influx of people in town. Why would we need another one," Powers added.

**SELLING LIQUOR** to minors was another objection brought up during the meeting. Faye Moroz, chairman of the Wheeling Youth Commission, told the board not only would minors try to buy liquor themselves, but they would also recruit adults to buy liquor for them.

"I'm here to plead with you to reject Walgreen's petition for a liquor license and for all other stores that petition. I'm not suggesting Walgreen's would knowingly sell liquor to minors. But direct selling is not the only way minors can get liquor," said Moroz.

Chuck Schramm of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce said the



THE WHEELING VILLAGE Board has approved a special-use permit that will allow this Walgreens to sell liquor. The store is located in the Lynn Plaza shopping center. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

chamber was also against the board issuing an additional special use permit and license to sell package liquor.

"We voted to support the fight against teen-age alcohol abuse," said Schramm.

"I respectfully submit this is a bad deal," said Chuck Yacullo, owner of Bell Liquors.

Yacullo told the board there are financial, geographical and moral drawbacks to allowing Walgreen to operate a package liquor store.

He said the sales tax revenues will not increase and the cost for administration and police for the store will rise. Yacullo said if

there's a liquor store added at the shopping center, there'll be others along Dundee Road. He also said the store would be contributing to teen-age drinking.

"LIQUOR SHOULD be sold exclusively in liquor stores and thus limit the exposure of liquor to minors," said Yacullo.

Yacullo mentioned two benefits the store would have. One would be competitive pricing and convenience. The other benefit, he said, would be the cleaning and landscaping of Lynn Plaza.

One of the conditions for the village to issue a special-use permit was if Walgreen and the owner of

Lynn Plaza cleaned and made landscaping improvements in the shopping center and parking lot.

"The liquor store would enhance our site and relieve the difficulties with our advertising in the metropolitan area," said Ed Choroski, of Walgreen Co.

**CHOROSKI ALSO** said Walgreens had a definite policy of checking for two pieces of identification from anyone who appeared to be a minor. The company also has a system where district managers and then regional vice presidents deal with any problems that may arise concerning selling liquor to minors.

## The week ahead

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## Interviews slated for advisory panels

Wheeling trustees tonight will meet to continue interviewing applicants for the various Wheeling board and commissions. The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

In an effort to keep the commissions at full staff, Village President Sheila Schultz schedules the interviews on a regular basis. Citizens are appointed to the board on Schultz's recommendation, with approval of the full board. Commissioners serve voluntary multi-year terms.

**WHEELING TRUSTEES** tonight will meet in a workshop session to discuss different plans to deal with the traffic problem on Mayer Avenue. That meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Last month a group of Wheeling residents asked the village to close Mayer Avenue because they say heavy car and truck traffic is endangering neighborhood children. Residents of the area also petitioned the village board to restrict truck traffic on residential streets in the area.

Mayer is an unimproved dirt road that runs west from Milwaukee Avenue to Second Street. Residents say trucks are using Mayer, along with Strong Street, First and Second to avoid the busy intersection at Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road, creating heavy traffic in the residential area.

Before Mayer could be closed a public hearing on the matter must be held.

**THE DISPUTE** between members of the village plan and appearance commissions over who should have plan review power in Wheeling's special downtown redevelopment district will also be discussed tonight by Wheeling trustees.

Currently the village plan commission has all review powers in the district, which encompasses most of "old town" Wheeling and the Milwaukee Avenue corridor. By law the appearance commission already reviews plans in all other sections of the village, and has asked for that power in the redevelopment district.

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**AS A POLICE** officer in Wheeling, Bill Stutzman, 25, sees a lot of the world's problems first-hand. But it has not deterred him from starting a family of his own. He and his wife Kathryn are expecting their first child July 2.

"Each era has its own problems," he explained. "You can go into nuclear weapons and all that, but it's like anything else, you're always going to be able to live with it."

Nordsieck would agree. "Since the 1940s we've lived under the threat of nuclear holocaust and before that it was world war," Nordsieck said. "Before that it was

a depression and before that was a period of moral decay when everybody thought the country was going down the tubes. Before that was another world war. It hasn't exactly been a golden era for raising a child in this century, and I don't see that the '80s are going to be much different."

Each said the way they were treated by their fathers probably will influence how they will treat their own children.

"I think my father did a good job," Stutzman said. "He was always interested in whatever we were doing. He always cared."



# Indian Trails Library proposes 28% budget hike

by Eric Norment  
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To cover higher payments on its new building and pay raises of up to 14 percent for its employees, Indian Trails Library officials are proposing a budget of almost \$1.8 million for next year, an increase of 28 percent.

The spending hike comes on top of a 25 percent budget increase last year, when the district raised its property tax levy by 24 percent to take advantage of assessment increases in Wheeling and Vernon townships. Property owners will pay the bulk of that \$970,000 levy when their final 1981

property tax bill arrives this fall. The tax levy probably will increase again next year, said Administrative Librarian Kenneth Swanson, but the amount will depend on new construction and increases in equalized assessed valuation. The library tax rate is already at its legal maximum of 23 cents per \$100 of assessed value, which translates into a tax bill of \$62 for the owner of a home valued at \$27,000.

The district's major expense next year will be a \$413,000 payment on its three-year-old building at 355 S. Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling, an increase of \$256,500 over last year. The budget also calls for an additional

\$105,400 for salaries and benefits for the library's 54 employees but only \$33,400 more for books and materials.

**THE NEW BUILDING** was financed through a \$2.1 million loan that the library board took out in 1979, after voters had twice rejected referendums calling for a special tax for that purpose. The early payments on the loan were much lower — \$157,000 last year — because the repayment plan assumed that the district would have sold its old building at 850 Jenkins Court, Wheeling, by now, Swanson said.

So far, the library has not been able to sell the building, valued at \$337,500,

because of high interest rates and the recession and there are no takers immediately on the horizon, he said.

"It will be difficult this year if we don't sell the building," board President Diane Nicholson said. Next year, the loan repayment will fall back to \$151,888.

The district budgeted \$540,500 for salary and benefit increases and four new employees, up 24 percent from this year's total, and granted Swanson a 14 percent raise from \$29,000 to \$33,000. Last year Swanson, a 10½-year employee, received an 11.5 percent raise, to \$29,000 from \$26,000.

The larger-than-average salary hike

came as part of a board effort to increase salaries for all employees, Nicholson said. "Our salaries haven't been quite as competitive as other libraries, and we have good people we don't want to lose," she said.

**THE BOARD HAS** not determined the raises for the library's other employees, Nicholson said. The district plans to hire two additional part-time employees for the circulation section, one new page and one full-time employee for technical services.

In addition, \$138,000 was budgeted for library materials such as books,

magazines, microfilm, videotapes and a computer data system.

However, the district expects to spend only \$225,300 for operating expenses next year, down 2.5 percent from last year's total of \$231,000. Swanson estimated that utility costs will jump to \$50,000 from \$36,500 this year but has eliminated a \$21,500 contingency fund from next year's budget.

The budget will be on public display at the library before a public hearing and formal adoption later this summer. The board is scheduled to meet July 7 to discuss pay raises for other library employees.

# Chemical waste site almost cleared up

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

*June 3*

Wheeling officials say the clean-up is almost complete at an abandoned warehouse that became an illegal dump for barrels of corrosive chemical wastes.

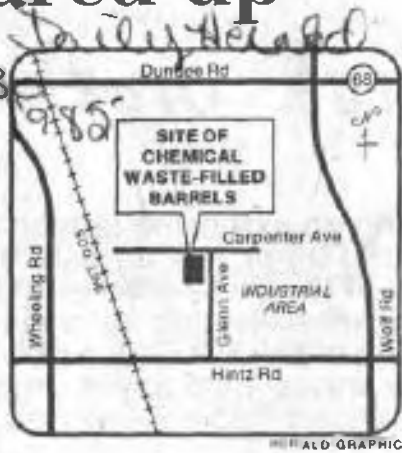
Earlier this year it was discovered that a warehouse at 504 Glenn Ave., formerly leased by a metal plating firm called Trans-I-Coat Co., contained between 250 and 300 barrels of chemical wastes. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency officials said the waste did not pose any immediate threat to the area because the chemicals were not leaking, but they listed the warehouse in the "top 28" illegal dumps in the state, hoping to obtain federal funds to clean up the site.

Wheeling Zoning Administrator Thomas Fennell said state EPA officials have worked with the building owners to remove the wastes. Fennell said that "only four barrels and some residue" remain in the warehouse and he expects the remaining waste to be cleaned up shortly.

State EPA officials who are working on the clean-up could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

**TRANS-I-COAT** went out of business in mid-1980, leaving the warehouse filled with the barrels. Earlier EPA officials said they would probably proceed with legal action against the company to get the site cleaned up.

Wheeling Township property tax records list the building owners as the



500 Glen Association, 8 E. Huron St., Chicago, but a real estate agent leasing the property said the building is held in a closed land trust. Illinois EPA officials have refused to release the name of the owners because of possible litigation.

Company president William Brilliant also could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

The site was included in a suit filed by Illinois officials last February against two federal agencies to release federal funds to clean up 28 hazardous waste sites throughout the state. In 1980 the U.S. Congress set aside \$1.6 billion to help pay for the clean up of 115 of the nation's most hazardous dump sites. Illinois joined New Jersey and the Environmental Defense Fund, a private group, in filing suit to establish a plan to release the so-called "superfund" money to the states.

# Cops asked to end drinking in parks

Wheeling Park District officials have asked police for help in fighting an increasing number of people drinking in three parks.

Park Superintendent David Phillips said problems caused by teens and young adults drinking in Childerley, Heritage and Husky parks have increased, causing parents to keep their children from playing in those areas

without adult supervision.

All three parks have night security lighting, but also have hidden areas where youths can congregate and drink without easily being seen. Phillips said adults are also gathering and drinking at Heritage Park, and he has received complaints that park users are being verbally abused by them. There also have been reports that men "routinely

relieve themselves openly" on park property.

In a letter addressed to Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger, Phillips said park officials are considering several actions to help end the problems, including the posting of bilingual "no drinking" signs and installation of a chemical toilet at Heritage Park. Phillips also said park officials are considering establishing volunteer committees to patrol Husky Park at night.

But Phillips also asked the police to consider making themselves "highly visible" at all three parks, including

foot and car patrols, in an attempt to end the drinking. He also said that park officials will "fully cooperate" by signing complaints against those who violate the ordinances.

Haeger said he met with Phillips to discuss the problems, but would not comment on any specific action the department might take, pending legal review. "We have had some concerns expressed by residents living near the parks, and we're moving on the items," said Haeger. "During the summer parks are always the source of some problems."

*Herald 6-26-82*

# Dog found, girl won't need shots

A 3-year-old Wheeling girl apparently will not have to undergo a series of painful rabies shots because the dog that bit her has been found, Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey said Tuesday. Instead, the dog, a German Shepherd, will be housed and tested for rabies, Kimsey said.

Karla Patano, 402 Arrow Trail, was bitten on the upper lip June 22 while she played outside her home.

The girl's father found the dog Monday night, Kimsey said. The dog belongs to a Buffalo Grove woman. No charges have been filed, he said.

*6-30-82 Herald*

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATES: Wednesday, June 30, 1982  
and Thursday, July 15, 1982  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Cook County Board Room  
118 North Clark Street  
Room 567-County Building  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

PURPOSE: The Cook County Community Advisory Council of Suburban Mayors and Presidents will hold two public hearings for the 1982 Community Development Block Grant Program, which begins October 1, 1982. The amount of funds available for the 1982 Program Year is \$14,316,752. The purpose of the first hearing (6/30/82) is to hear proposals from non-municipal applicants, to hear testimony from interested persons or groups, and municipalities, to review municipal applications and amendments to previous year applications, record comments, questions and answers of the Council, and to discuss the Three Year Housing Assistance Plan to be submitted to the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

The program categories eligible for funding are: Neighborhood Preservation, Residential and Commercial Rehabilitation, Economic Projects and Centers for the Handicapped, Demolition of Buildings, Fair Housing and Housing Counseling Programs, and Selected Planning Grants.

All interested persons, groups, and municipalities are invited to attend and participate. Comments and/or objections may also be submitted in writing by July 1, 1982 to:

Cook County Bureau of Administration, Department of Planning and Development, 118 North Clark Street, Room 801, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Attn: Thomas E. Hinchey.

The Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program applies only to those suburban municipalities of less than 50,000 population. This program does not include the City of Chicago.

# Plan Commission status quo upheld

*Wheeling*  
*July 1982*

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

AFTER DISCUSSING whether the Village Appearance Commission should be given authority in the downtown district, the Wheeling Village Board informally agreed Monday night, June 28, to leave matters pretty much as they are now.

At present, the Plan Commission has the main jurisdiction in the downtown area. When this district was created a few years ago, it was reasoned that developers would have an easier time getting proposals approved if they worked only with the Plan Commission instead of having to appear before the Zoning Board and Appearance Commission as well, although that is the regular procedure elsewhere in town.

The question of jurisdiction arose when members of the Appearance Commission asked why they were not allowed to be involved in helping determine aesthetic values for the entire village.

"WE DON'T want to step on anyone's toes," said Appearance Commission Chairman Marilyn Minter. "We merely want to review aesthetic plans in the village, including the downtown district."

In April, Trustee William Rogers requested postponement of a vote which would have allowed the Appearance Commission to have some authority in the downtown district. Rogers said he was concerned that the two commissions might be over-

## SUMMARY

IT APPEARS as though the Wheeling Plan Commission will continue to have the main jurisdiction over the downtown area. The Wheeling Village Board discussed that issue at a workshop meeting Monday, June 28 and came to an informal conclusion that the Plan Commission and not the Appearance Commission should be the sole village group to deal with developers who propose plans for a revitalized business district in Wheeling.

lapping each other in their areas of responsibility.

Monday night he said the areas of "crossover responsibility" might theoretically have a developer bouncing back and forth between the commissions several times before the site plan was approved and came before the Village Board for a final vote.

He also asked his fellow board members to do an in-depth study of the Appearance Commission's rules of procedure and perhaps rewrite them.

Rogers further suggested that the board look into the inter-relationships between the commissions, as well as setting forth what the board expects from each of its commissions.

VILLAGE MANAGER Thomas Markus said many other communities have similar problems with their appearance and plan commissions. "I could see your complaint (about the downtown district) if there was some gross error of judgment," he told Minter.

"We feel we have more expertise in this area than the Plan Commission," she responded.

Rogers did acknowledge the Appearance Commission has done a valuable job for the village by making certain that industrial and commercial buildings not required to go before the Plan or Zoning commissions were reviewed.

Although no formal vote could be taken, an informal polling of the individual board members showed the majority favored leaving the downtown district procedures as they are now.

Rogers said he would prefer not to change procedures for the downtown area until the Appearance Commission's rules of procedure are resolved. "I think they could not function with the Plan Commission, as the rules are now," he said. Trustee James Goetch said he

leaned towards including the Appearance Commission in the downtown area, but he wanted the guidelines revised first.

TWO TRUSTEES, Joseph Ratajczak and Roger Powers, said they preferred to leave the downtown area under the Plan Commission's jurisdiction, regardless of whether the guidelines were revised.

Village President Sheila Schultz said although Trustee Charles Kerr was absent from the meeting, he had told her he favored the Appearance Commission in the downtown area, but he wants any discrepancies cleared up. Trustee John Cole also was absent.

Schultz said she herself would like to see the downtown district remain as it is because she sees more advantages that way.

Schultz and the trustees agreed to compare the Appearance Commission rules with the original ordinance setting up the commission and to submit any discrepancies to the village staff.

IN OTHER ACTION, the board agreed to discuss further a petition by residents of Mayer Avenue, Strong, First, Second and Third Streets to resolve traffic, dust and noise problems on Mayer Avenue.

Residents expressed their concerns about truck traffic from the car wash at Milwaukee and Mayer using residential streets, as well as other traffic using the streets to avoid the Milwaukee-Dundee intersection.

Several of the residents said they did not wish to cause any financial hardship for the car-wash owner, but the problem had been continuing for more than six years.

Although possible alternatives were discussed, no conclusion was reached and the board will take up the matter again at its next meeting, Tuesday, July 6.

## Ice cream, fireworks to highlight holiday

*Daily Herald July 3, 1982*

An old-fashioned ice cream social and fireworks will highlight this year's July 4 celebration in Wheeling.

The Wheeling Park District will sponsor an ice cream social from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road. The social will include contests, games, food and entertainment and a photo display in the park's rose garden. The Royal Blue Tinkertoy Dixieland Band will provide the music and

fresh pie, popcorn, beverages and ice cream will be sold at "old-fashioned prices."

A fireworks display will be held at dusk at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. "Big Mama," a singer who frequently entertains at Northwest suburban restaurants will be on hand to sing "God Bless America" during the show's ground display.

## Sprinkling, other water uses restricted

*Daily Herald July 1, 1982* THE DAILY HERALD

Sprinkling restrictions that ban "non-essential" water use in Wheeling during certain hours and restricts it during other hours now are in effect and will last through August 31.

From 2 to 8 p.m., lawn sprinkling

and other outside water uses are prohibited.

During other hours watering is allowed according to house addresses, with odd-numbered houses allowed to water on odd-numbered days and even-

number houses allowed on even-numbered days.

Prohibited water uses include watering lawns and shrubs, washing cars and filling swimming pools.



# Liquor store owner seeks to block Walgreen license

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by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

Saying there are already enough package liquor stores in Wheeling, the owner of one liquor store is asking village officials to deny a new license requested by Walgreen's.

Chuck Yacullo, owner of Bell Liquors, 767 W. Dundee Road, said he sent letters to members of the village board and other village officials, and is trying to get local support from other liquor license holders.

A year ago Walgreen's applied for a liquor license for its store at 548 W.

Dundee Road. That application expired, but Walgreen's attorney Edmund Choraski said store officials plan to reapply for the license and come before village officials for a hearing within the next few weeks.

Yacullo acknowledged that another liquor store would mean more competition for his operation, but that he is seeking the denial "from another viewpoint."

"THIS WILL be one more place for Wheeling to supervise. The demand for alcohol consumption is based on the number of people, not the number of

liquor stores," he said. "With no influx of population, why they might decide to increase it, I can't figure out."

In his letter to board members, Yacullo also questioned the wisdom of increasing the number of licenses for stores that exclusively sell liquor, and said issuing the license would be "the opening of the gates for granting more licenses" to all types of businesses.

Currently there are only three package liquor stores in Wheeling. Village Attorney James Rhodes said the decision to increase the number of licenses issued must be made by the village

board. Then, the village board, acting as the local liquor commission, must decide whether the license will actually be issued.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the Walgreen's application would probably be scheduled for the June 7 board meeting. Yacullo said he will also urge liquor store operators to attend any meetings on the topic.

WHEELING VILLAGE President Sheila Schultz said there "have been no formal discussions" on whether or not the number of licenses should be increased to accommodate Walgreen's

request, but it "is possible."

Yacullo is currently embroiled in a legal battle with the village over a liquor sale to a minor that occurred in his Wheeling store in May 1981. Village Manager Thomas Markus ordered the store's liquor license suspended for one day, and Yacullo appealed that decision to the Illinois State Liquor Commission, which overturned the suspension order.

BUT UNDER THE village's liquor ordinance, suspensions must first be appealed to the local commission. Based on that law, Wheeling officials

asked the state liquor commission to rehear the case. In March the state commission refused Wheeling's request.

Rhodes said village officials are "taking a look at the situation from a number of sides" and have not decided whether to take any further legal action on the matter.

But Yacullo denies that his move against Walgreen's is in any way related to the conflict with the village. "They are two separate things. I'm doing this because it's what I think I should do."

## Start of new senior citizen bus transportation delayed

Start of new senior citizen bus transportation delayed

by Laura Carlson  
Herald staff writer

A new transportation service for senior citizens and handicapped people will not start today as planned because the Northwest Opportunity Center is still trying to secure a grant from the Regional Transportation Authority.

But the service could start August 1, even if the RTA turns down the grant application, because several townships and one city already have allocated money to subsidize fares for their residents.

Gayle Risch, project director for the Paratransit Resource Center, an arm of the Northwest Opportunity Center, said she wants to wait to hear about the RTA subsidy so that the fares can be reduced if the subsidy is granted.

Under the new system, riders could take vans or taxicabs anywhere within the townships of Hanover, Barrington, Schaumburg, Palatine, Elk Grove, Wheeling and Maine. Some townships and communities have similar systems, but most of them stop at the township lines.

Under the current system in a city such as Rolling Meadows, which is split among four townships, a senior citizen could ride on the Elk Grove Township seniors' bus but not be able to go to Rolling Meadows Shopping Center, which is located across town in Palatine Township.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, riders must be handicapped or at least 60 years old. They can obtain rides by registering with the Paratransit Resource Center, 500 N. Dunton Ave., and calling at least one hour

before they need a ride.

The center sends a taxicab for seniors or a mini-van for handicapped people.

Fares are based on the distance traveled. There is a base charge of \$1 for being picked up and an additional 50 cents every three miles. For instance, a passenger riding from Elk Grove Village to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge would be charged \$4.60.

However, subsidies averaging \$2.10 per trip are available for residents in the City of Rolling Meadows and the townships of Elk Grove, Wheeling, Barrington, Schaumburg and Palatine.

Rolling Meadows, the only community to grant money for the program, decided to set aside \$2,016 this year for the service, the first time it has funded senior citizens transportation.

Judging by the good turnout, last weekend's fireworks displays in Wheeling and Buffalo Grove were a rousing success.

Some applause, we think, is in order. For if it hadn't been for the public spiritedness of just a few individuals, neither of the villages would've had a fireworks display at all.

In Wheeling, much of the credit must go to Alberta Clocke, who practically single-handedly organized the Fireworks for Wheeling Committee. In spite of getting a cold shoulder from the village and, more significantly, no funds, Clocke and the committee carried on. They raised the \$4000 themselves. And the result was a magnificent display.

In Buffalo Grove, the guiding light was village clerk Janet Sirabian, who organized the Buffalo Grove Committee for Fireworks for the Fourth. Sirabian was successful in reviving a village tradition which had lain dormant for two years.

Village officials claimed that the public wasn't interested in local fireworks displays any longer. But thanks to the efforts of Klocke and Sirabian, the skies over Wheeling and Buffalo Grove weren't dark over the weekend. The Ooh and Aah Factor prevailed.

Reminder 7-8-82

## Walgreen's gets liquor license; package sales still weeks away

COUNTRY side reminder July 8, 1982

It is still a matter of several weeks before the bottles will be on the shelves, but Walgreen's has been given the go ahead to sell package liquor in its Wheeling store.

Tuesday night the Wheeling village board, acting as liquor control commission, approved the issuance of a Class E liquor license to Walgreen's. In a three-step procedure over several weeks, the village paved the way for the drug store to be the second holder of a Class E license. This classification permits the retail sale of packaged liquor for off-premises consumption. Mark Drugs has the other such license.

The village action Tuesday night was

unanimous and without audience opposition. Earlier in the process, the president of Bell Liquors, holder of a Class D (package sales and consumption on or off premises) license had opposed the creation of a second Class E license, as not in the best interest of the village.

Ed Choroski, attorney for Walgreen's, said Wednesday it will be six to eight weeks before the store at 548 W. Dundee Road will be selling liquor. The space designated for liquor sales is still in shell condition, he said. "We decided to wait until we knew we had the license before we went ahead and got it fixtured and ready," Choroski said.



# Fighting annoying bugs not difficult

By JUNE STEWART

In Wheeling there aren't many calls to remove bee swarms from trees or nesting hive builders from houses. Officer Richard Herdus of Wheeling Police Department said he has had four or five calls in the past 10 years. However, there still seems to be an unusually large number of flying, stinging insects around.



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It may just be from flowering vines I had one year. What do you do about wasps, hornets, yellow jackets, and bees?

Officer Herdus suggests getting any good wasp and hornet killer. "Spray the nest at night. All the wasps or hornets go back to the nest then."

What about the bees? Honey bees are a different story. Just look at the price of honey! It's not necessary to kill honey bees to get rid of them. Kennard Scribner, owner of the Antioch Nursery, will collect any swarms or unwanted nests of honey bees from trees or houses, at no charge to the homeowner. How does Scribner get rid of the bees? As an example, if the bees have a wild hive in a tree or house, Scribner will come out and put a bee escape over the opening. "The bees can get out, but can't get back in," Scribner said. Next, brackets and a new hive go up as close to the bee escape as possible.

Unable to return to their old hive, the bees take up residence in the new hive, Scribner said. "The queen bee in the old hive will continue to lay eggs, but as the eggs hatch and the workers go out and can't return, the queen bee slows down egg laying," Scribner continued.

"After the queen's egg laying slows down, a different hive with a new colony replaces the first hive, and the escape is removed. The new colony goes into the old residence and robs the honey," Scribner said. "With a swarm, we usually take a hive and direct the bees into it," he mentioned. Kennard's sons James and John help with the bee collecting. "We wear protective clothing," Scribner added, "but sometimes an ambitious bee gets past it." The Scribners are not exterminators and do not kill the bees. They

won't remove other stinging, flying insects - only honey bees. Their phone number is 395-2937.

In the past, River Trails Nature Center collected unwanted honey bees from various localities. However, this year's program is still in the planning stages. At the nature center, Naturalist, William Ganz said honey bee populations follow weather conditions and food availability. "All the factors are tied in," he said. Indeed, conditions of one or two years past could affect this summer's populations, Ganz noted. Reports of large numbers of bees could be localized. Bees will travel a couple of miles to collect pollen; and a particular crop such as clover could draw a large number of bees, Ganz said. "Not all bees are honey bees," he stressed. First, honey bees must be identified.

Honey bees are fuzzy—their general color of yellow appears dingy yellow and the black doesn't look black because of the fuzz, Ganz said. River Trails Nature Center will identify the species of stinging, flying insect. Simply collect one in a jar and take it over there. Phone number of River Trails is 824-8360.

Here are some of the generous contributors to the Wheeling Fireworks Fund: Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, \$500; First National Bank of Wheeling, \$200; Wheeling Jay Cees, \$100; Wheeling Lions Club, \$100; Philip Carpenter Post 66 Amvets and Auxiliary, \$100; Clarence Marquart, \$100; Wheeling Rotary, \$59; Whipple Tree Mobile Homes, \$50; Grannie Annie's Restaurant, \$50.

Still in the planning stages is the Saint Joseph The Worker Familyfest, scheduled for Aug. 14 and 15. Vice Chairmen of the program are: Margie Mazka, Dennis Siena, Jim Learveld, and Chris Vuca. The program is really taking shape and sounds like a terrific festival with something for everyone—magic shows, professional shows, rock bands, angel bands, food, games for adults and children, pony rides and more surprises coming up according to Father Vince McCaffrey, of Saint Joseph The Worker Church. The hours are non conflicting with the Arts and Crafts Fair at Riverside Plaza on the same dates. Familyfest hours are 4 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, and 2 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

# Wheeling should boost the Fourth

THE FOURTH of July has come and gone, and with it memories of a holiday saluting our nation's independence.

It is a little upsetting, however, to see some communities pay little or no attention to the holiday and its meaning.

Unlike holidays, like Memorial Day, which tend to be a more somber occasion, the Fourth is a time when everyone should take a good look at the years of freedom in the United States and everything it stands for.

In some communities, celebrating the Fourth has become little more than a political issue.

If it had not been for the efforts of a small group in Wheeling, including Fireworks for Wheeling and the Wheeling Park District, the holiday could have passed, as T. S. Eliot would say, "not with a bang, but with a whimper."

It is ironic, perhaps, that Wheeling would have a quietly celebrated Fourth of July because just six years ago the village put together a Bicentennial celebration virtually second to none.

The last few years, various public service organizations have taken the July Fourth celebration under their own wings in an effort to keep community pride and national heritage flourishing.

When it came time for funding, various groups came to the Village Board seeking money to help defray the cost of putting on a parade or a fireworks display.

Some members of the Village Board are not wrong in protesting disbursing village money to any community group requesting it.

But when it comes to the Fourth of July, the Village Board may want to reconsider. Instead of just handing out money, perhaps the village should develop a July Fourth Commission which could include representatives from various public service organizations and village staff. This has been done for years very successfully in Deerfield.

The Board could give this commission a *limited* budget to get it off the ground along with support for continuing fund-raising events and help from other village departments.

Obviously, the Village Board cannot drop everything it is doing to concentrate on the Fourth of July.

But we think it might be an encouraging omen if the board were to play the catalyst and get the ball rolling.

Independence Day only comes once a year — and based on the principles on which this nation was founded, it should not be overlooked.

## Office building approved

Trustees approved plans for a proposed two-story office building on Schoenbeck Road just south of Dundee Road.

Northbrook developer Michealsen Brothers, Inc., will construct one building near the southwest corner of Schoenbeck and Dundee, behind a gas station. The one-acre site is zoned for commercial use, although nearby residents originally opposed the plan and asked village officials to ensure the office would match surrounding residential areas.

Because of the protests, the developer agreed to put the building's driveway along the north side, away from the houses. Extra bushes and landscaping also will be installed along the building's west side as an additional buffer between the office and houses.

## Driver exam refresher offered

The Village of Buffalo Grove and the park district, in cooperation with Secretary of State Jim Edgar, are sponsoring a refresher course to enable senior citizens to successfully complete their driver renewal examination.

The rules of the road review classes will meet July 16 and 23 for two morning sessions from 9 a.m. to noon at the Alcott School, 530 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove.

There is no charge for the class and it is

offered to persons age 55 and over. The Secretary of State suggests persons attend classes not more than 60 days prior to the date set for their driver renewal examination.

Registration for these classes are being accepted until July 15 at the Municipal Building, 50 Raupp Boulevard, Buffalo Grove and also may be made by phone at 459-2500.

# Steps to buy airport to be reviewed

A discussion of preliminary steps needed to obtain federal funding to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport will be discussed tonight by Wheeling trustees.

The village board workshop is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Last month Wheeling officials tentatively agreed to file a "pre-application" as a preliminary step towards buying the airport. The move will not bind the village to continue pursuing the airport's purchase, but will let federal officials know Wheeling is interested in applying for funds. The pre-application has been described as "getting in line for funds," but does not commit the village to any action.

Prospect Heights officials already formally have agreed to file the funding request.

Both towns have been studying the airport's purchase for more than three years. An airport consultant has set a price tag of \$53 million to buy Pal-Waukee and bring it up to federal standards for a public airport. The two towns would pay between 5 and 10 percent of the cost, with the state and federal governments picking up the rest of the cost.

The needed improvements will take 20 years to complete, and the towns are not expected to make a final decision on the purchase for several months. If they decide to proceed, it will take at least another year before the federal funds become available.

**CHANGES TO THE** village law that would legalize door-to-door sales and charity campaigns in Wheeling also will be discussed tonight by Wheeling trustees.

The meeting is at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Technically door-to-door soliciting is banned in Wheeling, but the law has only been enforced where homeowners post "no soliciting" signs or if solicitors do not register with the police department.

But during the past several years the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that total bans are unconstitutional, and Wheeling officials are now working to rewrite the law to conform to the court's standards. The new law is not expected to keep charities and salesmen from working in the village but will put restrictions on their activities, including a registration requirement and hours that solicitors can work in the village.

ington Road, Mount Prospect.

Superintendent Edward Gilbert said the administration will be presenting guidelines for how it plans to approach seven transition activities. Those also include transferring equipment and supplies, future use of the closed school and maintenance of Arlington High's records.

In August the administration will have a report explaining how the administration will develop the boundaries, staffing, and other transition activities. After that, the actual proposals will be put together.

The Dist. 214 board voted in May to close Arlington High School. It is con-

sidering a two-year transition period with one class moving out in June 1983 and the rest of the students moved in June 1984.

**DISCUSSION OF** A tentative 1982-83 budget heads the agenda for Thursday night's meeting of the Wheeling Township Dist. 21 Board of Education.

Last year, the board of trustees approved a \$17.7 million budget, 7.5 percent higher than the \$16.5 million budget of 1980-81.

The 8:15 p.m. meeting is in the board room of the administration center, 999 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling.

## Village board wrapup

### \$7,500 Nortran loan extended for a year

Wheeling village officials have agreed to extend for another year a \$7,500 loan made to the North Suburban Mass Transit District.

Last July, village officials agreed to loan Nortran \$10,000 to help cover overdue subsidy payments owed the system by the financially troubled Regional Transportation Authority. Nortran agreed to repay the loan in six months at a 15 percent interest rate.

In January, Nortran requested and was granted a six-month extension on the loan, but village officials required that \$750 in accumulated interest be paid. The RTA would not allow that interest payment, but last month Nortran managed to repay \$4,056, or 25 percent of the loan, and all the accrued interest. Meanwhile, village officials have withheld the village's annual \$2,750 contribution to Nortran until the loan is totally repaid.

Now Nortran will have until next July to repay the remaining \$7,500 and any interest that builds on the loan.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he "is confident" Nortran "will make every effort to pay back the loan."

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the loan extension, saying he was not as confident that the loan would be repaid.

## Walgreen's OK'd for liquor license

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

The Wheeling liquor commission has agreed to allow Walgreen's to sell package liquor at its Wheeling store.

Village officials already approved the special use permit Walgreen's needed to sell liquor and issuance of the liquor license as approved by the commission will allow store officials to proceed with plans to open a package liquor department at its store at 548 W. Dundee Road.

The move comes more than a month after the owner of another Wheeling liquor store asked the village to turn down Walgreen's request. Chuck Yacullo, president of Bell Liquors, 767 W. Dundee Road, said there are enough package stores in the village and another liquor store would create an enforcement problem. Yacullo could not be reached for comment Wednesday on the commission's action.

The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce as well as Youth Commission Chairman Faye Moroz also opposed giving Walgreen's the license, saying the village already has a problem with under-age youngsters drinking and that Wheeling did not need another package liquor store.

**MOROZ HAD** no comment on the issuance of the license but said she was

"grateful for the response" to her concerns that she received from Walgreen's officials. In a letter sent to Moroz late last month, Walgreen's officials said they were willing to provide speakers and help arrange programs on alcohol abuse. Moroz is trying to organize a villagewide committee to combat the problem in Wheeling.

Wheeling Trustee William Rogers called Walgreen's offer to help "a very good start."

The Wheeling village board also has approved three temporary beer licenses for festivals planned in town this summer.

A one-day beer license has been granted to the Friends of the Villa, who will sponsor a day-long festival at Addolorata Villa, 555 McHenry Road, on Aug. 1. A beer license was granted to the Wheeling Jaycees for the same day, on the condition that they have "dram shop" insurance to cover such events. The Jaycees are planning to hold the annual Wheeling beer and bratwurst festival on Aug. 1 in the Riverside Plaza shopping center, Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

St. Joseph the Worker Church, 171 W. Dundee Road, was granted a two-day beer and wine license for its festival, scheduled for Aug. 14 and 15, to commemorate the parish's 25th anniversary.

# Wolf Road drainage ditches hit

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

Calling newly dug drainage ditches along a portion of Wolf Road a "terrible mistake," a Wheeling trustee is asking state officials to take measures to protect motorists from sliding into the trenches during winter months.

Trustee William Rogers also is "questioning the wisdom" of digging four-foot-deep ditches in front of a school and in residential areas, where pedestrians and cars pulling in and out of driveways may be endangered. "It looks bad and it's a traffic problem," Rogers said. "I strongly protest what the state is doing."

The Illinois Department of Transportation is working with village officials to improve the drainage ditches along the east side of Wolf Road from Highland Avenue to Manchester Drive. The work started about two weeks ago, and the improvements include widening and deepening the ditches that carry storm water along Wolf. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the state is providing some of the road equipment and drainage pipes and the village is providing the workers for the project. He estimated the project would cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

**THE WORK** includes installation of new pipes underneath driveways along

Wolf. Fialkowski said the village paid to install new driveway aprons where they were torn up, and village workers will grade and sod the ditches when the digging is complete.

But Fialkowski said village officials realize that safety could be a problem during the winter when Wolf gets slippery, and will discuss alternatives with state officials.

Both Rogers and Fialkowski said they are concerned about the deep ditches in front of Holmes Junior High School, 221 S. Wolf, where the road curves. "There's a deep drop-off and we'll probably ask them to fill it in," said Fialkowski. "We're concerned about traffic in the curve."

Steve Kolar, project engineer for IDOT, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Fialkowski said under the state road plan, Wolf is designated a rural road, and state codes provide for open storm water ditches along such roads. The state could install a guardrail, but Fialkowski said the village could install a corrugated drainage pipe and fill in the ditch to make it shallower, without impeding the water flow.

Fialkowski said drainage problems have existed along Wolf for several years as the ditches were not graded and became clogged with weeds.



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**Trustees to permit door-to-door sales**

Wheeling trustees tentatively have agreed to legalize, but still severely restrict, door-to-door sales in the village.

Such sales now are banned in Wheeling, but the ban is enforced only where homeowners post "no soliciting" signs or if the solicitors do not register with the police department. But prompted by a request from a cable television firm and by recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions that total bans are unconstitutional, Wheeling officials have revised their local law to include the sales.

Under the proposed law, salesmen will be able to work in the village be-

tween 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Each salesmen will be required to apply for a license, pay a license fee and display a village-issued photo identification card. Door-to-door sales still will be banned where no-trespassing signs are posted and village officials have agreed to distribute the signs to interested residents.

The board is expected to approve the law later this month.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY** James Rhodes said he will write a similar law covering charitable, religious and political solicitation in the village. "We

should restrict these if commercial is restricted," he said.

Trustee Charles Kerr disagreed with the changes, saying he was "completely happy" with a total ban. "You're telling us it's possibly illegal, but I think village people are happy. I haven't heard any complaints," Kerr said.

Door-to-door sales were banned in 1964 after citizens complained to the board about salesmen.

The changes in Wheeling's law were prompted by a request from Joe Batson, vice president of Cablenet, the cable television company that will serve Wheeling residents. Assistant

Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said Cablenet requested permission to sell the service in the village between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. and is also requesting waivers in towns where the law is more restrictive.

But Fialkowski recommended that the board not grant Cablenet a waiver after the new law is formally approved. Fialkowski said going from no legal sales to 10 hours of legal sale is "very, very sufficient."

Batson said a total ban "would inhibit" the firm's ability to reach village residents, but he didn't think the shorter hours would make much difference.

*7-15-82*

*Reminder*

**With license comes responsibility**

## Walgreen's pledges to aid alcoholism push

By GAY BAKER

Not everyone in Wheeling was happy to see the village create another liquor license. But it may be that in creating the new Class E license the village has put into motion some efforts aimed at dealing with alcohol abuse among minors. A big assist may come, too, from the holder of the new license.

The Walgreen Company which will be selling liquor in its store at 548 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, has indicated it is willing to work with the community on arranging meetings, programs or materials about drug and alcohol use among the young.

No definite programs have been planned as yet, but discussions are in progress.

It was Faye Moroz, who, though, chairman of the village youth commission was acting as a private citizen, when she called on the village board to refuse the request for an additional liquor license in the village.

"But, if the trustees felt they had to issue the license I told them I could live with it, but I had to insist on some special program to deal with the teenage alcohol problem," she said.

A really strong program put together by a dedicated committee is what Moroz said she has in mind. She also is hopeful that when the youth commission meets later this summer the members will get involved.

As she sees it, Moroz said the committee on alcohol abuse among the young should be working primarily to educate adults.

"I don't know how much good it does, but the kids get alcohol and drug education in the schools. It's the adults, the parents who refuse to believe alcohol is a serious problem," she said.

The parent or other adult who expresses relief that a minor is using alcohol rather than drugs, she said, is the person at whom her educational program would be aimed, as well as at those who do not believe an alcohol problem exists.

On the committee she is attempting to set up, with the blessings of the village, Moroz said she hopes to see liquor license holders, police officers, school and park district administrators and private

citizens.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the village board shares the concern Moroz has expressed that while no formal mention of a specific program involving licensees has been suggested in the past, the people who do business involving alcohol and drugs in the village are expected to show concern for the ramifications among the young.

"We ask this of everyone," she said. She views the Walgreen's reply as voluntary and gracious.

She said the village has noted that Walgreen's stores selling liquor in other towns have good reputations for being careful to whom liquor is sold.

"We count on their past record and expect them to be as careful here as elsewhere," Schultz said.

"The village expects the store to require IDs for the purchase of liquor and to refuse to sell even those with IDs if there is any question," she said. "Alcohol among our youth is a very big problem."

John Ziebel, who is a district pharmacy supervisor for Walgreen's, said his company has an on-going commitment to educational programs relating to drug and alcohol misuse.

"Usually we work through the schools and youth groups. We have pharmacists who go out with film strips and materials and often are speakers. Right now, we are waiting for word of what we will do in the Wheeling community," he said.

Henry Cade, who is corporate manager of professional relations for Walgreen's, said the company has historically been involved in educational projects.

"It is not anything new for us. If asked by a group to do a presentation we will, and always our pharmacists do them on a voluntary basis," he said.

Liquor will not be sold at the Wheeling store for several weeks, since the granting of the new license was only approved last week and until that time, none of the preparation for the sale of the liquor had been done.

Class E licenses, of which there are two in Wheeling, allow the retail sale of liquor for off-the-premises consumption only.



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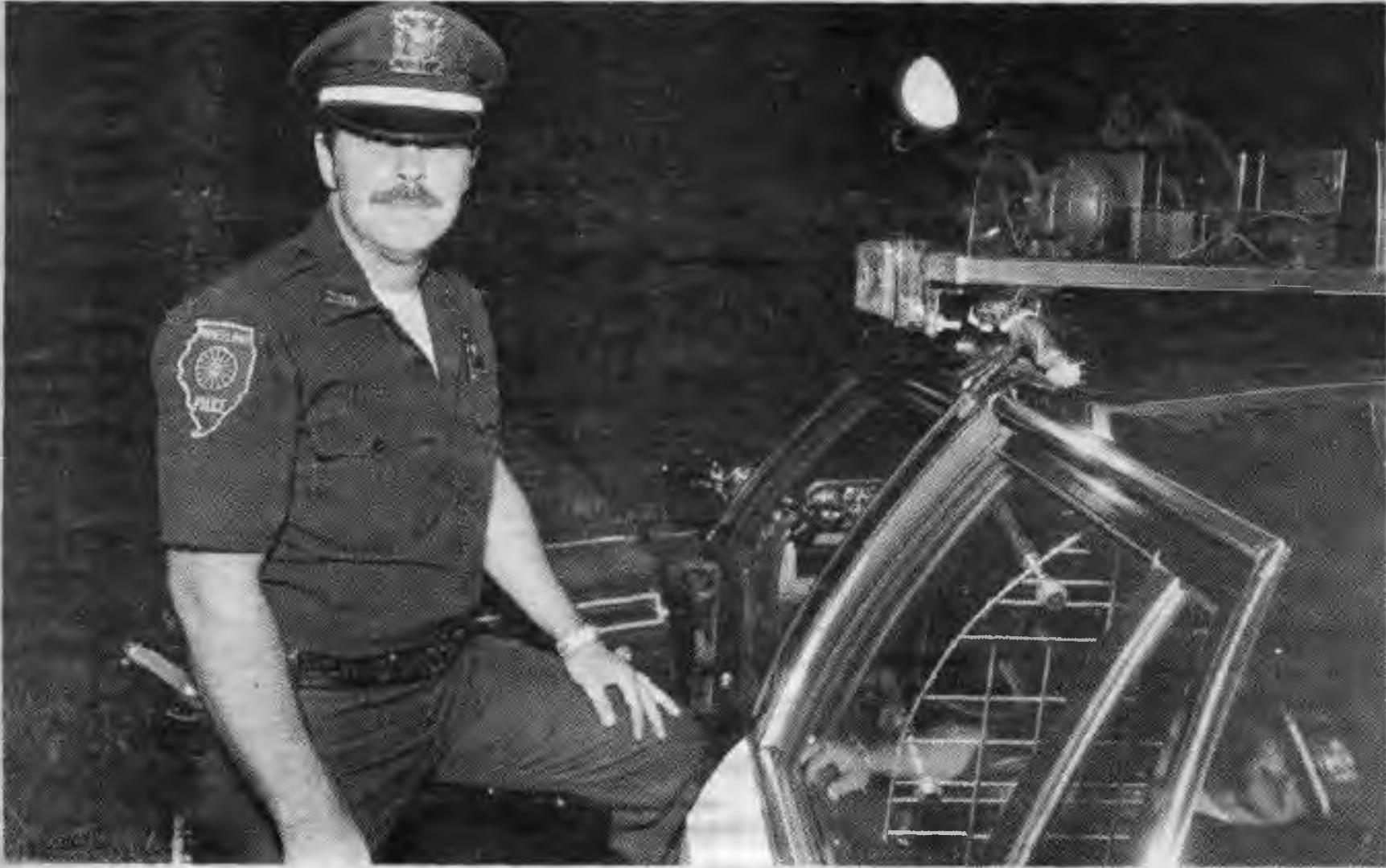
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# Wheeling always was an energetic town

Wheeling Showcase 7-15-82

It used to be a stage coach leaving Chicago early in the morning could pretty well count on being in what is now Wheeling by lunch time. And that was good news for passengers, for in the middle 1800s there was good food to be had in the town, just as there is today. That good reputation is one of many that Wheeling has had and kept through the years.

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 and met the needs of travelers. A general store followed quickly.

By 1846, Wheeling was a built-up town- for its time- and the people who lived there could little imagine the Wheeling of today, so awed were they 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.

And still another distinction has left its mark on Wheeling. The dry North Shore of the 1890s and Wheeling's early and consistent reputation as a place to meet and eat, resulted in a burgeoning nightlife. Before long anyone who was anyone was making the trek to Wheeling for a night on the town.

## Wheeling today

Wheeling of today has a tamer air, perhaps, but an equally active one. It is a village with an affection for its past and a zest for preserving it and with an enthusiastic vitality for the future.

Planning is key as a building boom begun in the '50s only slowed a little before surging ahead in the '70s and into the '80s. And the building shows a diversity of interest. Residences, both single family and multiple; health care facilities; industrial plants, warehousing and research companies; retail businesses and shopping centers; places of worship; and facilities to meet the needs of a multi-age population show the diversity of endeavors within the town.

A village government and the involvement of citizen volunteers work to keep this growth consistent with what is best for those who work and live in Wheeling.

An active corps of volunteers also provides many of the social services a community needs. And this kind of organized citizenry also provides outlets for sociability and talent.

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. O'Hare Airport is less than an hour away for long distance flight and Palwaukee Airport in Wheeling provides area businesses air access for smaller craft. Recent and on-going discussions are aimed at village purchase of Palwaukee. This possible acquisition is under study and the subject of much debate and divided opinion.

Health care is only minutes away for most Wheeling residents, especially with the new Holy Family Health Center. This walk-in clinic has facilities for laboratory testing, x-rays, out-patient services and special programs as needed. Holy Family Hospital, Northwest Community, Highland Park, Glenbrook, Lutheran General and Lake Forest hospitals all are closeby.

## Town protected

Wheeling firemen not only fight fires once they are aflame, they work hard to fight them before they begin. Fire prevention programs augment the fire-fighting duties of the fireparamedics, lieutenants, prevention officer, inspector, secretary and on-call personnel who work under Fire Chief Bernie Koepfen.

Fire department headquarters is adjacent to the Municipal Complex on Dundee Road, with Station Two on South Wheeling Road.

Firemenparamedics are well trained to save lives. They are continually in training in firefighting or emergency medical care. Paramedics must be re-certified every two years.

With trained personnel, trained and dedicated leadership and modern equipment, the Wheeling Fire Department is one of the pride's of the town.

Computerized monitoring of police and fire calls has increased the efficiency of both departments. What is housed in the Police Department headquarters in the Municipal Complex is a communications center.

Police Chief Michael Haeger runs a department whose function is educational as well as protective. Frequent programs are instituted to alert the community to ways to keep themselves and their possessions safe.

## Fine parks

Wheeling residents have a 21-year-old park district and 230 acres of land dedicated to their recreational and parks needs. The Wheeling Park District is a separate unit of government whose purpose is providing parks, facilities and recreational programs and activities for both children and adults in the community.

With an impressive combination of physical facilities and human foresight and guidance, the result is a parks program which spans the ages from infant to oldster and interests from the sedentary to the very active. Some programs are free and for others there are fees, but all are priced to be within the range of most residents.

The district is governed by a board of commissioners of which Glen Meier is president and members are Edward L. Klocke, vice president, and Donald Lark, Shirley Mueller and Russell Baker, commissioners. The board meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

David F. Phillips is superintendent of parks and recreation.

**The parks** Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road, is 66 acres and is the site of the recreation administration building. (Telephone number, 537-2222)

Chamber of Commerce Park at 251 N. Wolf Road is a six-acre parcel and the site of the Community Meeting Center and museum.

Husky Park is on five acres on Lee Street, behind London Junior High School.

Northside Park is three acres at 200 Glendale

Neptune's Recreation Center at 900 S. Elmhurst Road is the one acre facility on which is housed an indoor pool, den and health club. (Telephone number, 537-7895)

Meadow Brook Tot Lot is half acre at Nancy Lane.

Horizon Park at 375 Schoenbeck Road is an undeveloped 10 acrea site.

Childerley Park is one 13 acres at 506 McHenry Road.

Chevy Chase 18-Hole Public Golf Course and Club House is on 125.5 acres with an administrative office at 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. (Telephone number, 537-2930)

A Senior Club operates through the park district and is open to all residents 55 and older. Meetings are held regularly and there are special events and programs planned seasonally.

## Education a plus

Choosing a new home also means choosing schools. And a major consideration when deciding where to settle a family is the kind of education provided for both school age youngsters and for those who are past school age, but still have a thirst for learning.

Wheeling residents are proud of a system of fine schools for their children and at least one community college within easy access.

Schools and school districts for Wheeling students are:

### High School District 214:

The District 214 board president is Dr. John I. Gmitro. Richard Bachhuer is secretary and board members are Donald Hoeck, Joseph Lyon, Marilyn Quinn, Dorothy Smith and Robert Winter.

The board meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at administrative offices at 799 W. Kensington, Mount Prospect.

This nine school high school district serves Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Rolling Meadows and parts of Arlington Heights. Arlington High School is slated for closing in 1983, leaving the district with eight facilities.

Wheeling students now attend grades nine to 12 in three buildings: Wheeling High School, Buffalo Grove High School and Hersey High School.

To determine which school a student should attend, the guidance office at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst Road, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily Monday through Friday and a boundary map is available. To call for information, the number is 537-6500.

### Elementary School District 21

William Rice is president of School District 21 and Barrett Peterson is secretary. Other members are Elaine A. Bond, Daniel Berdovich, Thomas Helfers, Lori Ratajczak and Ed Siemienas.

The board meets in the administrative building at 999 W. Dundee Road. It meets at 8:15 tonight and on Aug. 19, but the rest of the year meetings are on the first and third Thursdays.

This 11-school district serves kindergaeten through eighth grade students in Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and Arlington Heights. Nine of the schools are elementary and two are junior highs.

Wheeling children in grades seven and eight go to Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High, 221 S. Wolf Road.

Elementary students go to Eugene Field School, 51 St. Armand; Walt Whitman School, 133 S. Wille; Booth Tarkington School, 310 Scott; and Mark Twain School, 515 Merle Lane East.

District offices are at 999 W. Dundee Road. For information or to determine where a child should go to school, call 537-8270.

## More than books

One doesn't have to go to the Indian Trails Library to enjoy what it has to offer. Even those permanently shut in by age or illness can be well-read. One of the many programs offered at Indian Trails is a delivery and pickup service for just those persons. Members of the Friends of the Library provide the service which can be arranged for by calling the library at 537-4011.

The two-story library at 355 S. Schoenbeck Road, serves a population of roughly 50,000 and its district covers a 14-square mile area which takes in Buffalo Grove, Wheeling and half of Prospect Heights.

A book census of more than 100,000 volumes is augmented by records, and art collection, cassettes, sculptures, microfilm, film strips, all for the borrowing. And those who live within the library district pay no fees to hold cards.

But a library is much more than books and Indian Trails tries to provide programs and services that are representative of the needs and desires of the community it serves. Workshops are always either in progress or in the planning and over a year, such subjects are cooking, magic, home canning, photography and other may be explored.

## Sense of history

The grounds of Childerley have been a haven of tranquility for over a century. A chapel and formal flower garden offer a peaceful place for quiet reflection.

Once a farm and a retreat, the 12 acres of Childerley property was purchased by the Wheeling Park District to be maintained and developed as a "passive park."

Just off McHenry Road, the park district property includes several buildings, including St. Joan's House and the chapel. Walkways, paths, picnic tables and an historical library all are or will be added to the property. A running brook and fruit trees add to the pastoral nature of the site.

In 1904 the 600 acre Childerley Farm was purchased by Francis Crane Lillie of Chicago, for a farm as a retreat for herself and family. It was her desire to use the spot as a place to teach her children about God's country creatures.

A foundation affiliated with the University of Chicago was a later recipient of the property and used it as a retreat for Catholic students. The foundation decided in 1970 to sell the property.

The acquisition by the park district is indicative of the Wheeling community's respect for its past and desire to provide special places for residents. The efforts of governmental bodies was supplemented greatly by volunteer interest and work.



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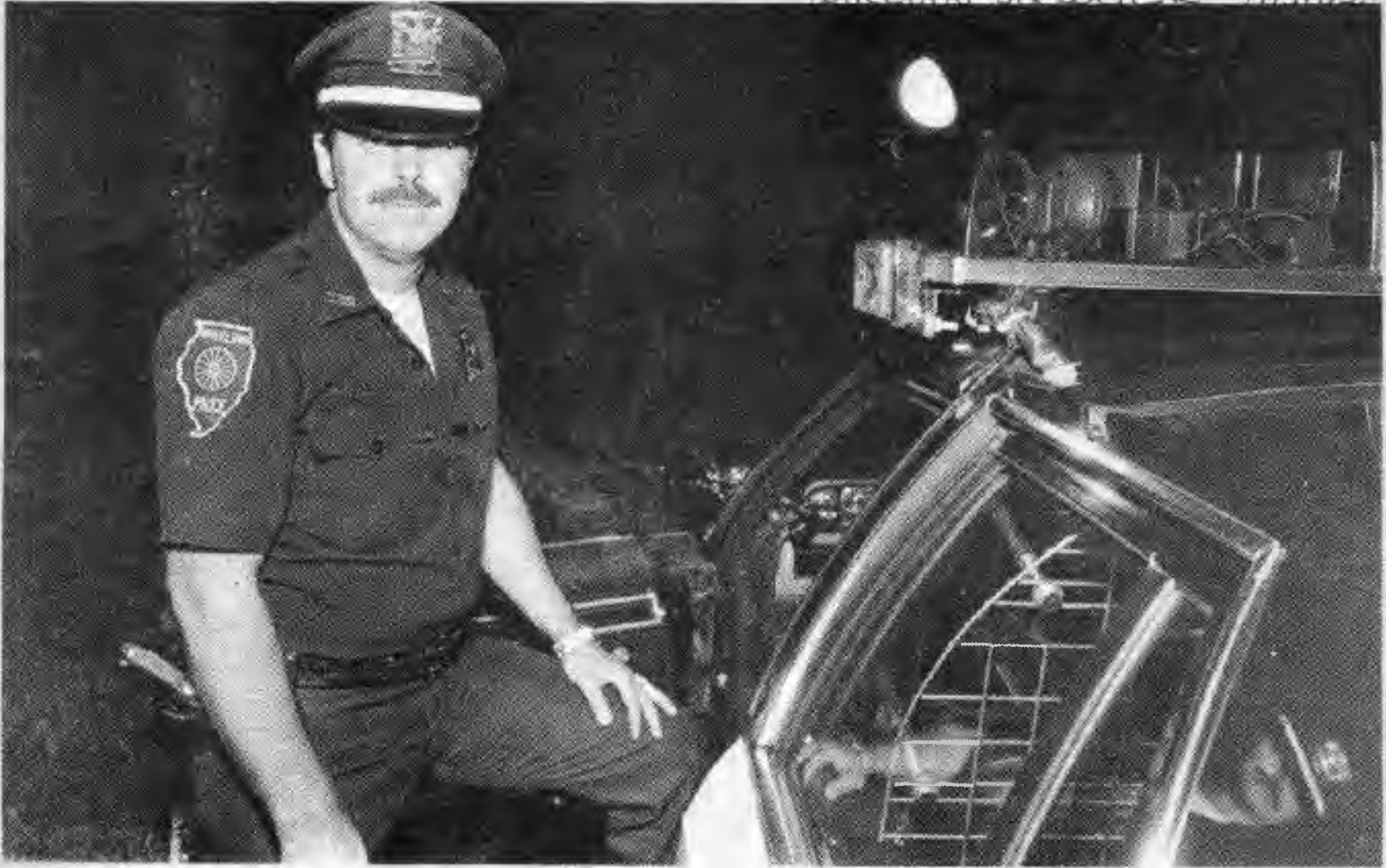
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# Village manager really likes the town

By JOAN FLEISCHER

After two years as Wheeling's village manager, Tom Markus, 31, says he feels comfortable in his job of making Wheeling run and delights in seeing residents take pride in their community.

"Wheeling is great. It doesn't fit the traditional mode of suburbia. Its diversity of residents, homes and businesses makes it very interesting and much like a small city," said Markus.

"The community spirit is great, too. That's what really makes a community, the people. When the village board turned down plans to hold a July 4th celebration, the community got together and set up their own celebration. My family, as well as many other Wheeling families enjoyed Wheeling's fireworks displays," he said.

Markus and his wife Debbie are the parents of Jessica, 8; Charlie, 5 and Danny, 2.

Tall and youthful-looking with a friendly, easy-going manner, Markus has a professional air. He oversees the entire village staff and is responsible to the village board for carrying out its policy and new projects.

The code of his profession requires him to abstain from all political activities.

Markus attends all village board meetings, supplies information and answers questions from trustees and residents.

"The basic principle is that a village trustee should get the same information and help as any other village resident--no more, no less. I've stressed that to my employees and I tell them that I'm the only one they have to be worried about."

As village manager, Markus has been faced with cleaning up commercial areas along Milwaukee Avenue because of zoning problems Wheeling has had.

Markus said he sees a turnaround for Wheeling. In the late '70s the village was plagued with mismanagement and bad politics. Some parts of the village were growing up too fast and the village began to stray from the residential family-oriented community it had always been.

"I think we're seeing Wheeling get back to being a well-run government and a community people are proud to live and work in," he added.

"It really is the volunteers who make the community what it is. The people who serve on village appearance, planning commissions and who take part in the community are what keeps the village attractive," he said.

Markus, a native of southern Minnesota, worked as Wheeling's assistant village manager soon after graduating from Roosevelt University with a master's degree in public administration. He worked in Wheeling from 1973 to 1976 and then became the first city manager for



Tom Markus  
(Staff photo by Nancy Stone)

Savage, Minn., a small town of 4,500 residents.

"I'd been interested in urban planning and city management since high school. I like working with people and becoming socially involved. City management seemed like a natural career choice for me," Markus said.

Markus returned to Wheeling two years ago in May to become village manager. He was appointed by the village board. Village trustees are elected by the voters, village managers are hired by the elected officials and are responsible to the board. They may be fired at the board's discretion.

"You need the continuity of a good manager for several years to make a difference in a community. It takes six to seven years to build up an organization. It's destructive to keep losing a manager every year or two," he said.

Markus said he strongly believes in the council-manager form of government. "There is a certain amount of grass-roots involvement in Wheeling. With the council-manager, there is a good balance of politics and business and helps avoid corruption."

"I like Wheeling. I think it's a great place. I enjoy my job and certainly intend on being here awhile."

## Serving man and beast a 25-year calling

By JOAN FLEISCHER

"Doc" Taylor is a friendly and familiar face to many Wheeling residents and their pets.

For more than 25 years, while "Doc" Taylor the veterinarian has been a friend to dogs and cats in Wheeling, he has also worked hard in area civic groups to make Wheeling a better place to live.

Dr. Ian W. Taylor, who runs the North Suburban Animal Hospital by his home on Milwaukee Avenue, celebrated his silver anniversary in June as a Wheeling veterinarian. To commemorate the occasion, the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce recently presented him with a certificate of recognition which now proudly hangs in Taylor's office.

Doc Taylor, as he is known to his friends and patients' owners, has the distinction of being the senior member in the Chamber.

Among his other distinctions are being reappointed by Village President Shelia Schultz as Goodwill Ambassador of Wheeling. In that role, he brings greetings from Wheeling, Illinois to all the communities he visits on his frequent travels around the world.

"I guess I must have been around the world at least twice. I've been through Africa, the Middle East, the Orient, Europe and Australia. I travel

for several weeks each year while attending professional continuing education programs," Taylor said.

Last year, he said, he had the opportunity in Japan to spend time with a Japanese veterinarian who is considered the world's authority on canine heartworm and is researching a cure for it. "We have to do our studies somewhere to retain our licenses. I believe I might as well enjoy some sightseeing of foreign places," he said.

Taylor said one of his favorite places to visit is his native Scotland. Taylor's family emigrated from Scotland to Canada when he was still a very young child. He grew up in Hamilton, Canada and attended the University of Toronto Veterinary School. "I've always loved animals; there isn't anything else I would want to do," he said.

A Lions Club member for 24 years with perfect attendance and former president of the Wheeling Lions, Taylor boasts that he has attended Lions meeting in 51 countries. At each visit, he has exchanged a Wheeling club banner with that of the host club. His extensive visual adventure has been on display in throughout the state.

Taylor said no matter how far away he travels, he always enjoys returning

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## Taylor—

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home to his animal hospital in Wheeling. He said he wouldn't feel comfortable leaving his four-legged patients behind if it weren't for his skilled nurse Charlotte Schultz.

Taylor said he was first attracted to the Wheeling area about 26 years ago. He had recently completed veterinary school and was working at the Evanston Animal Hospital, one of the first animal hospitals in the country.

"I was driving around the countryside and saw a for sale sign on a delightful piece of property. It was an old farmhouse with acreage and a small pond. It was located in unincorporated Cook County so I knew the zoning would allow me to build an animal hospital," he said.

Within a year, Taylor had his dream. An animal hospital on a secluded piece of land. He began his practice on a small wooden table in his basement. He worked weekends and nights with a carpenter to finish the basement of his home into a professional-looking, fully-equipped veterinarian's office.

"When I moved here there were 4,000 people in Wheeling. I've welcomed new families to our community and watched Wheeling grow to 22,000 residents," he said.

During the last two decades of Wheeling's growth, Taylor has been an active volunteer in a number of community groups.

"I sincerely believe more people should devote their time. I guess it's my Scottish heritage and parents who brought me up to do things for community, family and friends. I've always felt good about giving back to the community."

# Wheeling who's who & where they meet

## Village board:

Sheila Schultz, president  
John C. Cole  
Charles Kerr  
Roger Powers  
Joseph Ratajczak  
William Rogers  
James Goetch

Meetings are at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month in Council Chambers, Municipal Complex.

## Plan commission:

Tony Altieri, chairman  
Paul Elsterhold  
Donald Duncan  
Neil Brant  
Kenneth Brady  
Patricia Gurley  
Walter Stryzyk

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Municipal Complex.

## Zoning board:

Frank Wojek, chairman  
Anton Sikorcin  
Edward Slepicka  
Chrisanne Irmitter  
Lewis Markson  
Leonard Scaturro  
Steven Walanka

Meetings are on call in the Municipal Complex.

## Police department:

Chief Michael Haeger

## Fire department:

Chief Bernard Koeppen

# Greetings:

from the village...

To the people of Wheeling:

The Village of Wheeling is indeed fortunate to have a healthy and diverse business community, especially in today's economic climate.

Some of you may be unaware of the wide range of products and services offered within our own village, high in quality and rich in variety. Wheeling Showcase 1982 provides the perfect opportunity to discover the commodities readily available to you.

Your attendance at this festive event, and your support of its participation throughout the year, will help to keep our village financially strong. A part of every consumer dollar spent in Wheeling remains here, to help provide the municipal services we want and need.



I invite you to join me and your business neighbors at the Showcase.  
Sheila H. Schultz  
Village President

## ...and the Chamber

To: All Residents and Business people in the Village of Wheeling and Surrounding Areas

The Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcomes you to Showcase '82. We hope you enjoy the sidewalk sales being held



in the shopping centers. There is a large variety of retail merchants in Wheeling. We encourage you to stop by "all" the centers to see what's new and perhaps rediscover an old business friend.

Wheeling is an exciting community and is making plans for an exciting future. We are YOUR Chamber and are proud to be a part of that future. Our business community is dedicated to bringing you the best available goods, services and employment opportunities.

We hope you enjoy Showcase '82 and encourage you to support your local business community. As indicated in our Chamber logo, we are a never-ending circle "WORKING TOGETHER FOR A PROUD WHEELING."

Charles Schramm, President  
Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry

# 7-15-82 Wheeling Showcase Showcase '82 coincides with sidewalk days

the community into a showcase to be seen and admired by residents of Wheeling and those who live nearby.

Shopping centers participating in Showcase sidewalk events are Lynn Plaza, Dundee and Old McHenry roads; Riverside Plaza, Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue; Wheeling Shopping Center, also Dundee and Milwaukee; and Wheeling Ace, Route 83 and Dundee Avenue.

Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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Wheeling Showcase is a special section designed to give the reader an overview of the village of Wheeling and the services and resources which make it a fine place in which to live, work and shop. It is timed to coincide with Wheeling Showcase days, July 15, 16 and 17. On these days, merchants and shopping centers in the village will be putting on special sales and events and sidewalk days throughout town. The section is prepared in conjunction with the

Wheeling Showcase

Thursday, July 15, 1982



# Wheeling always was an energetic town

Reminder 7-15-82

It used to be a stage coach leaving Chicago early in the morning could pretty well count on being in what is now Wheeling by lunch time. And that was good news for passengers, for the in the middle 1800s there was good food to be had in the town, just as there is today. That good reputation is one of many that Wheeling has had and kept through the years.

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-lavarn and met the needs of travelers. A general store followed quickly.

By 1846, Wheeling was a builtup town- for its time- and the people who lived there could little imagine the Wheeling of today, so awed were they 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.

And still another distinction has left its mark on Wheeling. The dry North Shore of the 1890s and Wheeling's early and consistent reputation as a place to meet and eat, resulted in a burgeoning nightlife. Before long

anyone who was anyone was making the trek to Wheeling for a night on the town.

## Wheeling today

Wheeling of today has a tamer air, perhaps, but an equally active one. It is a village with an affection for its past and a zest for preserving it and with an enthusiastic vitality for the future.

Planning is key as a building boom begun in the '50s only slowed a little before surging ahead in the '70s and into the '80s. And the building shows a diversity of interest. Residences, both single family and multiple; health care facilities; industrial plants, warehousing and research

companies; retail businesses and shopping centers; places of worship; and facilities to meet the needs of a multi-age population show the diversity of endeavors within the town.

A village government and the involvement of citizen volunteers work to keep this growth consistent with what is best for those who work and live in Wheeling.

An active corps of volunteers also provides many of the social services a community needs. And this kind of organized citizenry also provides outlets for sociability and talent.

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. O'Hare Airport is less than an hour away for long distance flight and Palwaukee Airport in Wheeling provides area businesses air access for smaller craft. Recent and on-going discussions are aimed at village purchase of Palwaukee. This possible acquisition is under study and the subject of much debate and divided opinion.

Health care is only minutes away for most Wheeling residents, especially with the new Holy Family Health Center. This walk-in clinic has facilities for laboratory testing, x-rays, out-patient services and special programs as needed. Holy Family Hospital, Northwest Community, Highland Park, Glenbrook, Lutheran

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General and Lake Forest hospitals all are closeby.

## Town protected

Wheeling firemen not only fight fires once they are allame, they work hard to fight them before they begin. Fire prevention programs augment the fire-fighting duties of the fireparamedics, lieutenants, prevention officer, inspector, secretary and on-call personnel who work under Fire Chief Bernie Koepen.

Fire department headquarters is adjacent to the Municipal Complex on Dundee Road, with Station Two on South Wheeling Road.

Firemenparamedics are well trained to save lives. They are continually in training in firefighting or emergency medical care. Paramedics must be re-certified every two years.

With trained personnel, trained and dedicated leadership and modern equipment, the Wheeling Fire Department is one of the pride's of the town.

Computerized monitoring of police and fire calls has increased the efficiency of both departments. What is housed in the Police Department headquarters in the Municipal Complex is a communications center.

Police Chief Michael Haeger runs a department whose function is educational as well as protective. Frequent programs are instituted to alert the community to ways to keep themselves and their possessions safe.

## Fine parks

Wheeling residents have a 21-year-old park district and 230 acres of land dedicated to their recreational and parks needs. The Wheeling Park District is a separate unit of government whose purpose is providing parks, facilities and recreational programs and activities for both children and adults in the community.

With an impressive combination of physical facilities and human foresight and guidance, the result is a

parks program which spans the ages from infant to oldster and interests from the sedentary to the very active. Some programs are free and for others there are fees, but all are priced to be within the range of most residents.

The district is governed by a board of commissioners of which Glen Meier is president and members are Edward L. Klocke, vice president, and Donald Lark, Shirley Mueller and Russell Baker, commissioners. The board meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

David F. Phillips is superintendent of parks and recreation.

**The parks** Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road, is 66 acres and is the site of the recreation administration building. (Telephone number, 537-2222)

Chamber of Commerce Park at 251 N. Wolf Road is a six-acre parcel and the site of the Community Meeting Center and museum.

Husky Park is on five acres on Lee Street, behind London Junior High School.

Northside Park is three acres at 200 Glendale.

Neptune's Recreation Center at 900 S. Elmhurst Road is the one acre facility on which is housed an indoor pool, den and health club. (Telephone number, 537-7895)

Meadow Brook Tot Lot is half acre at Nancy Lane.

Horizon Park at 375 Schoenbeck Road is an undeveloped 10 acrea site.

Childerley Park is one 13 acres at 506 McHenry Road.

Chevy Chase 18-Hole Public Golf Course and Club House is on 125.5 acres with an administrative office at 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. (Telephone number, 537-2930)

A Senior Club operates through the park district and is open to all residents 55 and older. Meetings are held regularly and there are special events and programs planned seasonally.

## Education a plus

Choosing a new home also means choosing schools. And a major consideration when deciding where to settle a family is the kind of education provided for both school age youngsters and for those who are past school age, but still have a thirst for learning.

Wheeling residents are proud of a system of fine schools for their children and at least one community college within easy access.

Schools and school districts for Wheeling students are:

### High School District 214:

The District 214 board president is Dr. John I. Gmitro. Richard Bachhuer is secretary and board members are Donald Hoeck, Joseph Lyon, Marilyn Quinn, Dorothy Smith and Robert Winter.

The board meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at administrative offices at 799 W. Kensington, Mount Prospect.

This nine school high school district serves Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Rolling Meadows and parts of Arlington Heights. Arlington High School is slated for closing in 1983, leaving the district with eight facilities. **Wheeling students now attend**

grades nine to 12 in three buildings: Wheeling High School, Buffalo Grove High School and Hersey High School.

To determine which school a student should attend, the guidance office at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst Road, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily Monday through Friday and a boundary map is available. To call for information, the number is 537-6500.

### Elementary School District 21

William Rice is president of School District 21 and Barrett Peterson is secretary. Other members are Elaine A. Bond, Daniel Berdovich, Thomas Helfers, Lori Ratajczak and Ed Siemienas.

The board meets in the administrative building at 999 W. Dundee Road. It meets at 8:15 tonight and on Aug. 19, but the rest of the year meetings are on the first and third Thursdays.

This 11-school district serves kindergaeten through eighth grade students in Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and Arlington Heights. Nine of the schools are elementary and two are junior highs.

Wheeling children in grades seven and eight go to Oliver Wendell Holmes Junior High, 221 S. Wolf Road.

Elementary students go to Eugene Field School, 51 St. Armand; Walt Whitman School, 133 S. Wille; Booth Tarkington School, 310 Scott; and Mark Twain School, 515 Merle Lane East.

District offices are at 999 W. Dundee Road. For information or to determine where a child should go to school, call 537-8270.

## More than books

One doesn't have to go to the Indian Trails Library to enjoy what it has to offer. Even those permanently shut in by age or illness can be well-read. One of the many programs offered at Indian Trails is a delivery and pickup service for just those persons. Members of the Friends of the Library provide the service which can be arranged for by calling the library at 537-4011.

The two-story library at 355 S. Schoenbeck Road, serves a population of roughly 50,000 and its district covers a 14-square mile area which takes in Buffalo Grove, Wheeling and half of Prospect Heights.

A book census of more than 100,000 volumes is augmented by records, and art collection, cassettes, sculptures, microfilm film strips, all for the borrowing. And those who live within the library district pay no fees to hold cards.

But a library is much more than books and Indian Trails tries to provide programs and services that are representative of the needs and desires of the community it serves. Workshops are always either in progress or in the planning and over a year, such subjects are cooking, magic, home canning, photography and other may be explored.

## Sense of history

The grounds of Childerley have been a haven of tranquility for over a century. A chapel and formal flower garden offer a peaceful place for quiet reflection.

Once a farm and a retreat, the 12 acres of Childerley property was purchased by the Wheeling Park District to be maintained and developed as a "passive park."

Just off McHenry Road, the park district property includes several buildings, including St. Joan's House and the chapel. Walkways, paths, picnic tables and an historical library all are or will be added to the property. A running brook and fruit trees add to the pastoral nature of the site.

In 1904 the 600 acre Childerley Farm was purchased by Francis Crane Lillie of Chicago, for a farm as a retreat for herself and family. It was her desire to use the spot as a place to teach her children about God's country creatures.

A foundation affiliated with the University of Chicago was a later recipient of the property and used it as a retreat for Catholic students. The foundation decided in 1970 to sell the property.

The acquisition by the park district is indicative of the Wheeling community's respect for its past and desire to provide special places for residents. The efforts of governmental bodies was supplemented greatly by volunteer interest and work.



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# Sewer repairs could cost \$3.6 million

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A study of Wheeling's sanitary sewers indicates it will cost \$3.6 million to make repairs and prevent rainwater from leaking in, but village officials haven't decided what repairs they'll make or how to pay for the work.

The study was made after the Metropolitan Sanitary District ordered Wheeling to eliminate leaks in the village's sanitary sewer system. The excess water leaking into the system must be treated along with the sewage, which increases the cost of treating water.

Robert Gray, village operations and maintenance director, said the rainwater leaks into the sanitary sewers through cracks and holes in pipes, improperly aligned and disintegrating pipes and illegal and improperly built sewer connections.

Included in the \$3.6 million pricetag is \$1.5 million to plug leaks in the sewer system, \$1.6 million to build an additional sanitary sewer along Wheeling Road between Dundee and Hintz roads, and \$500,000 for additional sewer studies and repairs.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village doesn't know whether it can obtain federal funds to help pay for the work. If

not, he said, the village probably will pay for the work with sewer user fees paid by residents and businesses or it will borrow the money and repay the loan with sewer fees or property taxes. Last year the village collected \$275,000 in sewer fees.

Gray also is recommending that about \$159,000 of the leakage repair work be charged to individual property and building owners who he says are responsible for repairs to their private sewer lines.

Fialkowski said village officials are trying to find ways to reduce the total repair costs, including having village employees do some of the repairs and immediately stopping at least some of

the leaks.

Of the \$3.6 million in recommended repairs, \$1.5 million of that is needed to stop all of the leaks into the sanitary sewers. But Gray estimates that 90 percent of them could be fixed for \$536,000 and stopping 50 percent of the leaks would cost only \$33,340 and could be done by public works employees.

But Ayoub Talhami, MSD supervising civil engineer, said the MSD won't accept partial repairs. He said the MSD order requires the village to "restore and upgrade the system to what it was meant to do. That means all flows in excess must be removed."

WHILE THE leaks must be repaired

to comply with the MSD order, Fialkowski said construction of the sewer line on Wheeling Road "also has a high priority" because the current system is full, creating maintenance problems for village workers.

Gray said the study indicates that sewers in the older parts of Wheeling, including the Dunhurst, Hollywood Ridge and Meadowbrook subdivisions and Old Town need repair. Gray said videotapes taken in these sewers show pipes that have broken away, sewer pipes clogged with tree roots and other pipes that are cracked or have holes in them.

The MSD is requiring the repairs because it can't obtain federal grants to

build new treatment plants unless it can prove its sewer system is not overloaded with excess rainwater. The MSD can require individual towns to correct leakage problems in sanitary sewers if the repair costs is less than it would cost the MSD to build a new treatment plant to handle the additional water.

Gray said failure to comply with the MSD order could result in fines between \$500 and \$1,000 a day levied against the village and a refusal by MSD officials to issue sewer permits for any new buildings in Wheeling.

The village will hold a public hearing July 26 to discuss the entire study.

## Drive replaces holiday blood shortage

The Village of Wheeling and the North Suburban Blood Center announced that 84 persons donated 74 units of blood in a blood drive after the Fourth of July, replenishing a shortage that routinely occurs following such a holiday.

The drive has been very successful, in helping fill the need for blood in the North Suburban Blood Center's service area. The next Wheeling Community Blood Drive will be held on Nov. 3 at Village Hall.

### Greater than sliced bread

How often we hear some new innovation described as "the greatest thing since sliced bread." Today let's review the fire-wise accessory that's even greater than sliced bread: the smoke detector.

We've been through the smoke-detectors-cause-cancer scare. And we've been through the smoke-detectors-contain-radioactive-materials scare. But now there's just no excuse not to install one or more of these silent sentinels in your home.

What's so great about smoke detectors? Well, out of the thousands of U.S. fire deaths (one an hour and climbing), very few victims die in flames. Most die from inhaling smoke

### Public service

and toxic gases released by a fire several rooms away; many are found dead without a burn on their bodies. Obviously, your time of greatest vulnerability to smoke, the silent killer, is when you sleep. The smoke detector functions by squealing to wake you up when it detects hazardous quantities of smoke particles in the air.

There are no two ways about it: smoke detectors save lives by awakening people in time to escape.

There are several types of smoke detectors. The terms "ionization" and "photoelectric" refer to different technical methods for sensing smoke. Either type works equally well so you can ignore these terms. Don't ignore the UL label, though — insist on it. If you're the forgetful type, you might shop around for a detector that's programmed to beep reproachfully when its batteries are getting low.

Install the detector according to the manufacturer's directions. Your first smoke detector belongs on the ceiling in the hallway outside your sleeping rooms.

Test smoke detectors periodically.

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## Moroz calls for village drug paraphernalia law

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The chairman of Wheeling's youth commission says she will urge village officials to promptly adopt a drug paraphernalia law similar to a Hoffman Estates ordinance that has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Faye Moroz said she is concerned that businesses selling drug paraphernalia will move into Wheeling as sur-

rounding towns tighten their laws and Cook County continues enforcing its law that bans paraphernalia sales in unincorporated areas.

"It's no bigger problem in Wheeling than anywhere," said Moroz. "No community doesn't have a problem. It's the in thing for kids and they all do it. My concern is the economy. There will be a lot of empty stores in Wheeling in the future. What's going to come in there?"

Moroz said the village currently has

only one shop, Rock 'N Records, that sells drug paraphernalia, and while she hasn't heard of any specific problems, said an ordinance would help the village avoid future problems.

BUT A STORE EMPLOYEE who refused to give his name denied that the record shop, 851 W. Dundee Road, sold drug-related equipment. "We don't sell drug paraphernalia. We carry (rolling) papers but they aren't drug paraphernalia. We have a tobacco li-

cense and we carry related items," he said.

Last March the U.S. Supreme Court voted to uphold a Hoffman Estates ordinance that restricts the sale of drug paraphernalia to adults and requires them to register in a logbook that is open to police inspection.

Moroz said she is suggesting that Wheeling adopt the Hoffman Estates law because it already has withstood a court test. "There's no sense in getting

inventive when there's one already on the books," she said.

Earlier Trustee Charles Kerr asked the village staff to prepare a drug paraphernalia law, but it has been delayed by other legal work. Kerr said he supports the law because "it's better to have our own customized to the Wheeling situation rather than count on Cook County or any other law that might be available."

Wheeling Village Attorney James

Rhodes said a paraphernalia law would probably be incorporated in the village's public health and safety codes and will be "similar" to the Hoffman Estates ordinance, because it regulates, rather than bans paraphernalia sales. "It's the prohibition thing that's gotten people in trouble," he said.

Rhodes said he is working to update the village traffic laws and will follow that project with the health codes, including the drug law.

# Village manager really likes the town

Reminder 7-15-82

By JOAN FLEISCHER

After two years as Wheeling's village manager, Tom Markus, 31, says he feels comfortable in his job of making Wheeling run and delights in seeing residents take pride in their community.

"Wheeling is great. It doesn't fit the traditional mode of suburbia. Its diversity of residents, homes and businesses makes it very interesting and much like a small city," said Markus.

"The community spirit is great, too. That's what really makes a community, the people. When the village board turned down plans to hold a July 4th celebration, the community got together and set up their own celebration. My family, as well as many other Wheeling families enjoyed Wheeling's fireworks displays," he said.

Markus and his wife Debbie are the parents of Jessica, 8; Charlie, 5 and Danny, 2.

Tall and youthful-looking with a friendly, easy-going manner, Markus has a professional air. He oversees the entire village staff and is responsible to the village board for carrying out its policy and new projects.

The code of his profession requires him to abstain from all political activities.

Markus attends all village board meetings, supplies information and answers questions from trustees and residents.

"The basic principle is that a village trustee should get the same information and help as any other village resident--no more, no less. I've stressed that to my employees and I tell them that I'm the only one they have to be worried about."

As village manager, Markus has been faced with cleaning up commercial areas along Milwaukee Avenue because of zoning problems Wheeling has had.

Markus said he sees a turnaround for Wheeling. In the late '70s the village was plagued with mismanagement and bad politics. Some parts of the village were growing up too fast and the village began to stray from the residential family-oriented community it had always been.

"I think we're seeing Wheeling get back to being a well-run government and a community people are proud live and work in," he added.

It really is the volunteers who make the community what it is. The people who serve on village appearance, planning commissions and who take part in the community are what keeps the village attractive," he said.

Markus, a native of southern Minnesota, worked as Wheeling's assistant village manager soon after graduating from Roosevelt University with a master's degree in public administration. He worked in Wheeling from 1973 to 1976 and then became the first city manager for



Tom Markus  
(Staff photo by Nancy Stone)

Savage, Minn., a small town of 4,500 residents.

"I'd been interested in urban planning and city management since high school. I like working with people and becoming socially involved. City management seemed like a natural career choice for me," Markus said.

Markus returned to Wheeling two years ago in May to become village manager. He was appointed by the village board. Village trustees are elected by the voters, village managers are hired by the elected officials and are responsible to the board. They may be fired at the board's discretion.

"You need the continuity of a good manager for several years to make a difference in a community. It takes six to seven years to build up an organization. It's destructive to keep losing a manager every year or two," he said.

Markus said he strongly believes in the council-manager form of government. "There is a certain amount of grass-roots involvement in Wheeling. With the council-manager, there is a good balance of politics and business and helps avoid corruption.

"I like Wheeling. I think it's a great place. I enjoy my job and certainly intend on being here awhile."

# Airport application approval expected

Wheeling officials are expected to approve the filing of a "pre-application" for federal funding as a step to buy Pal-Waukee Airport at tonight's trustee meeting.

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

Early last month the board informally agreed to file the pre-application, putting Wheeling "in line" for federal airport development funds. The move will not bind the village to continue with the airport's purchase but will let federal officials know Wheeling is interested in applying for the money.

Officials from the state's aeronautics division are helping Prospect Heights file its pre-application and are expected to also aid Wheeling officials with the paperwork.

An airport consultant hired by the towns has estimated it will cost \$53 million to buy Pal-Waukee and bring it up to federal standards for a public airport. The two towns would pay between 5 and 10 percent of the cost. The state and federal governments will pay the remainder, between \$47.7 million and \$50.4 million.

If the two towns decide to buy the airport, it will be at least another year before federal and state money becomes available. It will take another three to five years for the towns to acquire the airport. To date, neither town has committed itself to the purchase.

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# Dunne wants to fire cop who killed deer

Cook County Board President George Dunne Thursday called for the firing of forest preserve police commander convicted this week of killing seven deer at a preserve near Wheeling.

"Absolutely, he's been convicted of a crime," Dunne said of his intention to seek dismissal of Lt. Joseph Locascio.

Meanwhile, Cook County commissioners Bernard Carey and Carl Hansen charged that the conviction of Locascio and a former preserve patrolman for poaching underscores the need for overhauling the preserve police department.

CAREY, A Republican, is challenging Dunne for the county board presidency.

Locascio, 42, and former forest preserve patrolman Stanley Kubas, 37, were convicted Wednesday of official

misconduct, a felony, in a bench trial before Cook County Judge Earl Strayhorn.

They could receive punishments ranging from probation and fines to prison terms of two to five years. Sentencing was set for Aug. 20.

Kubas quit the force shortly before he was arrested for the Jan. 27 deer slaying at Dam 1 forest preserve east of Pal-Waukee Airport. Locascio was suspended without pay from his \$23,268-a-year job and has been living in a home owned by the forest preserve.

DUNNE SAID Locascio can demand a hearing before the civil service board, at which time an appeal from the Cook County state's attorney's office or forest preserve district will seek his dismissal.



# Private land may be 'leased' by parks

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling Park District officials are studying a plan to use privately owned land for parks without paying rent but get a tax break for the land owners by having the property declared tax-exempt as long as the park district uses it.

Park Superintendent David Phillips said he expects a legal opinion on the matter later this week and if the plan is feasible, will go forward with at-

tempts to "lease" part of a 36-acre parcel of land off McHenry Road near the Cedar Run and Lexington Commons developments.

The land is currently undeveloped and, although a portion has been subdivided. Wheeling Village Planner Richard Greenwood said he has not heard of any development plans for the parcel.

Under state law, public bodies such as park districts do not pay property tax on land they own. Under his plan, Phillips hopes to gain that same tax-

exempt status for land the park district uses, even if it is privately owned. Though the park district can't afford to pay rent on the property, Phillips said the plan would save property owners money because they would no longer pay property taxes on the land.

**PHILLIPS SAID** a similar plan has been used by the Will County Forest District, which leased non-tax-exempt land owned by the Metropolitan Sanitary District.

"It appears from reading the reve-

lue codes that it is still a feasible concept," said Phillips. "We're looking for someone who currently pays taxes and will provide the land for public use and due cause for the Wheeling Park District to list the land as tax-exempt. We'll save property taxes to the owner without costing the park district anything. Everyone benefits."

If the plan goes through, Phillips said the land could be used for various active sports as long as the owner doesn't want to develop the land. The park could even install backstops on

the land, which can easily be removed.

**RESIDENTS ALONG** McHenry Road have been very critical of the lack of accessible parks in the area. The park district currently owns a park at 506 McHenry Road, across from Cedar Run. The speed limit on the road is 45 mph and the closest traffic light and crosswalk are located at McHenry and Elmhurst roads. Childerley has a small chapel and picnic areas, but no "active" area such as playground equipment or ballfields.

Last year the irate residents orga-

nized a campaign to convince park officials to buy four acres at 745 McHenry, on the same side of the street as most of the multi-family housing.

But park officials say they don't have the money to purchase more land and district residents earlier this year defeated a referendum that would have raised the district's tax rate, raising more money for land purchases and park improvements. Phillips said the tax-exempt plan could help bring the needed land into the district without extra costs.

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## Chevy Chase land finally may come into village hands

Years after the negotiations started, Wheeling officials say a plan to annex 203 acres surrounding the Chevy Chase golf course could finally come to the village board late this summer.

Wheeling Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village is "getting close" on the annexation, and the plan could be brought to a board workshop for discussion in August or September. Formal board approval would come later, but Fialkowski said the village wants "to move on this soon."

Developer William Johnson, who owns the land, has not announced any specific development plans, but the Wheeling plan commission already has approved zoning variances that would allow Johnson to build industrial parks, multi-family housing, and commercial-office buildings on the land.

Johnson could not be reached for comment Friday.

**THE ANNEXATION** has been a controversial one because Buffalo Grove officials also sought to annex the land, ideal for industrial and commercial development. Complicating the situa-

tion is a six-year squabble between the two villages over their common border and discussion of dividing Johnson's land, with Wheeling getting the larger chunk.

Fialkowski said any annexation agreement probably would contain stipulations covering any changes if the land is annexed before a boundary agreement is reached.

Buffalo Grove officials also tried using their sewer agreement with Lake County to block Johnson's move to Wheeling, but Lake County officials agreed late last year to take over the private sewer plant that serves the land.

Johnson asked Wheeling to annex the remaining 203 acres, saying he wants to keep it all in one town. But Buffalo Grove officials have contended that the property is a vital part of their master plan.

In 1979 Wheeling annexed Johnson's 110-parcel just south of Chevy Chase and Lake-Cook Road. That land is zoned for industrial and commercial uses and Johnson is tentatively planning to develop a 30-acre industrial park on part of the property.

## Incentive games for workers hit

HERALD 7-29-82

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Safety organizations and union officials are becoming concerned about the proliferation in Illinois of company-sponsored games designed to improve attendance and reduce accidents in the workplace.

Companies in various Illinois communities, including Kankakee, Evans-ton and Centralia, offer employees prizes in such games as "Safety Bingo," but automatically cancel the contests if someone is hurt and stays home.

The games offer prizes of cash, gift certificates, clothing and appliances, but penalize an entire workforce when an accident causes lost work time, officials said.

"These games put people in a total bind and create tremendous peer pressure not to report accidents or take off needed time to recover from injuries,"

said Roberta Lynch of the Chicago Area Committee on Occupational Safety and Health.

Further criticism of the games came from Peg Seminario, top health and safety expert for the AFL-CIO, who said they "perpetuate the myth that all accidents are caused by workers."

**THE GAMES** were defended by Joseph Magdey, labor manager of Rockwell International's plant in Centralia, where a bingo-type competition offers \$50 certificates at a hardware store.

"The incentive is to get everybody to work together," Magdey said, "We don't get crushed bones here; we get small things, like backaches. The program gives employees something to think about."

He said Rockwell's various programs, which included passing out cof-

fee mugs and vests, resulted in total safety savings of \$170,000.

Workers in one division of the Texize plant in Kankakee angrily turned in their cards after a "Safety Bingo" game was started there.

They were given regular bingo cards offering prizes like a charcoal grill, but found that the game rules said any accident that causes lost work time "will cancel the game being played at that time and no new game will start until the employee with the lost time returns or until 10 working days have passed."

The company scrapped the bingo and replaced it with a program whereby accident-free workers and all workers in accident-free divisions are rewarded with wooden tokens. An employee with enough tokens can redeem them for a company jacket.

# Wheeling board asks for federal funds

By MARY SUE PENN

The Village of Wheeling took another step Monday, July 19 in its almost 4-year quest to buy Palwaukee Airport.

The Village Board resolved to ask for state help to prepare a pre-application for state funds for the purchase. The airport, half in Wheeling and half in Prospect Heights, is owned privately by George Priester.

Pre-application for federal funds would not obligate the village if it decided not to go ahead with its plans.

Although trustees agreed to the resolution, a few were concerned that the board has invested so much time, study and discussion in an effort to buy the airport, while Priester has not yet formally agreed to sell it.

Trustee William Rogers said the board had nothing in writing from Priester about selling the airport "and that's too bad."

Trustee Charles Kerr agreed, adding that the board will "look foolish" if Priester says he won't sell.

However, Village Manager Thomas Markus assured the board of Priester's willingness to sell, but said, "I don't think we're a willing buyer yet."

Once the board definitely decides to buy the airport, in cooperation with Prospect Heights, a written statement from Priester might be necessary, Markus said.

But Village President Sheila Schultz instructed Markus to find out about obtaining a letter from Priester, saying "it would make the trustees happy."

Also at the meeting, Trustees granted a carry-out pizza restaurant permission to operate at the Tahoe Village Shopping Center, 1746 Hintz Rd.

Originally the board had denied the restaurant permission, saying insufficient parking was available

for a sit-down restaurant. The restaurant operators revised plans, eliminating any seating, so the board approved.

The board also heard complaints from a citizen Ted Kleen. Kleen had written a letter to the board complaining about noise from an auto repair shop close to his home at 1025 Peace Drive. Kleen told the board Monday, "I've come to you as a last resort."

Kleen was visibly shaken as he explained that the repair shop leaves its back door open letting out "roaring" noise when the Kleens are trying to sleep. He also said the

shop was a source of pollution.

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**A HEARTY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO SENT** in responses to the "1st Anniversary Questionnaire" this past month. To refresh your memory, I asked for comments on the contents of this column: what you liked or disliked, what you would like to see more or less of. The ideas about your likes were pretty much split. Some people enjoyed reading items that help you get to know your neighbor better (special interests, hobbies, travels, etc.), while an equal amount of others preferred notices about special events and activities going on in the community and Village of Wheeling. Because of a pretty even split, I'll try to keep the column contents pretty evenly divided. One area mentioned most often for what you'd like to see more of was more news from specific sections of town and homeowners' associations in Wheeling, such as Tahoe Village, Dunhurst, etc. I'll see what I can do with this, and in the meantime, if anyone would like to serve as a contact person from any of these areas, please drop me a line at: Lisa Schab, c/o The Herald Neighbor, Paddock Publications, P.O. Box 280, Arlington Heights, Ill. 60006. And again, thanks for all your responses.

"The trouble with some people is that they won't admit their faults. I'd admit mine — if I had any." — Author Unknown

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# Recall notice filed to oust Sheila Shultz

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A political ally of former village president William Hein has started a drive to remove Village President Sheila Schultz from office.

Crisanne Irmiter has taken the preliminary steps to oust Schultz by filing a "notice of intention to recall" under a four-year-old law that allows residents to petition for a referendum on removing a public official.

Irmiter, who could not be reached for comment, was on Hein's campaign staff in 1977 and was appointed by Hein to the village's zoning board of appeals the following year.

HER NOTICE does not indicate a reason the recall effort, and Schultz said Irmiter never expressed any dissatisfaction over the way she was handling her duties as village president.

Schultz, who defeated Hein in 1981, speculated that the move is politically motivated. "When you make positive changes you always make someone unhappy," she said. "Hein never conceded that I won and neither did his lackeys. I guess that's the general reason. I don't know what she'll tell people her reason is."

"I'm really distressed for the community," she added. "I think this will be traumatic for the village. It's vindictive. It's a prostitution of the intent of recall. I look upon this as an attack on honest, open government, and that I resent."

Hein said he had heard about the recall move, but is not personally involved in the effort. "I haven't been politically involved since the last election," he said. "The campaign is over with now. I had nothing to do with it. It's too bad every time there's something political she (Schultz) thinks I'm involved, but I thank her for the compliment."

IN 1978 Wheeling became the first Illinois municipality to adopt a recall ordinance as a way to remove from office elected officials who violate home-rule powers, which gives officials powers to tax and assume debt. Irmiter now has 30 days to file petitions signed by at least 1,053 voters, or 33 percent of the voters who cast ballots for village president last year. If successful, the bid will force a general referendum in which Wheeling residents will be asked to vote on whether or not Schultz should be removed from office.

The law does not specifically list reasons for recall, and assistant village manager Robert Fialkowski said under the ordinance, "each individual who signs is assumed to have his own

reason" for recalling an elected official.

Ironically, Schultz campaigned for the recall law before she ran for village president. She said she was confident she's fulfilled her responsibilities as village president and has been "faithful to all the commitments" she made during her election campaign.

Schultz said if the petition drive is successful, a referendum on her recall would probably appear on the November ballot under Illinois' consolidated election law. If that vote is successful a special election would be held to fill her post, and Schultz would be ineligible to hold the office for two years.

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In other action, the board voted for a resolution supporting the continuance of Palwaukee Airport.

The resolution says Buffalo Grove supports the continuance of Palwaukee Airport and recognizes the urban pressures being faced by the airport and that a solution to the public vs. private ownership should be resolved by Wheeling and Prospect Heights which are most directly impacted. Country Side Realty



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# Hein supporter might call for trustees' ouster

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling woman who started a drive to oust Village President Sheila Schultz said she now is considering asking that five of the six village trustees also be removed from office for various reasons.

Crisanne Irmiter, a long-time political ally of former Village President William Hein and a Hein appointee to the village's zoning board, said she originally asked for Schultz's ouster "because she's the highest elected official," but that "does not preclude other board members, including a friend I have on the board."

Irmiter refused to name the trustee she would not ask be ousted and also refused to name her "friend." She said the trustee not targeted for ouster "is not a personal friend."

Trustee Roger Powers, the sole member of Hein's slate to win a board seat in the April 1981 village elections, said he was surprised by Irmiter's recall move. He refused to speculate whether he was Irmiter's "friend" on the board.

SCHULTZ DEFEATED Hein for village president in the 1981 election as two members of her slate, Joseph Rajczak and William Rogers, won two of three board seats. Schultz's third slated candidate, James Goetch, was later appointed to the board to fill the seat vacated by her own election as village president.

Both Irmiter and Hein denied Hein had anything to do with the recall move. "I don't deny that Bill Hein is my friend, but Bill Hein had nothing to do with it," she said.

Irmiter said she started the recall proceedings for several reasons, including the power the board has given to Village Manager Thomas Markus and Schultz's refusal to reappoint zoning board chairman Frank Wojek after 16 years on the commission. Irmiter also said she was "perturbed" that village trustees raised water rates to \$1.90 from 90 cents per 1,000 gallons and recently granted a liquor license to Walgreen's to open Wheeling's fourth package liquor store.

Irmiter said the power given to

Markus "smacks of tyranny. All the heat goes on him and off them (the board). They (the trustees) are accountable to the people who elect them. We didn't elect Tom Markus. They (the trustees) will have to accept the fact that they're responsible."

Irmiter specifically criticized trustees' directing residents to work through Markus to handle problems and a request by Markus two years ago that he be allowed to promote officers in the police department, taking the promotions away from citizens appointed to the police and fire commission. Markus' request was never implemented.

MARKUS SAID his duties are those "normally assigned to a manager in most council/manager forms of government."

Schultz also said the water rate increase was necessary to pay for pipes that are needed before the village can get Lake Michigan water and that the plans and costs were first set during Hein's term. She also pointed out that Walgreen's has pledged to provide anti-alcohol speakers to village groups and questioned what Irmiter "and her friends" have done themselves to combat the problem.

Schultz said she thinks Irmiter is "suggesting the board go back to the old way and old abuse," including "calling the shots on jobs, controlling patronage and village affairs" in Wheeling.

"We've had enough problems in Wheeling," Schultz said. "I don't care to go back to that. This form of government (village manager) was adopted by referendum. Recall came in to correct those kinds of abuse."

Schultz criticized Irmiter for not coming to the board with her complaints. "Why she never approached anyone, but maybe her special friend who shall remain nameless. I don't understand. She just did not bother."

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APPLICATION FOR APARTMENTS IN THE BUILDING WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HOLY FAMILY AMBULATORY CARE CENTER, 201 E. STRONG, WHEELING, IL. ON TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1982

The building is now under construction at 200 N. Milwaukee, Wheeling, Il Applications for apartments will be accepted at the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on that day only. Applications will normally be available at the Housing Authority, County of Cook by calling 757-7640 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays; or, if you prefer, you may write to Housing Authority, County of Cook 9201 Maryland, Niles, Il. 60648. A single person who is 62 years of age or over may be eligible. A two person family may be eligible if one meets the above qualification. Total income, less approved exemptions and deductions, may not exceed the applicable approved Income Limits for Admission: \$9,700 for one person, and \$11,100 for two people. Assets shall not exceed \$15,000 at admission, unless such assets together with income are insufficient for the applicant to obtain and maintain standard private housing. Certified Wheeling residents will receive a priority, but eligibility for all applicants will be established.

## Victims estimate damage as water starts receding

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campground area to evacuate the cottages located on the east bank of the river near Algonquin Road and Joseph J. Schwab Road. He said most of the people left by late Thursday night.

Clark said at that time, the water was rising about two inches every hour. "This is the highest I've ever seen it," he said.

Fire Chief Charles Gedroic said late Friday afternoon that the river was slowly receding. But he said, "If we get another rain like we had Wednesday night, we're going to be in big trouble."

The National Weather Service is predicting mostly sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-80s today, but thunderstorms and showers are predicted Sunday along the northern edge of the state with a "slight chance" that they will reach the Chicago area.

Des Plaines Public Works Commissioner Jerry Matula said about 5 inches of rain fell in Des Plaines Thursday, with 3 inches falling in about 1½ hours.

Matula said the city has had to continue pumping on the city's sanitary sewer lines to keep them flowing. He said raw sewage from the sewer lines was forced up through manholes on Rand and River roads because the storm water blocked up

the main Metropolitan Sanitary District sanitary sewer pipes.

In Wheeling, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski estimated 100 homes and 20 businesses were flooded, with average damage of \$2,000 each.

The village public works department is pumping out basements for residents and Fialkowski has contacted the Emergency Service Disaster Agency to find out if Wheeling residents will qualify for low cost loans to pay for damages.

"We believe there may be some structural damage to some of the streets," he said.

Wolf, Wheeling and parts of several other side streets were flooded. But he said the public works department will have to wait until all the the water has run off before assessing damage to the underlying base.

Wheeling Park Superintendent David Phillips said the district's 18-hole golf course was 75 percent covered with up to 3 feet of water.

In Algonquin, the body of police officer Larry Holder was recovered from the swollen Fox River Friday morning. Holder, 34, drowned Thursday while rescuing a carnival worker who had fallen into a creek that feeds into the river. Another person who had fallen into Crystal Creek reached safety by himself.

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## County adult zoning law closes Cheetah II

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In the first of a countywide crackdown to clean up smut strips, the Cook County state's attorney office was successful last Thursday in permanently closing down the Cheetah II nightclub near Wheeling.

Cook County Circuit Court Judge Frank G. Sulewski ordered the nightclub which features nude dancing and strip tease acts to be shut down for violating the county's new adult use zoning ordinance.

The Cheetah II, at 962 S. Milwaukee Ave., in unincorporated Wheeling Township, is the first adult use entertainment establishment to be brought

to court under the county's new zoning regulation.

Assistant State's Attorney Joann Tansey, who prosecuted the case against Cheetah II, said she hoped the case would set a precedent and would help clean up areas.

Tansey said, "The new ordinance basically classifies massage parlors, adult bookstores and clubs as adult use establishments. It will help avoid skid row areas like Rand Road in unincorporated Palatine Township."

The new county ordinance permits adult

use businesses in 78 industrially zoned areas of unincorporated Cook County. They are also allowed to operate in 245 commercially zoned areas when granted special use permits.

Cheetah II is located in a commercial district. It will not be allowed to reopen without obtaining a special use permit from the county.

An application for a special use permit has been filed by Cheetah II owner Mark DeFoor, but Tansey said it is unlikely that the nightclub would be granted one because a public hearing is required. She said a public hearing would not be held

before the fall.

Under the county's new ordinance which took effect Dec. 7, 1981, existing adult use establishments were given three months to apply for a one-year grace period to relocate to an industrial area or obtain a special use permit.

Tansey said only three of 13 strip tease nightclubs in the county applied for the grace period.

She added that the state's attorney's office plans to move "very soon" against those establishments now operating in violation of the county zoning law.

# Petition urges Schultz ouster

By STAN ZOLLER  
News Editor

CITING AN increase in water rates and the issuing of a second liquor license, a Wheeling resident, Crisanne Irmiter, has started circulating a petition calling for the recall of Village President Sheila Schultz.

The petition, which Irmiter received from Village Hall Friday, July 16, is the first step needed to recall an elected official.

Wheeling is the only municipality in the state to have a recall ordinance, having adopted it in 1978.

Irmiter said boosting water rates from 90 cents to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons to pay for transmission of Lake Michigan waterway have been the straw that broke the camel's back.

**SHE ADDED** that the recent approval of a second liquor license for the sale of package liquor in the village also played a role in her circulating the petition.

"We have an alcohol and drug problem in the village and it needs to be addressed," Irmiter assented.

Although Irmiter characterizes herself as an "opinionated person" who got tired of complaining, it is no secret that she is a political ally of former Village President William H. Hein. Schultz defeated Hein in the April 1981 village election.

Schultz expressed surprise at Irmiter's efforts to have her recalled, but added it is not a total surprise. "Any time you make positive changes and it threatens the previous administration, you're going to make some enemies," Schultz said.

She added that she feels "bad for the community. If they persist in doing this to satisfy a few people, it

will be really sad when we are getting a reputation for a good, steady government."

**WHEELING'S HISTORY** has been marred with indictments, charges of secret meetings and a revolving door of village managers. Current Village Manager Thomas M. Markus has halted that cycle, serving in his post since May 1980.

"If they go ahead with this," Schultz said, "they are asking Wheeling residents if they want to go back to the old days."

Schultz said she has not heard ongoing complaints from Irmiter or Hein. "Mr. Hein has been there (at Village Board meetings) to complain about the water—but that is ludicrous because he made sure he voted for it, even though the village president doesn't have to vote. He carefully made sure it (his vote) was on there as a yes vote." Schultz said Hein also signed all of the contracts for the project.

Hein, however, said he couldn't comment on the recall petition, saying he had not heard about it until the media contacted him.

Hein said he has not been active in politics and has been in and out of the hospital. "I'm not involved too much. But it's interesting. I'll have to call Cris (Irmiter) to see what's going on."

As of July 19, Irmiter said she had "around" 225 names on the recall petition. She has 30 days to collect signatures before the Aug. 16 filing deadline.

According to the ordinance, one-third of the residents who voted in the last village election for the office being contested on the recall petition must sign the petition. Irmiter said she will need about 1,000 signatures.

## Damage estimates mount as water begins to recede

by Richard Chin  
and Laura Watters Bianchi

Herald staff writers

The rain-swollen Des Plaines River crested Friday at what may have been a record level, driving residents out of their riverside summer homes and threatening to flood Forest Hospital.

Upstream in Wheeling, the flooding that followed Thursday's downpour was beginning to recede, and local officials estimated the damage to homes and businesses at as much as \$240,000.

Des Plaines civil defense workers said the river overflowed in at least

four spots along the eastern edge of the city, flooding streets and forcing people to abandon the summer homes of the Methodist campground.

**VOLUNTEERS AND** the city's Emergency Services and Disaster Agency crews worked through the night to pile sandbags around Forest Hospital, a 150-bed psychiatric hospital on the west bank near Rand and East River roads.

Fire Capt. David Clark said their efforts prevented an evacuation. Hospital spokesman Sarah Burke said water flooded the floors of some recreation rooms, and water

was four feet deep in the parking lot.

Clark said if the water knocked out the hospital's power through the outside transformer, emergency and Red Cross workers were prepared to evacuate about 115 patients to nearby North School.

City officials said the river went as high Friday as they've seen it in years. The river level began to drop late in the afternoon, but a few days of dry weather must pass before the river can return to normal.

**CLARK SAID** Emergency Services officials also advised people vacationing in the the Methodist (Continued on Page 3)

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# Wheeling board asks for federal funds

By MARY SUE PENN

The Village of Wheeling took another step Monday, July 19 in its almost 4-year quest to buy PalWaukee Airport.

The Village Board resolved to ask for state help to prepare a pre-application for state funds for the purchase. The airport, half in Wheeling and half in Prospect Heights, is owned privately by George Priester.

Pre-application for federal funds would not obligate the village if it decided not to go ahead with its plans.

Although trustees agreed to the resolution, a few were concerned that the board has invested so much time, study and discussion in an effort to buy the airport, while Priester has not yet formally agreed to sell it.

Trustee William Rogers said the board had nothing in writing from Priester about selling the airport "and that's too bad."

Trustee Charles Kerr agreed, adding that the board will "look foolish" if Priester says he won't sell.

However, Village Manager Thomas Markus assured the board of Priester's willingness to sell, but said, "I don't think we're a willing buyer yet."

Once the board definitely decides to buy the airport, in cooperation with Prospect Heights, a written statement from Priester might be necessary, Markus said.

But Village President Sheila Schultz instructed Markus to find out about obtaining a letter from Priester, saying "it would make the trustees happy."

Also at the meeting, Trustees granted a carry-out pizza restaurant permission to operate at the Tahoe Village Shopping Center, 1746 Hintz Rd.

Originally the board had denied the restaurant permission, saying insufficient parking was available

for a sit-down restaurant. The restaurant operators revised plans, eliminating any seating, so the board approved.

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## Village joins Prospect in step to buy airport

Wheeling trustees have agreed to "pre-apply" for federal funds to buy Pal-Waukee Airport, joining Prospect Heights in notifying the federal government they are considering the purchase.

The move does not bind either town to continue with the airport's purchase, but alerts federal officials that Wheeling is interested in applying for the money. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said it will be at least another year until both towns must decide whether they will proceed and actually apply for the money. During that time, state and federal officials

will prepare an environmental study of the plan.

An airport consultant studying the project has set a pricetag of \$53 million to buy Pal-Waukee and bring it up to federal standards for a publicly owned airport. Both towns want the state and federal government to cover between 80 and 90 percent of Pal-Waukee's purchase cost which would be between \$47.7 million and \$50.4 million. The two towns would pay the remaining costs.

If the two towns decide to buy the airport, officials estimate it will take another three to five years to complete the deal.

# Pipeline could destroy strip of prairie

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

A pipeline being built to carry Lake Michigan water to the Northwest suburbs would destroy a strip of rare natural prairie north of Wheeling, conservationists said Wednesday.

The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, a state agency, is asking the four suburbs building the pipeline to reroute it around the nine acres of prairie.

The prairie, which follows Commonwealth Edison Co. right-of-way

along the Soo Line Ry. tracks just north of Lake-Cook Road, includes at least 200 plant species, two of which are endangered in Illinois, said Lydia Meyer, a field representative for the nature preserves commission.

It is a "high-quality" prairie, Meyer said, because it has never been plowed and remains in its natural condition. She said there are less than 800 different sites of the same quality prairie left in Illinois, which is known as "the prairie state."

"THERE'S SOMETHING valuable here," said Stephen Packard, of the

Nature Conservancy, a private organization. "If it was a building that was valuable, they wouldn't tear it down."

At a meeting of the Northwest Water Commission Wednesday, Meyer and Packard asked the four-suburb coalition to move the pipeline route.

The water commission, which includes Arlington Heights, Palatine, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, began construction of the 42-mile pipeline from Evanston in March.

Executive Director James Holzward said he had hoped to advertise in mid-August for bids to build the section

along the Soo Line tracks. But if the route is changed, new engineering would have to be conducted and he said there could be a delay.

Holzward said he doesn't know how much it would cost to reroute the pipeline, but in addition to new engineering, the water commission probably would have to buy an easement through private property.

THE UNDEVELOPED land directly west of the prairie is owned by Bill Johnson, who is attempting to annex about 250 acres in the area to Wheeling or Buffalo Grove with plans for apart-

ment complexes, commercial-office buildings and industrial parks.

Johnson could not be reached Wednesday for comment.

Water commission members said it will be up to the conservationists to negotiate an easement with Johnson if they want the route changed.

"At this late hour, I don't know that we could get an easement," said Palatine Village Manager Anton Harwig. Meyer and Packard said they found out only two weeks ago that the pipeline was planned to go through the prairie.

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# Refuse to sign recall petition

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Having won their fight for a strong and broad recall ordinance — the first such local law in Illinois — the mayor and a majority of trustees of Wheeling now find the ordinance aimed at themselves. They are the targets of an ill-considered and unsubstantiated recall effort, a campaign which unfortunately could succeed if the petition now being circulated attracts enough signatures to result in a special election. Wheeling residents should see through the political machinations at work here and refuse to sign the petition.

It's important for the people of Wheeling to remember the development of their trail-blazing ordinance, which is a reflection of past political problems. For too long, political scandals rocked the community. The dark shadow of suspicion fell across Wheeling government, and politically motivated favors were often the order of the day. Wheeling voters rectified the situation by electing strong, reform-minded officials — leaders of ability and integrity.

This was the backdrop against which Wheeling considered and ultimately adopted home-rule status. To appease those people who feared it would grant village officials more power to be abused, the former village board simultaneously adopted a recall ordinance which voters had endorsed 9 to 1 in an advisory referendum.

As initially proposed, the ordinance provided that the mayor and trustees could be recalled for anything — criminal activity, malfeasance, even a simple breach of trust — in much the same manner that voters typically use any of a range of criteria to cast their ballot on Election Day. The village board, however, first watered down the ordinance to embrace only violations of home-rule authority, which made the new law ambiguous and virtually meaningless. The ordinance might have remained weak, but last year the board's new majority strengthened and broadened it to enable voters to launch a recall campaign for any reason whatever — just so long as it wasn't launched in the first year or final six months of the office holder's term.

Well, barely two months have passed since Village President Shiela Schultz completed the first year of her four-year term, and already a long-time political ally of the former mayor has filed notice to recall her. The petitioner, Crisanne Irmiter, has indicated an intention to seek the recall of several trustees as well. She has 30 days from the date of filing to collect 1,053 signatures, one-third of the voters who cast ballots in the village's last mayoral race.

Irmiter has offered only the meekest of reasons in support of her effort. She cites no alleged criminal conduct, no apparent malfeasance, no breach of trust, not even an arguable abuse of home-rule authority. All she cites is a brief list of policy decisions with which she disagrees: raising water rates to pay for Lake Michigan water, granting a liquor license, declining to reappoint the zoning board chairman, investing the village manager with specific powers, and so forth. For this, she is willing to tear apart the community.

Given last year's deliberate broadening of the recall ordinance, Irmiter's effort is indisputably within the umbrella of the law. Wheeling officials can indeed be recalled for anything.

We cannot help sense, however, that this is nothing more than another move in the chess game that the embattled political elements of Wheeling have played out for the last several years. It seems intended neither to resolve a point of plain contention nor to heal a sore of divisiveness but rather to even a score, to strike back at Schultz and her slate for winning last year's municipal elections.

Although it can be hard to turn down signature collectors, we hope Wheeling voters will refuse to sign this petition. Each signature will only further a petty political plot. Wheeling doesn't need to recall its current political leaders; it needs to keep electing them and others like them to ensure that good government continues.

# Wheeling mayor faces recall move

suburban TRIP July 23

By Eddy McNeil

A MOVEMENT is underway in Wheeling to recall Village President Sheila Schultz, and the drive's organizer said she's "seriously considering" expanding her cause to include most or all of the village board.

Crisanne Irmiter of 265 S. Wheeling Ave. said Wednesday that she is confident she can collect the approximately 1,050 signatures of registered voters needed by Aug. 16 to put the question to the voters in November.

Irmiter, a member of the village's zoning board, said she is upset with Schultz over what she sees as an abdication of village board authority to the village manager's office. She said she also disagrees with the recent granting of another liquor license for package sales and the village's participation with the Wheeling Park District in the Heritage Park flood control project.

"I HAVE BEEN a fairly constant attendee of village board meetings," she said. "I'm not one to harangue from the audience, but it doesn't stop me from thinking."

Irmiter said she would decide in coming weeks whether to begin petition drives to recall other elected officials.

Irmiter, who was appointed to the zoning board by former Village President William Hein and who worked in his unsuccessful bid for re-election against Schultz in April, 1981, said the idea for the recall attempt is entirely her own. She said she hadn't talked to Hein about it.

"He has nothing to do with this," she said. "I deliberately kept this quiet until after I filed it."

SCHULTZ SAID, however, that "there's not a doubt in the world" that Hein is behind the move. Schultz garnered a 94-vote margin over Hein in the election, and said the recall is the former village president's way of getting back at her. Five of the six village board members were part of Schultz' election slate.

"I was told after the election that they didn't take the campaign very seriously, that they didn't pull out all the stops," she said. "I think they will this time."

"What else is she going to say?" Hein asked, denying any involvement in the matter. "As far as the whole organization goes we haven't been involved."

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## Wheeling mayor facing recall

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HEIN SAID he preferred not to comment on whether he believed Schultz should remain in office. "Let the voters decide that," he said.

"It makes me furious that a few people, for their own motives, would put a cloud over the village just when other governmental bodies are saying we're getting our act together," Schultz said.

Schultz said she has been a supporter of a move to centralize the authority for day-to-day operation of the village in the manager's hands, but said there is nothing wrong with that system.

"Sure we changed from the old system of doing things," Schultz said. She claimed that the old system meant receiving special favors from friends in elective office. "You don't clean something up without stepping on some toes, I guess."

## From the Country. State Reminder Police Blotter

A young man, after playing a Pac-Man video game for about two hours Friday night at the 7-11 store on Dundee Road in Wheeling, handed the clerk a note demanding money and then fled with \$90.

"Give me money, or else," read the note placed on the counter by a man described as a white male between 18 and 20, about 5 feet 1 inch tall and 180 pounds. He was further described as heavy set with red-blond hair and acne, wearing a plaid shirt and blue jeans.

Wheeling police received the description from a 16-year-old female employee of 7-11. She told police the man was playing Pac-Man from about 8 to 10:20 p.m. and then approached the counter with the note. She said she handed the man about \$90 from the cash register and fled, taking the note with him.

Sgt. Jack Kimsey said the incident and a composite photo of the suspect are similar to recent robberies reported by Northbrook and Cook County police. Kimsey said the case is still under investigation.

HERALD NEIGHBOR July 22

# How to share road with emergency vehicles

You've seen the pictures; twisted wreckage of fire trucks, police cruisers and ambulances, torn from their life-saving mission by a preventable accident.

Wheeling officials offer these tips on how to share the road with all classes of emergency vehicles to help them go about their vital business and to make it less likely that one day one of those vehicles must come to your rescue.

Unfortunately, laws and traffic arrangements regarding emergency vehicles differ from city to country, from state to state. Some progressive municipalities have systems which electronically give emergency vehicles a continuing series of green lights along their routes — or which cause traffic signals along the route to show red on all sides. For most areas, though, emergency vehicles must pick their way across crowded intersections against red lights, cross traffic and great knots of stopped traffic in their path.

In most areas, state law requires motorists to pull to the right curb and come to a full stop when an emergency vehicle is displaying lights and siren. Some areas only call for you to bear right and slow down but the pull-over-and-stop policy is always safer, where traffic permits.

**FOR YOUR PART**, be attentive. The highway-hypnotized driver who never checks his mirrors may not see the lights; the music lover with his 40-watt stereo cranked up full may not hear the sirens. Make sure you're aware of your driving environment.

Most auto-emergency vehicle accidents occur at intersections. Often motorists barrel through a green light without hearing the siren's wail. Keep your ears open and be prepared to yield to the crossing emergency vehicle.

Another prime cause of intersection accidents is the motorist who tries to be too helpful. This knight of the road, stopped at a red light, sees the ambulance coming up behind him and wonders how the ambulance will get through the intersection while he's stopped in it. So he panics and bolts across against the light or makes a turn from the wrong lane

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against the light, believing that in so doing he's helping the ambulance driver.

**EMERGENCY VEHICLE** drivers are trained to deal with a stopped-up intersection in this fashion: they swing into the empty on-

coming traffic lane, cross the intersection, and enter the empty right lane again on the other side. The "helpful" motorist who bolts a light may cause an accident right in the ambulance's path. By bolting into a left turn from a right lane, the motorist may cross directly in front of the emergency vehicle which has switched into the leftmost lane, and actually

cause an accident with the other vehicle he's trying to help.

In other words, whenever you see the lights and hear the siren, stopping is the fire-wise thing to do. Emergency drivers are trained to deal with common traffic snarl-ups. Give them lots of working room by remaining still and predictable.

# Seniors may apply for housing today

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must be at least 62-years-old. Annual income for a single applicant must not exceed \$9,700 or \$11,100 for a couple. In addition to income, eligible applicants must not have assets worth more than \$15,000, unless the combined assets and income are not enough money for the applicant to afford other housing.

The complex is being built with federal funds near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street. It is expected to open shortly after Thanksgiving.

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Tribune photo by Va. Mazzenga

A Wheeling couple on Valley Stream Drive helplessly watch torrential rains. Another story, a map showing rainfall levels and more photos are in Focus, Back Page of Section 4.



# Village hall, roads snarled by floods Herald 7/23/82

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

In what some say is the worst flooding in 25 years, Dundee, Wheeling and Wolf roads were closed to traffic Thursday and Wheeling village employees found themselves marooned in the village hall as the Wheeling Drainage Ditch overflowed its banks.

The village hall was also inundated with calls from residents reporting flooded basements in several areas of town, and Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said it wasn't until late Thursday afternoon that public works employees were able to go out and begin the task of pumping out basements.

Flooding caused by heavy thunderstorms that dumped more than four inches of rain on the Northwest suburbs was compounded in the village shortly before noon when the Wheeling Drainage Ditch overflowed its banks, sending a foot of dirty water running across Dundee.

**WHEELING POLICE SGT.** Jack Kimsey said police closed Dundee between Wheeling and Wolf; Wheeling Road between Dundee and Hintz; and Wolf Road between Dundee and Manchester, to prevent motorists from driving through the flood and stalling their cars.

The water cannot be pumped off the roads and Kimsey said the police will keep the roads closed until all the water stops running across the roads.

Fialkowski said the creek was "flowing by outside our windows" and said employees were "semi-trapped" as only emergency vehicles were leaving the complex at 255 W. Dundee Road. "There's not much we can do, but keep the creek clear of debris," he said. "When the river goes up, the creek goes up and it floods. Everything flooded here is because of the creek."

The water did not flood any of the village buildings, but Kimsey said cars parked in lots behind the village hall had to be moved to higher ground as the water surrounded them. Several cars reportedly stalled in other parts of the lot.

Kimsey said ambulances, fire trucks, and other "high axled" vehicles were getting through the water, and squad cars were also being sent out, but had to drive slow because of the deep water on Dundee. "If you go slow it's not bad, but we closed the roads because we don't want guys coming through here going 40 mph," he said.

**DELORES GRASS**, the receptionist at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 181 W. Dundee Road, said she and several priests were also stranded by high water, which flowed across Dundee and down through the low-lying land between the village hall and the church rectory.



Herald photo

**PADDLES AND** wetsuits were in order Thursday at the Wheeling village hall as the water from the overflowing Wheeling Drainage Ditch ran across Dundee

Road. Police closed Dundee, Wheeling and Wolf roads to traffic, but emergency vehicles like this squad car managed to wade through the tide.

Village President Sheila Schultz, who lives in the Meadowbrook subdivision behind the village hall, said the flooding was "as bad as it has ever been" in her area. Schultz's own crawl-space was flooded, and she said at least eight other houses on her block were flooded.

During his 24 years in Wheeling Kimsey said he remembers that once amphibious National Guard vehicles were used to transport residents in the Meadowbrook area, but he's "never seen it this bad," all over the village.

Art Applequist said sewage was running over his toilet like a "waterfall" in the basement of his home on Anthony Road, ruining his brand new carpeting. He said the backup was so bad he was forced to knock a hole in a basement wall so the water could flow faster to the sump pump. "Every time we have a big, heavy rain, it comes up through the toilet."

Applequist said he has experienced similar problems on other occasions in the 16 years he has lived in his home. He said other neighbors had flooded basements, but he did not know if the water came from sanitary sewers.

**VILLAGE OFFICIALS** said they received several complaints of flooded basements, but added that only two involved sanitary sewer backup. They blamed the problem on the fact that

the storm dumped rain on Wheeling at a rate faster than area sewers could handle.

"There's parts of this community flooding today the I've never heard had flooding problems before," Village Manager Thomas Markus said. "It's tough, but everyone is experiencing it to some degree."

Water Superintendent August Lockfeer said sanitary and storm sewers often fill up when the streets flood. He said sanitary sewer backing up is a problem in areas of the village and the department is answering every complaint, trying to correct the situation.

Applequist said neighbors noticed the sewers backing up early in the morning and worked to clear them so the water could flow into detention basins. He added that the damage already had been done to his home.

"It's all sewer water in here — it stinks," he said.

Trixie Reinagle, 405 Thelma Court, said she had six inches of water in her basement that ruined her carpet and soaked her furniture. Reinagle blamed the flooding on water that collects in nearby Horizon Park and runs into the homes. She said her home has flooded for eight years, cracking the foundation, and she has demanded that Wheeling Park District officials correct the problem.

The drainage pond at Husky Park

was also reportedly flooded, with children swimming and boating in the water.

Park Superintendent David Phillips could not be reached for comment. Park workers said he was home because his own basement was flooded.

# Developer delays golf course purchase HERALD 7/23/82

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A developer who is proposing to purchase the Arlington Country Club and build 1,200 condominiums there says he is delaying his plans for one year because of high interest rates and the poor economy.

Despite the delay, William Maybrook, vice president of the Lexington Development Corporation, said company officials "are still optimistic" that the 130-acre golf course near the intersection of Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads will be purchased and are going ahead with plans to annex the land to Wheeling.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said he will meet with Lexington officials to discuss the annexation but would set no date for the deal. Markus also said plans for the develop-



ment have been reviewed by Wheeling's planners and no significant changes were made in the proposal.

**MEANWHILE**, GOLF course owner Daniel Taggart said he is planning to open the golf course for play next sum-

mer as he waits for the property to be sold. "Lexington was supposed to purchase the course in October but has asked us to extend that option for a year because the interest rates won't be favorable this fall," Taggart said. "The course will be open next year. That's what we're telling everyone."

The golf course was built in the 1920s as a private club. Play was interrupted at the course during World War II when the Curtiss Candy Co. used the fairways for grazing land and the clubhouse as a chicken coop. Taggart's father bought the course in 1950 and the family since has operated it as a public course.

But in recent years the Taggarts have tried to sell the course, saying that rising property taxes have made it unprofitable. Four years ago, 5.5 acres of the land were sold to a Skokie developer who is planning to build 126

condominiums there.

Lexington's plans for the development include the construction of 1,200 condominiums in two- and four-story buildings. Several outdoor pools and recreation centers also are included in the plans, along with a retention lake in the center of the property. Some 17 acres of wooded land near the northeast corner of the golf course would remain undeveloped.

Company officials also have discussed building some type of commercial or office development on six acres along Dundee, just east of Buffalo Grove Road.

Neighbors in the Wheeling's nearby Hollywood Ridge subdivision have expressed concern that the development would bring overcrowding and traffic jams to the area, but Lexington officials say they will work to alleviate the problems.



# Torrents of rain pound area

by Paul Gores

Herald staff writer

Pounding thunderstorms dumped more rain on the Northwest suburbs late Wednesday and early Thursday than the area normally gets during the entire month of July, leaving a wake of accidental deaths, flooded buildings, submerged roads, traffic jams and power outages.

More than four inches of rain were recorded in Arlington Heights during a 24-hour period ending at 1 p.m. Thursday, while 3.6 inches of rain were measured by the National Weather Service in Barrington. The average rainfall for all of July is only 3.46 inches.

The torrential showers, which began about 8 p.m. Wednesday, were concentrated north and northwest of Chicago.

"It was a series of storms associated with a cold front that went through the area," said Laverne Wermich of the National Weather Service. "There were thunderstorms ahead of the front and thunderstorms lingering behind it and they just kept coming. We had

such hot, humid weather before the cold front came through, and that added to the moisture content of the air."

**AFTER A PARTLY** sunny day with high temperatures around 80 degrees today, the rain is expected to return off-and-on Saturday through Monday, Wermich said.

"It looks like we're in for some more rain, but probably not as extensive as we've had in the last 24 hours," Wermich said.

At least two deaths are being attributed to the rain. In Palatine, Kenneth Rozelle, 15, of 853 Sanborn Drive, was killed at 9:44 p.m. Wednesday when he apparently lost control of his bicycle in the heavy rain and swerved off a median strip into the path of an oncoming car. The accident occurred on Dundee Road near Hicks Road, police said.

In Algonquin, village Police Officer Larry Holder, 31, who tried to help children trapped in the strong current of an overflowing creek near the Fox River, apparently was swept away and drowned about noon Thursday, a police

department spokesman said. The children were able to escape.

The search for Holder, a seven-year veteran of the force, was discontinued at 9 p.m. Thursday as darkness set in. The search is expected to continue today, said John Mitchell, a spokesman for the police.

The Algonquin area and the North Shore received the heaviest rainfall of the storm, according to the National Weather Service. Approximately 7 inches of rain fell in the Algonquin area overnight while 5.4 inches fell in Glenview in just 12 hours, Wermich said.

**IN THE NORTHWEST** suburbs, Wheeling, Prospect Heights, Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove and Des Plaines seemed hardest hit by the storm.

Village officials in Wheeling found themselves stranded at village hall Thursday as the Wheeling Drainage Ditch overflowed its banks and forced officials to close Dundee, Wheeling and

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## Month's worth of rain soaks area suburbs within hours

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Wolf roads. Flooded basements were reported throughout the village and Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said water from the creek was "flowing by outside our windows." Only emergency vehicles were leaving the village complex at 255 West Dundee Road.

Wheeling police continued to reroute traffic during rush hour, as sections of Dundee, Lake-Cook and Wolf roads were still flooded. State police said they also had to direct traffic on a section of the Edens Expressway by Willow Road near Wheeling.

In Mount Prospect, officials reported 2½ to 3 feet of water on Kensington Road just east of Rand Road near Randhurst Shopping Center.

"We had water up to the top of the hood of one car," said Herbert Weeks, village public works director.

Roads in the area were barricaded or narrowed to one lane during the morning rush hour and several cars stalled because of the wetness. The intersections of Linneman and Algonquin roads, Wheeling Road and Boxwood Drive, and Dempster Street and Algonquin Road also were under water, said Michael Salatino of the Mount Prospect crime prevention unit.

**IN PROSPECT HEIGHTS**, City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said there had been several complaints from resi-

dents whose basements were flooded. Trouble spots included homes along McDonald Creek, the Country Gardens subdivision and apartments in the Wimbledon Estates subdivision southeast of Palatine and Wolf roads.

"We are flooding so bad out here right now I'm about ready to buy a raft," said Vera Fabian, who owns a home along McDonald Creek.

About 40 roads in Des Plaines, including River, Rand and Campground roads and Northwest Highway, had to be blocked off for the morning rush hour because of standing water too deep for traffic.

In Buffalo Grove, the heavy rains flooded hundreds of basements and forced the closing of several roads. Sanford Peller, the owner of Travelrama, 139 Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove, said the water in his office was "ankle deep when we came in" Thursday.

Palatine public works crews closed Smith and Colfax streets and traveled throughout the village clearing storm sewers, said Robert Rudd, community development director. Flooding caused traffic problems at several locations in Schaumburg.

During the morning rush hour, the Northwest Tollway was backed up from Route 53 to the Kennedy Expressway, said Dan Fields of the Lee Communications traffic report service.

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REMINDER 7-29-82

## Hein backer begins drive to oust village president

A supporter of former Village President William Hein has started a drive in Wheeling to oust Village President Sheila Schultz from office.

Crisanne Irmiter of 265 S. Wheeling Ave., filed legal notice with the village last week that she is circulating petitions asking for a recall referendum to be held to vote on removing Schultz from her elected office.

Irmiter has 30 days, or until Aug. 15, to collect 1,050 signatures of registered voters needed to put the recall question to the voters in November.

Irmiter said she is also considering filing a recall move against five of the six village trustees now in office.

Irmiter, who was appointed by Hein to

the village zoning board and worked in his unsuccessful campaign for re-election, said she did not deny that Hein was her friend, but said, "Bill Hein has nothing to do with this."

Schultz defeated Hein with only a 94-vote margin in the April 1981 village election. Two members of her election slate also won board seats. Trustee Roger Powers was the only member of Hein's slate to retain a board seat.

Irmiter said she is seeking the recall action because she is upset with the board's giving so much power to the village manager. She said she is angered by a doubling of village water rates and the board's granting a liquor license to Walgreen's.

# Hearing tonight on sewer repairs

Wheeling officials will conduct a public hearing tonight on \$3.6 million in work needed to repair the village's sewer system to prevent rainwater from leaking into it.

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

Included in the \$3.6 million project is \$1.5 million to plug leaks in the sewer system, \$1.6 million to build an additional sanitary sewer along Wheeling Road between Dundee and Hintz roads, and \$500,000 for additional sewer studies and repairs.

A study of the village sewers was made after the Metropolitan Sanitary District ordered Wheeling to eliminate leaks in the village's sanitary sewer system. The excess water leaking into the system must be treated along with sewage, which increases the cost of treating the water.

Village officials say they do not yet know whether federal funds will be available to help finance the project. If the funds are not available, the village probably will pay for the work with sewer user fees paid by residents and businesses or will borrow the money and repay the loan with sewer fees or property taxes.

Wheeling trustees tonight also will hear an updated report on plans to improve village streets, sewers and the water system over the next five years.

In May 1981, village trustees adopted a plan that called for \$18.9 million in improvements throughout the village. The updated report indicates that while some of the work has been completed, other projects were postponed because of lack of money.

The updated plan has projects totaling \$17 million, including \$6.9 million in water supply improvements necessary when the village starts receiving Lake Michigan water. The program also includes \$4.9 million of renovation and repair to the village's sanitary and storm sewer system and \$4.1 million work on village streets. Nearly \$200,000 has been designated for sidewalk work and \$1.02 million for miscellaneous projects, including construction of the proposed senior citizens center.

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The complex is being built with federal funds near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street. It is expected to open shortly after Thanksgiving.

The Wheeling youth commission Wednesday will discuss whether the village should adopt a drug paraphernalia law similar to the Hoffman Estates ordinance that has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The commission meets at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Commission Chairman Faye Moroz said she is concerned that businesses selling paraphernalia will move into Wheeling as surrounding towns tighten their laws and Cook County continues to enforce its ban.

Currently only one village store, Rock 'N Records, 851 W. Dundee Road, carries paraphernalia such as rolling papers and other "tobacco-related" items.

Last March the U.S. Supreme Court voted to uphold a Hoffman Estates' ordinance that restricts the sale of drug paraphernalia to adults and requires them to register in a logbook that is open to police inspection. Moroz said she favors Wheeling adopting a similar ordinance, because it has already withstood a court test.

## Drain clog means flood

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A large part of Wheeling's drainage problems and solutions begin with the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, according to a recent study in the village's proposed Capital Improvements Program.

Like other urbanized areas that grew up fast in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Wheeling has seen increased flooding and drainage problems occur as farm land is developed into urban areas.

"Drainage problems have been a critical issue in Wheeling for many years. Inadequate drainage restricts development because expanded areas are designated as flood plains and flood ways," said the 1982 Capital Improvements study.

The village's Capital Improvements Program for the coming year calls for structural improvements to the Wheeling Drainage Ditch as outlined in the Des Plaines River Floodwater Management Plan Improvements include a diversionary channel to reduce the risk of localized flooding due to inadequate downstream capacity.

Federal funds from the Soil Conservation Service are expected to fund the ditch widening and diversion work.

The project also calls for opening up significant areas of land which is presently undevelopable because of floodway and flood plain restrictions.

Robert D. Gray, director of Operations and Maintenance, said negotiations began this past year to start improvements on the creek north of Dundee Road and east of the Soo Line. Successful completion of those improvements will open large new vacant parcels of land along Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway for development.

The Operations and Maintenance Department is also planning to continue work on roadway drainage extensions in conjunction with street rehabilitations planned by the village.

REMINDER 7-29-82

Residents may apply for disaster relief

## Wheeling bails out from 200-year flood

By JOAN FLEISCHER

The rains came Thursday in a deluge, and when they subsided, the Village of Wheeling was left with flood losses estimated at about \$250,000. Water from the heavy rains seeped into more than 120 homes and caused extensive damages.

Wheeling has applied for disaster relief funds from the Illinois Emergency Services Disaster Agency. Robert W. Fialkowski, assistant village manager, said there is a possibility that Wheeling residents could be granted disaster loans.

"Wheeling saw some of the worse flooding we have ever experienced," said Village Manager Thomas M. Markus who waded in fishing boots Thursday night and Friday morning as he toured the community to assess damages.

"Unofficially, we estimate that Wheeling received over six inches of rainfall in about 12 hours, an intensity which would occur only once every 200 years," he said.

The Wheeling drainage ditch, Des Plaines River and other drainage systems which gather rainfall from neighboring communities and then flow through Wheeling were swollen and compounded to the intensity of the heavy rainfall, Markus said.

Markus and all other village employees found themselves stranded at the village hall complex Thursday until about 6:30 p.m. because overflowing of the drainage ditch had forced the closing of areas of Dundee, Wheeling and Wolf Roads.

Fialkowski said water from the creek was flowing by outside the office windows.

Several village employees who spent the day pumping storm water and aiding residents came home late that evening only to find their own homes flooded with water, said Trustee William A. Rogers.

Workers in the village Operations and Maintenance Department were in the streets all day setting up roadblocks with the police, pumping storm water and assisting residents. The department also set up a shuttle bus service across Jeffrey Avenue bridge where the village had the worst flooding. For residents whose streets were not passable, they received rides from their cars to their homes and back to their cars Friday morning.

As the day drew to a close, the department started the job of pumping basements dry. Hard-hit streets included Anthony, Berkshire, Beverly, Cedar, Meadowbrook, St. Armand and Valley Stream.

In addition to pumping out homes, the Operations and Maintenance personnel assisted stalled motorists, handled traffic control and set up a 24-hour surveillance of the village.

Wheeling residents whose homes were damaged by flooding are urged to register with the Red Cross in Deerfield to report damages and apply for relief assistance.

The Red Cross is holding special hours today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road.



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# Red Cross surveying flood damage

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

Volunteers from the American Red Cross have begun a door-to-door survey in parts of Wheeling to estimate flood damage and determine what types of aid should be available to homeowners whose property was ravaged by last week's flooding.

Village officials also are trying to determine whether low-cost loans will be available to homeowners who sustained damage when the Wheeling Drainage Ditch overflowed its banks, sending water streaming across village roads, and filling basements, garages and crawlspaces with dirty water and sewage.

Susie Levine, Red Cross general field representative for northern Cook County, said the volunteers have found "quite a bit of flood damage," in Wheeling, including soaked carpeting, walls, furniture and "ripped up floors and tile" that were loosened by the water.

The Red Cross has set up a relief center at the Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road, and is encouraging Wheeling residents with flood damages to file reports. "Each homeowner

will be interviewed and registered and a home visit will be made," Levine said. Trained volunteers will determine how much damage was sustained, she said.

LEVINE SAID the statistics will be reported to state and federal agencies to determine whether low-interest loans or other aid will be made available. Red Cross volunteers also are on hand to help homeowners file flood insurance and other legal claims.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday. Today the center's hours have been extended to 8 p.m.

Levine said cash contributions to aid last week's flood victims are being taken. Checks should be made out to the Mid-America Chapter of the American Red Cross and sent to 43 E. Ohio St., Chicago, 60611. All checks should be marked for the North Shore Flood Relief to guarantee that the money goes specifically to that project.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said Wheeling's hardest hit areas include both sides of Valley Stream Drive; both sides of Wolf Road between Brian Lane and Manchester; the Meadowbrook subdivision; Jeffrey Lane; and Nancy Lane.

"We don't think anyone is homeless, but there is a lot we don't hear about," Fialkowski said. "There are people with furnaces, air-conditioning and appliances out." Village officials have estimated the damage at nearly \$750,000 including water damage to 350 houses and 20 businesses.

FIALKOWSKI SAID the village also has contacted the Illinois Emergency Services Disaster Agency for help, though village officials "are not real optimistic" that low-interest disaster loans will be available to homeowners.

Fialkowski also said preliminary inspections show that Wheeling Road was damaged in the flooding when water seeped into the road's base and pulled apart the pavement. No cost estimate has been set on the damage and cars are still able to use the street.

Village officials estimate that Wheeling received 6 inches of rain in

12 hours last week as heavy thunderstorms rumbled through the Northwest suburbs. That, coupled with equal amount of rain in towns upstream from Wheeling, caused the worse flooding in the village since 1957. No one was killed or injured during the flood, but the water snarled traffic, forced the closing of several major roads and covered the Chevy Chase golf course with several feet of water.

## Flood-marred golf course reopens

A week after torrential rains swept through Wheeling, flooding the Chevy Chase Golf Course with up to three feet of water, Wheeling Park District officials say the course is finally ready to reopen today.

But during a summer already marred by poor weather and a shortened golf season, Park Superintendent David Phillips said the district is facing up to \$30,000 in lost revenues because of the week-long closing, and a still undetermined amount of damages

to greens and fairways caused by the standing water.

Phillips said the course sustained "bad damage" in last week's flooding. Park district workers have been pumping the water off the course with the aid of a village-owned pump, but the water ruined several greens and left some of the fairways covered with silt. And the humid, windless weather that followed the flood caused grass diseases to set in, he added.

Park district workers have set up some temporary greens and Phillips

said golfers will be kept off wet greens until they completely dry out. Several greens will probably have to be replaced.

GOV. JAMES THOMPSON has declared Lake County a disaster area, making the county eligible for federal disaster funds. Phillips said he has been in contact with the Illinois Emergency Services Disaster Agency about getting "outright reimbursement" for the costs incurred by the district for the clean-up and damage at the

course. But Phillips said the district will not be able to make up the money lost through the lost play.

Meanwhile village officials have scheduled a special board meeting tonight at 8 p.m. to discuss last week's flooding, what can be done about it, and how it might be prevented in the future. That meeting will be in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Wheeling officials estimate the damage at nearly \$750,000, including water damage to 350 houses and 20 business.

## Dick Wydra—the flying firefighter

by Donna Duncan  
Herald correspondent

When Dick Wydra isn't "flying" through the streets of Wheeling on emergency calls for the fire department, he is flying his own plane for recreation and profit.

Wydra, who has been flying for 13 years, also has been teaching for four years at Campbell Airport in Grayslake, on his time off from fireman duty.

"As a kid, I always wanted to learn how to fly. Just like many other people, once I got my first taste of it, I was hooked on it," he said.

FOR THE FIRST EIGHT years though, "I didn't get too many hours of flying in because of the expense," he said. Now to help relieve the cost of flying, he teaches students flying lessons in his Cessna 152 2-seat airplane.

"It is a type basically used for training or short recreational flights," he said.

In the 13 years he's been flying, Wydra has never had an accident, although he experienced one incident of engine failure in which he safely landed in a field.

"With today's modern equipment and main-



DICK WYDRA

tenance, something like this seldom happens," he said.

ANOTHER FACTOR TO eliminate or reduce accidents is emergency training, says Wydra. In his lessons, Wydra incorporates two main procedures to ensure safety while flying: remaining calm and thorough pre-flight inspections.

"The main thing is calmness. I think I pretty

much always had it, but being here in the fire department has reinforced it a great deal because we deal with emergencies all the time," he said. "I don't get excited or raise my voice at the students. I am a quiet type and teach in a calm manner, which usually floats over to the students. If a person is nervous, I take things slowly."

One pre-flight procedure that Wydra stresses to his students is to get out of the plane while refueling.

"A mistake that I've seen a lot at airports is that the people stay in the plane while refueling. Wydra also instructs his students to perform a walk around inspection outside of the plane before take-off and then use a checklist with 15-20 items to check inside the plane.

"WHEN USING A checklist, you don't forget anything. For example, there is no reason why someone should run out of fuel. They should be aware of how much they have and manage it properly," he said.

Wydra teaches his students four standard procedures to his beginning students: flying straight and level, climbing, descending and turning.

"If they can do those four things, they can fly by themselves," he said. In landing, students should "remember to keep wings level and slow down to minimal air speed. Crashing at 45 miles per hour is very survivable. The important thing is not if the plane comes down, but if a student walks away from it," he said. Students may learn how to fly a plane as short as one month, but the average is one year to get a license, says Wydra. "A lot depends on the weather and scheduling," he said.

Because the flights usually consist of jaunts to southern Wisconsin, it takes away from time at home.

"My wife doesn't mind me flying because it is a safe past-time. She just doesn't like the time I'm away from home. The nice thing about it though is that I'm able to schedule the lessons around work and home. I don't advertise. Students hear of me through word-of-mouth."

Out of the many students he has taught, Wydra says that about 20 of them have gone on to receive their licenses. Once they have it, they can rent planes from almost any airport," he said.

# Flood played havoc on homes, roads

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WHILE MUCH of the damage from the storm that lashed the area July 22 hit Deerfield, other surrounding areas suffered severe flood damage as well.

In Wheeling, the eastern portion of the village was hit hard by the flood, especially along Wolf Road that was closed from Dundee Road south to Hintz Road. According to a police spokesman Dundee was closed from 10:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., mostly because of the extreme difficulty motorists had trying to drive through the high-standing water.

In addition to substantial damage to homes, the Wheeling Park District estimates it lost nearly \$30,000 because of flooding at the Chevy Chase Golf Course. Director of Parks and Recreation David Phillips said Tuesday, July 27 he was hopeful the course could be re-

opened by Thursday, July 29.

Besides the lost revenue, Phillips said it still is undetermined how much damage might have been done to the course itself, especially the greens.

**NORTHBROOK VILLAGE** Manager Robert Thursday and part of Friday while the Shermer Road underpass, south of Willow Road, was closed to traffic Thursday, July 22.

Assistant Village Manager John Novinson said much of the problem in the village was attributed to the excessive amount of rain which fell in a short period of time.

Novinson said Village Hall received between 160 and 170 phone calls on July 22.

"The biggest problem," Novinson said, "was answering the phone and getting people to understand there

is only so much you can do during a flood."

**HE SAID** about 2 inches of water got into Village Hall affecting the Engineering, Planning and Development Departments.

In Glenview, as in Deerfield, much of the problem was limited to the western part of the village.

According to Bill Porter, administrative assistant to the director of development and public services, the problem in Glenview got worse after the rain had stopped.

According to Porter, water from areas north of the village began to come down and cause retention basins to overflow.

According to Cpl. William Schmidt of the Illinois State Police, the rain slowed traffic on the tollway, but there were not too many problems with standing water.



GETTING AROUND ON a bike wasn't much better than driving last Thursday as this bike rider found out going through a little water in Glenview. (Photo by Steve Donisch)



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## Slow going

WHEELING ROAD WAS more of a river than a road last Thursday after heavy rain caused flooding. In addition to Wheeling Road Dundee

and Wolf roads in the village were flooded. Both were close for most of the day, although Wheeling Road remained open. (Photo by John Meyer)

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## Compromise reached on cost of repairs to well

After a disagreement over whether a warranty would cover needed repairs on a village well pump, Wheeling officials have compromised and agreed to spend \$10,410 to help pay for the work.

Last year the Milaeger Well and Pump Co. was called to repair a pump at the village well near Old Willow Road and the Soo Line railroad tracks. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said those repairs were guaranteed by the company for one year. This February the pump stopped working, and Fialkowski said Milaeger

pulled the pump and located the problem, but refused to pay for the repairs, saying the repairs did not fall under the one-year warranty.

Village officials considered legal action to force the repairs, but Village Manager Thomas Markus instead met with company officials and negotiated the compromise fee.

Removal of the pump, repairs and reinstallation will cost \$26,570, but Markus and company officials agreed that Wheeling will only have to pay \$10,410 of that cost.



# Board OKs emergency well repairs

By MARY SUE PENN  
Correspondent

The Wheeling Village Board voted at a special meeting Monday, July 26, to spend \$10,409.10 to make emergency repairs on well No. 6.

A malfunction caused the board to call a special meeting 15 minutes prior to its regular Monday night meeting.

The board decided that "to maintain proper water volume, the emergency repair of Well No. 6 is necessary." Milanger Well and Company will do the work.

At its regular meeting, the Board learned about the eroded condition of its sewer pipes, unexamined for more than 20 years.

Corrections to the sewer problems are "long overdue," said Robert Gray, village director of operations and maintenance. "When sewers are constructed, they're out of sight, out of mind."

Gray presented the Sewer System

## SUMMARY

EMERGENCY REPAIRS to well No. 6 were approved by the Wheeling Village Board at its meeting Monday, July 26. Extreme eroding in the well forced the Village Board to take the action and give the green light to the nearly \$10,500 expenditure. According to Robert Gray, director of operations and maintenance in the village, the repairs are "long overdue."

At the meeting, the board also heard a report about damage caused by heavy rain Thursday, July 22. Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said damage to homes ranged from several hundred to several thousand dollars. He added that he was surprised more residents did not have flood insurance.

Evaluation Survey to the board, complete with a videotaped look through a 141-foot stretch of Wheeling sewer pipe.

HE ESTIMATES the cost to repair cracked and blocked sewer pipes at \$1.5 million. Out of that, it will cost the village about \$159,000 to correct 389 defects found in service lines from homes or businesses to the sanitary sewer pipes.

Wheeling will seek financial help from the federal government for

work on the sewer system.

The village must repair and replace sanitary sewer pipes because too much infiltration of ground water and inflow of storm water are causing potential health hazards, according to Gray.

He pointed out on the videotape where tree roots had completely blocked pipes. "What happens is the roots penetrate the crack, expand, and they crush the tile," Gray said.

Wheeling residents cause other damage by breaking into the pipes to illegally connect a drainage line from their sump pumps, Gray said.

Design work on the new sewer system should begin within the next few months, he said.

The Board also heard a progress report on its capital improvements program, of which the sewer system study was the main part.

According to the report, There are significant new projects in the CIP for the upcoming five-year period, because of a "fiscally conservative outlook" and the "comprehensive nature" of the program as it stands.

The village made its main progress in work to improve its water supply, according to assistant village manager Robert Fialkowski.

Construction of a pipeline from Evanston has begun so Wheeling can receive Lake Michigan water. Also, work on a design for a system of pipes, tanks and one pumphouse

is progressing, the report said. Another major project is to improve roads, Fialkowski said. He

said he will present the Board with a list prioritizing roads that need work.

## Village to seek disaster status

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said she "heard nothing but good things" about village workers' efforts during the recent floods.

"It was a good lesson for the community that neighbors do pull together," Schultz told the Village Board at its meeting Monday, July 26.

The village appealed to the Emergency Service Disaster Agency to be declared a disaster area. That would make it eligible for low-interest loans to help pay for repairs from flood damage. However, the village has received no reply yet.

The Red Cross will canvass the village to determine which areas were hit the hardest, said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski.

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IF YOU WERE waiting for the mail in Wheeling, you may have had to either wait for water to go down or catch the nearest boat. (Photos by Steve Donisch).

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## Hein backer begins drive to oust village president

Reminder 7/29/82

A supporter of former Village President William Hein has started a drive in Wheeling to oust Village President Sheila Schultz from office.

Crisanne Irmiter of 265 S. Wheeling Ave., filed legal notice with the village last week that she is circulating petitions asking for a recall referendum to be held to vote on removing Schultz from her elected office.

Irmiter has 30 days, or until Aug. 15, to collect 1,050 signatures of registered voters needed to put the recall question to the voters in November.

Irmiter said she is also considering filing a recall move against five of the six village trustees now in office.

Irmiter, who was appointed by Hein to

the village zoning board and worked in his unsuccessful campaign for re-election, said she did not deny that Hein was her friend, but said, "Bill Hein has nothing to do with this."

Schultz defeated Hein with only a 94-vote margin in the April 1981 village election. Two members of her election slate also won board seats. Trustee Roger Powers was the only member of Hein's slate to retain a board seat.

Irmiter said she is seeking the recall action because she is upset with the board's giving so much power to the village manager. She said she is angered by a doubling of village water rates and the board's granting a liquor license to Walgreen's.





While a woman on Dundee Road clears weeds from her fence, children at Chambers Park play in the flooded William F. Blank Memorial Rose Garden.

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(Rain date: August 8)



## Drain clog means flood

Reminder 7/29/82

A large part of Wheeling's drainage problems and solutions begin with the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, according to a recent study in the village's proposed Capital Improvements Program.

Like other urbanized areas that grew up fast in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Wheeling has seen increased flooding and drainage problems occur as farm land is developed into urban areas.

"Drainage problems have been a critical issue in Wheeling for many years. Inadequate drainage restricts development because expanded areas are designated as flood plains and flood ways," said the 1982 Capital Improvements study.

The village's Capital Improvements Program for the coming year calls for structural improvements to the Wheeling Drainage Ditch as outlined in the Des Plaines River Floodwater Management Plan. Improvements include a diversionary channel to reduce the risk of localized flooding due to inadequate downstream capacity.

Federal funds from the Soil Conservation Service are expected to fund the ditch widening and diversion work.

The project also calls for opening up significant areas of land which is presently undevelopable because of floodway and flood plain restrictions.

Robert D. Gray, director of Operations and Maintenance, said negotiations began this past year to start improvements on the creek north of Dundee Road and east of the Soo Line. Successful completion of those improvements will open large new vacant parcels of land along Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway for development.

The Operations and Maintenance Department is also planning to continue work on roadway drainage extensions in conjunction with street rehabilitations planned by the village.

# Residents plead for flood relief

Daily Herald July 30 '82

More than 40 Wheeling residents hit hard by last week's flooding turned out Thursday night to plead with village officials to find a way to prevent future flooding.

Some of the residents also were critical of the lack of immediate flood relief, including the lack of organization of village workers closing streets and pumping basements and the late involvement of the Red Cross in the disaster relief. But the residents also made some suggestions of their own to handle the next flood better.

Lewis Gibson, 85 E. Jeffery, said he was surprised that the village did not have a written disaster plan to help evacuate residents during flooding.

Cindy Ronnbeck, 95 E. Meadowbrook, asked the village to set up a committee and special fund to help residents during disasters. Ronnbeck said the money could be

used for babysitting, food and other emergency relief.

**THE RESIDENTS** also bombarded the village board with questions about flood insurance and future plans to reroute floodwaters around Wheeling.

Meanwhile, village officials say they are still seeking different ways to help residents recoup the losses suffered in the flooding.

Wheeling has not been declared an official disaster area but residents may still be eligible for low-interest loans and other help.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village is asking residents to fill out damage reports and submit them to the village. These reports will be sent to the Illinois Emergency Services Disaster Agency where they will be used to determine if enough damage was done to qualify

Wheeling for disaster aid. The forms are available at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The Red Cross also has set up a relief center at the Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road, and is urging residents with property damage to file reports. These statistics will be used to determine whether low-interest loans or other aid will be available from governmental agencies. Red Cross volunteers are on hand to help homeowners file flood insurance and other legal claims. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

# Panel seeks comments on airport

July 30 '82 Herald

As their last task in recommending whether Pal-Waukee Airport should be publicly owned, a special citizens committee studying the matter will solicit comments from the public Aug. 11.

That meeting is designed to get the opinion of "the average citizen, the guy down the street," said John Gilligan, chairman of the Pal-Waukee Citizens Advisory Committee. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Gary Morava Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights.

Comments from Prospect Heights residents are specifically solicited, although other residents probably will be

given an opportunity to talk, Gilligan said. Some sort of time limit is likely to be imposed, he said.

**GILLIGAN SAID** his committee — consisting of Esther Noffke, an administrative assistant at the airport, Frank Allgauer, owner of Allgauer's Fireside Restaurant, and residents Bud Lemke and Dan Quiery — plans to recommend to the city council in September whether the airport should be purchased by Prospect Heights and Wheeling. The committee also is scheduled to discuss other possible uses of the land if the airport is not purchased by the towns and goes out of

business.

A consultant, after spending 3½ years on the project, recommended that the towns buy the airport for about \$53 million, with the funding coming primarily from federal and state sources. Owner George Priester has been trying to sell the airport for years.

Gilligan, a former Wheeling Township trustee and chairman of the city's incorporation committee, said the airport committee has reached no conclusions about the future of Pal-Waukee except that a financing plan "totally insulates the city from any obligation

to pay." A common misconception among the public is that local tax dollars would have to be used to buy the airport, he said.

Under that financing plan, the share of local dollars that will be needed to purchase the airport range from \$2.6 million to \$5.3 million. The consultant's suggestion is that bonds bearing the towns' names be issued and then repaid from airport revenues.

Gilligan said that arrangement is "extremely secure... the real decision (on whether the airport bonds are a solid investment) is being made by the bond buyer."

## Residents may apply for disaster relief

# Wheeling bails out from 200-year flood

Reminder 7/29/82

By **JOAN FLEISCHER**

The rains came Thursday in a deluge, and when they subsided, the Village of Wheeling was left with flood losses estimated at about \$250,000. Water from the heavy rains seeped into more than 120 homes and caused extensive damages.

Wheeling has applied for disaster relief funds from the Illinois Emergency Services Disaster Agency. Robert W. Fialkowski, assistant village manager, said there is a possibility that Wheeling residents could be granted disaster loans.

"Wheeling saw some of the worse flooding we have ever experienced," said Village Manager Thomas M. Markus who waded in fishing boots Thursday night and Friday morning as he toured the community to assess damages.

"Unofficially, we estimate that Wheeling received over six inches of rainfall in about 12 hours, an intensity which would occur only once every 200 years," he said.

The Wheeling drainage ditch, Des Plaines River and other drainage systems which gather rainfall from neighboring communities and then flow through Wheeling were swollen and compounded to the intensity of the heavy rainfall, Markus said.

Markus and all other village employees found themselves stranded at the village hall complex Thursday until about 6:30 p.m. because overflowing of the drainage ditch had forced the closing of areas of Dundee, Wheeling and Wolf Roads.

Fialkowski said water from the creek was flowing by outside the office windows.

Several village employees who spent the day pumping storm water and aiding residents came home late that evening only to find their own homes flooded with water, said Trustee William A. Rogers.

Workers in the village Operations and Maintenance Department were in the streets all day setting up roadblocks with the police, pumping storm water and assisting residents. The department also set up a shuttle bus service across Jeffrey Avenue bridge where the village had the worst flooding. For residents whose streets were not passable, they received rides from their cars to their homes and back to their cars Friday morning.

As the day drew to a close, the department started the job of pumping basements dry. Hard-hit streets included Anthony, Berkshire, Beverly, Cedar, Meadowbrook, St. Armand and Valley Stream.

In addition to pumping out homes, the Operations and Maintenance personnel assisted stalled motorists, handled traffic control and set up a 24-hour surveillance of the village.

Wheeling residents whose homes were damaged by flooding are urged to register with the Red Cross in Deerfield to report damages and apply for relief assistance.

The Red Cross is holding special hours today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road.



# Young murder suspect's unusual case heads to trial

July 30 '82 Herald

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

From the beginning, the case has been an unusual one.

At age 14, William C. Boyd Jr. of Wheeling was one of the youngest persons to face adult charges of murder in Illinois.

Defense attorney Michael Norris made headlines when he accused police of using a trained hypnotist, posing as a medical doctor, to coerce the boy to confess.

And there is the crime itself — described by one prosecutor as "highly brutal, vicious ... done in an aggressive, premeditated manner."

Those factors are expected to sur-

face again as Boyd, now 15, nears trial on charges of murder and attempted rape of a 14-year-old neighbor girl in a play shed behind his home.

Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro scheduled a Sept. 7 court hearing for arguments on defense motions and set aside two weeks for the trial at the Skokie branch of Cook County Circuit Court.

Norris, contending Boyd's constitutional rights have been violated, asked Pomaro to suppress the confession and quash the arrest, two of at least 10 defense motions that could jeopardize the prosecution's case.

Boyd, 408 Sunset Lane, is charged in connection with the July 18, 1981 death of Mary Kosinski, 14, of 190 W. Jef-

fer, Wheeling. He is free on \$100,000 bond and plans to resume studies this fall at Wheeling High School.

Police, prosecutors and Norris declined to discuss details of the case because of a court gag order. But police reports of the arrest, court testimony and defense motions tell the following story:

Police said Boyd strangled Kosinski between 2 and 3 a.m. after she rejected his sexual advances. An eye was blackened, there were bruises and bite marks on her body, which was partially nude.

The girl was spending the night alone in the shed after a slumber party in the back yard of the Boyd home. The party had been attended by Boyd and

two other friends, police said.

Testimony at a juvenile court hearing soon after Boyd's arrest revealed the four had been playing strip poker earlier in the evening and the girl had spurned Boyd's sexual advances.

Police said Boyd sneaked back to the shed after the party broke up, tried to rape Kosinski and strangled her in the process.

**NORRIS SAID** Wheeling police coerced Boyd into confessing to a crime he didn't commit. He said Boyd steadfastly denied killing the girl during the first seven hours of questioning at the Wheeling Police Department.

In a court motion to suppress the confession, Norris said Carol Boyd was not permitted to see her son for six and

a half hours while police questioned him.

When she finally saw him, he was "lying on the floor, wrapped in a wool blanket and shaking with tremors, crying," the defense motion said.

Norris said Mrs. Boyd wanted to take her son home or call a lawyer, but police said an attorney would "just slow things down" and that her son really needed a medical doctor.

Police called Clarence Trausch, 820 Kingsford Drive, Buffalo Grove, a former juvenile officer for the department and a "highly trained hypnotist," and told the Boyds he was a medical doctor, Norris said. Norris said Trausch placed Boyd in a trance and he confessed.

# 33% tax levy increase won't hit most of village

July 31 '82 Herald

by Elida Witthoefft

Herald staff writer

A 33 percent increase in the 1982 village property tax levy proposed by Wheeling officials could mean a healthy tax increase for village residents next year.

But for all but 2,000 residents in Wheeling's "old town" area, the in-

crease will be effectively "canceled" by the fact that most Wheeling residents will no longer pay taxes to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District.

Finance Director Gregory Peters is proposing a 1982 levy of \$2.56 million, up more than \$600,000 from the \$1.9 million the village will receive this year. Peters estimates the levy will

raise the village's tax rate from 73 cents to 91 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That means a homeowner will pay an annual village tax bill of \$173 on a house valued at \$19,000.

Under the old tax rate, that same home's tax bill would be \$139.

But Peters said the increase will not be felt by most Wheeling residents because they will no longer pay taxes to

the Wheeling Fire Protection District. Earlier this year the village withdrew from the district in an attempt to equalize the amount of money all village residents paid for their fire protection.

**FOR YEARS WHEELING** has operated its own village fire department, but most residents paid property taxes to both the village and the fire protec-

tion district. This year, the fire district taxed at a rate of 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and will return about \$750,000 of those collections to Wheeling to help pay for the protection Wheeling extends to Prospect Heights and unincorporated areas.

Peters said the disconnection will correct a taxing inequity that has existed since the district was formed some 30 years ago. While most village residents paid the "double taxes," about 2,000 people in the old town area were never included in the district and only paid property taxes to the village. Now the entire village has withdrawn from the district, spreading the cost of maintaining Wheeling's municipal fire department over more residents.

This means that while old town residents will see their tax bill increase from \$139 to \$173, other village residents who would normally have paid their taxes to both the village and the fire district will see their bills drop \$4 from \$177 to \$173.

**SINCE THE VILLAGE** has always levied to finance its own fire department, Peters said no additional money was needed in this year's levy to pay for fire department operations. The village still will receive payments

from the fire district to protect Prospect Heights and unincorporated areas of the district, but the district will raise the money by taxing only those residents.

Peters said the increase in this year's proposed levy includes an additional \$400,000 needed to cover payments on a \$6.4 million loan taken by village officials this year to help pay for Lake Michigan water. Another \$200,000 was added to the levy to pay for increases in Social Security and pension fund benefits, and to bolster the village's road fund.

Under state law, Wheeling normally receives about \$60,000 from Wheeling Township, which levies road taxes and then returns about half the money to villages within the township. But this year the village will lose that money, as Wheeling Township abated its entire road levy.

Peters said anticipated increases in road maintenance costs and planned streetlight and sidewalk improvements also contributed to the increased levy.

The village board will discuss the proposal Monday night at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. A public hearing on the levy is scheduled for Sept. 7.

# Paramedic takes skills to the islands

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

On the surface it may look like an all-expense paid trip to the Bahamas, but Tom Counley knows this year's vacation will be more than just a three-week romp on a sun-dappled beach.

For Counley, a Wheeling fire department paramedic, August will be spent teaching people how to save lives. Counley has taught cardiopulmonary resuscitation — commonly known as CPR — to thousands of people in the Wheeling area. His vacation will be an international extension of the work to which he has dedicated his life.

On Sunday morning, Counley and his family will board a south-bound plane for the small island of Exuma, Bahamas, as part of a medical project financed by Rotary International. Once there, he and his wife will teach CPR and other lifesaving techniques to civil servants, electric and telephone company workers, hotel employees, police, teachers and others.

Carl Muhlenbruch, chairman of Rotary's Exuma project, said the Counleys will bring a valuable skill to the island, where living conditions are primitive and the citizens uneducated. "The need for this kind of thing is hard for us to understand. We take paramedics for granted," Muhlenbruch said.

WHAT STARTED as a requirement for Counley's job as a paramedic has turned into a second full-time, but volunteer job for him. The Wheeling Fire Department was one of the first to establish a CPR program in 1975, and since then Counley has used his off-duty time to teach the technique to residents, students and businesses throughout the area. He even integrated the training into the schools in Wheeling Township Dist. 21 and High School Dist. 214 so that every student in Wheeling that has completed the 7th grade has received CPR training at least once.

Counley also has adapted his training program to handicapped people.

With the aid of a hand-signing interpreter, he taught CPR to a class of deaf students.

"To me it's not work," said Counley. "It's done mostly on my own time and I don't get paid and don't expect to. I get a lot of good results. If we save one life, it's worth it. All I need is someone to turn to me with a big smile and say thanks."

"Most people want to help. When people realize they can do it and save someone's life, they feel very good. It's like an infectious disease."

Spending time with his family is important to Counley and as the CPR classes took up more and more time, he searched for a way to combine both. "I was teaching four nights a week. Basically that's whenever someone wants a class. I can't say no," he said. Now his wife Marge and son Tom Jr. are both trained in CPR and also will travel to the Bahamas to work with him.

"A HUSBAND and wife team is extraordinary," said Muhlenbruch. "That's a real find."

Counley became a firefighter in 1973 after working as a machinist. He describes his job as something he's "really always wanted to do deep down." He speculates that the lasting impression of a fatal car wreck he saw as a child urged him to become a paramedic.

In turn, being a paramedic keeps Counley a CPR advocate. "CPR is keeping a victim mechanically alive. You do CPR because you recognize certain symptoms and what's happening. CPR gives paramedics time. Without the person on the street doing CPR, paramedics and doctors can't save lives," said Counley. "I'm really pushing the public education, like what they can do and how to recognize the signs."

Someday Counley hopes his Wheeling program will rival the Seattle, Washington CPR program, where it is estimated that 33 percent of the residents are trained in the technique. "Wheeling is not as big, but our program is as good. The attitudes of Wheeling residents and companies



Herald photo by Scott Sanders

Carefully checking the equipment they use to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation is part of the preparation Tom and Marge Counley must go through before they leave on their trip to Exuma, Bahamas. The Counleys will travel to the island paradise to teach CPR to residents who are unfamiliar with the sophisticated lifesaving techniques he uses as a paramedic with the Wheeling Fire Department.

makes the program go," he said.

Until then he says he'll have to be satisfied with expanding his teaching

to the Bahamas, giving Exuma "the second best CPR program in the world."

## 2 festivals on tap in village Sunday

Food, crafts and music will be abundant in Wheeling Sunday at the 12th annual beer and bratwurst festival and Addolorata Villa's annual summer festival.

A spaghetti dinner and arts and crafts sale will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at Addolorata Villa, 555 McHenry Road. Spaghetti, hot dogs, homemade pastries and beverages will be sold, as well as crafts made by Villa residents. Games, music and other entertainment

also will be available.

The beer and bratwurst festival will be held from noon to 8 p.m. at Riverside Plaza, Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Bratwurst, corn, potato salad, beer, and pop will be sold at the festival, which will include live German music and dancing.

The festival also will feature an "Affordable Arts and Crafts Fair" sponsored by the Wheeling-Buffalo Grove Art League.

This year the beer and bratwurst festival is being sponsored by the Wheeling Jaycees and the Riverside Plaza Merchants Association.

In the past, the Wheeling Park District sponsored the event, but in May the park board voted to cancel the festival because of a shortage of parking at the Chevy Chase golf course. Park officials discussed moving the festival to Heritage Park, but state liquor laws

prohibit the park from serving beer at other sites. That's when the Jaycees stepped in to pick up the festival's planning.

The annual event was originally held as a fundraiser for the local historical society but was quickly transformed into a regular August event in Wheeling.

August 8 has been designated as a rain date for the beer and bratwurst festival.



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# Cable TV officially debuts

by Gordon Walek  
Herald business writer

Cable television made its official debut in Mount Prospect Monday as Cablenet Inc. threw the switch that connected its first customer with the long-awaited video service.

The company, which has a franchise to provide Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, Wheeling, Des Plaines and Schaumburg with cable television service, has strung cable to at least 15 percent of the homes in each of those towns, and although only one customer was hooked up Monday, officials say many others will follow in the next few days.

"We are now starting our marketing campaign," said Cablenet Presi-

dent Walter Weckers, adding that the company did not initiate a strong sales pitch until the cable was actually available to about 25,000 potential customers.

Weckers said that anyone living in areas where cables have been installed can call the company if they want the service. Additionally, later this week Cablenet is sending the first of about 20,000 flyers to residents it is now capable of connecting.

"Every household able to be energized is identified in our computer," Weckers said. Those people who receive fliers will be visited two days later by a salesperson who can tell the potential customer a specific day and time when the connection can be made.

CABLENET EXPECTS to sell its service to about half of the homes it can reach by cable.

Several thousand of the fliers will be mailed this week, with the others spread over future weeks.

Although the company's marketing campaign did not begin in earnest until this week, Weckers said Cablenet Monday received calls from a number of residents who want the service. Connections for people who called Monday are expected to be made within four or five days, Weckers added.

Cablenet also is obligated to make the service available to 15 percent of Prospect Heights, Park Ridge, Bartlett, Streamwood and

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Herald photo

**THE FIRST.** The home of Joanne and Richard Hahn is the first in Mount Prospect to receive cable television Monday. Cablenet salespeople will start visiting neighborhoods this week to sell subscriptions.

Cable TV  
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reaches 1st  
customer 8/3/82

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Hanover Park by Nov. 1, and to everyone in all 10 suburbs by a year from now.

The general areas ready for Cablenet service are:

- In Arlington Heights, between Oakton Street and Kensington Road, about eight blocks west and 15 blocks east of Arlington Heights Road.
- In Mount Prospect, from Kensington Road south to Busse Avenue, roughly between Rand Road and Northwest Highway.
- The northwest side of Des Plaines, from Mount Prospect Road east to the Soo Line RR tracks, between Central and Algonquin roads.
- In Schaumburg, from Schaumburg Road south to Wise Road, bounded by Springinsguth Road on the west and Roselle Road on the east.

The week ahead Monday August 3  
33% higher tax  
levy on agenda

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**WHETHER OR NOT** to accept a bid from Lakeland Construction Company to make improvements to the site of the proposed senior citizens center will also be discussed tonight by Wheeling trustees.

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

Lakeland was the low bidder on the project, offering to do the needed work for \$443,529.

Village officials plan to build the center near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street. Along with Holy Family Hospital's emergency clinic and the Cook County Housing Authority's senior citizen housing, the center is considered an anchor of Wheeling's downtown redevelopment plans.

**WHEELING TOWNSHIP** trustees will meet Tuesday night to determine the township's 1982 property tax levy.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Last year the township levied \$269,000 in its operating fund; \$162,300 in the welfare fund and \$611,625 in the road and bridge fund, including a share for the villages in the township. Later the township abated the entire road fund levy, reducing the total township levy from \$1.04 million to \$431,300.

## Wheeling seeks flood relief

By Eddy McNeil

**WHEELING OFFICIALS** were to meet with a spokesman for the Illinois Emergency Services and Disaster Agency this week to see if village residents are eligible for state or federal funds in the wake of recent flooding.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said Monday that officials estimate damage to home furnishings in the village from heavy rains two weeks ago at more than \$200,000. Many of those affected didn't have flood insurance, he said.

The village board met with about 40 residents last week to discuss the situation. Fialkowski said residents appeared to be uninformed about their eligibility for federally subsidized insurance.

He said the flood insurance program will

be explained in the village's September newsletter.

**POLICE CHIEF** Michael Haeger has been asked to draw up an emergency disaster plan to cover such occurrences, village board member Charles Kerr said.

"We have a disaster plan for a hydrogen bomb, but we don't have anything for a little old flood or a tornado," Kerr said.

Fialkowski said some improvements to the Wheeling drainage ditch might have alleviated some of the problems caused by the storm. But heavy rains upstream forced so much water into the Des Plaines River that most tributaries, including the drainage ditch, were backing up, he said.

"I don't know that there is anything we could do with the amount of rain we got," he said.

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## Wheeling won't wait long for cable TV

Residents in Wheeling will be receiving cable television from Cablenet Inc. in upcoming weeks, with service first beginning in the eastern portion of the village.

Cablenet, a subsidiary of Toronto-based Agra Industries, has franchise agreements with Wheeling, Arlington Heights, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Schaumburg and Streamwood.

According to Cablenet, those 10 communities offer a potential subscriber base of about 135,000 homes.

Cable services are already wired and available to 25,000 potential customers. Cablenet turned on services Monday in Mount Prospect. Anyone living in areas where cables have been installed can call the company if they want the service.

Cablenet will begin with 54 channels and has a capacity of 120 channels. Basic monthly service charges begin at \$5.95, with additional movie channels costs of \$7.95.

Cablenet will be sending Wheeling residents flyers advertising the cable television services. The company also requested permission from village officials to have sales representatives visit homes from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays.

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Pictured below, two women attempt to cross Dundee Road just after Thursday's downpour. On Friday, a man on Wolf Road tries to sweep away some of the flood waters which invaded his home during the heavy rains.

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## Anti-Schultz drive continues

THE PETITION driving seeking the recall of Village President Sheila Schultz is moving into its third week and according to Crisanne Irmiter who is circulating the petition, the drive is moving along as scheduled.

Although Irmiter said she did not have an updated total number of signatures, she did not seem to think there would be a problem meeting the 1,000-plus signatures needed to place the recall referendum on the November ballot.

According to Wheeling's recall ordinance, the only one of its kind in the state, one-third of the residents who voted in the last village election must sign the petition calling for Schultz's removal.

Irmiter received the petition on July 16 and under village guidelines, has 30 days to file the petition.

Schultz, who defeated incumbent village president William H. Hein in April 1981, said Tuesday, Aug. 3 she has not heard "a thing" about the drive.

"I know the petitions are being circulated, but other than that, I am not hearing anything about it."

Irmiter says she is circulating the petition because of a concern

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about increased water rates and the issuing of a liquor license to Walgreens allowing the company to sell package liquor at its store in Lynn Plaza.

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# Senior center improvements contract awarded

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

In a move that brings the construction of Wheeling's proposed senior citizens center closer to reality, village officials have awarded a \$443,529 bid for site improvements including a retention lake.

Lakeland Construction Company, the lowest of four bidders, was awarded the contract, which will include the installation of sewers and water

mains, street lights and other improvements at the site, near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said construction should start as soon as the paperwork can be finished.

Faced with an estimated \$100,000 deficit on the project, village officials are looking for ways to trim costs. Several bids on the project have come in lower than expected and Village Mana-

ger Thomas Markus said that, coupled with the trimming of some "options" that were in the plan, will help hold down the cost of the project.

**OFFICIALS ESTIMATE** the center will cost \$1.2 million to finish, including building construction and site improvements. The project is being financed with federal community development grants and with Holy Family's Emergency Clinic and the Cook County Housing Authority's senior citizen

housing, is considered a major anchor in Wheeling's downtown redevelopment plans.

Village President Sheila Schultz said when the center was planned village officials agreed to finance some part of the center, but have not decided how much or how the share would be paid for. But Schultz said if cost paring does not make up the deficit she is optimistic that funding will be found. "Everyone's committed to putting it through," she said.

Meanwhile the village senior citizens commission is planning fund raising events to help earn \$80,000 to pay for the center's furnishings.

A fund raising brunch is set for 11 a.m. Sunday at the Chevy Chase clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Tickets for the brunch are \$8 and can be bought from members of the senior citizens commission and at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

On September 24, the commission

and Arlington Park Race Track will sponsor "Wheeling Day at the Races" to also earn money for furnishings. Clubhouse tickets for the event are \$1.50, if purchased from senior commission members or the village, and \$3.25 at the race track.

On that day a race will be run in Wheeling's honor, with a post-race award ceremony including several village officials. Proceeds from ticket sales will also go towards the center's furnishings.

# Higher levy projected

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Wheeling's 1982 tax levy is expected to be just over \$2.5 million, a 13 percent increase over the 1981 figure of \$1.923 million, according to Gregory Peters, Director of Finance.

Of the nearly \$639,000 increase, \$431,000, about 70 percent, will be necessary for debt service payment of interest on outstanding loans, Peters explained at the Aug. 2 village board meeting. That amount was necessary largely due to the borrowing for funding the village's portion of the actual construction of the pipeline to bring Lake Michigan water to Wheeling.

A \$107,000 increase was asked for the road and bridge fund because of actions by the Wheeling Township board, which completely abated their 1981 road and bridge levy.

Normally, the township government collects its road and bridge funds and then turns over a portion to each village, since the residents are paving both township and village governments.

Because of the abatement and because the village was not notified until later, Peters said, there was a \$60,000 shortfall the village had not anticipated. The village still needs those funds plus an additional amount to handle not only road and bridge repair and maintenance, but street lighting and snow plowing, among others.

Peters added that about \$93,000 of the levy will be canceled when funds from the motor fuel tax fund are made available for street improvement.

Referring to the Wheeling Town-

ship abatement, village Manager Thomas Markus said, "It's kind of deceiving, because when one body lightens the tax load, it will shift taxes to another (governmental body.)"

Peters said the levy was low because the village has now disconnected from the Wheeling Township fire district. That move meant taxes decreased for most of the village residents who were formerly in the fire district.

A public hearing on the levy is scheduled for Sept. 7.

In other business, the board learned Wheeling may be eligible for disaster relief funds through the Illinois Emergency Services Disaster Agency if Wheeling is declared a disaster area as a result of last month's flooding.

## Village board wrapup

# Trustees to fight ComEd rate hike

Wheeling trustees have agreed to contribute as much as \$500 to the Northwest Municipal Conference to fight a proposed rate increase requested by Commonwealth Edison.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village currently pays about \$17,000 a month for water pumping. Under Commonwealth Edison's rate proposal, the billing for that pumping would change and the rate would increase. Fialkowski said he could not determine exactly how much it would go up.

The staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission, which regulates Commonwealth Edison rates, has suggested eliminating a discount now granted on the electric bills of schools and state and local governments to put them on the same rate level as businesses and other non-residential customers.

The municipal conference wants to hire special counsel to represent the towns at hearings on the rate increase that will be held by the Illinois Commerce Commission this month.

If the municipal conference hires an attorney, the village's pledged money would be used to help pay for those services.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the proposal.

## Tax levy hearing Sept. 7

A public hearing on Wheeling's proposed tax levy will be held Sept. 7. Village officials are proposing a 1982 tax levy of \$2.56 million, up about 33 percent from the \$1.9 million the village will receive this year. Finance Director Gregory Peters estimates the levy will raise the village's tax rate from 73 cents to 91 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That means a homeowner will pay an annual village tax of \$173 on a house valued at \$19,000.

But for all but about 2,000 residents in Wheeling's "old town" area, the increase will be canceled by the fact that Wheeling residents will no longer pay taxes to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District. For years Wheeling has maintained its own municipal fire department and earlier this year withdrew from the fire district.

Increases in the proposed levy include an additional \$400,000 needed to cover payments on a \$6.4 million borrowed this year by village officials to help pay for Lake Michigan water. Another \$200,000 was added to the levy to pay for increases in Social Security and pension fund benefits and to bolster the village's road fund.

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# No need to recall Schultz, manager

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Wheeling politics have never been known as a model of fair play. For almost a decade, the village government was kept in turmoil by corruption and cronyism.

The village manager's office was a turnstyle through which passed a succession of administrators, some good some bad, all short-termed.

During the years of political turmoil, a grass roots movement brought into law a village ordinance providing a mechanism for the removal of elected officials from office by referendum. This recall ordinance was the first of its kind on the municipal level in the state.

Now, the political climate in Wheeling is placid, due in large part to the leadership of Village President Sheila Schultz and her board of trustees. They have reduced the factionalism that created the friction in past years.

Credit, too, is due to Thomas Markus, whose tenure as village manager is remarkable in that he has survived so long. As managers should, he administers the day-to-day operations of the village and executes policy set by the elected trustees. He and his subordinates have done so professionally.

All of this is told as background to a drive underway to

recall Sheila Schultz on grounds she has given too much responsibility to Markus. Petitions calling for a recall referendum are being circulated by Chrisanne Irmiter, a political appointee and avowed friend of former village president William Hein, the man Schultz beat by a slim margin in April, 1981.

We caution Wheeling residents who are presented this petition to consider the full implications of the recall drive. The recall law is a good one in that it keeps elected officials accountable to their constituency. But, we believe it should be exercised when malfeasance is evident, and not when a group of "outs" want to become "ins," as is apparently the case now.

Wheeling, like most suburbs, operates on the mayor-manager form of government. The complexity of running a village demands full-time attention. Few elected officials have the time or the wide range of expertise necessary to manage a village. But they can, and have in the last year, exercise leadership over a skilled professional.

The manager system is working well in Wheeling, and so is the current board of trustees and its president. Recall is not necessary now.

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## Residents 'flood' board with ideas

By HOLLIS FRIEDMAN  
Correspondent

Although it has been two weeks since Wheeling was hit by a damaging rain storm, residents are still trying to evaluate the damage and see what can be done to prevent similar flooding in the future.

At a special Village Board meeting July 29, residents with flooded homes demanded answers to questions including: Why did they flood? Why wasn't the Red Cross called until July 26? Will the village be declared a disaster area thereby making federal funds available to victims?

Residents criticized the Village Board, offered advice to each other, as well as complimented the village on its effort during and after the flood.

"I think we really did get a lot of help from the town," Cindy Ronnbeck said. "We are here for no other reason than for positive results. No one is here to go over what you did wrong because that's all over; we should think of ways so it doesn't happen again."

THE VILLAGE sent crews to flooded homes to pump the water out. Ronnbeck said the village even turned the gas off in homes where the residents were away and tried to put their furniture above the water.

Robert Issleb, superintendent of streets, said he had four crews pumping water out of homes—free of charge. By 2 p.m. July 24, crews had pumped water from 85 homes. However, not all homes were able to be pumped, he said. One of those homes the village seemed to forget

about was Hannelore Piontek.

"I asked for help and received none and I am still waiting," she said. "I lost a lot more because I didn't get any help."

Piontek said the village was fortunate there weren't any deaths caused by the flooding. Some streets which were heavily flooded never were barricaded and children were playing in the dirty water up to their necks, she said.

The July 22 storm left much of the eastern section of the village submerged and forced officials to close Wolf Road from Dundee Road south to Hintz Road for nearly nine hours. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village had very heavy rain, but it didn't last long. About 300-350 homes were flooded—some only had wet floors, while other homes had major damages such as ruined furnaces.

At this point Fialkowski doesn't think Wheeling will be eligible for federal funds—unlike near-by Deerfield which was declared a disaster area. However, people who have flood insurance can count on some monetary assistance.

Many residents at the meeting said they were upset because they were never told they could purchase flood insurance, nor that their homes were in a flood plain.

William Hutchings was caught without flood insurance because he wasn't aware it was available. "I went out and bought flood insurance the day after so I'm ready for the next one," he said.

ALTHOUGH THE meeting was called to let residents know what has been done and what can be

done, some felt the communication effort came too late. Frank Wojek said if the village staff couldn't get to people and talk to them and help them, then they should have taken rubber boats to residents' homes.

"You guys didn't do any winning... You didn't do anything as far as I'm concerned," he said. "(The) only way to start winning is to try and get involved with people."

An additional complaint residents had was that the village doesn't have any clear, precise emergency plan to enact in case of fire, floods or tornados.

"We're going to have to have a generalized village plan for handling sudden acts of God," Trustee James Goetch said.

According to village officials flooding occurred because the Wheeling Drainage Ditch and the Buffalo Creek overflowed its banks. Homes along the creek and ditch received the heaviest flooding.

"The creek rose quickly... faster than anyone has ever seen it," Fialkowski said.

The village has been planning reconstruction projects on the ditch and creek, but a shortage of funds has prevented the village from actually starting the project. Possible plans include widening and dredging the creek and ditch and creating a diversionary channel to the Des Plaines River. A diversionary channel might eliminate the intensity of the water as it flows downstream toward the river.

Bob Gray, director of operations and maintenance said the project would take millions of dollars and completion of the project might be indefinite.



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Eric Pockross, 9, (foreground) and his brother Jordan, 6, are the first kids on the block to have cable television at home. (Staff photo by Nancy Stone)

## First family tunes in Cable TV a hit here

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Super...Fantastic...Watched Clash of the Titans twice in one day...Quality...Broadway...Great...Sports...

That's the response after one weekend from the first family in Buffalo Grove to have Warner Amex cable television activated in its home.

Warner Amex, local arm of the New York-based Warner Communications, Inc. this spring began construction of its \$25 million Qube cable television system to serve Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Palatine, Rolling Meadows and Hoffman Estates.

Cable construction is built on aerial utility lines or in underground easement areas, wherever utility cables are located. Areas with aerial lines will be done first, with construction beginning in the Mill Creek area, between Dundee and Arlington Heights roads.

When completed, the service will cover 600 miles and reach 51,000 homes. About 40 per cent of those living in the homes are expected to buy cable television services.

The state of the art in home entertainment—cable television—arrived Friday in Buffalo Grove. Stuart and Cathy Pockross and their two sons Eric, 9, and Jordan, 6, who live in the Mill Creek subdivision, were the lucky ones to be the first in Buffalo Grove to have it switched on.

"I'm the last person in the world to ever say something good about television, but this really is different. The quality of programming offered on the more than 50 cable television channels is unsurpassed by regular commercial T.V.," said Cathy Pockross.

Warner Amex's children's channel, Nickelodean, offers 13 hours of nonviolent, commercial free programming approved by the National Education Association, said Karen K. Horist, community relations director for the firm.

Programming on the other 52 channels provides full-length feature movies, sports, entertainment from New York and Atlanta, concerts, theatre, religion, financial reports, Associated Press news

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and coverage of Congress.

It also offers community coverage, local news, traffic and weather reports.

"Cable television is just starting. At later points we will offer course instruction from Harper Community College, aerobic classes and services from Indian Trails Library. The Qube system can also be used for polling, security and shopping and banking services," said Horist.

Warner Amex's franchise with the five Northwest communities requires that cable services be available to 15 per cent of all residents by November, and to everyone next July. Each village earns five per cent of the company's gross receipts.

The franchise also puts a freeze on monthly rates for a three-year-period without village approval for a price increase, said Horist.

Service charges are from \$6.95 to \$11.95 for basic services and premiums such as Home Box Office and movie channels are an additional \$6.95 each month.

# Wheeling Township slashes tax levies by 60%

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer

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In an effort to reduce the large surpluses in Wheeling Township's coffers, officials have adopted a 1982 property tax levy of \$186,000, down 60 percent from the taxes the township will receive this year.

The total township tax levy consists of three separate levies: town, or operating fund; general assistance; and road and bridge. The biggest cut came in the town fund levy as township officials slashed their tax request 96 percent, from the \$464,562 received this year to \$10,000.

Supervisor Phil Rogers said the cut will allow the township to spend some of the nearly \$600,000 the township ex-

pects to have in surplus funds at the end of fiscal 1982.

The township also will not levy any funds in the road and bridge fund as Highway Commissioner Thomas Gillis has a \$500,000 surplus he is trying to reduce. So far this fiscal year, Gillis said he has only spent \$44,500 on department operations and estimates it will take several years with no levy to reduce the surplus to an acceptable amount.

Earlier Gillis abated last year's entire road levy, which meant that township taxpayers did not pay any road taxes on the bills they received late last month.

THE TOWNSHIP'S general assistance levy is \$176,000, which is the same amount the township will receive

from this year's tax payments. While that fund will have an estimated \$200,000 surplus at the end of fiscal 1982, Rogers said, the money is expected to rapidly decrease as the poor economy forces more people to go on welfare.

Rogers said the township usually averages about 100 welfare cases a month, but that in recent months it has handled between 130 and 140 cases.

Much of the surplus money was already in the funds when the board took office in 1981, but Rogers admits the amount has continued to grow despite efforts to pare it down. He said an increasing amount of money earned through interest, the rental of the township's garage to Prospect Heights

and the sale of surplus road equipment and the township cars have contributed to the surpluses.

Currently, the township tax rate in the town and general assistance fund is 4.2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. Township Assessor Delores Stephan said the lower levies would lower the tax rate to about 1.7 cents. That means a homeowner will pay an annual township tax bill of \$3.23 on a house valued at \$19,000.

Under the old tax rate that same home's bill would be \$7.98.

SEVERAL RESIDENTS at Tuesday's meeting objected to the low levies, saying it would not be financially prudent to dry up reserve funds that could be used to cover sudden cutbacks

in federal revenue sharing funds or emergencies. The residents also criticized tentative plans by the township to increase the levies next year to bring them more on par with township spending.

But Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld said the township "has an aversion to carrying more than one year's operating cost," and by levying low amounts this year the township will be able to bring the surpluses "into a conscionable level."

Meanwhile the failure of the township to levy road funds will also mean a loss of revenue to the villages in Wheeling Township. Under state law, the township must give half the money it collects from road taxes back to the

municipalities in the township.

Wheeling village officials already tentatively adopted a 1982 levy that includes a \$60,000 increase to make up the lost funds. Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Mount Prospect have not yet levied their funds.

Gillis said he doesn't think slashing his levy is simply putting the tax burden on other governments. "The way the levy was divided, the township gets half and the villages get half. If they need \$1, they levy \$1, but if we need \$1, we must levy \$2."

Gillis said the move will put the burden of paying for road work in each village, only on those village residents and not on township residents who won't benefit from the work.

## Hein friend sure of Schultz recall vote

By JOAN FLEISCHER

A supporter of former Village President William Hein who has started a petition drive in Wheeling to oust Village President Sheila Schultz from office said yesterday she is confident she will have enough names by the Aug. 15 deadline.

Chrisanne Irmiter, of 265 S. Wheeling Ave., filed legal notice with the village July 15 that she is circulating petitions asking for a recall referendum to be held to vote on removing Schultz from her elected office.

Irmiter would not say exactly how many people she has enlisted to help her circulate petitions around the village. "There are quite a few people out there. I easily have at least 12 people who are carrying petitions for me."

"I haven't been able to count how many names there are already because I haven't talked with my people yet. These people are friends of mine. It would be impossible for me to do alone," said Irmiter.

Irmiter said she is confident that within the 30-day deadline, or Aug. 15, she will have collected the 1,050 signatures of registered voters needed to put the recall question to the voters in November.

If a majority of voters vote to have Schultz removed from office, a special election will be held to elect a new village

president.

Irmiter, who was appointed by Hein to the village zoning board and worked in his unsuccessful campaign for re-election, said she did not deny that Hein was her friend, but said, "Bill Hein has nothing to do with this. I'm not necessarily doing this to get Bill Hein back into office. If Bill Hein has any interest in running for election, I'm not aware of it."

Schultz defeated Hein with only a 94-vote margin in the April 1981 village election. Two members of her election slate also won board seats. Trustee Roger Powers was the only member of Hein's slate to retain a board seat.

Irmiter said she is seeking the recall action because "she is bothered by the board's giving so much control to Village Manager Thomas Markus."

Irmiter said although she could not blame Sheila Schultz for Wheeling's form of government, which is the council-manager form. "Schultz is the highest elected official, and you have to start somewhere."

Irmiter said she is still considering filing recall moves against all of the village trustees now in office.

The council-manager form of government, adopted by referendum by

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## Recall—

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Wheeling voters in 1972, calls for a council or village board to be elected by the voters and that a professional city manager be hired by the council. The manager is responsible to the council, and elected council members are responsible to the voters.

The manager's job is to carry out decisions and policy set by the board. The manager hires all village employees and supervises all village activities.

Schultz said, "I've really been too busy to give the recall much thought. I don't think it's the proper spirit of using the village recall and Mrs. Irmiter has not gone through the proper channels to voice

a complaint. I think we're pretty responsive to residents' concerns.

"I think it's silly and incorrect to attack Wheeling's form of government. It was adopted by the voters long before I ever served on the village board," she said.

Schultz said she did not know who was behind the recall move but, "I can only suspect Hein is somehow behind it."

She said, "Somebody, obviously, is hurt or not benefiting from our current way of doing our government work properly."

"Wheeling in the past was plagued by scandals, indictments, patronage and other government abuses. I don't believe those old ways were good for village residents," Schultz added.



# Street problems resolved

Alternatives for resolving long-standing traffic, dust and noise problems on Mayer Avenue caused by truck traffic from a car wash and service station at Milwaukee and Mayer were discussed and a compromise solution reached Monday night, Aug. 2 by the village board.

Although residents along Mayer Avenue, Strong, First, Second and Third Streets had petitioned to have Mayer Avenue vacated, it was decided that vacation of the street might not be best, since it would remove all access for everyone in the area, would be permanent and possibly irreversible.

The agreed-upon solution, which will go into effect as soon as ordinances are approved, involves making Mayer Avenue a one-way street eastbound, posting of signs allowing no turns from Mayer Avenue onto the other residential streets and the installation of a six-foot fence by

the owner of the car wash along his southern property line.

A suggestion by Trustee Charles Kerr to re-evaluate the solution within one year was adopted unanimously. "If what we do doesn't solve the problem," Kerr said, "I don't want these people to feel they're stuck with it forever."

The car wash was mentioned again later when the discussion centered on whether to allow automobile rental as a special use in the commercial district.

Both the Plan Commission and Village Manager Thomas Markus recommended approval of an ordinance to incorporate auto rentals, since several related uses, including sales, service of autos and equipment rentals already are permitted.

Larry Oppenheimer, director of Community Development, said the village staff could not support the inclusion of automobile rentals be-

cause it "would create more congestion and visual clutter."

Oppenheimer said further that many of the properties with the proper zoning are unsuitable for auto rental facilities and that allowing such a use would encourage individuals to have more than one use on their properties, a particular problem in the downtown business district, which the village has been trying to alleviate.

Car rental currently is allowed only at Palwaukee airport.

The proposed ordinance would allow car rentals if the minimum lot size is 20,000 square feet, the minimum square footage per auto is 1,000 square feet, exclusive of buildings on the site and screening and buffering would be required. Rental cars also would not be allowed to be more than four years old.

The proposed ordinance was sent back by the board for clarification and changes.

## 'Beer and pretzel town' finally finds limelight

I'll bet odds that nine out of ten of you can relate to this one. You're traveling on business, on vacation, or for whatever reason you're out of town — let's make it out of state. You're meeting new people, and you continuously get hit with the same question: "Where 'ya from"? Now I'm sure every adult in Wheeling knows their street by heart. You know that on the third line of letters you receive come the words, "Wheeling" (comma) and "Illinois." You know that you drive down suburban Wheeling streets, your kids go to Wheeling schools, and you have no doubts that you pay Wheeling taxes. Right? No argument there. So why is it (get ready, psych majors) that when traveling out of state and asked, "Where ya from?" the answer invariably given is: "Chicago." (I see you smiling, everyone's done it at least once, right?)

Well sure, we all know that out-of-towners will understand "Chicago" before they will "Wheeling." Even those who don't know "Illinois" will know "Chicago." It's a form of psychological geography. A social fact of Life in These United States.

But Wheeling residents, take heart, the winds of change are a-blowin'. How many of you picked up the May 31 issue of Time magazine? (How many of you have it sitting on your coffee tables opened to page 8?) If you answered "no" to either of the above, read on and be enlightened. Wheeling is finally making its break to the Big Time, spreading its name across the country, maybe even the world. Before you know it, our town will be getting confused with Wheeling, West Virginia.

The aforementioned issue of Time carries an article entitled "In Illinois: A Temple of Haute Cuisine." And folks, they're *not* talking about Chicago. The pulse of the article is on Le Francais — you know, the super fancy French restaurant — but the entire first paragraph is devoted to the village of Wheeling (with feeling). It describes the scene from Milwaukee Avenue: "Save-More Car Rental. The Hangar Charcoal Steaks. Cheetah Nude Dancing. The Vault Self-Storage Warehouse. Rich's Place Package Goods and Cocktails," and goes on to say, "Wheeling, Ill. (pop. 23,089), is a beer-and-pretzels kind of town ... Beer and pretzels — sounds kind of cozy, huh?"

At any rate, we thank Le Francais for putting us in the map and in the news. The restaurant's been proclaimed "America's Greatest Restaurant" by Bon Appetit magazine, and picked as the No. 2 restaurant in the country by Playboy.

So the next time someone asks you, "Where 'ya from?," tell them the truth: "Wheeling" ... ("Illinois") ... ("You know, home of Le Francais ...") "We were written up in Time, May of '82 ..." And if all else fails, try: "You know, that beer-and-pretzels kind of town ... right outside Chicago."

**SAVE YOUR NOW** near-famous city from dehydration. Please recognize the odd-even water plan in effect through Aug. 31. Lawn sprinkling is prohibited between 2 and 8 p.m. until that date. During the remaining hours of the day, residents with odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered calendar days, and those with even house numbers on even days. After last week's flood you wouldn't think we'd want more water than we already got "blessed" with, but unfortunately what comes from the sky and the overflowing creeks doesn't help our drinking supply. So please comply with the village restrictions, and only water during specified times. If you have questions, they may be answered by calling the police station's non-emergency number, at 459-2632.

**GOT A LONG QUOTE** for you this week, but I think it's worth it: "If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn. If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight. If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy. If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty. If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient. If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence. If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate. If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith. If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself. If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world." (Author Unknown)

## Wheeling briefs

### Mayer Avenue now one way

Wheeling village officials Monday night agreed to make Mayer Avenue a one-way street eastbound, with no turns off of the street.

A group of residents last month had petitioned the village to close Mayer Avenue because they said heavy car and truck traffic is a hazard to neighborhood children.

Mayer Avenue is a gravel road which runs west from Milwaukee Avenue to Second Street. It provided a north access to Milwaukee Avenue from residential streets to the south as well as access to Milwaukee Avenue from Wheeling Car and Van Wash, 400 N. Milwaukee.

The owner of the car and van wash told village trustees that he will construct a six-foot fence around his business to shield it

from the neighboring residential area.

Wheeling officials have set Sept. 7 as the date for a public hearing to consider adoption of the 1982 proposed \$2.5 million village tax levy, a 13 per cent increase from last year.

Illinois Truth in Taxation law requires that local governments conduct a public hearing on tax levies which have an increase of more than five per cent from the previous year said Wheeling Finance Director Gregory J. Peters.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the increase in property tax revenue is needed to finance Wheeling's share of the Northwest Water Commission pipeline to bring Lake Michigan water to the village.

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# The liquid gold rush: What's in it for us?

by Anna Madrzyk

Herald staff writer

Some folks have taken to calling it "liquid gold."

Like the Mideast oil that keeps American cars running and Arab sheiks laughing all the way to the bank, it is a priceless natural resource.

And like the "black gold" that flows out of Mideast oil wells, it no longer comes cheap.

The commodity is water.

WATER IS is water, maybe, but when they talk about "liquid gold," local officials don't mean the water Northwest suburban residents are drinking and bathing in now. They are talking about the Lake Michigan water that will be pumped to the Northwest suburbs — via Chicago and Evanston — through multimillion-dollar pipelines now under construction to replace the deep-well system experts say will eventually run dry.

Most people think Lake Michigan water tastes better, although some people who are accustomed to the taste of well water prefer it.

Because it is less "hard" than well water, Lake Michigan water requires less soap for washing and is kinder to steam irons and other appliances that can become clogged by hard water mineral deposits.

Lake Michigan water may wind up costing Northwest suburban residents two, three or even four times as much as they pay for water now, but the outlay will at least buy them drinking water that is ranked among the finest in the nation.

"IN GENERAL, MOST people across the country consider city of Chicago water one of the best there is because of the quality of the finished (water)," said William Gartner, president of Aqualab Inc., an independent water-testing laboratory in Streamwood. "It never exceeds any of the maximum allowable contaminant levels, or ever approaches most of them."

For example, Lake Michigan water is well below Environmental Protection Agency standards for radiation and barium. In several Northwest suburbs, well water has been found to have excessive levels of these contaminants.

Nearly 5 million people living in

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Photo by Mike Collins

THE SUN RISES over Lake Michigan, the largest body of fresh water in the United States and the Chicago area's greatest natural resource. Within

two years, after a multimillion-dollar pipeline is completed, Northwest suburban residents will rely on the lake for drinking water

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# The lake pipelines: what we'll get for all that money

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northeastern Illinois now depend on the lake for their water. Most of them get it from Chicago, which provides Lake Michigan water not only to city residents but to 75 suburbs throughout the metropolitan area. Chicago's two water treatment plants — the largest and second largest in the world — treat an average of 1 billion gallons of water per day and have a capacity two times greater.

The largest body of fresh water in the United States, the lake is Chicagoland's greatest natural asset, providing a base for commerce and industry and a year-round playground for city and suburban residents.

**SOME EXPERTS EVEN** think Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes may be the industrial Midwest's secret weapon to halt the exodus of industry to states in the West and the Sun Belt, where a grave water shortage is looming. Already there have been several proposals to pipe lake water — at astronomical cost — to thirsty western states.

Both the Great Lakes Commission and the governors of the states are on record opposing such plans.

"We want industry to stay here, or come here," said Daniel Injerd, chief of the Lake Michigan management section of the Illinois Division of Water Resources. "We don't want to sell our resources so the Western states can (continue to) attract industry and jobs. . . Some people think it will eventually get so bad out there that we can be in a position of being competitive (again.)"

The probable cost of a proposed 1,700-mile pipeline to carry water from Lake Superior to a coal-mining site in Montana boggles the mind considering how much it will cost Northwest suburban residents to pipe Lake Michigan water less than 50 miles.

**THE PRICE TAG** for the concrete tunnel that will carry water from Evanston to residents of Arlington Heights, Palatine, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling is projected at \$68.5 million, not including interest. Another group of seven suburbs — including Mount Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Elk Grove Village, Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Hanover Park and Streamwood

— is building a \$100 million pipeline that will hook into Chicago's water system.

The pipeline to Evanston is expected to be done by January 1984, while the tunnel to Chicago should be completed the following year.

What can residents expect when lake water starts flowing from their taps?

"The primary difference between finished city of Chicago water and (the average) suburban well water is that water from wells is harder," said Aqualab's Gartner.

**HERE IS HOW** the two compare:

- **Mineral content.** The total dissolved mineral content of Lake Michigan water is 157 milligrams per liter, according to the Illinois EPA. In comparison, the total dissolved mineral content of well water, in milligrams per liter, is 350 in Palatine and Rolling Meadows, 406 in Schaumburg, 534 in Mount Prospect and 809 in Wheeling.

The degree of mineralization is considered an indication of the aesthetic quality of the water.

"The more minerals you have, the more objectionable taste you might have," said Roger Selburg, manager of the permit section in the EPA's division of public water supplies.

Prime culprits are too much iron, which causes a "rusty" taste, and too much sulfur, responsible for the characteristic "rotten egg" odor.

- **Hardness.** The EPA measures the level of 30 different minerals, from arsenic to zinc, in its analysis of the total dissolved mineral content. When it measures "hardness," the EPA is primarily concerned with the levels of two minerals, calcium and magnesium.

"Hardness was originally defined as the capability of a water to use soap. Harder water would require much more soap before doing laundry and would not lather up (as well) when you washed your hands," said the EPA's Selburg.

It also can cause scale deposits in pipes that carry heated water and clog plumping and appliances. Clothes that are washed in hard water do not get as clean and may not last as long.

The EPA measures the hardness factor of Lake Michigan water at 125 mil-

ligrams per liter, which places it in the "hard water" category under U.S. guidelines. Most well waters, in contrast, fall under the heading of "very hard water."

Water hardness levels measured by the EPA are 176 milligrams per liter in Rolling Meadows, 224 in Palatine, 300 in Schaumburg, 315 in Mount Prospect and 536 in Wheeling. Aqualab Inc., which analyzes water throughout northeastern Illinois, has tested hardness levels as high as 1,500 milligrams per liter at some well locations — water that is so hard "you wouldn't need to be Jesus to walk on (it)," Gartner said. In contrast, soft water is defined as having less than 17 milligrams per liter of calcium and magnesium.

A home water softener is as necessary with Lake Michigan water as with well water, contends the Water Resources Council of Chicagoland, a trade association of water softener manufacturers and salt and soap suppliers. However, the homeowner who now pays \$10 to \$15 a month for a home water softener can expect some savings in operating costs with the softer Lake Michigan water.

The division of water resources, however, takes the position that "people don't need home water softeners with Lake Michigan water," Injerd said.

Nor is hard water 100 percent bad. A federal EPA official recommends that cold water used primarily for drinking and cooking be left untreated because the calcium in the water may help prevent heart disease.

- **Treatment.** Treatment of well water basically involves the addition of chlorine, a disinfecting agent, and flouride. Some communities also add a chemical to keep iron in the water from oxidizing.

The treatment of Lake Michigan water involves more steps because surface water is more susceptible to contamination than below-ground water.

Lake water gets a double dose of chlorine, both when it enters and before it leaves the Chicago treatment plant. But the double shot doesn't mean lake water necessarily has a higher level of residual chlorine in it by the time it reaches the tap, water experts

## Suburbs need lake infusion

by Anna Madrzyk

Herold staff writer

It was nightmares about water shortages, not a prodigious thirst for lake water, that prompted local officials to sign agreements to purchase Lake Michigan water from Evanston and Chicago.

The bottom line is that the deep wells that used to be adequate for the Northwest suburbs are starting to run dry.

Water levels in western Cook County and northeastern DuPage County have declined as much as 900 feet, falling to 100 feet below sea level, as a result of heavy pumping, said Adrian Visocky, a hydrologist for the Illinois State Water Survey.

Even if all 86 communities newly allocated Lake Michigan water shut down their wells, critically low water levels are projected by 1990 in Aurora and by 2000 in the Joliet area, according to a report released last week by the Illinois Department of Transportation division of water resources.

**LIKE LAKE MICHIGAN**, the deep

sandstone aquifer from which well water comes is truly a regional resource.

And a Glen Ellyn-based organization is promising to unveil a plan later this month for using the underground aquifer as a "natural pipeline" to get Lake Michigan water to the suburbs at one-tenth the cost of constructing the pipelines.

The plan was devised by a Columbus, Ohio, hydrologist hired by the Water Resources Council of Chicagoland, a trade association of water softener manufacturers and salt and soap suppliers.

Though details will not be released until later this month, the scheme essentially involves using Lake Michigan water to artificially "recharge" the deep aquifer, enabling municipalities to pump lake water out of their deep wells.

The aquifer, which extends across northern Illinois and into Wisconsin, is recharged naturally by rainfall at a much slower rate than water is being pumped out.

**WATER FLOWS** through the sandstone formation under the force of

gravity, taking 10,000 years to travel to the Chicago suburbs from the recharge area around Rockford and DeKalb.

While the agreement between Chicago and the Northwest suburbs signed last May represents the single largest sale of Chicago water, the city has been supplying water to suburbs since 1909.

The sale of Lake Michigan water to the Northwest suburbs is also the product of decades of legal maneuvering. It started in 1913 when several Great Lakes states sued Illinois over its diversion of Lake Michigan water by reversing the flow of the Chicago River to carry the city's sewage away from the lake.

In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court granted Illinois the right to take 3,200 cubic feet of water per second from the lake.

The state's original allocation of the lake water to the suburbs was challenged in court. In 1980, the state allocated water to 86 additional communities that now rely on deep wells for their water supply.

said. The EPA requires that all water have a residual amount of chlorine of at least .2 milligrams per liter to protect it from bacterial contamination.

Lime is added to stabilize the water and prevent pipe corrosion. The water is treated with flouride and, if necessary, with activated carbon to remove fishy odors.

One advantage of lake water is that it is extremely low in barium and radiation, which both pose health risks.

Excessive levels of naturally occurring radiation, linked to bone cancer, have been discovered in well water in Arlington Heights, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows and Wheeling. Naturally occurring barium, which at high levels is known to cause heart problems, has been found in some wells in Hoffman Estates and Hanover Park.

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# Waters will run deep into users' pockets

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By JOAN FLEISCHER

Water costs money. Especially if it's Lake Michigan water coming from Evanston to Buffalo Grove and Wheeling through a 40-mile pipeline being built at today's rocketing interest rates and construction costs.

Because of the dwindling supply of well water in the Northwest suburbs and ominous forecasts that certain areas could possibly run out of water within the next decade, there is little alternative then to pay the costs for lake water.

Lake water isn't expected until 1983, but communities are beginning to pay higher prices now.

Wheeling residents already saw a doubling of their water bill when water rates were increased from 90 cents to \$1.90 per 1000 gallons in water bills received in June. Village officials are also projecting a 13 per cent increase in the tax levy to help provide funds needed for Wheeling's share of the Northwest Water Commission's pipeline construction.

Buffalo Grove residents could face almost a tripling of their water bills and a property tax hike of 25 per cent if the village approves a plan outlined by the water policy committee for financing the Lake Michigan water project.

The village's water policy committee, comprised of elected officials, village staff and residents, is expected to report to the village board Aug. 16 that water bills must be raised by next May to pay some of the costs for bringing Lake Michigan water to Buffalo Grove.

The committee is expected to recommend that water rates should

increase from \$1 to \$1.87 per 1,000 gallons and bimonthly fees go up from \$12 to \$44.50.

Much of the expense of Lake Michigan water will be shifted onto the property tax levy in both Buffalo Grove and Wheeling because property taxes are deductible on federal income tax and water bills are not.

The four communities making up the Northwest Water Commission, Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights and Palatine, have all had to issue several million dollars worth of bonds to finance their share of the commission construction costs.

Completion of the pipeline is estimated to cost \$68 million.

According to Buffalo Grove Finance Director William Brimm, the project will cost Buffalo Grove a total of \$16.7 million, which includes commission expenses, construction of a new reservoir and converting the village water system to lake water from the well water now used.

Buffalo Grove has already borrowed \$9.5 million by issuing bonds to finance its share of the commission's debt and to build a two-million gallon reservoir on the northeast side of the village.

Wheeling's share of commission expenses plus internal improvements to the village's water system will cost \$17.6 million. Wheeling has issued a bond for \$12.6 million and will issue another bond for \$5 million in 1983.

Village officials are hoping that in future years water bills and property taxes can be decreased as the communities pay off their debt and more residents join the system.

## Wait till election

Why the attempted recall of Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz? What has she personally done? The trustees are who vote on tax increases, water rates, ordinances and other village policies. The village president votes to break a tie. Besides, flooding is not a new problem, and commission appointments and replacements have followed previously initiated procedures.

Why are all these grievances being placed solely on the doorstep of Sheila Schultz? The village board's meetings offer residents an opportunity to express their opinions on any issue before their elected officials.

Recall should not be used frivolously. Petitions for recall should be based on wrongdoing, not differences of opinion.

Wheeling's next election is in April of 1983, just nine months away. Three board positions will be filled at this time. If Chrisanne Irmiter feels that changes are in order, they should occur at that time. If we disagree with the decisions made by our village government, we must exercise our voting privilege, not abuse the right of recall.

Marlene Arbetman  
Wheeling

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## Trustees to discuss pipeline preparation

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Wheeling trustees tonight will meet to discuss improvements needed to the village's internal water system to prepare it to receive Lake Michigan water.

The engineering firm hired by the village is recommending some \$7.28 million of work to the system, including 51,490 feet of new water mains; two, 2.5 million gallon storage tanks; and two pumping stations. That price could be lower if village trustees decide to scale down the plan and if construction bids come in lower than expected.

Representatives from Alvord, Burdick & Howson will attend to answer questions and discuss their report with village officials.

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

Wheeling is a member of the Northwest Water Commission, a four-suburb group planning to build an \$88 million pipeline from Evanston to the northwest suburbs to carry lake water. The other towns include Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine. The lake water is scheduled to arrive sometime in 1984.



Schultz: glad effort failed

# Attempt to recall mayor fails

By Eddy McNeil

A PETITION DRIVE aimed at recalling Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz failed this week after the organizer could not gather enough signatures to place the question on the November ballot.

Chrisanne Irmiter, 265 S. Wheeling Ave., blamed "apathy" and "ignorance of voters" Tuesday for the lack of signatures, which forced her to miss Monday's deadline for filing the petitions with the village clerk. Irmiter declined to say how many signatures she collected toward the required 1,050 she needed to bring the matter to a vote.

"I'm comfortable with what I did," she said. "At least I had the guts to do it. I hope it's brought to the attention of many peo-

ple . . . that officials are accountable."

IN FILING A notice of intent last month to begin the petition drive, Irmiter said she was dissatisfied with Schultz's allowing the village staff to handle much of the village's business. She said at the time that she also thought the village spent too much money.

Schultz said she had no advance knowledge that Irmiter would miss the deadline and waited until village hall closed Monday to find out.

"It's almost anticlimactic," she said. "I wasn't afraid of the recall, but I'm glad we don't have to expend the time, energy and expense on something like this when there are so many other things to do."

ALTHOUGH IRMITER worked in past

village elections for former Village President William Hein, who was unseated by Schultz in April, 1981, she said Hein wasn't involved in the petition drive. Hein also has denied any involvement.

"It was not a political move," Irmiter said. "If it had been, I would have pulled it off."

Schultz said, however, she still believes Hein was the impetus in the petition drive. "She said she was doing it on her own, and maybe she was," Schultz said. "But I find it hard to believe."

Irmiter said she hasn't decided whether to try again to recall Schultz. Despite her failure, she said, she thought the recall ordinance provisions were fair, although she said organizers should have more than 30 days in which to collect signatures.

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# 24% drop in major crime reported

by Donna Duncan

Herald correspondent

Major crime in Wheeling decreased 24 percent while minor crime increased eight percent during the first six months of 1982, according to a recent report by the Wheeling Police Department.

Sex offenses increased from 3 to 14, a 367 jump, weapons offenses went from 6 to 7 incidents, up 17 percent, criminal damage to property jumped from 124 to 125, a 1 per cent hike. Reports of driving under the influence increased 30 percent.

Major crimes showing only a slight increase were: arson, up to 3 from 1; robbery, up to 3 from 1; felony theft over \$150, up 3 percent, up to 182 compared to 176 reported during the same first six month period last year.

CRIMES SHOWING the largest decrease, 58 percent, was felony burglary to vehicles, with 8 reported this year compared to 19 in 1981.

Other major crimes and their changes are:

- Burglary, down 22 percent, from 96 to 75 during the first six months of 1982.
- Aggravated assault and battery, down to 13 from 31.

- Auto theft, down to 18 from 19.
- Felony theft, down to 46 from 91.
- Theft under \$150, down to 182 from 176.
- Rape and Homicide, with one case reported showed no change this year from the same period last year.

Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey, administrative services, said that the total criminal offenses dropped 10 percent.

Kimsey said the decrease in crime is not only in Wheeling, but evident in other towns since the beginning of summer.

"I THINK IT'S THE same (way) all over the suburban area. It's been real quiet and these figures relate that," he says.

Although Kimsey said the department is pleased with the statistics, he said that efforts are being made towards maintaining the low figures.

"You take advantage of it, but don't want to count your chickens yet," he says.

Kimsey attributes the drop in vehicle burglaries to police concentrating their patrols in apartment complex parking lots where many of the crimes are reported.

"We're working apartment complexes right now. I think it's a benefit," he says.

He said that a burglary to vehicles in resi-

dential areas are not as likely as apartment complexes because cars are not allowed to be on the street at night and are parked on the driveway or in the garage.

"Someone is not as likely to enter a car if it is close to the residence," he says.

ACCORDING TO THE report, traffic offenses increased 10 percent this year, up to 5599 from 5068. Kimsey said that as traffic offenses increase, so does the traffic enforcement, causing the figures to be virtually equal to last year's enforcement.

It is instances such as these which "enables us to maintain the numbers (of offenses) which might be a reason (for the decrease), according to the report," says Kimsey.

"I think it's surprising with the economy that we're not getting more complaints."

Kimsey attributed the increase in weapon offenses because of more officers stopping a vehicle for a traffic offense and then noticing a weapon inside the car.

The number of pedestrians injured increased 125 percent, up to 9 from 4. Kimsey said that most of these cases are involving

kids on bicycles.

"We've had more kids on bikes injured this year than last year. It's really been astounding of the number of citations issued to kids," he

says. He said that one prevention measure would be bicycle education.

"We need a whole new education process on bicycles for kids and adults," he says.



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## Village trims \$1.6 million from water improvements

Wheeling officials have trimmed about \$1.6 million from the cost of improvements to the village's internal water system needed to prepare for Lake Michigan water.

The revised plan also is expected to save the village another \$120,000 a year in water pumping costs by using the existing pressure in the pipes to move water throughout the village, instead of collecting the lake water and then repumping it to village residents with village pumps.

By using the existing pressure, Wheeling officials will save \$500,000 in initial construction costs because the village now will have to construct only one pumping station as a backup to move water from the two village collection points to residents throughout the village.

The village will save another \$1.1 million by building "standpipes" or straight water tower-type structures that store both water pressure and water, instead of the ground-level storage reservoirs initially recommended by the engineers hired to study the system.

The cost-saving measures are part of the revised plan for improvements to Wheeling's internal water system that was tentatively accepted by village trustees Monday night. Prepared

by Alvord, Burdick and Howson, a Chicago engineering firm, the plan calls for some \$6.8 million in improvements to Wheeling's internal water system.

WHEELING IS A MEMBER of the Northwest Water Commission, a four-town group planning to build an \$88 million pipeline from Evanston to the northwest suburbs to carry the lake water. The other towns include Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine. The lake water is expected to arrive sometime in 1984.

The work needed on Wheeling's system includes 51,490 feet of new water mains; two, 2.5 million gallon elevated water storage tanks; two "standpipes;" and one pumping station. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the pumping station will only be used in case "of a major disruption" in service from the water commission.

Village officials expect to borrow between \$6 and \$6.5 million this summer to pay for the work. No details on the loan have yet been worked out, but Fialkowski said he expects the money will be paid back using property taxes paid by village residents.

Wheeling trustees are expected to take formal action on the water system plan at the village board meeting Monday.

## Village to operate 2 condominiums' sewer lift station

To solve a long-running dispute over who should be responsible for the operation of a sewer lift station near Wheeling's Pleasant Run condominiums, village officials have agreed to take over the station if two surrounding condominium associations first meet several conditions.

When both Pleasant Run and the Forums condominiums were being developed in the early 1970s, one lift station was installed to serve both sites, as the land was held by one owner. Later the land was subdivided and developed by different owners. Pleasant Run homeowners were left with the responsibility to maintain the lift station, which pumps and controls the level of sewage in the village sewer mains.

Robert Gray, Wheeling's director of operations and maintenance, said the lift station is impermanent, and could be replaced by sewers that would be installed if the land south of the station were developed. Gray said several years ago the village agreed to take over the lift station, but with several conditions, including the construction of an access road to the station, the

inspection and repair of the station and easements granted to the village. But hassles over which development would pay for the repairs prevented any action on the matter.

NOW REPRESENTATIVES from both developments say their associations have agreed to share the costs, if village trustees officially commit themselves to taking over the station.

Ken Kulbeha, president of the Pleasant Run Association, said most of the repairs have been made to the stations, and that homeowners have agreed to allow concrete strips to be installed to let village trucks to drive in near the station without ruining the landscaping. Monday night Kulbeha told trustees that his group still wanted homeowners from the Forums "to kick in half the cost."

George Dickenson, vice-president of the Forums Association, said while his group believes they have no legal obligation to finance the work, "a moral obligation" caused his group to agree to share some of the costs.

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# Work OK'd for project

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BY DAVID LEWIN  
Correspondent

The Wheeling Village Board has authorized the continuation of work on the designs for a project which will bring water from Lake Michigan to Wheeling.

Trustee Charles M. Kerr praised the Chicago engineering firm of Alvord, Burdick and Howson for their design plans, which will utilize pressure already in the Northwest Water Commission pipelines to distribute lake water through the Wheeling water system.

"I think they really went out of their way to save us money," Kerr said at the Board's meeting Monday, Aug. 16. "No other northwest suburb will take as great advantage (of the pressure) as Wheeling."

The lift station pumps sewage to a height from which it will run into the sewer lines by gravity.

The board also adopted a resolution to intent to assume ownership of the Pleasant Run sewage lift station if the owners of the Pleasant Run condominiums agree to the village's conditions.

Village officials agreed to take over the operation of the lift station if four conditions are met:

—Repairs to the station, which must be approved by Wheeling Director of Operations and Maintenance Bob Gray.

—Construction of an access road, also to be approved by Gray.

—Transfer of ownership of the station to the Village of Wheeling.

—Permanent easement rights for village workers across Pleasant

Run property.

The village has agreed to take over the lift station as a result of a dispute between the Pleasant Run Owners Association and the Forums apartments, which had been sending sewage through the lift station without contributing to maintenance costs.

Kerr said the firm's designs will save Wheeling taxpayers more than \$100,000 annually in pumping costs.

IN ANOTHER water-related matter, Board President Sheila Schultz asked trustees to consider a proposal which will waive building permit fees for victims of the recent flooding who are reconstructing their homes. The board will consider the proposal at its next meeting.

## Flood victims eligible for loan help

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

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The U.S. Small Business Administration has agreed to provide low-interest loans to Wheeling Township residents without flood insurance whose property was damaged during torrential rain storms last month.

The decision comes just days after state officials agreed to declare the township a state disaster area, a prerequisite for securing the federal loans. Wheeling Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said details on how homeowners can apply for the loans are expected to be available within the

next few days. He said the agency usually sets up a local claims center and will also make trips into specific areas hit by the flooding to help residents apply for the aid.

To qualify, the SBA requires that at least 25 homes and businesses in a county sustain at least 40 percent uninsured losses based on the assessed valuation of the area.

Because the area has been declared a disaster area, the owners of home and businesses that sustained permanent damage from the flooding also will be able to request property tax reassessments from the Wheeling Township assessor.

SHORTLY AFTER the storms drenched the area July 22, the flood-stricken portions of Lake County and a portion of Deerfield in Cook County were declared a state disaster area by Gov. James R. Thompson. Wheeling village officials protested that the village should also have been included in the declaration, after initial estimates showed the village was hard hit by the flooding, with some \$750,000 in damage to 350 homes and 20 businesses.

E. Erie Jones, director of the Illinois Emergency Services Disaster Agency, could not be reached for comment on the change.

Fialkowski credits the persistence of Wheeling officials for getting the disaster status. "The board placed a high priority on flood relief and the staff followed up on it," he said, adding that Wheeling had "almost daily contact" with the state disaster agency during the past few weeks.

Meanwhile, village officials are advising residents who carry flood insurance and sustained damage in July's rains, to contact their insurance companies for instructions on how to file a damage claim. Residents without insurance should wait for further instructions on obtaining the federal aid.

## Storm drainage woes will aid water supply

By ELLEN WADE BEALS  
Correspondent

Sometimes a handicap can become an advantage.

That's what the engineers at Alvord, Burdick, and Howson think anyway.

At a workshop meeting Aug. 9, the Wheeling Village Board learned that a Wheeling handicap—the village's low elevation, which hampers drainage of storm water—can be advantageous because Lake Michigan water to be supplied by the Northwest Water Commission may flow to the village by its own pressure.

With use of elevated storage tanks or standpipes instead of lowlevel receiving reservoirs, lake water can enter village lines by the power of gravity rather than electric pumping. It's estimated that water pressure will increase from the current 50 to 55 pounds per square inch to 90 pounds per square

inch. Besides the additional pressure, there is a significant savings to the village. Robert F. Robertson of the engineering firm estimates that \$1.1 million in first capital costs and \$122,000 could be saved annually because natural energy rather than electric pumping would furnish the water.

Robert W. Fialkowski, assistant village manager, in explaining the new system for water supply, said, "To be frank, the system has been redesigned from the bottom up."

AS ORIGINALLY planned by the village and the Northwest Water Commission, 42,000 feet of transmission mains, a 30 million gallon storage reservoir, and booster pumping stations would be used to supply the village with water. Under the proposed redesigned plan by Alvord, Burdick, and Howson, the village's system will include two standpipes, each with a capacity of 2.5 million gallons, one pump-

ing station, 51,490 feet of new upgraded mains, and two elevated storage tanks, with a total capacity of 1.5 million gallons, will be used for the village's supply and storage of water. Also, bypass facilities will be used instead of an air gap system to prevent contamination.

The two standpipes would be approximately 130 feet above ground level and 80 feet in diameter. Although sites for the standpipes have been determined, negotiations for land acquisition are not yet final. A third standpipe might be built after the year 2000.

Whenever the Northwest Water Commission transmission line is operating, lake water would bring itself to Wheeling, pumping stations are still needed for emergency situations such as the occurrence of extremely bad fires on days of heavy water usage. Also, the village well system would be used for the purposes.

Both the engineering firm and the

village staff recommend that just one pumping station be built. Fialkowski said he expects the pumps won't be turned on except to exercise them. Depending on whether one or two pumps are built, the estimated cost of the redesigned system is between \$7.3 million to \$6.7 million, not including engineering cost or land acquisition expenses.

The Board will decide at its meeting Monday Aug. 16 if the redesigned system should be used.

Also to be decided at the meeting is whether the village will take over maintenance of the lift station used by Pleasant Run Condominiums and the Forums Apartments, providing certain conditions are met.

These conditions include that all necessary repair on the lift station be done, that an access drive be reconstructed, and that easements would grant the village access rights for sewers and lift stations.



# Signatures needed for Schultz ouster not filed by deadline

by Jean Rudolph  
Herald staff writer

A Wheeling woman who started a petition drive last month to oust Village President Sheila Schultz from office has failed to meet the legal deadline for filing necessary signatures that would have forced a citizen vote on the issue.

Crisanne Irmiter, who took the preliminary steps to remove Schultz from office in July by filing a "notice of intention to recall," could not be reached for comment Monday. But Deputy

Clerk Roberta Krause said no petitions were filed to recall Schultz.

Irmiter said Sunday she did not know if she had enough signatures to meet the Monday deadline.

Under a 4-year-old law that allows residents to petition for a referendum on removing a public official from office, 1,053 signatures of registered village voters had to be filed with Village Clerk Elizabeth Hartman by Monday in order to get the question on the November ballot.

IRMITER, A political ally of former

village president William Hein, had also stated she would ask for five of the six village trustees to be removed from office, but she never filed the formal notice of her intent with the village clerk.

Schultz said Monday that she had "no idea" if Irmiter's effort failed due to a lack of signatures.

"She had expressed confidence that she would get them," Schultz said. "I was certainly not afraid of it. I am confident that I would not have been recalled."

Schultz said she was pleased that Irmiter did not file the petitions because "energy that needs to go elsewhere will not go toward something like this."

"I have just been overwhelmed by expressions of support from the community," she added. "It's really gratifying."

SCHULTZ REPEATED her speculation that Irmiter's drive was politically motivated. Irmiter was on Hein's campaign staff in 1977 and was appointed to the village's zoning board under his jurisdiction. Schultz defeated Hein for

village president in the 1981 election.

Irmiter, however, has denied that her petition drive was political in nature, saying she was upset with several actions taken by the Schultz administration.

Those included the power the board has given to Village Manager Thomas Markus. Schultz's refusal to reappoint zoning board chairman Frank Wojek after 16 years on the commission, and an increase in water rates.

Wheeling in 1978 became the first Illinois town to adopt a recall ordi-

nance as a way to oust a public official voters felt had somehow violated the public trust. Schultz was a vocal advocate of the ordinance at that time, and said Monday she is still in favor of the law.

"It (the recall law) should be used when a public official has been totally unresponsive to the people, and I certainly don't feel that was true in my case," Schultz said. "It confirms my faith in the intelligence and good will of the people of Wheeling that they did not see fit to do this."

# Taxes in rural fire district going up next year

by Elida Witthoeft  
Herald staff writer

Officials from the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District have adopted a 1982 tax levy that is 4 percent higher than the taxes collected last year, but could triple a district resident's tax bill.

The tax hike comes after the district lost about half its assessed value when the village of Wheeling withdrew from the district earlier this year. But fire officials say they still must levy about the same amount as last year because their district must continue to pay Wheeling to provide fire and ambulance service to residents who live in the district. The tax bills will increase

because fewer residents will be footing the bill.

The fire district's 1982 levy is \$704,000, up 4 percent from the \$675,981 the district will receive this year. District Treasurer David Wiltse estimated that levy will bring the district's tax rate close to its legal maximum of 60 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The district's current tax rate is 19.8 cents per \$100.

That means that a taxpayer living in the fire district next year will pay \$114 for fire protection and ambulance service, on a house valued at \$19,000. Under the old tax rate, that same home's tax bill would be \$37.62.

THE INCREASE will affect residents in scattered unincorporated areas of Cook County covered by the

fire district and some residents in the northern half of Prospect Heights. Residents of that city pay the fire district for service, because Prospect Heights does not maintain its own municipal fire department. Four separate rural fire protection districts serve Prospect Heights.

Wiltse said for the past several years the district has asked for the maximum amount of tax dollars because officials were unsure how much of the district would be left to tax since Buffalo Grove and portions of unincorporated Wheeling Township have disconnected from the district in the past two years. This year, Wiltse said officials are asking for the maximum amount as they wait to see how Wheel-

ing's disconnection affects their expenses.

LAST YEAR the district abated \$150,000 from its tax request, and lowered the tax rate, after officials decided their surplus was getting too large. "Last year we saw it coming in too quickly and we abated. That was because of a large jump in the value of the district after the reassessment," said Wiltse. "This year we'll be close to the maximum (tax rate), but we'll have to back off that too, if the money comes in too quickly."

This year the fire district has a budget of \$859,000. Of that, \$790,000 will be paid to Wheeling to provide fire protection and ambulance service. Wiltse said the difference between the budget and the tax request will be paid

with surplus funds.

Since 1975 Wheeling has been trying to withdraw from the district to correct a taxing inequity that has existed in the village. For years Wheeling has maintained its own municipal fire department, but most of the village was also in the fire district and those residents were taxed by both bodies. But some 2,000 residents and several businesses in the "old town" section of Wheeling were not in the district and

escaped paying the fire district taxes.

By withdrawing from the district, all Wheeling residents will now only pay village property taxes to finance the village fire department. But as the fire district does not operate any fire-fighting equipment, the district continues to contract with the village to provide fire protection to areas outside of Wheeling. It is the cost of that protection which makes up the bulk of the fire district's levy.

# Pierce joins battle to reduce speed limit on road

by Elida Witthoeft  
Herald staff writer

The residents of a Wheeling condominium complex have convinced State Rep. Daniel Pierce to join their battle to get the speed limit reduced along McHenry Road.

Pierce, D-Highland Park, said Friday he will ask state highway officials to reduce the speed limit from 45 mph

to 40 mph on the stretch northwest of Childerley Park, 506 McHenry Road. Pierce said also he will ask state officials to do a new traffic study of the area "at a busier time of day," to determine whether a flashing yellow warning light, or a regular traffic light, should be installed near the park's entrance.

Concerned that children crossing to the park may be harmed, residents of

the Cedar Run development several months ago mounted a campaign to slow down the cars and make motorists aware of the pedestrians along the road. Childerley is the only park in the area, and the group fears that the pedestrian traffic, coupled with the numerous entrances to several multi-family complexes and a home for the aged that line the road, will combine to create a lethal situation.

"WE'VE NEVER had any serious injury, but we're concerned something will happen," said Don Kirchenberg, president of the Cedar Run Homeowners' Association. "We've already lost two nice trees and two fire hydrants."

Recently the park district installed a baseball backstop at the park, which already features an orchard and small chapel. With the addition of the ball-

field, residents fear the number of children using the park will increase, creating more of a hazard.

Earlier this year the state lowered the speed limit on the road, just southeast of the park, from 45 mph to 40 mph. But state officials rejected the Wheeling Park District's request for a warning light at the spot because they said a driver's vision is not impaired by a curve or other obstructions. But after seeing the traffic that passes

along the road, Pierce said he is "convinced" that the residents "need one of them (the lights) there definitely."

In addition, the village has agreed to paint pedestrian crosswalks near the park entrance. Village President Sheila Schultz has also written a letter to Gov. James Thompson, asking his aides to intercede in the matter, but Schultz said she has not yet received a reply.

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# Attempt to recall

By STAN ZOLLER  
News Editor

WHEELING VOTERS will not decide the fate of Village President Sheila Schultz in November.

A petition drive seeking the recall question be placed on the November ballot came up short because, says Crisanne Irmiter, the resident circulating the petitions, she could not get the required 1,053 signatures.

Subsequently, she was unable to file the petition on Monday, Aug. 16, the deadline for filing. According to the village's ordinance, residents have 30 days to circulate a petition seeking an elected official's ouster.

"I just didn't get enough signatures," Irmiter said. "People for some reason fear Sheila and the village manager (Thomas M. Markus) and are afraid there would have been some kind of retaliation. I think it may have been the easy way out."

Schultz, who defeated incumbent Village President William H. Hein in the April 1981 election, said she was "very happy" that no petition was filed.

Without the issue on the ballot, Schultz said both she and the board will be able to "use our energies in a more productive way."

Schultz added one "plus" which came out of the 30-day petition drive was the number of calls supporting her.

AS FOR the charges that some residents fear both she and Markus,

Schultz said it is a common accusation during an election year, especially among village employees.

"If an employee is doing a good job, there is no problem at all," Schultz said.

Despite the failure of the petition drive, Irmiter said she has no regrets about doing it.

"I'm very comfortable with what I have done," Irmiter said. "At least I had the guts to try which is more than some people would have done."

Irmiter added that she isn't planning any changes. "My life will go on," she said. Irmiter added that she does not have any plans to try another attempt at recalling Schultz.

Irmiter circulated the petitions because, she says she was unhappy with the higher water rates and the issuing of a permit to Walgreen Co. so it can sell package liquor at its store in Lynn Plaza.

While Irmiter is not planning to run for any village office, she says she plans to work against alcohol and drug abuse in the future.

Irmiter said her attempt to place the recall question on the November ballot was "not a political move. I could have pulled it off. All I wanted to do was put it on the ballot."

Schultz said she was concerned about the issue, but said she felt confident voters would have defeated it.

# Schultz fails

## Trustees to discuss senior center design

Approval of the final design for Wheeling's proposed \$1.2 million senior citizens center will be discussed today when the Wheeling Village Board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Designed by the architecture firm of Holabird and Root, the V-shaped building would include a multi-purpose room, recreation room, kitchen, library, craft room, classroom, conference room and two offices for staff members. A front foyer and lounge also are included in the design, as well as an enclosed, circular porch to the side of the multi-purpose room.

The center, to be built near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, will sit on a landscaped site that includes walkways and a drainage lake. The project is being financed with federal community development grants.

TRUSTEES ALSO are expected to adopt an updated report on plans to improve village streets, sewers and the water system over the next five years.

The plan includes projects totaling \$17 million, including \$6.9 million in improvements to the village's water supply system, necessary when Wheeling receives Lake Michigan water in 1984. The program also includes \$4.9 million for renovation and repairs to the village's sanitary and storm sewers and \$4.1 million on village streets.

Another \$200,000 has been set aside for sidewalk work and \$1.02 million for miscellaneous projects, including construction of the proposed senior citizens center.

ACCEPTANCE OF an engineering report that details \$6.8 million of improvements to Wheeling's water system to make it ready to accept Lake Michigan water is also expected at the board meeting.

The work needed on Wheeling's system includes 51,490 feet of new water mains; two 2.5-million-gallon elevated water storage tanks; two "standpipes;" and one pumping station. The village intends to use the existing water pressure in the pipes to move the water throughout Wheeling, saving an estimated \$120,000 a year in pumping costs.

Wheeling officials expect to borrow between \$6 million and \$6.5 million later this summer to pay for the work, and plan to repay the loan with property tax revenues.

AN OFFICIAL vote on their pledge to take over the maintenance and operation of the sewer lift station at the Pleasant Run condominiums will also be discussed by trustees.

Several years ago the village agreed to take over the station, which was originally installed to serve both sites, but ended up on the Pleasant Run property. Since the mid-1970s the residents at Pleasant Run and the Forums developments have disagreed over who should pay for the repairs and the access road the village is requiring before it takes over the station.

But now representatives of both developments say they have agreed to share the costs if the village gives them an official commitment on taking over the station.

### The week ahead

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## Trustees to discuss traffic code changes

Wheeling village officials will meet Monday to discuss revisions in the village's traffic codes.

The village board will meet at 8 p.m. at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Village Attorney James Rhodes said he will propose revisions and clarifications in the traffic codes that will bring the codes in line with the Illinois traffic laws. That codes cover everything connected with traffic from items such as speed limits, turns and village automobile stickers to pedestrians and bicycles, Rhodes said.

Rhodes said the revisions will make it easier for police to enforce and recognize violations.

Trustees also will discuss proposed amendments in the village's personnel policy manual concerning injuries not in the line of duty and major illnesses and sick leaves for village employees.

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## Petition for Schultz recall falls short of names

By JOAN FLEISCHER

A move to oust Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz from office failed Monday because not enough signatures were gathered on a petition to put the recall question to the voters in November.

Chrisanne Irmiter, of 265 S. Wheeling Ave., who launched a petition drive July 15 asking for a recall referendum to be held on removing Schultz from her elected office, said she had not gathered the required 1,050 signatures of registered voters within the 30-day deadline.

"I'm not going to say how many signatures I had, I just didn't have enough. I missed by very little," said Irmiter.

Irmiter had until 4:30 p.m. on Monday to return the signed petitions to Village Clerk Elizabeth Hartman. No petitions were submitted.

Irmiter said she felt very comfortable

with her efforts to remove Schultz from office. "I tried and I had the guts to do it. I think it was apathy, ignorance of voters and fear of reprisal that prevented people from signing the petition," she said.

Schultz, on the other hand, said she viewed residents' refusal to sign the petitions as a vote of confidence. "In this country, we don't have a vote of confidence. It feels good to know that people support me in mid-term of my office."

"I have to admit that I'm glad it didn't go any further. I'm not afraid of recall, but it would have taken time away from my village responsibilities," she said.

Schultz added she was encouraged during the past month by calls and letters of support from village residents. "People were very supportive. They said they felt comfortable with coming before the

village with a problem and said they supported me."

Schultz said she believed Irmiter's drive for the recall was politically motivated.

Irmiter, who was appointed by former Village President William Hein, to the village zoning board and worked in his unsuccessful bid for re-election, said she did not deny that Hein was her friend.

Schultz defeated Hein with a only a 94-vote margin in the April 1981 village election.

Irmiter said she sought the recall action because she is bothered by the board's giving so much power to Village Manager Thomas Markus.

In 1978, Wheeling became the first local government in Illinois to adopt a recall ordinance as a way for voters to remove from office corrupt or unresponsive public officials.

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## Neighbors wowed by news helicopter

By JUNE STEWART

A NEWSMAN'S job for the most part is tedious, hard work. But it can be exciting. Seeing a newsman in action is exciting if you are a neighborhood youngster and the WLS-TV news helicopter has just landed in your very own private playground, Meadowbrook East residents saw the helicopter, and youngsters rushed to

the scene first to find out if the news team was interested in their secret fort a few feet away from the landing site. Now, the fort itself has a mysterious history. One group of occupants, years back, formed a club, wrote to then President Gerald Ford, and received his personal card. The fort's present occupants have their territory staked out, and were rather relieved to learn that Joel Daly and crew, Timothy Timberlake and Harry Elatkin weren't interested in their fort. Actually, the WLS helicopter landing at Milwaukee and Manchester Avenues caused quite a stir among parents who have been trying to obtain a stoplight at that intersection for several years.

At first, parents were a bit suspicious when the kids came home and said, "Ma, there's a WLS news helicopter in the field." Sure enough. There it was! Across the street, a fire truck from the Wheeling Fire Department stood by. And then the WLS news van with Joel Daly and crew pulled up.

A number of Meadowbrook residents hopped into their cars and ventured out onto Milwaukee Avenue, something they won't normally attempt — especially at the beginning of rush hour.

Other, nearby residents attempted walking across the vacant field to the helicopter, but a mosquito bombardment forced them back. Wheeling Police directed traffic as Joel Daly and the video crew taped their story, and rushed the film to the helicopter.

What's it like watching a television news team and news helicopter in action? "That's the most exciting thing that's happened all summer," said Sharon Nitli who is spearheading the drive for the stoplight at Milwaukee and Manchester Avenues. Donald

Welth told the kids who missed the excitement all about it. The story wasn't about the stoplight. That night, everyone watched the 4:30 news. Most of the people forgot the news story. But everyone who saw the helicopter land and take off remember that.

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## Recall drive deserved to fail

The drive to recall Wheeling Village President Sheila Shultz has faltered and faded for lack of backing, we are relieved to report. Crissane Irmiter, who filed the recall notice and passed a petition demanding a special election, failed to submit by Aug. 16 the 1,053 signatures she was trying to collect. Voters will thus be spared the destructive division and distraction such a recall election would have brought the community.

Read whatever you will into the failed effort. We like to think that, in the 15 months that Shultz has been mayor, the vast majority of voters have come to appreciate her sincere and straightforward leadership. After all, the number of signatures Irmiter set out to collect was not unrealistic; it would have represented just one-third of the number of Wheeling residents who cast ballots in the last municipal election. That's not what you'd call an impossible goal, for, had the mayor committed a grievous error or been accused of criminal wrongdoing, you can bet that petition would have drawn signatures like the back of a blank check.

Perhaps it's going too far to say that two-thirds of the electorate has given Shultz a tacit vote of confidence — doubtless many voters weren't even asked to sign Irmiter's petition — but it certainly is fair to say the recall effort died for lack of sympathy and support. What's more, it is entirely reasonable to conclude that the discretion and skepticism with which Wheeling voters apparently assessed Irmiter's petition exonerates the broadness of the village's recall ordinance.

As voters may remember, the recall ordinance's broadness was a point of intense controversy. The ordinance — the first of its kind to be enacted in Illinois — was a trade-off for the adoption of home rule. As initially enacted, the recall ordinance was ambiguous and very nearly meaningless. It took the election of Shultz and a majority of her allies on the village board, who demonstrated implicit faith in the electorate, to strengthen and broaden the ordinance by providing that the mayor and trustees could be recalled for anything — malfeasance or crime or simply a breach of trust — in much the same way that voters typically use any of a range of criteria to cast their ballot on Election Day.

Irmiter had no specific bone to pick. She cited no specific wrongdoing to justify a recall — no gross misconduct in office, not even so much as an abuse of home-rule authority or a broken campaign promise. All she cited was a short list of policy decisions by the village board with which she disagreed: raising water rates to pay for the Lake Michigan pipeline, granting a liquor license, refusing to reappoint the zoning board chairman and so forth.

The irony, then, was that Shultz became the first target of the law she successfully sought to broaden. And the moral is that the leader who acts with faith in the electorate will reap the rewards of that faith. The voters demonstrated they were indeed capable of deciding these things for themselves.

# Residents want McHenry Road speed limit reduced

by Jim Davis  
Herald staff writer

Saying that the installation of warning lights and pedestrian crossings haven't done enough to improve safety conditions along McHenry Road, residents from a nearby condominium complex are trying to have the road's speed limit reduced from 45 to 35 miles per hour.

Don Kirchenberg, president of the Cedar Run Homeowners' Association, said the residents' concerns stem from the fact that children frequently use McHenry Road to get to Highland Park, the only park in the area.

Also, there are numerous homes along McHenry Road as well as the Lorata Villa, a home for the aged. As a result, there are vehicles almost constantly attempting to enter or leave McHenry Road. "It all adds up to a dangerous situation," Kirchenberg said.

But state highway officials, who are responsible for setting the speed limit along McHenry Road, say they lowered the speed limit on a portion of the roadway — between Childerley and Route 83 — to 40 mph earlier this year, and they normally will wait at least a year before considering another change.

THE STATE also installed a flashing light to warn motorists that pedestrians are crossing McHenry Road near Childerley. And Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village next month will paint a crosswalk on the roadway near Childerley.

But Markus added that while the light and crosswalk might alert motorists, it also might encourage more pedestrians to cross the road and use the park. Also, park officials, who were forced to abandon any immediate plans to build more parks near Cedar Run and the other multifamily complexes after a tax increase was turned down by voters earlier this year, have talked about building a ballfield at Childerley.

Village officials agree with the residents' complaints, and have fired off a

letter to Gov. James Thompson's office, asking his aides to intercede in the matter.

And State Rep. Daniel Pierce, D-Highland Park, says he will meet with Cedar Run residents next Thursday to view the McHenry Road situation firsthand. He said he was aware that the state had recently inspected the roadway, but noted that by keeping after state highway officials, residents were able to get the state to change its mind about lowering the speed limit along Sheridan Road, near Highland Park.

# Plans for senior center approved

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The Wheeling Village Board approved final design plans for a \$1.2 million senior citizens center at Milwaukee Avenue and Strong street.

Designed by the architectural firm of Holabird and Root, the V-shaped building will feature a multi-purpose room, recreation room, kitchen, library, craft room, classroom, conference room and two offices for staff members. A front foyer and a lounge also are included in the design, as well as an enclosed circular porch to the side of the multi-purpose room.

The framed, stucco center will sit on a landscaped site that includes walkways and a drainage lake. The project is being financed with federal community development grants.

Along with Holy Family Hospital's emergency clinic and the Cook County Housing Authority's senior citizen housing, the new senior center is considered a major anchor in Wheeling's downtown development plans.

## 5-year improvement plan OK'd

Trustees unanimously approved plans to improve village streets, sewers and the water system over the next five years.

The capital improvements plan includes projects totaling \$17 million, including \$6.9 million in improvements to the village's water supply system, needed when Wheeling receives Lake Michigan water in 1984.

The program also includes \$4.9 million for renovation and repairs to the village's sanitary and storm sewers and \$4.1 million for road and bridge improvements.

Another \$200,000 has been allocated for sidewalk work and \$1.02 million for miscellaneous projects, including construction of the proposed senior citizens center.

## Water system work approved

Improvements totaling \$6.8 million to prepare the village's water system to accept Lake Michigan water were approved.

The work needed includes 51,490 feet of new water mains, two 2.5-million gallon elevated water tanks, two "standpipes" and a pumping station. The village intends to use the existing water pressure in the pipes to move the water throughout Wheeling, instead of collecting the lake water and then repumping it to village residents with village pumps, saving an estimated \$120,000 a year in pumping costs.

By using the existing pressure, Wheeling officials will save \$500,000 in initial construction costs because the village now will have to construct only one pumping station as a backup to move water from the two village collection points to residents throughout the village.

Village officials expect to borrow between \$6 and \$6.5 million this summer to pay for the work and plan to repay the loan with property tax revenue.

## Permit fee waived for flood victims

Village residents whose property was damaged during the recent flooding do not have to pay the fee for a construction permit, trustees decided this week.

However, residents still must have a permit so the village will have a record of the work.

# Recreational vehicles destroyed in barn fire

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A fire of unknown origin Thursday destroyed three mobile homes and a boat that were being stored in a barn near Palatine and Wolf roads in Wheeling.

No one was injured in the fire, which was confined to the barn, located behind the home of Stanley and Victoria Talken, 20 W. Palatine Road. The Talkens own the barn and rent out storage space for recreational vehicles.

Seven-year-old Dwayne Talken, who was at home with his brother David, 14, and two family friends spotted the thick black smoke, which poured from the rear of the barn at about noon. The boys ran out of the house, saw the fire, which David Talken said appeared to

start near the boat, and summoned firefighters.

"I thought it was some kind of hurricane or something," David said. "Then I saw the flames."

Firefighters were able to contain the fire, and most of the barn remained intact.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said at the scene that the cause of the fire has not been determined.

The boys said they saw no one in the area of the barn before the fire started, but David Talken said he found a can of gasoline that had been full Wednesday night, discarded empty near the house Thursday morning. His mother, Victoria, said, however, "It's all speculation — we don't know what caused it."



Herald photo by Bob Hingham

LITTLE MORE than a burned-out shell remains of a mobile home, which was destroyed Thursday in a barn fire on Palatine Road in Wheeling. Two other recreational vehicles and a boat were destroyed in the fire. The cause of the blaze has not been determined.



# County out to shutter Torch Club

by Pat Doyle  
Herald staff writer

Prosecutors moved Thursday to close the Torch Club in Palatine Township for allegedly violating a county adult entertainment ordinance, warning its continued operation would result in a "skid row," encourage prostitution and lower property values.

The nightclub, which features strip-tease dancing, was named in a complaint filed Thursday by the Cook County state's attorney's office.

Authorities charge the Torch Club, 2222 Rand Road, violates the adult entertainment zoning ordinance, which restricts where adult book stores, strip-tease nightclubs and other such establishments can locate. Prosecutors are seeking an injunction to prevent the Torch from doing business and a \$200 fine for each day it operates illegally.

"The continued operation of this establishment will result in the development of a skid row, further criminal activity such as prostitution in the surrounding area, decreasing the property values," the complaint said.

The state's attorney's office used the adult entertainment ordinance in July to shut down the Cheetah II nightclub at 962 N. Milwaukee Ave. in unincorporated Wheeling Township.

HOWEVER, THE Cheetah has reopened at 968 N. Milwaukee Ave., the nightclub's original location before it was gutted by fire in April.

Assistant State's Attorney Joann Tansy said she expects to file a second

complaint today against the Cheetah II alleging a new violation of the adult use ordinance.

Tansy said prosecutors also intend to file complaints charging the Cheetah violated building codes by remodeling the burned-out nightclub without obtaining permits or submitting to inspections.

The adult entertainment ordinance requires operators of strip-tease nightclubs to submit to a public hearing and obtain a special use permit. Under the ordinance, strong community opposition would be sufficient to prevent the nightclub from operating.

Public opposition has been strong

in Leyden Township where two adult entertainment businesses have been closed under the new law.

An Aug. 30 court hearing has been scheduled before Judge Frank Sulewski in Chicago to hear the latest complaints against the Cheetah and the Torch.



**OPEN AGAIN.** The Cheetah II strip-tease nightclub has dodged attempts to put it out of business. A judge ordered the club to shut down in July after it violated an adult-entertainment ordinance. Now the club is operating next door.

## Cheetah II target of prosecutors

Prosecutors are again asking a Cook County Circuit Court to shut down the Cheetah II, a nightclub in unincorporated Wheeling Township, claiming it has violated the county's adult entertainment ordinance and several building codes.

Last April the Cheetah II, which features nude female dancers, closed after being gutted by fire. A few weeks later the club reopened at 962 N. Milwaukee Ave., but was shut down in late July when the court ruled the reopening violated the adult entertainment ordinance. Recently the club reopened at its original location, 968 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Assistant State's Attorney Matt Klein said the county is charging that the nightclub violated the adult entertainment law and building codes by remodeling and reopening without permits.

A HEARING on the matter has been scheduled for Thursday at 11 a.m. before Judge Frank Sulewski, but Assistant State's Attorney Joann Tansy said Patrick Tuitt, the club's attorney, probably will ask that the case be moved to federal court. Last month Tuitt, who also represents a Palatine Township adult book store and a Leyden Township nightclub, filed suit in federal court challenging the constitutionality of the adult entertainment ordinance.

Adopted late last year, the ordinance restricts where businesses such as adult book stores and strip-tease nightclubs can operate. The law also requires the businesses to submit to a public hearing and obtain a special permit to operate.

Meanwhile, Cheetah II owner Mark DeFoor, who could not be reached for comment, has asked the county zoning board for the permit that would make his club legal. A public hearing on that request will be held September 10 at 3 p.m. in the Gary Morava Center, 110 W. Camp MacDonald Road, Prospect Heights.

## Youth commission expansion proposed

To make the commission more responsive to the needs of Wheeling's young people, the chairman of Wheeling's youth commission is asking village officials to expand the group to include representatives from local school districts, the Wheeling Park District and the Wheeling police.

The expansion proposal, which has been unanimously approved by other youth commission members and Chairman Faye Moroz, now needs village board approval.

The youth commission is made up of five adults chosen from among village residents by Village President Sheila Schultz. A sixth representative is appointed from Omni-House, a Wheeling-based social service agency. Three students, including two from Wheeling's junior high schools, and one from Wheeling High School, also serve as commissioners.

Moroz is proposing to expand the commission to 12 members, including professionals from Wheeling Township District 21, High School District 214, the Wheeling Park District, and a Wheeling police youth officer. The five adult commissioners and Omni-House representative would continue to serve, as would the three students.

Moroz said she proposed the changes in an attempt to revive the commission, which she says has been inactive because the commissioners aren't sure what role they should take in the com-

munity. "Our basic purpose is to help the kids. Forget about the tax money and other things," she said. "But we don't know what we're supposed to do. Do we think of the programs and implement them? No one has a clear idea."

BY INCLUDING representatives of groups that already sponsor youth programs, Moroz said she hopes the youth commission can become an advisory panel, with a more realistic view of the problems of Wheeling's youth and how they should be handled. "This doesn't mean that the residents who serve on the commission can't do their own projects and ideas," she said. "I'm trying to eliminate overlapping and make sure all services are provided. The way it is now, it's not working."

Moroz said Deerfield operates a similar 12-representative youth commission with great success, and she wants to bring that success to Wheeling's commission. "We can't compete with Omni-House and the schools. We don't have the funds or the people. But we can't help the kids unless we know what they're getting already," she said.

Schultz said she has "mixed feelings" about a commission as big as Moroz is proposing, and she expects some board members to question the plan. "It's going to require some discussion and we haven't talked about it yet," she said. The trustees are scheduled to discuss the proposal at the Sept. 7 board meeting.

Park or lower speed

# Cedar Run residents rally 'round a cause

By JOAN FLEISCHER

In the early '70s, multi-family housing was a new concept. It was advertised as great starter homes for newly-marrieds who had little money for down payments or high mortgage costs but still wanted to own modest homes they could call their own.

Some people confused the term with public housing and scorned the idea of such a complex of homes in their community of single-family detached houses.

But the real estate boom of the late '70s and subsequent skyrocketing interest rates and home costs soon made multi-family housing the only homes many families could afford to buy. The recession forced starter homes to become permanent homes.

Young families with toddlers and pet dogs who were priced out of the single-family home market flocked to developments like Cedar Run, off Route 83 in Wheeling.

Cedar Run is a complex of 408 units. Each unit is contained within a quadrant of four homes.

Sharing walls with neighbors and living in such close quarters may look displeasing to some, but according to Cedar Run residents it encourages concern for neighbors' children and helps form friendly, caring neighborhoods.

The childless couples and one-child families that moved into the new development in the 1970s have grown. The toddlers that came with young families 10 years ago are now in their teens and have younger brothers and sisters.

There are now several hundred children, from newborns to high school age, living in Cedar Run.

Cedar Run residents are riled up because there are no parks nearby where their children can go and play.

Parents say they are even more concerned about the hazardous traffic condition on Route 83 which their children dart across with bikes or on foot.

"It's area looking for an accident to happen. It's a serious problem and I shudder to think what could happen. There's no crosswalk, traffic lights or even a stop sign. The cars just speed by as the kids try to cross the street," said Don Kirchenberg, president of the Cedar Run Homeowners.

Kirchenberg said the homeowners group has asked village and park district officials for a park on the same side of



Children from Cedar Run and other area developments along Route 83 in Wheeling wait for a break in traffic to cross the roadway. Residents are appealing for a reduction in the speed limit from 45 to 35 miles per hour. (Staff photo by Nancy Stone)

Route 83 as the development.

Residents were told that because the Wheeling Park District referendum was defeated by the voters last March, there is no money to purchase land for a park.

The park district referendum asked for a property tax increase of 25 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to fund proposed projects which included an outdoor pool, a recreation center and 15 acres of new park land. Seven acres of park land were slated for the Route 83 northwest corridor where Cedar Run and several other multi-family developments are located.

The homeowners group is now appealing to village and state officials to at least reduce the speed from 45 to 35 m.p.h. along Route 83 for less than a mile.

Children from Cedar Run cross Route 83 and go to nearby Childerley Park, which really isn't a recreational park with swings or a baseball diamond, but is a picnic grove.

"The danger of children crossing a major roadway to get to Childerley really underlines our need for a park here. We're disappointed with the financial constraints on the park district and understand that these are not good times to be asking taxpayers for money, but we're taxpayers, too," said Eva Hochwert, a Cedar Run resident, who launched her neighbors on a campaign to get a park and now is working to get the speed limit reduced.

There are about 5,000 people living in the several developments along Route 83. That represents about 21 per cent of Wheeling's entire population, according to 1980 census data.

"Families who live here are without a school playground, church athletic field, park or even a large parking lot that could be used for recreation. It's unfair not to have some place nearby for children other than having to cross a busy highway," said Hochwert.

"If children are crossing the highway, the least we can do is ensure that motorists slow down and make the entrance to the park a safe crosswalk. We're not asking for the moon, we just want a safe roadway," she added.

Kirchenberg said the section of Route 83 which needs a reduced speed limit begins on the north, at the Village of Wheeling corporate boundary and ends on the south, at the entrance of Childerley Park.

"There have been a number of car accidents there, including two fatalities. We don't want a child injured before action is taken to reduce the speed limit," Kirchenberg added.

The Cedar Run homeowners group has written to State Rep. Dan Pierce and Village President Sheila Schultz, who in turn wrote to the governor asking that he forward the residents' speed limit reduction appeal to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Sigmund C. Ziejewski, district engineer with IDOT, said the criteria for reducing the speed limit in an area requires a traffic study of prevailing speed of free-flowing traffic and at access points of the roadway.

Additional data used to lower the speed limit in an area includes: the accident rate, access control, pedestrian activity and parking.

If the accident rate, based on all reportable accidents, within the proposed area is 50 per cent higher than the statewide average the speed limit may be reduced by 5 per cent.

Where there are no sidewalks and total pedestrian traffic exceeds 10 per hour for any three hours, the speed may be reduced by five per cent.

Ziejewski said the most recent traffic study completed in the Route 83 area was at the intersection of routes 68 and 83. Last February, he said, the speed was reduced from 45 to 40 m.p.h. at Route 68 for two-tenths of a mile west of Route 83.

## Local officials at conference on pipeline alternative

Representatives from the villages of Buffalo Grove and Wheeling planned to attend a conference Wednesday in Lombard on alternatives to the Lake Michigan pipeline.

The Water Resources Council of Chicagoland, a group which represents water treatment equipment and well drillers, sponsored a conference for 94 suburban Chicago communities to inform them of a study of water resources in the greater Chicago area.

The study, commissioned by the National Water Well Association, analyzes future water supply and suggests that ground water recharge would provide a new water supply at

one-tenth the cost of constructing a pipeline, said Timothy Fitzsimmons, director of the Water Resources Council.

Fitzsimmons said natural recharge would entail building approximately 10 shallow wells on the shore of Lake Michigan and drilling deeper wells to replenish aquifer levels.

Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling said the village considered such proposals prior to their joining the Northwest Water Commission project of bringing Lake Michigan water here through a 40-mile pipeline.

"Recharging the aquifer level is

technically feasible and it is an interesting concept, but our basic conclusion was that costs of paying for pushing water into the ground and then paying to treat the water were too high.

"The key to the Northwest Water Commission is to limit moving water and to minimize re-pumping costs," Balling said.

He added that Gregory Boysen, village director of public works, was planning to attend the conference and would share information gathered with other staff.

Wheeling Public Works Engineer Michael Klitzke was also scheduled to attend the conference in Lombard.



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## 2 sex charges at Cheetah II

The Cheetah II nude dance nightclub near Wheeling was the site of two arrests on prostitution charges, Sgt. Bruce Frasch of the Cook County vice squad said Thursday.

Paul Francis Nickel, 35, of Carpentersville, was arrested on charges of keeping a place of prostitution. A dancer at the club, 25-year-old Evelyn Martinez of Chicago, was charged with prostitution. Both suspects are scheduled to appear Oct. 18 in the Niles branch of Cook County Circuit Court.

Frasch said the arrests took place after an undercover officer was solicited for sex by Martinez.

## Use, don't abuse, recall ordinance

IT'S LIKE leaving a handgun around for a child.

When Wheeling adopted its recall ordinance in 1978, the intent was to give residents a tool to remove from office elected officials whose job performance contradicts the will of the electorate.

It made sense at the time, considering the village's history, and it still makes sense to us.

Now, unfortunately, the recall ordinance, the only one of its kind in the state, is apparently being used for another purpose — political gain.

A recall petition is being circulated by Crisanne Irmiter, a Wheeling resident who says she is unhappy with higher water rates and the issuance of a liquor license to Walgreens.

She says the village needs Lake Michigan water — and she's right. Wheeling's well system is approaching its limit and improved water service is needed.

Why then, do water rates have to go up now? Because of contracts the village entered into during a previous administration — one headed up by Bill Hein. Irmiter and Hein are political allies. In fact, she worked hard for Hein's re-election in April 1981, a bid which he lost — to the woman Irmiter wants out — current Village President Sheila Schultz.

It also strikes us a bit peculiar that both Irmiter and Hein now are very concerned about Wheeling's "alcohol and drug problem."





It's a problem, they say, that will only increase by issuance of another liquor license in the village.

Neither Irmiter nor Hein work on any program or committee to curb the use of alcohol and drugs in Wheeling.

If they were that concerned about alcohol-related problems, they might look at those establishments that have been cited for serving minors, one of which is owned by Hein's family.

The problems cited by Irmiter are not new to Wheeling. Many Village Board members have worked hard to dispel Wheeling's image of a town with crooked politicians — an image that once mirrored reality. The current Village Board isn't perfect — no government is — but it is an improvement compared to past boards.

Instead of fighting the Schultz Administration, Irmiter and Hein (if he is as concerned as he says he is) should work with the board. Not only for their benefit, but for the more than 22,000 persons who call Wheeling home.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Selected decisions from the village board meetings of August 2 and 16					
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To authorize a \$443,529 contract with Lakeland Construction Co. for site improvements for the planned senior citizens center. (Passed 6-0)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
To adopt a \$17 million program that includes street, sewer and water system improvements for the next five years (Passed 6-0)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
To authorize the continuation on engineering work for \$6.8 million of internal improvements to the village's water system, necessary to receive Lake Michigan water. (Passed 6-0)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## Wheeling to ask township for part of furniture cost

Wheeling village officials say they will ask Wheeling Township for funds to help raise the \$80,000 needed to furnish the senior citizens center being built in the village.

Julie Woods, Wheeling's senior citizen coordinator, said staff members have met with Wheeling Township Trustee John Ayres to discuss the proposal, but no decision has been made on how much money will be requested. Woods said the village hopes to present the request to the township this fall.

Ayres said the funding, if granted, would come from the township's federal revenue sharing money. That money is usually used to help finance social service agencies and other services provided to township residents. Ayres said he asked the village to present its request this fall, so it can be included when the budget-setting process begins.

Construction began this week on roadway improvements for the \$1.2 million center, being built near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street. The project is being financed with federal community development grants.

**ALONG WITH** Holy Family's Emergency Clinic and the Cook County Housing Authority's senior citizen housing, the center is considered a major anchor in Wheeling's downtown redevelopment plans.

Woods said she expects the project to be completed by the fall of 1983, and said village officials and members of the senior citizens commission have turned their attention to raising money for the furnishings. To date, the village has raised nearly \$1,000 of the needed money.

Woods said the village is planning to equip the center with "new furniture that will take a lot of abuse." She said village officials are looking at a number of ways to raise the money, including holding a series of fund-raising activities and asking furniture stores to donate the furnishings for one room. The village also will accept money or furniture donations from citizens and may seek donations or grants from other groups. "It's our overall goal to get the community involved," she said.

On September 24, the senior commission and Arlington Park Race Track will sponsor "Wheeling Day at the Races" to help earn money for the furniture. Clubhouse tickets for the event are \$1.50, if purchased from senior commission members or the village, and \$3.25 at the race track.

On that day, a race will be run in Wheeling's honor, with a post-race award ceremony including several village officials. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to purchase furniture.

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## Panel to report on plans to purchase Pal-Waukee

A progress report by a special citizens panel studying plans by Prospect Heights and Wheeling to buy Pal-Waukee Airport will be presented to the Prospect Heights City Council tonight.

The special panel, chaired by former Wheeling Township Trustee John Gilli-

gan and other city residents, is expected to announce when it will make its recommendation on whether the towns should buy the privately-owned airport.

The council meets in a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 4 E. Camp McDonald Road.

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## Firm to deliver village newsletter

Instead of mailing the village newsletter to residents, Wheeling officials have hired a firm to deliver the newsletters door-to-door throughout the village.

Starting with the September issue, the newsletters will be hand-delivered to homes, said Bheula Peterson, Wheeling's administrative assistant. The newsletter will be delivered in a plastic bag printed with Wheeling's logo and hung on the doorknob of all occupied houses. In apartments, the

newsletters will either be delivered to individual doors, or will be placed in the mail room where tenants can pick them up.

Market Saturation, Inc., Streamwood, estimated it would cost about \$700 to deliver one issue of the newsletter. Previously, the cost of mailing the one issue has run more than \$1,000.

Residents who do not receive the newsletter, or have questions or complaints about the service, should call Peterson at 459-2605.

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# Pension fund eyed for low-interest mortgage for cops

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

9-1-82

sounds feasible."

Officials on Wheeling's police pension board are studying a program to reinvest some of the \$3 million in the fund to provide low-interest mortgages and investment money to village police officers.

But Village Finance Director Gregory Peters, who serves as the pension board's treasurer, is recommending against the plan, saying it will end up costing taxpayers more money.

The Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) is proposing that some of the pension money be invested in the CCPA Credit Union, where the interest earnings would be used to write low-interest loans for policemen.

THE PENSION money now is invested in several institutions and earned 8.48 percent interest in 1981, which was reinvested. The CCPA is offering to pay only 5.5 percent interest and then lend the money to policemen at 8 percent for mortgage or investment loans. John Powers, a CCPA pension adviser, said the 2.5 percent difference will cover the credit union's administrative costs.

"Banks typically maintain a four-point spread," Powers said. "We're well below that."

Pension Board President Sgt. Jack Kimsey said the board has made no decision about participating in the plan or how much to invest, but he called the idea "exciting." Kimsey said the money currently "sits there and doesn't do anything," and the board is looking at the plan as a way for village police officers to benefit from their pension contributions both before and after they retire.

"Hawaii invests its pension fund at 5.5 percent and loans the money back out at 7.5 percent. It generates more home purchases," said Kimsey. "If we invest \$2 million in the (CCPA) credit union, the money can be funneled back to the Wheeling police. The premise

STATE LAW allows the pension board to invest up to \$2.7 million in one institution or plan. Kimsey said the board probably would not invest the maximum amount if it agrees to participate. "We have other investments out there I don't want to pull out," he said.

But Village Finance Director Greg Peters said the job of the pension board is to make sure that the fund is earning money to pay retirement benefits, and not to find ways to use the money so it benefits police officers before they retire. He also said that the lower interest rate of the CCPA investment program will end up costing village taxpayers more money.

The pension fund is jointly financed by salary contributions from the police officers, interest earned by the money already in the fund, and taxes levied by the village. To insure that the fund is growing at a steady rate, Peters said the village traditionally levies slightly more taxes than the amount recommended by the state.

If the money were invested at a lower rate, and the officers' contributions don't increase, Peters said village taxpayers will have to "make up the difference" with still higher taxes.

KIMSEY ACKNOWLEDGED that the program could shift the funding burden more to the village but said the availability of low-interest mortgage money could also stimulate housing sales, and other revenues to the village, helping to offset the increased costs.

While he works, a police officer contributes 8.5 percent of his salary to the fund. Currently there are 40 police officers paying into the pension fund. Another five officers have retired and are collecting pension fund benefits.

The pension board will discuss the plan further at its Sept. 14 meeting. Meanwhile, village officials have invited the CCPA to present the program to the village board on Oct. 25.

# Low interest

## Mortgage plan may not help here

A HOME-MORTGAGE plan under consideration by the Cook County Board has gained early support from local suburban officials, but several observers say the idea is riddled with problems.

At issue is a \$225 million low-interest mortgage plan proposed earlier this month by George Dunne, County Board president. Under the plan, Chicago and suburban municipalities would yield their mortgage bonding authority to the county.

The county would then act as an agent for Chicago and the suburbs, generating mortgage money through the sale of revenue bonds. The money would be made available to first-time home buyers of single-family residences or buildings of up to four units, provided the buyer lived in the house.

Although communities can choose to sell such bonds on their own, the "pooling" of bonding power would make a larger amount of money available to the whole county at interest rates attractive to borrowers.

Officials project that rate would be less than 13 percent under Dunne's plan. Current rates are fluctuating between 16.5 and 18 percent.

THE PROPOSAL'S passage hinges on Chicago and the suburbs agreeing to surrender their bonding powers. Skokie has already notified the county it will participate in the plan. A Morton Grove official said he expects that village to do the same, and officials in Niles support the idea, saying the proposal would complement the village's attempt to attract homebuyers, particularly young families with children.

Wheeling Finance Director Greg Peters says the village has requested more information on the program, adding that it seemed impossible, at least to him, that the village could meet the Sept. 1 deadline for replying to the County Board.

He added he was not sure how many homes could be part of the Cook County Board's plan.

Glenview and Northbrook offi-

cials have expressed some interest in the plan, but, due to home-price restrictions, say few homes in their villages would be eligible for the loans.

The maximum purchase price on single-family units eligible for loans under the plan is \$73,890 for new construction and \$64,170 for existing units. A proposal under consideration by Congress would raise those limits to \$90,310 and \$78,430 respectively.

MEANWHILE, SOME observers say the type of mortgage offered under the plan, while reducing the term of the loan, increases payments after five to eight years. Such increased payments could become a hardship on first-time homebuyers who could get caught with large payments while raising their families, they say.

Others counter that charge by saying the young homeowner is in the best position to handle payment increases because of potential career advances.

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LIFE

## Special use for Cheetah II coming up for hearing Friday

Reminder 9-2-82

By JOAN FLEISCHER

The Cheetah II nightclub near Wheeling, which has successfully skirted the law to remain in business featuring nude dancing and strip tease acts, will have a public hearing next Friday to apply for a special use permit.

The Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider Cheetah II's application for a special use permit at 3 p.m. Sept. 10. The hearing will be held at the Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights.

All residents attending the hearing will have an opportunity to address the board.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said the Village of Wheeling will be sending a resolution to the board in opposition to adult use establishments

being allowed to exist so close to residential areas.

Nightclub owner Martin L. DeFoor is applying for the special use permit to operate an adult entertainment cabaret, according to legal notices.

Cheetah II was the first adult use entertainment establishment to be brought to court under the county's new zoning regulation.

Adult use establishments were limited to industrial zones. They were also permitted to operate in commercial zones if granted a special use permit from the County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Cheetah II is in a commercial zone within an unincorporated area of Wheeling Township. It is located on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue about 225 feet north of Hintz Road.

The Cheetah II nightclub has remained in business by relocating to a new address, two doors away from the address ordered closed down on a court order July 15.

The Cook County state's attorney, which successfully fought Cheetah II in the courts under an adult use zoning law and had a Circuit Court judge order the business shut down, is continuing to prosecute the case against Cheetah II.

Assistant State's Attorney Joann Tansey, who prosecuted the case against Cheetah II, said the court case against Cheetah II was scheduled for Sept. 16.

Tansey said she filed an amendment complaint against the nightclub before Circuit Court Judge Frank C. Sulewski because Cheetah II has continued to operate despite court orders and despite a number of building code violations.

The Cheetah II, according to Tansey, has relocated from its former location at 962 S. Milwaukee Ave. to 968 S. Milwaukee Ave.

Tansey said the judge ordered Cheetah II to permanently shut down July 15. "The address on that court order was 962 S. Milwaukee Ave.," she added.

# Airport still in holding pattern

Suburban Trib 9-3-82

By Eddy McNeil

HARRIET ORNA said the realization hits her every time she cleans house.

After 22 years of living at 32 E. Hintz Rd., near Wheeling, which more importantly is near Pal-Waukee Airport, Orna stands to lose her home if Wheeling and Prospect Heights buy the facility. Although she owns the 4-acre site, she said she now feels more like a caretaker than a homeowner.

"Right now, you lose a sense of security," she said. "It's not yours any more, it's theirs. It makes a difference."

A FINAL DECISION by the two communities on whether to purchase the general aviation airport at Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road remains months and maybe years away, but Orna and six other homeowners already have been notified their property will be condemned and they'll be forced to move if the facility becomes public.

By law, the homeowners must be compensated at market value for their property. But Eugene Carl, 45 E. Hintz Rd., who has both his home and his business on his 18 acres, said money can't replace what he has.

"I'll never be able to replace this," he said, motioning towards his sawmill operation on the property. "I could move 500 miles away, and I couldn't get the zoning."

CARL, 72, said he bought the property "years ago" when the airport was a 40-acre "cow pasture operation." The price was right, he said, and he wanted room for his son. And living only about 75 feet from his business also has been advantageous.

"I've caught a lot of thieves out here," he said.

Opposition to the purchase has sprung up from groups that contend that public purchase and improvement of the facility, owned by George Priester, will increase jet traffic and noise. But neither Orna nor Carl has any quarrel with the noise that they accept as part of living near the airport.

"I KNEW PRIESTER wasn't going to fly kites over there," Orna said. "I knew the airport was going to grow."

Pal-Waukee has grown considerably since Priester bought it in 1953, when it was a 109-acre airport with dirt runways. Once considered "home" by 53 airplane owners, 542 aircraft are based on its 253 acres today, and there are about 270,000 landings and takeoffs annually.

Officials predict there will be 425,000 takeoffs and landings by the year 2000 and the airport will cover 389 acres. Part of the acreage would be property owned by persons like Orna and Carl. Seven business and nine



Trib photo by Carl Wagner

The possible purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights is posing a threat to its neighbors' homes. Although a decision on making the airport public may not come for a long time, the homes and businesses near the facility most likely will be sold. Harriet Orna, who has lived in her house for 22 years, is one who may be forced out.

residential properties would be affected.

ALTHOUGH FEDERAL safety requirements are more strict for publicly owned airports, which require acquiring adjoining private property to create open land zones, Charles Priester, George Priester's son, said the safeguards make sense even for private facilities.

"Those things are necessary regardless of the ownership," Charles Priester said, adding that Pal-Waukee will continue to exist even if the communities decide to not buy it. "We're aviation people and that's the way it's going to stay."

Charles Priester admits, though, public ownership would open federal revenue sources for airport improvements not available to private owners. Public bodies also have condemnation powers, a luxury not enjoyed by private owners.

"IT'S A VERY essential airport to the region, to the state and to the national aviation system," said J. Larry Donoghue, president of Ralph H. Burke Inc., the

Park Ridge airport consulting firm that has recommended the communities buy Pal-Waukee.

By instituting a landing fee and leasing land to private firms currently occupied by airport businesses, Donoghue said the communities can raise their portion of the \$52.7 million price tag. He said the towns also could expect 80 to 90 percent of the purchase price to be picked up through the Airport Development Aid Program, a federal trust fund financed through airline ticket sales and excise taxes.

"If I were in either of those communities and I was on the village board, I wouldn't hesitate to do it," said Donoghue, a former Glenview Village Board member. "The basic thing here is the communities can control things at Pal-Waukee if they own it, and they can't if they don't."

DISCUSSIONS ABOUT the possible public purchase of the airport began nearly four years ago when George Priester, 74, determined that in the event of his death, family

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## Airport in holding pattern

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members might be forced to sell the property to pay inheritance taxes. Although revisions in tax laws now make that unlikely, Charles Priester said, officials in both communities believe they should pursue the matter.

Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf said city officials "in general look favorably" at the airport's continued operation. It generates \$50,000 to \$80,000 in sales taxes annually for the city. Public ownership would ensure the airport's continued existence, Wolf said, under terms acceptable to city residents.

"There's always the temptation [for private owners] to take the money and run," he said. "Certainly noise is a problem, but we're going to have to deal with it whether it is

publicly or privately owned."

HOWEVER, THE PURCHASE could be two years away, Wolf said, because the communities want to research the matter further. Both are preparing initial funding applications to the federal government. But officials in both communities have said they won't purchase the facility unless it can be done without raising property taxes.

Carl said he doesn't care who owns the airport if they just leave him out of it. But, he added, he doesn't hold out much hope of that.

"Those . . . politicians are going to do whatever they want, and there isn't anything we can do about it," he said. "They've got more to say about what I can do here than I do."

## High cable TV demand leads to supply shortage

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

Cable TV installations in Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Des Plaines, Wheeling and Schaumburg have been slowed by an equipment shortage, Cablenet Inc. officials say.

Another company, Warner-Amex Cable Corp., hooked up its first customer in Hoffman Estates Thursday, while continuing to wire homes in four other suburbs.

A month after it began selling cable TV subscriptions, Cablenet has between 500 and 600 customers "on line," said Joe Batson, vice president for sales and marketing.

"Because of the growth of the industry, the suppliers have not been able to keep up," Batson said. He said Cablenet has received only 1,000 convert-

ers so far, but expects a large shipment Sept. 13.

CABLENET HAS SOLD about 2,000 subscriptions so far and is scheduling installations two or three weeks in advance, Batson said. He said 50 or 60 homes a day are being connected to the cable, but that should increase to 275 a day by October.

Cablenet began selling cable TV to residents in certain areas of the five suburbs on Aug. 1, but most of the connections so far have been in Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect and Des Plaines.

Warner, which began installing cable lines in May, now has about 2,500 customers hooked up in Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Buffalo Grove and Elk Grove Village, said spokesman Karen Horist.

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# Taxes won't be lower much longer

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The drop in property taxes that Wheeling homeowners enjoyed this year may be short-lived as local officials are already filing new tax requests that are likely to bring higher tax bills next year.

Wheeling homeowners paid tax bills this year that were between \$50 and \$100 lower than the previous year. But now 12 of the 13 taxing districts that cover all or part of the village are asking for more money next year, and eight of those districts are filing for double-digit percentage increases. Only one — Wheeling Township — is asking for less.

The new tax levies already add up to an 18 percent increase, and one major taxing district — High School District 214 — has yet to file. Last year about one-quarter of a typical Wheeling homeowner's bill went to that district.

The exact effect of the higher levies on the tax bills won't be known until next summer. Some of the districts won't get as much money as they asked for because of state-imposed ceilings on their tax rate that are enforced by Cook County. Any new construction that adds to the tax base also will spread the burden over more taxpayers.

**THE LARGEST INCREASES**, 33 percent, come from Wheeling Township District 21 and the village of Wheeling. The Cook County board has filed for a 24 percent increase, and five other districts — the Suburban T.B. Sanitarium District, the Metropolitan Sanitary District, the Wheeling Park District, Harper College, and the Indian Trails Library — have asked for between 11 and 16 percent more money.

District 21 officials say they only expect to collect about \$13 million of the nearly \$16 million they levied for 1982. That is still \$1 million more than last year, but Board Secretary Barrett Peterson said the district will also lose \$2 million in state funds.

"What we're really doing this year is taxing for the shift from state funding to the local taxes paying for the schools," he said. "The state figures if you have the capacity to tax yourself, you'd better do it."

Wheeling village officials say most of the \$600,000 in new tax money is needed to cover a payment on a \$6.4 million loan to help pay for Lake Michigan water.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said the tax increase will be ef-

District	1981 taxes	1982 levy	Change
Cook County	\$216,830,517	\$268,266,416	+ 24%
Metropolitan Sanitary District	193,588,928	218,194,000	+ 13%
District 214	42,635,934	N.A.	
Cook County Forest Preserve	33,002,652	34,890,013	+ 6%
District 21	12,071,093	15,998,441	+ 33%
Harper College	8,419,582	9,407,310	+ 12%
District 23	2,812,277	N.A.	
Suburban T.B.			
Sanitarium District	2,293,289	2,650,000	+ 16%
Village of Wheeling	1,923,796	*2,562,179	+ 33%
Wheeling Park District	1,194,561	1,361,810	+ 14%
Indian Trails Library	999,100	1,124,700	+ 13%
Northwest Mosquito			
Abatement District	875,926	942,646	+ 8%
Wheeling Rural Fire District	675,981	705,000	+ 4%
Wheeling Township	464,562	186,000	- 60%

\* Proposed levy.

fectively canceled for most village residents, because they will no longer pay taxes to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District. For years, all but about 2,000 residents of Wheeling's "old town" area paid taxes to both the district and the village, even though Wheeling has its own municipal department. Earlier this year Wheeling pulled out of the district to correct the taxing inequity.

**THE FIRE PROTECTION** district has asked for \$704,000 in 1982, up only four percent, but individual tax bills could triple because the district lost nearly half of its tax base when Wheeling withdrew. District Treasurer David Wiltse said the district set its levy high enough to get the maximum rate because as different towns disconnected from the district, officials have been unsure how much of the district would be left to tax. Last year the district abated \$150,000, and Wiltse said officials would abate again if tax money "comes in too quickly."

The Cook County Board has approved a \$268 million tax levy that is up 24 percent from last year, but Comptroller Thomas Beck said the board plans to abate some, though not all, of the \$52 million in new taxes. Beck estimated that about \$13 million could be trimmed from the levy, leaving Cook County taxpayers facing an 18 percent hike, or additional \$38 million in taxes. About \$14 million of that increase is designated for 1983 election costs, which were not included in last year's levy.

Taxes also are going up because the county must begin repaying a \$67 million bond sale that financed a new courthouse in Markham, work on the criminal courts jail in Chicago and land for a new courthouse in Rolling Meadows, Beck said.

**WHEELING PARK DISTRICT** officials have adopted a 1982 levy of \$1.36 million, up 14 percent, from the \$1.94 million collected last year. But officials say the levy will only mean

slightly higher tax bills because new construction and development is expected to increase the taxable value of the property in the district, spreading the tax burden among more taxpayers.

Park Superintendent David Phillips said the higher levy is needed to cover "additional and presently unmet park maintenance, building maintenance and park development expenditures," although no specific programs have been proposed.

Earlier this year park district voters rejected a referendum that would have raised the district's legal taxing limit to pay for some \$3 million of work, including land purchases, a new outdoor pool and improvements to existing parks. Despite that defeat, Phillips said board members are still committed to many of the projects and will try to do the work "within the existing, allowable tax rates."

Indian Trails Library District's Kenneth Swanson said the district, which is asking for an 11 percent levy increase to \$1.1 million, is trying to generate the maximum tax rate to make up for its failure to sell its old library at 850 Jenkins Court, in Wheeling.

The building has been for sale for two years, and library officials made a \$413,000 payment this year — nearly triple the amount of the previous two years — toward the \$2.1 million the district borrowed for its new library at 355 S. Schoenbeck Road. But they anticipated the old library building would be sold by this year, and instead exhausted the money set aside in the library's operating budget for this year's loan payment.

Swanson said he did not know if the district should abate a portion of its levy if the building is sold before the end of the year.

The Metropolitan Sanitary District, which boosted taxes by 31 percent this year, added another 13 percent to its levy for 1983, bringing the total to more than \$218 million.

# Funds to alter Pal-Waukee plans?

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Billions of dollars normally available only for the development of public airports have been made available to private airports, "changing the whole scenario" for local officials who are considering buying Pal-Waukee Airport.

And Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said the change could influence any decision by local officials to buy Pal-Waukee. Pal-Waukee owner George Priester has been trying to sell the airport for years to escape the increasing tax bills and cost of maintaining a private airport.

But now that development money may be available to "privately-owned, publicly-used airports," the need to sell Pal-Waukee and make it a public facility might not be as great. "This changes the whole scenario," Markus said. "Now this village must weigh leaving Pal-Waukee the way it is and having the Priesters get funds, or whether Wheeling and Prospect Heights buy the airport. It adds a new dimension to the scenario."

For more than three years Prospect

Heights and Wheeling have studied purchasing the airport. An airport consultant hired by the towns has set a pricetag of \$53 million to buy Pal-Waukee and bring it up to federal standards for a publicly owned airport. The two towns would pay between 5 and 10 percent of the cost, or between \$2.6 and \$5.3 million. The state and federal governments would pay the remaining costs.

**BOTH TOWNS HAVE** "pre-applied" for the funds, which does not bind either town to the airport's purchase, but alerts federal officials that the towns are interested in applying for the money. Officials estimate it will be at least another year until both towns decide whether they will proceed and actually apply for the money.

Priester said he has been working for years to get private airports included in the funding program, and that he has already been in touch with state transportation officials about getting some of the money.

But Priester said the availability of the funds probably won't affect his decision to sell the airport. "This won't change my plans. The airport is for

sale. I think the communities should own it. I've always said I'd wait until the end of the study to make a decision."

Last weekend President Reagan signed the bill that allocates more than \$7 billion to the Airport Improvement Plan for the next five years. The money comes from taxes on airline tickets and airplane fuel, and previously was available to publicly owned airports for land acquisition and airport development, including runways and other technical improvements.

**MEANWHILE, WHEELING TRUSTEE** William Rogers is asking the Federal Aviation Administration to review a scaled-down airport acquisition plan that would include the purchase of the actual airport land and runways, but no extra land for clear zones around the airport and at the end of the runways. "The only sound, practical reason for acquiring the airport will be to acquire the airport itself with addi-

tional money for minimal revisions," said Rogers. He said he thinks the consultant's airport plan would cause Wheeling residents to lose tax revenues and their "health and welfare."

Rogers based his recommendation on an examination of more than 10 years of FAA files and documents on Pal-Waukee, including an unsigned 1972 memo that Rogers said accuses Priester of expanding and developing the airport with "an apparent disregard for good planning and safety standards."

"The fact that the airport wasn't built well shouldn't be dumped on Wheeling," said Rogers, who also charged that the consultant's plan for the airport's purchase is "expensive and expansive."

Priester disagreed with Rogers. "We have one of the best safety records in the country. You can't argue with success. If what we're doing is so bad, why haven't we killed a lot of people?"

# Trial set for November in slaying of Wheeling girl

By Howard Witt

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THE TRIAL OF a 15-year-old Wheeling youth charged in the July, 1981, strangulation death of a 14-year-old neighbor girl is set to begin in mid-November.

Judge Nicholas Pomaro of Cook County Circuit Court will hear arguments Nov. 15 on defense motions seeking dismissal of the charges against William Boyd Jr., who at age 14 was ordered to stand trial as an adult. The motions were to have been heard Tuesday, but Pomaro granted the defense a continuance.

Boyd is charged with attempted sexual assault and with murder in connection with the death of Mary K. Kosinski, whose bruised and bite-marked body was found July 18, 1981, in a shed at the Boyd home, 408 Sunset Lane.

POLICE SAID KOSINSKI had spent the evening before her death in the Boyd backyard with five other teenagers, including two Boyd children. She had remained alone in the shed in a sleeping bag after the others left about 2 a.m.

Testimony at a Juvenile Court hearing

soon after Boyd's arrest revealed the teenagers had been playing strip poker, and Kosinski had spurned Boyd's sexual advances.

Defense attorney Michael Norris maintains Boyd was coerced into confessing to the slaying after Wheeling police deprived him of food and sleep during an intensive interrogation.

IN FIVE MOTIONS to dismiss the charges and suppress Boyd's confession, Norris said Boyd was prevented from seeing either a lawyer or his parents and was hypnotized by

a former Wheeling police officer posing as a doctor. That hypnosis has "permanently and irretrievably contaminated" Boyd's memory of the events surrounding the slaying, Norris said.

Boyd has been free on \$100,000 bond since August, 1981, and is attending classes at Wheeling High School.

In a related matter, Karen Kosinski, the mother of the slain girl, filed a civil suit Friday against Boyd and his parents. The suit charges that William and Carolyn Boyd did not to properly supervise their son and the other teens at the party.

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## Trustees to discuss 200-acre annexation

The annexation of 200 acres surrounding the Chevy Chase Golf Course will be discussed tonight by Wheeling trustees.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Property owner William Johnson has agreed to annex to Wheeling 200 acres east of the Soo Line tracks, surrounding the golf course. A 50-acre piece of land north of Lake-Cook Road and west of the Soo Line tracks will be offered to Buffalo Grove. But under the annexation agreement, the village will be allowed to annex the land only if village officials agree to allow the remainder of Johnson's property to be hooked into the Lake County sewer system.

The undeveloped property is considered prime industrial land and both towns have worked for several years to annex it.

If approved by the village board, the annexation agreement will guarantee Johnson zoning that will allow him to choose between residential and office-commercial development. If village officials refuse the zoning, Johnson will be able to disannex from the village.

## Cheetah permit issue dropped

by Susan Duerksen

Herald staff writer

Saying he is selling the property, the owner of the Cheetah II strip-tease nightclub near Wheeling withdrew a petition Friday for zoning to allow the club to reopen, an apparent victory in Cook County's effort to clean up smut strips.

Martin DeFoor, owner of the club at 962 S. Milwaukee Ave., refused to comment on whether the new owners will attempt to reopen the club.

DeFoor had applied for a special permit to allow Cheetah II to operate as an "adult entertainment cabaret." Appearing alone at a Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals hearing in Prospect Heights Friday, he withdrew the request.

However, Homer Fields, acting chairman of the zoning board, said the board could decide to refuse the withdrawal and deny the zoning request anyway. A denial would mean no one could apply for the same zoning for the property within the next year, but if

the request is withdrawn it could be re-filed any time, Fields said.

He said the zoning board will decide by Sept. 15 whether to accept the withdrawal.

DeFoor, who gave his address as 1350 Kenilwood Lane, Deerfield, said he is "in the process of selling" the club, but refused later to identify the buyer or make any comment.

The club has been closed since Aug. 25, when two employees were arrested on prostitution charges, said Lt. Errol Levy of the Cook County sheriff's police.

The withdrawal of the zoning petition is a victory for the county's newly rewritten "adult entertainment" ordinance, which is aimed at clearing such businesses from the unincorporated areas.

Cheetah II was the first business taken to court under the new law after it took effect in December. Ruling on a lawsuit filed by the Cook County state's attorney's office, Circuit Court Judge Frank Sulewski in July ordered the club closed until it obtained the

special permit.

David Mejia, one of the attorneys representing DeFoor in the court case, said his clients are "considering whether they were going to close down their business," but he didn't know whether a decision had been made.

Mejia and his associate, Patrick Tu-ite, are representing four other clubs — Club Renaissance in Palatine Township and Club Taray, Roaring Twenties and Smokers Health Club on Mannheim Road in Leyden Township — in a federal court challenge to the constitutionality of the county law. A decision in that case is expected Oct. 18.

Cheetah II came under the scope of the new law in April, when it reopened at 962 S. Milwaukee Ave. after the original location, at 968 S. Milwaukee Ave., was gutted by fire.

At Friday's sparsely attended hearing on the zoning permit, Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz presented a resolution of the village board asking the county to deny DeFoor's request.

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## Home for autistic sought in village

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# Seniors panel takes meetings on the road

To encourage more community participation in senior citizens affairs, the Wheeling senior citizens commission will take to the road and hold a series of meetings in different parts of the village.

Starting Thursday, the next four meetings of the commission will be held in each of four geographical areas of Wheeling. The first meeting will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Childerley Park, 506 McHenry Road, in the northwest portion of town. Later meetings will be held October 21 at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road; November 18

at the Indian Trails Library, 335 Schoenbeck Road; and December 16 at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. All meetings are free and open to all seniors.

"We hope to get a little more representation in the neighborhoods for better feedback," said Julie Woods, Wheeling's senior coordinator. Woods said the commission will also ask that seniors regularly attend commission meetings at the village hall, and that regular neighborhood liaisons be appointed to "take the word back to their neighbors."

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# Cheetah II hearing Friday

A public hearing will be held tomorrow afternoon to consider the Cheetah II nightclub's application for a permit to operate an adult entertainment cabaret.

The Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct the hearing at 3 p.m. Friday at the Gary Morava Recreation Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights.

All residents attending the hearing will have an opportunity to address the board.

Cheetah II, located in unincorporated Wheeling Township, has successfully skirted the law to remain in business featuring nude dancing and strip tease acts.

The Cook County state's attorney, which has fought Cheetah II in the courts under the county adult use zoning law and had a Circuit Court judge order the place shut down, is continuing to prosecute the case against Cheetah II.

# X-rated club drops request to operate

By Eddy McNeil Sept. 15, 1982 Sub. Trib

THE OWNER OF a nude dancing club near Wheeling has withdrawn his request to keep the club open, and a ruling is expected Wednesday on whether such a business at that location could be barred for a year.

Mark DeFoor, whose Cheetah II club became the first target under Cook County's new adult use zoning ordinance several months ago, told county zoning board members Friday that he plans to sell the club at 968 Milwaukee Ave. and no longer wants the permit.

Nicholas Phillips, zoning board secretary, said Monday that the withdrawal request is similar to one made Aug. 13 by owners of the Crazy Horse Lounge, 2356 N. Mannheim Rd., in Leyden Township. The zoning board is considering arguments by neighbors in that case who contend the board could require a year's wait before a new request could be filed. That decision is expected Wednesday, he said.

"WHATEVER RULING applies there probably will apply to the Cheetah," Phillips said.

Although DeFoor told the board of his plans to sell the club,

he did not say whether a potential buyer would run the same kind of business at the location. Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said her board would oppose any adult entertainment use at the location with a resolution similar to one passed last week asking the zoning board to deny a permit to DeFoor.

A suit brought against DeFoor for operating without a special-use permit required under the county ordinance that went into effect in January is pending in Cook County Circuit Court and a hearing is to be held Thursday. Joann Tansey, the assistant state's attorney handling the case, said the club reportedly closed down Aug. 25 after a prostitution arrest by members of the county sheriff's police vice squad.

Schultz said, however, that residents living near the Cheetah say it is still operating.

Tansey originally obtained a court order to close the Cheetah, then at 962 Milwaukee Ave., in July because it was operating without the special permit. DeFoor reopened less than a month later at the current location, and Tansey filed a second suit in August.

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# Land purchased to build home for autistic adults

by Elida Witthoef

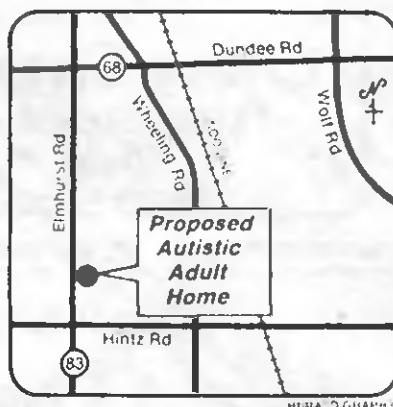
Herald staff writer

The founder of a Morton Grove-based parents group for autistic people has purchased land near Wheeling High School and plans to build a permanent home for 45 autistic adults on the site.

Francine Bernstein, founder and president of BLARE House Inc., said the group has purchased 3.5 acres of land at 657 Elmhurst Road, where they plan to build 12 townhouses for 45 autistic men and women and their supervisors.

The group is already seeking to rent a house at 940 Pebble Drive in Wheeling, where four autistic young men will live under the supervision of staff workers and a night attendant. The group has also applied for a permit to operate a similar home in Schaumburg, where three autistic men, ranging in age from 18 to 23, will move into a rented four bedroom house along with three part-time counselors and a night attendant.

Bernstein said the group hopes to start construction on the project by next spring, and is currently working to secure money for the project from both private and state sources. She said the land is currently zoned for res-



idential development, and that she expects to ask the village to rezone the land later this month.

LAWRENCE OPPENHEIMER, Wheeling's director of community development, said the group has discussed the project with the village, but he wasn't aware of any official plans having been filed. But if the land is to be rezoned, the village board must approve the request.

Bernstein said the development will include three structures, with each

building having four townhouses under one roof. She said the group expects to serve clients from Arlington Heights, Wheeling and other northwest and west suburbs, and that Wheeling was chosen for the project because of the availability of open land in the area.

Bernstein, who has a 24-year-old autistic son, founded BLARE House, which stands for Better Living for the Autistic in a Residential Environment. She said the group is working to get autistic people out of institutions and back into more normal living situations. Previously, Bernstein helped found homes in Forest Park, Glenview and Highland Park.

"A person with autism has a different chemistry. They withdraw into themselves and don't socialize," said Bernstein. "Our kids aren't going to bother anyone else's kids. She said scientists have not discovered the cause of autism, nor a cure for the condition.

Bernstein said BLARE House officials have already talked with neighbors in area and have received positive comments on their efforts. She is also proposing a workshop meeting on autism with the Wheeling village board in October. "Autism is such a rarity," said Bernstein. "A little public education will help."

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# Annexation plan moves closer

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

WHEELING IS coming closer to becoming about 200 acres larger. The owners of more than 200 acres of land surrounding the Chevy Chase golf course met with Wheeling officials Sept. 13 to discuss details of a proposal for annexation of most of the property by the village.

The area, owned by William Johnson and others in his family, has been a bone of contention between Wheeling and Buffalo Grove for many years, as the property is considered prime industrial land, sought by both communities.

Two years ago Johnson asked Wheeling to annex the property, but Buffalo Grove officials refused to allow him permission to tap into Lake County sewers. Since 1972, Buffalo Grove has held a "sphere-of-influence" agreement with other Vernon Township communities giving it control over sewer hookups in the area.

HOWEVER, LATE last year, following court action by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Lake County overruled Buffalo Grove and allowed Johnson's privately owned Chevy Chase sewer system to connect to the county's treatment plant.

As Johnson explained the proposed annexation agreement, most of the property will be annexed to Wheeling with a 57-acre parcel west of the Soo Line tracks possibly available to Buffalo Grove, provided that village gives up its rights under the sphere-of-influence agreement to control the sewers on the Johnson property east of the tracks. Buffalo Grove will have only 180 days from the date the annexation agreement is signed by Wheeling to annex the smaller parcel. After

that time, the Johnsons will offer the parcel to Wheeling.

Johnson said that one reason the parcel is not being considered for annexation at this time is that it is not contiguous to Wheeling.

WHEELING ALREADY has annexed property owned by the Johnsons south of Lake-Cook Road and west of Milwaukee Avenue. The property being offered now would include the property north of Lake-Cook Road, west of Milwaukee and east of the Soo Line tracks. Also under consideration is a small parcel east of Milwaukee and north of Lake-Cook.

Johnson said he and his family are asking for zoning flexibility to allow for a choice of either business or residential uses because "the market has deteriorated." Specifically, he has asked for zoning to build small apartment complexes or office buildings east of the golf course, stores or small office buildings south of the course along Lake-Cook Road and small office buildings along Milwaukee. The land north of the golf course would be developed with small apartment buildings.

When trustee Charles Kerr questioned why no provision was made for industrial zoning, Johnson replied that there was "a good chance" the 57-acre parcel west of the tracks will be zoned industrial, whether it goes to Wheeling or Buffalo Grove. He said he believed that with the other industrial zoning in the surrounding area, it was reaching "a saturation point."

MARK MEHLMAN, attorney for the Johnsons, explained that the proposed water and sewer improvements would be paid for by the establishment of a special service area. He said the village would be

asked to issue municipal bonds, with funds for the repayment of the bonds to be derived from taxes levied on the Johnson property. He added that no other property owners in the area would be taxed under the special district for those improvements.

Residents of a 75-home residential area south of the golf course learned they would be surrounded by the village of Wheeling if the Johnson annexation papers are signed, but they will have the option of remaining in unincorporated Lake County or annexing to Wheeling.

Civil Engineer Frank Angelotti said that two lift stations would have to be installed for the planned sewer system, and several retention ponds would also have to be built. The small Chevy Chase sewage treatment plant then will be abandoned and the whole area hooked up to the Lake County sewer system and treatment plant, he said.

LANE KENDIG, Lake County's director of planning, said the plan for handling flood water runoff was not satisfactory to the county, since it would allow flood fringe areas to fill up. "Any additional water would create flooding in unincorporated Lake County," he said.

Johnson said money for the phasing out of his sewage treatment plant was set aside some five or six years ago by the IEPA, but it had to be applied for by a public body. He said the Lake County Board approved the application for funds earlier this year following pressure on it by the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

Johnson said his family is required to pay 25 percent of the money needed to phase out the plant and they have already sent "a goodwill check" of \$25,000.

## Hospital to fight ruling

By STAN ZOLLER  
News Editor

A MODIFIED certificate of need is expected to be filed by Holy Family Hospital following an "intent to deny" motion by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board (IHFPB).

The hospital's original certificate of need, which called for 92 additional beds and the modernization and expansion of existing facilities, was also turned down by the Suburban Cook-DuPage County Health Systems Agency (HSA).

Holy Family plans to resubmit its modified certificate of need to both agencies.

According to hospital officials, members of the IHFPB were "sympathetic" to the hospital's individual needs, but cited the number of beds within the planning area as a reason for issuing its intent to deny motion.

The state is divided into planning areas for health-care institutions. Included in Holy Family's are five townships including Wheeling, Palatine and Maine.

"The board thought those beds should be opened and made available before additional beds are approved at Holy Family," Booth said.

She added that while both the HSA and IHFPB indicated an excess of beds within the planning district, several hospitals in the district are "too far for patients and members of the medical staff."

THOSE HOSPITALS include Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove and Suburban Medical Center in Hoffman Estates.

Glenbrook Hospital, closest hospital to Holy Family, is not part of the district. "Not all of the area

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### SUMMARY

OFFICIALS AT Holy Family Hospital are in the process of revising a certificate of need application after an intent to deny motion was handed down by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board (IHFPB). The board and the Suburban Cook-DuPage County Health Systems Agency (HSA) denied Holy Family's application in July. The original plan called for 92 additional beds and a modernization and expansion of existing facilities.

Hospital officials have 120 days to submit their modified proposal to the IHFPB and also plan to submit it to the HSA.

hospitals are in our traffic patterns," Booth said.

Booth did not indicate what the scaled-down certificate of need would include. "We will be working closely with state staff members," she said.

"A number of the board members seemed supportive of our need, but not of the ambitious scope of the project," Booth said.

Sister Patricia Ann, president of Holy Family Hospital, said "We appreciate that the board members are very sensitive to our current needs. We will be seeking direction from the state board regarding the number of beds that will meet future community needs and at the

same time be acceptable to the state board."

Hospital officials expressed some surprise that the HSA flatly denied Holy Family's application while the state seemed to be more receptive to the hospital's individual needs.

"THE HSA was reviewing it (the certificate of need application) compared to the rest of the (health delivery) system," Booth said. "The state just took it one step further and looked at our needs."

Holy Family Hospital currently has 246 beds. Its ambulatory-care facility in Wheeling does not have an effect on its certificate of need application as it deals only with in-patient facilities.



# the INSIDER

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Correspondent

**W**HEN ORVILLE Wright made his successful 12-second flight in 1903 at Kill Devil Hills, it's unlikely he or Wilbur considered that people would complain about airplane noise nearly 80 years later.

But airplane and airport noise is now an issue. To airport owners and operators, the Federal Aviation Administration, and other industry-related people, it's a problem that won't just go away.

But everyone affected agrees that the solution lies in compromise and achievement of peaceful coexistence between airports and their neighbors. The solution sounds simple but actually is complex.

**NOISE MEASUREMENTS** in themselves are difficult to understand, and airplane noise is measured by myriad of methods and indices. The decibel is one unit of measure, and it has several unique features.

The decibel system most often used measures sound at the "A" scale. To give an idea of range, rustling leaves have a decibel value in the "A" scale (dBA) of 20, whereas the noise of some older aircraft (measured at 500 feet) is 115 dBA. Prolonged exposure to noise over 85 dBA can mean the beginning of hearing damage. The Environmental Protection Agency has recommended that 85 dBA be established as the level not to be exceeded when exposure occurs for an eight-hour workday.

**ANOTHER UNIT** of measure is the day/night sound level (Ldn), which cumulatively measures airplane noise. Approximately 65 Ldn marks the beginning of annoyance.

Airport noise also has political implications in Wheeling and Prospect Heights, where public acquisition of Palwaukee Airport is currently being debated.

Owners and operators George and Charles Prierster would like their airport, home to several hundred small planes, corporate jets, a flight school, chartering service, and airplane and repair dealerships, to be taken over by the two communities. Some citizens oppose public acquisition.

**ONE SUCH** citizen is Prospect Heights resident Warren Sunde, head of the environmental committee of Citizens Airport Activity Group (CAAG).

Sunde sees a need for an airport to relieve O'Hare International of small-jet traffic, but he doesn't want Palwaukee filling that role. Sunde is opposed to a public Palwaukee, because he thinks it will increase usage and noise while maintaining the same safety and noise buffer zones. He says some of the airport's closest neighbors already have to put up with a high level of noise and that those residents currently on the fringe will get a higher noise level.

"If Palwaukee was the only answer to O'Hare's and Chicago's problems, I'd be for it. But it's not; there's Waukegan Memorial and Glenview Naval Air Station," says Sunde, "Palwaukee is unsuitable because the communities have grown up around it."

Increased usage, Sunde maintains, also will result in safety problems, and he views the economic advantages of a public Palwaukee as nil. Claiming that Midway Airport and Meigs Field are money-

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Cast picked for 'Thurber Carnival'

# In the tower's shadow

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losing ventures for Chicago, Sunde comments, "The best it (a publicly-owned Palwaukee) could do is break even."

**IF PALWAUKEE** remains private, Sunde says, "I think most people are willing to accept the noise level and safety probability and the fact they're not going to pay for it."

A public airport, maintains Sunde, will not only have health implications because of increased noise but will also affect the standard of living, quality of life, and property values.

**WITH REGARD** to the noise level of Palwaukee, Terry Schaddel of the Illinois State Division of Aeronautics reports that the noise contour charts in a recent environmental assessment show that some areas, especially those off the airport's main runway, are affected by noise. Referring to this study, Schaddel reports, "The city's buying the airport will not necessarily induce more jet traffic. It may not affect it either way."

Public acquisition, says Schaddel, also may result in a migration of single-engine planes to other facilities. Schaddel points out the benefits of public acquisition: "I think they'd (citizens) be for it because they'd have better control of the facility."

**REMARKING** that Palwaukee, whether privately or publicly owned, "is quite an impressive operation," Schaddel suggests that local citizens weigh the benefits and shortcomings and then decide about acquisition.

"I think citizens should look at reports such as the master plan in the library and the environmental assessment, consider the employment to the local citizens and the tax revenues brought to the two cities, and then weigh noise impact and other factors against that," he says.

While the study did show that some areas were seriously impacted by noise, it only made suggestions as to specific noise abatement techniques, such as additional insulation for neighboring residences and possible acquisition of affected buildings. Schaddel points out that more detailed studies, which can help implement noise abatement, are indicated.

Advances in aircraft technology, such as building more fuel-efficient and quieter planes, should be considered also, says Schaddel.

**TO SUGGESTIONS** that other airports could fill the need, Schaddel replies, "If we lose that chunk of airspace, we're pushed out. It's a very vital airport and a vital piece of real estate."

George Priester made a similar statement to Wheeling officials on April 16, when he said



Palwaukee's biggest asset is its airspace. There are not and won't be other airports like Palwaukee with such close proximity to Chicago and the northern suburbs.

Although some people think Waukegan Memorial Airport should instead be used to provide one of Palwaukee's fast-growing services—the housing of corporate jets—Schaddel disagrees, using an analogy to make his point. Noting that Waukegan is an hour further from downtown Chicago and suburbs, he translates this to air time (approximately 500 miles). Schaddel relates this more efficient use of time to his own job, "I can do business at two or three or four airports in one day. That increases my utility to my employer." Schaddel views Palwaukee's accessibility as an inducement to corporations to move to the area.

**PALWAUKEE'S** greatest asset may be its airspace but this asset also is limited, a fact that might allay some citizens' fears. Schaddel explains: "Some people fear that the cities will expand it (the airport's usage) beyond our wildest dreams. But they can't because of the airspace."

Apparent in these uncertain financial times is that profitability is difficult to predict, but of Palwaukee Airport, Schaddel believes, "They could never put a single cent of taxpayers' money into the airport and it would be self-sufficient. It would pay for itself."

From talking with the former and current village managers of Glenview and the assistant village

manager of Northbrook, it's apparent that airports and communities can coexist.

This is not to suggest that there are no complaints about noise from Glenview Naval Air Station. However, it seems that noise from this air base has ceased to be the subject of a major community problem. Assistant Village Manager John Novinson remarks about airport noise, "To the best of my knowledge (I've been here about seven years) we've never had a formal complaint although much of the village is on a flight path . . . Not as far as I am aware is it an issue in my town and I usually know what's bugging people."

**ROBERT VAN DEUSEN**, who retired as village manager of Glenview Aug. 1, also reports that recent years have seen fewer complaints about the noise from the air station's planes.

Van Deusen and his successor Paul McCarthy suggest that any existing airport noise problem probably results from O'Hare's traffic rather than the air base's.

Before discussing O'Hare, however, it's beneficial to look at how Glenview Naval Air Station has helped to ease such problems in the community.

**THE AIR STATION** differs from O'Hare and Palwaukee in that its heaviest usage is during the weekends when reservists practice.

Operations Officer, Lt. Commander Joe Peplow estimates he receives six or seven complaints per month.

Peplow reports that many suggestions offered in a 1978 air installation compatible-use-zone study have been followed.

For instance, wind and weather permitting, use of a particular runway is preferred so that aircraft can take off and land from the north over industrial areas. Flight paths have modified in most cases to avoid flying over schools and hospitals. When maneuvers are practiced, the air station tries to alter traffic patterns so that one specific area won't be affected.

Technology has also helped to abate noise. Most fixed wing aircraft at Glenview Naval Air Station (except for transient aircraft) are of the quieter, four-engine turbo prop type, and the base's operating hours have been decreased from 24 to 16 per day.

Peplow stresses that despite the air station's desire not to disturb its neighbors, this cannot be totally achieved. "We can only modify our operations so much because of our proximity to O'Hare and Palwaukee." Planes can't always fly in higher altitudes because they could conflict with O'Hare's flight paths.

## Officials try to be good neighbors

**FOR O'HARE** Airport officials, attending to their own needs and those of residents in nearby communities is like trying to please all people all the time — an impossible task. Still, say the officials, they do try to be good neighbors.

O'Hare Tower Chief Chester Anderson estimates he receives about 10 telephone calls daily about airport noise. The airport has even had requests from individuals who, planning to hold weddings in their backyards, wanted to know if the airport could divert jets away from their area during festivities.

Anderson said most complaints are received when a particular runway is used exclusively for extended

periods because others are closed. It can get irritating because O'Hare averages up to 1,900 takeoffs and landings on weekdays, up to 1,500 on weekends. Officials say they try to rotate landing and takeoff patterns so that one community is not always bearing the brunt of the noise.

A group of suburbs and the City of Chicago reached a tentative agreement recently in an 8-year-old lawsuit against noise pollution at the airport. The agreement, which must be approved by the boards and councils of the various suburbs, includes the following provisions:

- A permanent noise abatement office that will

process complaints and monitor noise at O'Hare.

- Chicago's Aviation Department will submit a proposed expansion plan to the FAA for an environmental impact study.

- A van equipped with noise-monitoring equipment will regularly check areas near the airport to determine noise levels.

U.S. District Judge Stanley J. Roszkowski reportedly is expected to sign the agreement Sept. 28.

Meanwhile, even with the agreement, some suburban observers fear the noise level will continue to escalate given estimates of a 30 percent increase in operations at O'Hare around 1995. Said one: "All that's going to come from it is a lot more noise."



# Omni-House stays tuned in to changing troubles of teens

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The focus has changed, but the mission has remained the same for a decade: help troubled teenagers.

Ten years ago Omni-House first opened its doors in a two-story store front on Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling. Equipped with a telephone "hotline," the fledgling agency offered help for an increasing number of teens experimenting with drugs.

Today, the agency has four offices serving three townships and Omni-House has expanded its services to cover everything from the counseling needs of teens to problems brought about by child abuse.

And to the people who have stuck with the agency throughout its decade of change, that accomplishment is "pretty remarkable."

The idea for Omni-House was conceived in 1970 when young people were using a variety of drugs. Increased drug use, along with an alarming jump in juvenile delinquency, convinced a group of adults that something had to be done to help the community's youth rechannel its efforts into constructive activities.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM the Torch Community Mental Health Clinic, Wheeling Township District 21, Wheeling High School, Project Help Inc. and the village's youth commission met to discuss the possible alternatives.

Omni-House Executive Director Harry Wells has been with the agency since its early days. "There was an interest in getting the services to focus on kids through an effort of local government, schools and citizens," said Wells. "The group wanted to help eliminate local problems caused by increased drug use, the rise in delinquency and the lack of things to do. They were interested in working with youth in youth's own context."

Dr. Richard Wynn, a teacher at Holmes Junior High and the first Omni-House board president, said the agency was born from "intense work, refinement and thrashing out of ideas," as representatives from each agency struggled to offer their best solutions. "Omni-House was a way to strengthen our own contributions to the communi-

ty through our agencies," said Wynn. "But we came to realize that Omni-House would be more important, as it could do things our own individual agencies could not do."

With an initial grant of \$131,000 from the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, the new youth agency opened its doors in August 1972. Led by then-executive director Peter Digre, a 24-hour telephone hotline and liaison and youth referral programs with police departments in Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Cook and Lake County, and Wheeling, were quickly established. Rap groups and other ways of dealing with the problems were started.

BY 1974, Omni-House established a similiar service program in Vernon Township. A year later the agency moved to permanent quarters in a converted house at 57 S. Wolf Road in Wheeling, and extended its full services into Arlington Heights. That same year Omni-House began an outpatient drug counseling service and received a child welfare agency permit to place foster children in foster homes.

Wells said the focus of the agency began to change from one of helping kids with drug abuse problems, to one of treating all the problems of youth. By 1976 a 24-hour "crisis intervention" service was founded to give local police departments help with juvenile problems.

The same year the agency started its youth advocacy program which, like the crisis intervention, is still functioning. The program take volunteers from the community and pairs them with teens so the two can work out a "supportive relationship" in which the youth can learn responsibility from a positive role model.

In subsequent years the agency expanded its services to work with abused children. More and more, families were included in the counseling programs until today, when they play an important part in both the referral and "treatment" of troubled youth. Offices were opened in the Wheeling Township Hall in Arlington Heights, and in Prairie View. Earlier this month, at the request of Ela Township officials, Omni-House opened a new office in Lake Zurich.

THE HOTLINE is gone now, as is

the heavy emphasis on helping kids with drug-related problems. Now the agency's annual budget is close to \$750,000, with the major portion of the funding coming from local governments. During its early years the agency helped about 600 people a year. This past fiscal year, Omni-House treated nearly 2,200 clients.

Both Wells and Wynn attribute Omni-House's existence to an ability to change with the changing demands of the youth it serves. And even as funding sources for social service agencies dry up, both are confident the agency will continue to exist.

"Patterns change. During the '60s and early '70s the fear of drugs was the impetus for Omni-House," said Wynn. "Now Omni-House will deal with more traditional things like runaways, pregnancy. Agencies are doing different things now. The hotlines are dying and teens are dealing with their problems on a peer basis."

"If an agency can change its mission or go along with change in the community, it will survive," Wynn said.

Wells said the commitment to the local community has also helped. "More people know us through word-of-mouth. The more you're around, the more positive things happen," said Wells. "We've stayed even or grown as school and youth populations are dropping."

"There is ownership or investment on the part of local people...both on the board and as citizen volunteers. They come from all parts of the community. They live and work here. That board owns this organization. There's direct accountability. They set our own course based on the community's own perception of what needs must be met."

AS THEY LOOK to the future, those involved with the agency aren't looking for the growth of the past decade, but for a stabilization and growth in the quality of the services already offered. "We're excited about Ela Township because that wasn't planned," said Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey, who also serves as Omni-House board president. But Kimsey said growth, like the Ela program, will be the exception, unless local governments will pick up the bill for the extended service. "In the future we'll be where we are now," said Kimsey. "We'll work to



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IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS since Omni-House first opened its doors in Wheeling to help area youth with the problems of growing up. Executive Director Harry Wells and Business Manager Sandy DeJacimo

have been with Omni-House since the start, and the two say they have seen the agency change and grow.

improve and maintain our services."

Wells agreed. "Kids are still kids and families are under continuing stress. Things are not getting any easier and are not going to get easier," he said. "The difficulties of growing up are still there and there are still kids who'll need help."

"We'll continue to raise funds through local events and continue to get reasonable growth from local funds. We hope that local officials see youth and families as continuing priorities," said Wells. "But the only time to expand is if the community needs us and will help fund the work. We have our hand full now."

"But we have a positive relationship with the community. There's a sense of community pride," said Wells. "People are very interested. It's an idea whose time has come."

## Village seeks use of bus for senior transportation

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Wheeling officials have joined several other local governments in asking the Regional Transportation Authority for a \$1-per-year leases on one wheelchair-equipped minibus.

Julie Woods, Wheeling's senior coordinator, said the bus would be primarily used for senior citizens and handicapped riders, though no firm plans have been made, as the buses probably won't be available until next year.

Officials from Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg, Vernon and Wheeling Townships have already filed applications for a total of at least three buses. Mount Prospect officials have also requested one of the vehicles.

Under the program, the RTA would buy and insure the buses with money from a federal transportation grant. Each minibus will seat 15 passengers, and cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Each municipality that is granted a bus would then pay for fuel, mainte-

nance and the bus driver. The annual cost of operating one of the minibuses is estimated at between \$37,000 and \$56,000.

Wheeling has a senior citizens housing complex opening in January and construction has begun on an adjacent senior activity center. Woods said the village is on the outskirts of the township and not heavily covered by existing township senior transportation services. "We have an aging population. We have a real transportation problem out there," she said.

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# Village interested in joining home loan venture

by Elida Witthoedt

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Wheeling officials say they are interested in participating in Cook County's proposed low-interest mortgage plan, but add they will be cautious in committing to the program until they know more of the details.

Trustees Monday night will meet with Cook County Comptroller Thomas Beck to discuss participating in the countywide program that will make about \$1.1 million in mortgage money available to village residents at a 12.5 percent interest rate. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

To qualify for the plan, a resident must not have bought a home within the last three years, and consider buying a new home that costs no more than \$90,310, or an older home that costs no more than \$78,430. New and used homes and condominiums would be eligible under the plan. For the buyer with a 30-year mortgage of \$52,000, the monthly payments would be \$534, compared to \$657 at 15 percent.

Village President Sheila Schultz said Wheeling's housing market would be right for the plan, with numerous new and used houses that fall within the price requirements. "The market would be here, and if it would encour-

age the moving of real estate, that would be good. It certainly sounds great. We did it before and it was very successful."

BUT SCHULTZ says she is concerned about the urgency with which the county is asking towns to commit to the plan, without giving the towns time to study alternatives. "It would fit the market here, but it's a question of not being clear how that can best be done," she said.

Cook County Administrative Assistant John Zeunik said the county hopes to make the mortgage money available by the end of October.

Trustee Charles Kerr said he is con-

cerned how participation in the county's program will affect any future move by Wheeling to issue its own mortgage bonds. "But if it's something that people in Wheeling can take advantage of in these difficult economic times, then we should consider it," he said.

Four years ago Wheeling became the first Northwest suburb to provide low-interest mortgages for homebuyers. Under that plan, the village borrowed \$15 million and turned the money over to two local banks for home loans at 8.95 percent interest. That money was used up within three months.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said a village-sponsored mortgage program at this point would be "impossible," because the cost of administering it would make the interest rates too high. But Peters agrees that the county program is a good idea, though he has some questions.

"I THINK IT'S a great idea. The market place is a shambles. Whatever we can do might help. It's probably better having it than having buildings unoccupied or not being built," said Peters. "We've got the Lexington development being built. We've got empty houses in Longtree. It would definitely be a boom. It's a young commu-

nity with a lot of people coming in and out. I'm sure we've got a lot of people in apartments now who would love to own a house."

But Peters said he wants more specific information on several of the program's procedures, including how much of a voice Wheeling will have, once in the program. "We have some questions that haven't been answered," he said.

Earlier, Village Manager Thomas Markus and Peters warned village trustees that the county's program might be "the last big fling" as federal funds for low-interest mortgages dry up.

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## Decision due on McHenry Road

State highway officials have finished their second study of traffic along McHenry Road, northwest of Childerley Park, and say they expect to decide whether or not to lower the speed limit by the end of September.

Earlier this month, traffic along the road from the park, at 506 McHenry Road, to Lake-Cook Road, was monitored for speed, traffic and pedestrian conditions. A report and speed limit recommendation was made to District Highway Engineer Sigmund Ziejewski, who sets the speed limit on the road.

Ziejewski could not be reached for comment Friday. Other highway department officials would not say what action they recommended.

Meanwhile, Village President Sheila Schultz said a crosswalk has been painted near the park, and pedestrian signs have been erected to warn motorists that children may be crossing to the park.

Currently the speed limit along that stretch of McHenry is 45 mph. Residents of the nearby Cedar Run development have fought for several months to have the speed lowered to 40 mph. Childerley is the only park in the area, and the group fears that pedestrian traffic, coupled with the numerous entrances to several multi-family complexes and a home for the aged that

line the road, will combine to create a lethal situation.

The homeowners directed a letter-writing campaign to local and state officials, and managed to gain the support of Schultz and State Rep. Daniel Pierce, D-Highland Park.

Earlier this year the state lowered the speed limit on the road, just southeast of the park, from 45 mph to 40 mph. State officials say the speed on that stretch was not re-evaluated this time, because the original reduction must be given time to work.

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## 'Wheeling Day at Races' to benefit senior center

The Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission and Arlington Park Race Track Friday will sponsor "Wheeling Day at the Races" to earn money for furnishings at the village's senior citizen center.

The first race will begin at 1:30 p.m. The day's activities will include a race in Wheeling's honor and a post-race award presentation by Village President Sheila Schultz.

Clubhouse tickets for the event are \$1.50, if purchased from senior commission members of the village, and \$3.25 at the race track. The Wheeling Park District will provide bus service for senior citizens.

For ticket information call 459-2600. For bus information, call Lisa McCord at 537-2222. Proceeds will go towards the \$20,000 needed to furnish the village's senior citizen center, which is expected to open in 1983.

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## Trustees to review mortgage program

Whether to participate in Cook County's low-interest mortgage plan will be discussed tonight by Wheeling trustees. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Wheeling officials have said they are interested in the plan, but will be cautious making a commitment to the program until they know more details. County Comptroller Thomas Beck is also expected to attend tonight's meeting.

To qualify, a resident must not have bought a home within the last three years and is required to buy a new home that costs no more than \$90,310 or an older home that costs no more than \$78,430. New and used homes and condominiums would be eligible under the plan. For the buyer with a 30-year mortgage of \$52,000, the monthly payments would be \$534, compared to \$657 at 15 percent.

The mortgages will be available at a 12.5 percent interest rate and the county hopes to distribute the money in late October.

A \$2.5 MILLION low-interest loan to a California firm that manufactures a well-known salad dressing mix will also be discussed today by Wheeling trustees.

The Clorox Company, which also makes bleach, will use the money to finance the purchase of Lauritzen & Co., Inc. at 1197 S. Willis Ave., a food manufacturing business. Clorox will use the company to manufacture Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing and other dry food mixes.

By asking the village to back the loan, the firm will be able to borrow the money at a lower-than-normal interest rate. The village lends its name to the loan, but has no liability in the matter, as the developer would be responsible for paying back the money.

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



# Nortran repays village final installment of '81 crisis loan

Wheeling's North Suburban Mass Transit District representative Monday night presented village trustees with a check for \$7,697, paying off Nortran's \$10,000 loan from the village

Nortran Trustee Albert Lang thanked the village for the loan, saying it helped keep the buses running in 1981, when the Regional Transportation Authority and Nortran both ran out of money

The check includes the final \$7,500 payment and \$197 in interest.

In July 1981 the village voted to loan Nortran \$10,000 to help keep the buses running after the financially strapped RTA ran out of cash and cut off its payments to suburban bus companies and commuter railroads. In turn, Nortran agreed to repay the loan in six months at a 15 percent interest rate.

This January the village board granted Nortran a six-month extension on the loan but required that \$750 in accumulated interest be paid. The RTA would not allow Nortran to make the payment, but earlier this summer

Nortran repaid the village \$4,056, or 25 percent of the loan and all the interest due. After receiving another year's extension on the loan, in August Nortran officials promised to repay all the money borrowed from 14 suburbs by Oct. 1

The bus agency borrowed a total of \$237,000 from the towns it served during the cash crisis last summer

Village President Sheila Schultz said it "is a pleasure to know that Nortran is alive and well and able to honor its commitments."

## Village board wrapup

# Mayer Ave. to be a one-way street

In response to residents requests, the Wheeling Village Board voted to make Mayer Avenue a one-way street eastbound from Milwaukee Avenue to Second Street.

Village officials say one-way signs will be posted on the street and the police will be instructed to enforce the new ordinance

Last May residents in the northeast Wheeling neighborhood petitioned the board to close the street, saying heavy car and truck traffic was endangering neighborhood children. After several meetings, board members decided the best alternative would be to make it a one-way street. That decision will be reviewed in a year to see if it has affected the traffic in the area.

Mayer is an unimproved dirt road that runs west from Milwaukee Avenue to Second Street. Residents complained that trucks are using Mayer, along with Strong Street, First and Second to avoid the busy intersection at Milwaukee and Dundee Road, creating heavy traffic in a residential area.

## Initial OK given to Hintz Rd. plant

Wheeling trustees gave preliminary approval to plans by a Chicago firm to build its headquarters and a plant on Hintz Road, west of Wolf Road.

A spokesman for Waltz Bros. Inc., a Chicago firm that manufactures components for specialized machinery, said architectural plans are 90 percent complete and construction on the building is scheduled to start in October

The building, which will cover slightly more than one acre of ground, will be built on a 9.6-acre parcel of land on the north side of Hintz, between Glenn Avenue and Chaddick Drive. The land is the former site of Kelly's Day Camp, and several existing pools, buildings and tennis courts must be removed before Waltz can build its plant.

The firm already has received preliminary village approval of a \$2.1 million low-interest loan to help finance the construction. By asking the village to lend its name to the loan, the company can borrow the money at a lower-than-normal interest rate. Wheeling has no liability in the matter as Waltz Bros. will be responsible for repaying the loan.

## Service officer program OK'd

A program that will use civilian workers to perform routine police work was approved by the board.

Called the community service officer program, the program will include civilian employees who will enforce certain village ordinances, such as the litter law and parking ordinances, man police radios and do minor case reporting and deal with citizens who come to the station for help. Police Chief Michael Haeger said after extensive training, some of the workers also may assist sworn police officers in arrests and minor traffic accident reporting.

Under Haeger's proposal, the new program will include the department's ordinance enforcement officers and police cadets and part-time civilians. Haeger said the civilians probably would be people who are preparing themselves for police work, such as college students. "They're paraprofessionals. It's almost like an internship situation," he said. The civilians will receive on-the-job training to deal with different police situations.

The money for the program is available partly because of the retirement of Arthur Hochstadter, a 20-year veteran of the Wheeling force.

## Low-interest loan OK'd, with hitch

Trustees approved a \$2.5-million, low-interest loan to a California salad dressing manufacturer, but the signing of the loan papers will be held up until one trustee determines whether he holds stock in the company.

The Clorox Co., which also makes bleach, wants to use the money to buy Lauritzen & Co. Inc., 1197 S. Willis Ave., for a food manufacturing business. Clorox will use the plant to manufacture Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing and other dry food mixes.

Trustee Roger Powers previously said he owned stock in the Clorox company and abstained from any votes on the issue. But after the board voted on the loan, Village Attorney James Rhodes and former village attorney David Epstein said that no board members could hold any interest in any company that gets a contract from the village, and legal proceedings on the loan were postponed until Powers determines whether he or a family member owns the stock.

Epstein said if a family member holds the stock, the vote will be valid and the loan papers can be signed. If not, the vote will not be valid. Powers said he will research the stock's ownership, and if it is in his name, he will sell his interest in the company within 24 hours.

By asking the village to sponsor the loan, Clorox will be totally responsible for paying it back, but will enjoy lower-than-normal interest rates.

# Township may aid senior center

Two Wheeling Township trustees say they will recommend that the township help pay for furniture in the senior citizens center under construction in Wheeling.

Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld said he and Trustee John Ayres will recommend that the township give Wheeling money from federal revenue sharing funds. That money is traditionally used by the township to help finance local social service agencies.

"The board should spend some reve-

nue sharing funds to help furnish the Wheeling senior citizens center," Sommerfeld said. "Since the main portion is being funded by federal funds, it is appropriate for the township board to help."

WHEELING OFFICIALS already said they would ask the township for money to help pay for the \$80,000 in furnishings needed and have met with Ayres to discuss the proposal. Julie Woods, Wheeling's senior citizen coordinator, said no decision has been

made on how much money will be requested.

Sommerfeld, a former Wheeling village trustee, said he would wait for Wheeling's request before proposing an amount. He said the money could come this year from the township's emergency funds, or could be included in next year's revenue sharing budget. Some money has already been raised through a brunch and ticket sales for "Wheeling Day at the Races," scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday at Arlington Park

Race Track.

The \$1.2 million center is being built near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street with federal funds and is expected to be open by the fall of 1983. Sommerfeld said township funding of the center is appropriate because it is expected to serve seniors from the area and not just Wheeling village residents.

Woods said the village hopes to present the request to the township this fall.

Wheeling on the fence

# BG joins county in mortgage relief plan

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Young couples in the Buffalo Grove and Wheeling area looking to buy their first homes may soon get a helping hand from Cook County under a proposed low-interest mortgage revenue bond program.

Sales of new and existing homes in Buffalo Grove and Wheeling are expected to be lifted from a current depressed state if the proposed 12.5 per cent home loans become available here, say local realtors.

Buffalo Grove trustees Monday night in a 3 to 2 vote narrowly approved joining the low cost mortgage loan program being sponsored by Cook County.

Money allocated through the Irving Federal Savings and Loan in Buffalo Grove earlier this month for a similar state housing authority mortgage plan amounted to \$2 million and bank officials said the funds have already been used.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to vote Oct. 4 on whether to authorize the "Jobs 1982-83" Low Cost Mortgage Loan Program which will offer 12.5 per cent home mortgages under a Growing Equity Mortgage (GEM) plan.

On Aug. 17, the county board unanimously gave preliminary approval and gave a go-ahead to the program which began soliciting the participation of builders, lending institutions and 130 suburbs in raising \$100 million for low interest home mortgages. The City of Chicago is excluded because it will be designing its own program.

Buffalo Grove trustees Elliott Hartstein, Charles Gerschelske and John Marienthal voted in favor of ceding the village's ability to issue mortgage revenue bonds over to the county in order to help develop the major regional bond issue. Trustees Bobbie O'Reilly and Stephen Stone voted against the measure.

By assigning Buffalo Grove's ability to issue mortgage revenue bonds to the county, Cook County develops and issues the bonds under its name. The village is not in any way directly associated with the debt. Participation does not affect Buffalo Grove's municipal bond rating or overall bond indebtedness, said Village Finance Director William Brimm.

In addition, there is no administrative cost to the village.

The countywide program, projected to raise \$100 million by issuing tax-exempt

bonds, will provide about \$675,000 in low-interest loans to prospective home buyers in the Cook County portion of Buffalo Grove, according to Cook County Administrative Assistant John Zeunik.

The maximum bonding authority ceded to the county by each participating municipality was based on the number of home sales in that community in the past three years. The total amount of bonds cannot exceed nine per cent of the average annual aggregate mortgage volume over the past three years.

The amount each municipality authorizes to the county is the same amount of home loans that will be made available to home buyers in that municipality for the first six months of the program. After that period, the funds will be issued countywide including unincorporated areas of Cook County.

Wheeling village trustees have not yet voted to join the low cost mortgage program being offered by the county.

At Monday's village board meeting, trustees decided against taking any action on the county program until more of their questions can be answered, they said.

Trustees met with Cook County Comptroller Thomas Beck who estimated that \$1.1 million in home loans could be available to Wheeling residents if the village agreed to sign up.

The 130 suburban municipalities in Cook County have until Sept. 30 to join the program, Zeunik said. Bonds are expected to go on the market from mid-to-late October and mortgage loans to home buyers in participating communities would be available right away, he added.

So far about 20 communities have agreed to join the program, creating a pool of \$35 to \$40 million.

Federal law stipulates that the maximum sales price of a new home purchased under this program is \$90,310 and the maximum price of an existing home is \$78,430.

There are no income restrictions. All homebuyers are required to make a minimum five per cent down payment.

Loans will be made available to homebuyers through local participating banks.

Irving Federal Savings and Loan in Buffalo Grove and Wheeling Trust and Savings have said they are considering offering Cook County's home loans.

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County officials will make the final determination on which local banks will be authorized to give out the mortgages.

The low cost mortgage program being proposed by Cook County will offer loans to first time buyers and buyers who have not owned a home within three years. Both married couples and single persons are eligible to apply.

Single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums can be purchased with the low cost mortgages as long as they do not exceed the stipulated maximum sales price.

The interest rate is being proposed at 12.5 per cent, but there is a possibility that rates might even be lower if the county manages to sell off the \$100 million in bonds at a rate lower than 11.5, Zeunik said.

The mortgage plan will be offered under GEM, growing equity mortgage, which allows home buyers to pay off a

conventional 30-year loan in only 17 years by gradual increases in principal costs.

For someone purchasing an existing home priced at \$78,000 with a five per cent down payment of \$3,900, monthly payments would be \$790 for the first three years on a \$74,100 mortgage at 12.5 per cent. On the fourth year, monthly payments would rise to \$814, a three per cent increase. The increase would be applied directly to principal.

For each year from the fourth to the tenth year, there would be a three per cent increase in the monthly payments. By the tenth year, when payments would be at \$973, the loan would be capped and remain at that fixed amount for the remaining seven years of the loan.

By comparison, purchasing the same home under a conventional 30-year loan at 16.5 per cent interest, monthly payments would be \$1,026 for the life of the loan.

REMINDER 9-25

## Speed going down near Cedar run

The speed limit on Route 83 in Wheeling at the Childerley Park gate and the corner of Lexington Drive will be lowered to at least 40 m.p.h., and possibly to 35 m.p.h.

A reduction from the current 45 m.p.h. speed on Route 83 near the Cedar Run housing development is at the request of the homeowner's organization at Cedar Run. Because children from the development must cross Route 83 to get to the only park in the area the homeowners enlisted the help of local and state officials in getting the speed reduced to 35 m.p.h.

Ben LaO, a district traffic programs engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) said Tuesday that study of the traffic speed at the designated location indicate that 45 m.p.h. is the proper speed, but that it had been decided that the 40 m.p.h. speed limit which is in

effect two-tenths of a mile south of Lexington Drive, be extended to that point, and becomes 45 m.p.h. thereafter.

But, Don Kirchenberg of the homeowners organization at Cedar Run, said he is confident that the speed will be lowered an additional five miles per hour. And equally confident is State Sen. Roger Keats, R-Arlington Heights, who said he expects to see the five mile drop, as well. He pointed to the efforts of Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz, Wheeling Township Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld, who is running against State Rep. Daniel Pierce, D-Highland Park, for his 58th District seat, as being instrumental in working for the speed reduction. Pierce made earlier contact with IDOT on behalf of the homeowners.

## Spend \$3.7 million on roads: study

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling should spend up to \$3.7 million during the next five years to upgrade and maintain village streets, a road consultant hired by the village says.

Wheeling currently spends about \$300,000 a year to repair and maintain village streets, but a study by Novak, Dempsey & Associates of Palatine says streets are deteriorating faster than they can be repaired and expenditures will have to increase to keep the streets in their present condition.

"With what we're spending now, we're losing ground," said Robert

Gray, director of operations and maintenance.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village probably will borrow the additional money needed and then repay the loan with its share of state gasoline taxes.

The study says the village would spend \$1.6 million over the next five years to keep the roads in the same shape they are in now. That's an increased expenditure of about \$11,000 a year and would include repairs to 59 village roads, but no major road reconstruction.

For \$3.7 million, the consultants say, the village could repair or replace 192

roads in the next five years. By paying more money during the next five years, Gray said the village would pay less in the long run, as the streets probably will only need sealing and patching in the future.

If the village continues to spend \$300,000 a year on the roads, village streets will continue to deteriorate over the next five years, the report shows. "If we don't do anything in the next five years, we'll be in trouble," Gray said.

Gray said he thought the village roads were in worse shape than the study indicated. "Normally pavement has a life of about 20 years, where you repave in 10 years and replace the

road in 20," Gray said. "But we're seeing a lot of pavement that has only a 10-year life." Several of Wheeling's larger subdivisions, including Dunhurst and Meadowbrook, were built about 25 years ago, making those roads technically ready for replacement in 1975. But according to the study, Gray said both areas will probably only need repaving.

Gray said the study found Mercantile Court the worst road in the village, with a quality rating barely higher than that of a dirt road.

The village board will discuss the program, and possible ways to fund it, in a workshop at 8 p.m. Sept. 27 at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.



# Trustees to study road repairs

Wheeling trustees today will discuss a road improvement program that could cost the village up to \$3.7 million in the next five years.

A study by Novak, Dempsey & Associates of Palatine shows the village streets are deteriorating at a faster rate than the village now pays to fix them. The village currently spends about \$300,000 a year to repair and maintain village streets. The study says Wheeling should spend \$1.6 million over the next five years to keep the roads in the same shape they are in

now. That's an increase of \$11,000 a year and would include repairs to 59 village roads, but not major road reconstruction.

If the village chooses to spend the maximum amount, 192 roads could be fixed and replaced in the next five years. But if the village continues spending \$300,000 a year, Wheeling's streets will continue to deteriorate, the study shows.

Village officials probably will borrow the money needed for the repairs and repay the loan with its share of

state gasoline taxes.

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

**WORKSHOPS FOR** agencies interested in hiring a welfare recipient under Wheeling Township's workfare program will be held Tuesday and Thursday at the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Tuesday's session will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday's session is scheduled for 10 a.m. Invitations to 41 taxing dis-

tricts and not-for-profit organizations have been mailed out for the sessions. Supervisor Phil Rogers is working to place the first worker within the next few weeks.

Earlier this summer the township adopted the program, which would require township welfare recipients who are determined to be eligible to work for their benefits. If they refuse, they will not receive the assistance money.

Elk Grove, Hanover, Palatine and Schaumburg townships all sponsor similar programs. Maine Township is considering the program.

WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Selected decisions from the village board meetings of September 7 and September 20.					
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To adopt a 1982-83 property tax levy of \$2,562,179. (Passed 4-0).	ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES
To award a contract of \$35,750 to Craftsman Painting Service to clean and paint the water tower on Old McHenry Road. (Passed 4-0).	ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES
To designate part of Mayer Avenue one way. (Passed 4-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	ABSENT

## McHenry Rd. speed reduced

State highway officials have agreed to lower the speed limit to 40 mph on McHenry Road from Childerley Park northwest to Lexington Drive in Wheeling.

Earlier this month, traffic along the road, from the park at 506 McHenry to Lake-Cook Road, was monitored by Illinois Department of Transportation traffic technicians. They said the average speed for cars using the road was 50.4 mph, and that 53 percent of the cars on McHenry violated the posted 45 mph limit. Based on that, and a consideration of the other conditions, new 40 mph speed limit signs will be posted on the road within the next few weeks.

A traffic study conducted earlier this month by the Wheeling police on a Friday night showed the average driving speed to be 51.6 mph, with the highest speed clocked at 61 mph.

FOR SEVERAL months, resi-

dents of the nearby Cedar Run development have fought to have the speed reduced to 35 mph. Childerley is the only park in the area and the group fears that pedestrian traffic, coupled with numerous entrances to several multi-family complexes and a home for the aged that line the road, will combine to create a dangerous situation.

Representatives from the group could not be reached for comment Friday.

The homeowners directed a letter-writing campaign to state and local officials and received support from Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz and Rep. Daniel Pierce, D-Highland Park.

Earlier this year the state lowered the speed limit from 45 to 40 mph on the road just southeast of the park. A crosswalk was painted near the park and pedestrian signs were installed to warn motorists that children may be crossing.

## Dundee Rd. bridge repairs begin

Motorists who use the Dundee Road bridge over the Des Plaines River are being advised to find different routes as structural repairs on the bridge are expected to start Monday, and last through next May.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger is recommending that motorists use an alternate route, such as Lake-Cook Road to the north or Willow Road to the south.

The \$413,000 project, which will correct some structural deterioration in

the bridge, is expected to close one lane in each direction. State officials say the lane closures probably will not occur until later in the week, and once closed, the lanes will remain closed until May. Current plans call for construction to start on the north side of the road, followed by the south side and then the middle.

## Former bagel store owner plans to open delicatessen

The former owner of a North Shore chain of bagel stores is proposing to open a deli-type restaurant in Wheeling.

Harold Harkavy, former owner of the New York Bagels stores, says he plans to open the Chicago Bagel & Bialy Deli Restaurant at 1099 W. Dundee Road, near the corner of Schoenbeck Road. That site formerly housed Bolger Realtors, but the building has been vacant since earlier this summer.

Harkavy said the restaurant, which

he hopes to open in early November, will feature nine types of bagels and bialys. Other delicatessen food, including corned beef and roast beef, will be sold. There will be seating for customers and carryout food also will be sold.

A former Wheeling resident who now lives in Buffalo Grove, Harkavy said he chose Wheeling as a site for his new restaurant because the village is "booming." He said he expects the deli to employ four workers when it opens.

# Lower McHenry Rd. speed pushed

Daily Herald  
by Elida Witthoef *but 29, '82*  
Herald staff writer

Wheeling residents who live along McHenry Road say state highway department efforts to lower the speed limit are not enough, and they will continue their fight by asking Gov. James Thompson to intervene.

Don Kirchenberg, president of the Cedar Run homeowners group, said

Monday he spoke to representatives in Thompson's office and will continue to demand that the speed limit along the road be lowered to 35 mph. Kirchenberg also said he will ask the Wheeling police to strictly enforce the present 40 mph speed limit.

Earlier this year the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) lowered the speed limit from 45 to 40 mph on the road just southeast of Childerley

Park, 506 McHenry Road. The residents continued to push for a lower speed, and last week the state agreed to lower the limit to 40 mph, northwest of the park to Lexington Drive.

THAT DECISION was based on a recent traffic study of the area, which concluded that the average speed of cars using the road was 50.4 mph, and that 53 percent of the cars using McHenry violated the posted speed limit.

But Kirchenberg said residents are not satisfied with the change and will continue to push. "We feel that the infinitesimal efforts of IDOT to extend the unsatisfactory speed limit of 40 mph one-eighth of a mile along McHenry Road is unsatisfactory," said Kirchenberg.

State highway department officials could not be reached for comment.

Michael Spivey, assistant to the governor for transportation and housing,

said he has spoken with Kirchenberg but has not seen IDOT's more recent traffic study on the road.

"I was told that lowering the speed limit to 40 mph was a first step. We're concerned for the safety and welfare of the people in the area," said Spivey, adding he would discuss the situation with IDOT officials in the next few days.

For several months, residents of nearby Cedar Run have worked to get the speed limit reduced to 35 mph. Childerley is the only park in the area, and Kirchenberg said the group is concerned that pedestrians could be injured when crossing McHenry to get the park. The road is lined with entrances to several multi-family housing complexes and a home for the aged, and residents fear that those, combined with the high speeds and pedestrians, could create a lethal situation.

## NORTRAN pays Wheeling debt

With a check for \$7,697.26, NORTRAN (North Suburban Mass Transit District) has paid in full its loan from the Village of Wheeling. NORTRAN borrowed from the village \$10,000 last summer during a

financial crisis. In this past mid-summer, NORTRAN repaid about 25 per cent of the principal and all of the interest due.

NORTRAN is a RTA funded carrier.

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## Fine \$50 for parking in spot for disabled

Tired of able-bodied drivers parking in spots designated for the handicapped, Wheeling officials have agreed to increase the fine for the violation to \$50.

The change is being made as Wheeling officials work to revise and update the village's traffic laws. Currently fines for parking in the handicapped spot average \$5 to \$10, said Village Attorney James Rhodes. But by hiking the fine to \$50, the village hopes to convince drivers that the handicapped parking spots are not for general use.

Rhodes said the violation is one of his "pet peeves" and would like to see the fine set at \$500, though he proposed a \$100 fine per violation of the parking law. Village trustees lowered the fine to \$50, because the higher amount "would encourage the judge to throw it out of court."

The new fines will not go into effect until the entire revised traffic code is adopted. That action is not expected until later this year.

WHILE THE FINE is being raised, the village also will broaden the defini-

tion of who can park in the designated spots, like senior citizens with reduced mobility or vision and hearing problems, victims of heart and respiratory diseases and those with arthritis.

Cars parked in the special spaces must display special license plates, a handicapped sticker or card, to avoid a ticket. The plates are available through the state, and the stickers can be obtained, with a doctor's letter, at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Temporary permits are also available for those with non-permanent condi-

tions.

Village President Sheila Schultz said she thought \$50 was a fair fine, since it's similar to those levied for moving violations such as speeding. "It will hurt enough to make you think twice about parking in a handicapped spot," she said.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said the police issue "quite a few" tickets, including some right at the village hall, when people who come to the building for traffic court park in the handicapped spaces.

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## City urged to buy Pal-Waukee

by Elida Witthoef  
Herald staff writer  
*Herald 9/29/82*

A Prospect Heights citizens committee studying the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport has recommended that the city buy the airport, even if Wheeling does not go along.

Committee Chairman John Gilligan said buying Pal-Waukee is the only way the city can effectively deal with airport problems, such as noise and future expansion. "The city remains the only way for people to get relief," he said. "If the city doesn't participate in the ownership, it will be powerless."

Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf had no immediate reaction to the recommendation, saying he had not yet read the report. The final decision on buying Pal-Waukee will rest with the city council.

Both Pal-Waukee owner George Priester and representatives of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, which opposes the airport's purchase, could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS and Wheeling have studied Pal-Waukee's purchase for more than 3½ years. An airport consultant hired by the towns set a price tag of \$53 million to buy the airport and bring it up to federal standards for a publicly owned airport. Both towns have notified the federal government that they might apply for airport funding, but no firm decisions have been made.

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said she could "respect the study and recommendations" but added that the city is "a step ahead" of Wheeling. Village officials recently asked the Federal Aviation Administration to review a scaled-down airport acquisition plan that could be less expensive.

The committee's recommendation to buy the airport, includes six "non-negotiable" conditions that it says must be fulfilled before any agreement be signed. They include:

- That state and federal grants cov-

er 95 percent of the purchase price with the balance coming from a loan that would be repaid from airport revenues.

- That the first phase of the purchase include funds and plans for a noise abatement program.

- That a detailed economic study of the airport be done, including future revenues and costs.

- That the city be guaranteed that it will not lose any airport sources of sales tax revenues.

THE REPORT DOES not suggest an alternative if those points cannot be agreed on. Gilligan said the committee suggested the conditions as a way of avoiding more serious problems after the airport is bought. "We're saying if you do all these things, a lot of problems with disappear. If you don't, you could create a whole bunch of new problems," he said.

The report also says that if the airport property were redeveloped, it probably would drain sales tax reve-

nue from the city and tax city services, such as water, sewer and road services.

The committee also is recommending that no referendum on the airport's purchase be held, though Gilligan said the committee would not oppose such a vote. "Referendums only can be held a specific times and it is highly unlikely that the timing would be opportune," he said.

City Administrator Stephen Sturgell said the report will be made available to the public at local libraries and the city hall, 4 E. Camp MacDonald Road. A public hearing on the report has been scheduled for Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eisenhower School, Schoenbeck and Camp MacDonald roads.

Gilligan said the committee will accept comments from the public until Oct. 27, at which time the report will be revised and resubmitted to the city. He said he doubted whether any new evidence could surface that would change the committee's recommendation.



# Palwaukee may get Meigs traffic

By STAN ZOLLER  
News Editor

TWO AREA airports, Palwaukee Airport and the Glenview Naval Air Station, are being considered as reliever facilities for Chicago's Meigs Field if the city is named the site of the 1992 World's Fair.

A plan by the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics calls for Meigs Field to be closed during the fair with its traffic diverted to either Midway Airport, Palwaukee or the naval air station.

The plan, of course, is contingent on Chicago getting the nod for hosting the World's Fair in 10 years. It would likely trigger strong opposition by area residents and the Navy.

The plan for diverting traffic to Palwaukee and Glenview Naval Air Station is one part of a six-point plan developed by IDOT and discussed with the Illinois Department of Aeronautic's Advisory Board.

Other points of the plan call for improvement in the aviation facilities at Midway and development of a heliport site near or at the World's Fair site.

The plan also includes delaying the closure of Meigs as long as possible and calls for its reopening "shortly after the Fair, possibly with a longer runway."

IT'S NO secret that Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne would like to close Meigs, but area residents and Navy officials don't want that done at their expense.

Meigs, according to Terry Schaddel of IDOT's Division of Aeronau-

tics, is "supposedly the busiest single-runway airport in the country." Schaddel said it is his understanding the facility handles between 85,000 and 90,000 operations a year. Its runway is only 3,948 feet by 150 feet.

Experts in airport planning, however, say most of the traffic from Meigs would likely go to Chicago's Midway Airport on the city's southwest side.

According to Larry Donoghue, president of airport planners Ralph Burke Associates, "If someone is flying into Meigs their choice would likely be Midway because they would likely want to fly into Meigs to be near the central business district."

DONOGHUE SAID he was surprised to learn that either Palwaukee or the naval air station is being considered to handle Meigs traffic because flying into either one of those facilities defeats the purpose of a pilot flying into Meigs.

"If someone is heading toward the northwest side, they might consider Palwaukee or the air station," Donoghue said.

He added that it is unlikely the Navy will agree with the plan, having resisted previous attempts to combine civilian and military traffic.

Opposition to civilian traffic was raised by the Department of Defense during discussions on the public acquisition of Palwaukee Airport. Opponents to expansion at Palwaukee suggested Glenview Naval Air Station as an alternative, but the Department of Defense turned thumbs down on the plan both times.

THE STATE'S plan surprised officials at the naval air station, all of whom voiced concern about storage of civilian aircraft at the base.

They cited already cramped conditions along the runways and taxiways.

Any traffic from Meigs, however, would mostly be transient. No aircraft are based at the lake-front airport without special permission. Even then, aircraft are based at Meigs for two or three days at the most. The exception is the Chicago Fire Department which has rescue equipment at Meigs.

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some of the Meigs overflow. Both Palwaukee and the Glenview Naval Air Station have long runways; Palwaukee with a 5,000-foot runway and the air station with one 8,000 feet long.

At best, only 10, perhaps 20 percent of the operations at Meigs could be rerouted to Palwaukee according to Donoghue.

It is also possible that other outlying airports, including DuPage County, Aurora and Waukegan could be developed to handle extra traffic, but like Palwaukee and Glenview, their locations are not convenient.

Officials at Glenview Naval Air Station said they are also concerned about an increase in fly-over traffic which could pose a safety problem.

Both IDOT and a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said it would not increase risks and that operations at the airports affected, Palwaukee, Glenview Naval Air Station and O'Hare, are at, if not below, FAA standards.

This is attributed to a decrease in traffic during the past three or four years.

THE VILLAGE managers of both communities involved expressed some concern, but had wait-and-see attitudes before hitting the panic button.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas M. Markus said increased traffic at Palwaukee could raise the aggravation level in the already sensitive issue.

Paul McCarthy, Glenview Village Manager, said he isn't sure how it might affect the village. He has been Village Manager since Aug. 1.

Glenview recently joined an agreement that will give suburban communities a say in future expansion projects at O'Hare.

It does not, however, cover other airports.

McCarthy says he has received one call about the noise level at the air station, and that the problem is most prevalent in residential neighborhoods at the end of the air station's runway.

The plan for diverting Meigs traffic to other airports does, however, remain contingent on one thing—Chicago hosting the World's Fair.



THESE NAVY FIGHTER planes may not be the only aircraft using the Glenview Naval Air Station—the state has a proposal that would allow civilian use of the air station if Chicago is the site of the 1992 World's

Fair. If the city is chosen, it plans to close Meigs Field during the fair and divert traffic to either Palwaukee Airport or Glenview Naval Air Station, or possibly to both facilities. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

# Smooth riding

## Road face-lift plan eyed by village

By BRADLEY LOEBBAKA  
Correspondent

WHEELING — The village roads may ride a bit smoother if the Village Board approves one of several maintenance programs outlined at its Sept. 27 board meeting.

The Palatine engineering consulting firm of Novak Dempsey presented the board with an analysis of Wheeling's current road conditions and possible improvement programs.

Its evaluation was based on a test of 36 miles of Wheeling streets, representing an average condition of all roads. Sections of 200 feet each were tested for factors such as surface conditions, traffic flow, deflection under differing weight loads, drainage and projected use. The study concluded that damaged surface conditions was the primary problem on city streets.

The first option suggested to the board was a program to maintain the current condition of roads which are ranked at 65 on a scale of 100. Based on the current road maintenance funding allotment of about \$310,000 per year for five years, this plan would cost the city approximately \$1.5 million.

A second Novak Dempsey strategy called for an average road condition 73 on a scale of 100. The cost of these improvements, which would keep roads maintained for six to eight years, was projected at approximately \$2.9 million. The consultant said this plan would provide goods roads at the lowest cost.

The costliest and most thorough improvements would maintain

Wheeling's pavement at a quality level of 80, would put the city's roads on a 10-year maintenance schedule, and would cost \$3.5 million.

These cost analyses do not include basic repairs, such as filling potholes or general maintenance. Instead, the pavement plans call for replacing surface of improved roads or putting a thick overlay on an existing surface.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said that the 80 level is the optimum goal. The city, he said, wants to catch and correct deteriorating roads now, before they develop too many problems.

The city is considering several analysis from financial consultants to determine exactly how and where the money for these improvements will be spent. Markus said he will present the board with a total cost projection and a tentative budget by next month.

Other public improvements, such as new storm sewers, the installation of lights and curbing and some capital improvements may also be tied into the road maintenance package.

Markus said that the board, in considering the pavement issue, needs to adopt "a formal policy on improvements."

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## Township aid clients will work for funds

9-30-82 Reminiscence

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Wheeling Township officials are instituting a Workfare Program for recipients of general assistance funds, who will work in non-paying jobs with local villages, hospitals, schools, libraries and non-profit groups to earn their monthly payments from the township.

Beginning this week, all applicants for general assistance in Wheeling Township will be required to sign an agreement to participate in the Workfare Program as a condition of eligibility to receive township funds.

Failure to sign the agreement makes the person ineligible for general assistance payments.

Township Supervisor Phillip B. Rogers said caseworkers will determine whether an applicant is physically and mentally able to work or whether there are any restrictions, including mothers with young children at home and those found unfit to work.

An applicant may be required to undergo a physical examination by a doctor of the township's choice, to be paid by the township, to assure that he or she is physically capable of participating in the

Workfare Program.

General assistance is a form of welfare paid for by taxpayers on the local level, said Rogers. He said the township annually allocates about \$200,030 for general assistance.

The funds are used for short-term and emergency relief for people who don't qualify for state welfare programs or in the interim before they begin receiving state welfare.

Last month, there were 141 families who received payments ranging from \$125 to \$400. The money is not given directly to recipients, but are sent to landlords, utility companies and food stores.

"We used to say that the average general assistance recipient was for three to four months, but it's different now; we don't know what to expect," said Rogers.

"A ground swell has been growing that it's only fair that those on public aid should be doing something," he added.

Wheeling Township, he said, is joining several other neighboring townships including Northfield, Palatine, Schaumburg and Elk Grove in developing a Workfare Program.

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## Workfare

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In 1979, the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation establishing a Workfare Program for general assistance recipients.

Rogers said because of unwieldy aspects which required recipients to be transported to worksites and provided with hot meals, few townships pursued the program until the public law was amended in 1981 and those aspects were removed.

Wheeling Township's Workfare Program, he said, was designed as close to the public law as possible.

Among the regulations are that a recipient found employable is required to perform work without direct compensation, at an hourly rate equal to minimum wage, to earn off the amount of general assistance received. Minimum wage is \$3.35 an hour.

Rogers said recipients in Wheeling Township will not be allowed to work more than an average of 25 hours a week because they are required to be actively seeking employment. The state law permits an eight hour work day and 40 hours per week.

When the recipient receives work credit equal to the amount of assistance, he or she will be released from working. If additional hours are worked, the recipient must be paid by the taxing district or the social agency for which the work was performed.

The type of work includes cleaning and maintenance of public offices, buildings,

grounds, streets, highways, and cemeteries; and office work such as typing and filing. Work sites can be township facilities, village halls, schools, hospitals, libraries and private not-for-profit organizations.

The work performed is to be reasonably related to the skills and interests of the recipients and caseworkers will try to match each person with a job he or she is comfortable doing, said Rogers.

Wheeling Township is responsible for Workmen's Compensation. Recipients are responsible for their own transportation to worksites, required to be within 15 miles from their home.

The basic goals of the Workfare Program, Rogers said, are to provide work service to the community to help offset welfare costs and to offer welfare recipients an opportunity to acquire a sense of personal dignity and worth by working for their benefits.

He said some people feel uncomfortable accepting "hand-outs" and would much prefer earning their benefits. "Several people have approached us saying they want to pay back their general assistance," Rogers said.

He added that in townships where workfare programs were started, there was a drop of 33 per cent in the number of persons applying for general assistance. "The most important aspect of the program then, is to help sort out those people who are in real need and those who are not."



# McHenry Road speed cut to 35 mph

State highway officials have decided to lower the speed limit to 35 mph on McHenry Road, northwest from Elmhurst Road to Lexington Drive.

Ralph Wehner, assistant district engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation, said officials "feel that that (35 mph) is the proper speed for the road." New speed limit signs will be posted within the next few weeks.

The move reverses an early decision by the department to lower the speed

limit only to 40 mph. Wehner said state officials made the decision after reconsidering traffic studies done on the road.

Earlier this month studies conducted by state highway technicians revealed that the average speed for cars using the road was 50.4 mph, and that 53 percent of the cars violated the posted 45 mph speed limit. A similar study conducted by the Wheeling police showed the average speed to be 51.6 mph, with the highest speed clocked at 61 mph.

WEHNER SAID THE responsibility for enforcing the speed will now fall on the state and Wheeling police, who patrol the road.

For several months, residents of the Cedar Run multi-family development have pushed state officials to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph, claiming the road was too dangerous for pedestrians to cross to Childerley Park, the only park in their area. Don Kirchenberg, president of Cedar Run, said his group is pleased with the decision and

are calling for strong enforcement of the new speed.

"We're concerned with the speed limit enforcement," said Kirchenberg. "Traffic studies have shown the average speed limit is over 50 mph. It will take strict enforcement to make McHenry Road safe."

Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey said the police are aware of the problems and have been patrolling the area. "We'll enforce the speed limit with no hesitation," he said.

# Pal-Waukee report challenge

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A group of citizens opposed to the public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport is challenging a Prospect Heights citizens committee recommendation to buy the airport as "superficial, illogical, and naive."

Warren Sunde, chairman of the environmental committee of the Citizens Airport Activity Group, said a report prepared by the committee "ignores the probable and logical and supports the least probable." Sunde's group is also challenging the Prospect Heights committee to a debate on Pal-Waukee purchase, and is preparing its own "white paper" report.

The Prospect Heights committee, appointed by Mayor Richard Wolf, has recommended that the city buy the airport, even if Wheeling does not go along with the plan. Committee Chairman John Gilligan said the committee found that buying Pal-Waukee will be the only way the city can effectively deal with airport problems such as

noise and future expansion. But the committee's recommendation also includes several "non-negotiable" conditions that it says must be fulfilled before any agreement be signed, including guaranteed noise abatement programs, federal and state funding and a detailed economic study of the airport.

THE TWO TOWNS have studied Pal-Waukee's purchase for more than 3½ years, and both towns have notified the federal government that they might apply for airport funding. A consultant hired by the towns set a price tag of \$53 million to buy the airport and bring it up to federal standards for publicly owned airport.

But Sunde said the towns would be wasting money on the project because the federal government recently made airport development funds available to the owners of private airports. "It's ridiculous to waste money on such an effort when there are other alternatives available. It's things like this that have gotten the country into trouble eco-

nomic. Let him (airport owner George Priester) get the money and fix the place up," he said.

Sunde also said the city committee was "naive" to believe that the Federal Aviation Administration would provide noise abatement measures, when the residents around O'Hare Airport have had little luck getting relief.

The citizens committee also recommended that a referendum on the purchase be scrapped in favor of an intense public education effort by city officials. Sunde called that recommendation "an insult to the residents of Wheeling and Prospect Heights."

Wheeling officials have already committed themselves to holding an advisory referendum on the question.

Gilligan said Sunde's group must "substantiate its claims with fact, not guesses and claims."

"We had the facts," he said. "We didn't act on unconfirmed reports. We've talked to knowledgeable sources. We looked at all sorts of things.

We're saying unless it favors Prospect Heights, don't sign it."

A public hearing on the recommen-



## Dues for Nortran to be paid

Trustees voted to amend the village's 1982-83 budget to include a \$2,750 dues payment to the North Suburban Mass Transit District (Nortran).

The money is used to help pay Nortran's administrative costs. Nortran provides the village with bus service, and each year the village pays the agency to help finance its operation. This year Wheeling officials declined to pay the sum and did not include it in the annual budget, because Nortran had not paid off a \$10,000 loan from the village. Then late last month Nortran paid Wheeling \$7,697 to pay off the loan and all interest owed on it.

The village loaned \$10,000 to the Nortran in July 1981 to keep the buses running after the financially strapped Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) ran out of cash and cut off payments to suburban bus companies. In turn, Nortran agreed to repay the loan at 15 percent interest rate.

This January the village board granted Nortran a six-month extension, but required that \$750 in accumulated interest be repaid. The RTA would not allow that payment, but earlier this summer Nortran repaid the village \$4,056, or 25 percent of the loan and all interest due.

## Youth commission enlarged to 12

Wheeling's youth commission was enlarged to include 12 members, instead of the previously appointed nine members.

The youth commission is currently made up of five adults chosen from among village residents by Village President Sheila Schultz, with one commissioner appointed from Omni-House, a Wheeling-based social service agency. Three students, including two from Wheeling's junior high schools, and one from Wheeling High School, also serve as commissioners.

Under the expanded commission, professionals from Wheeling Township District 21, High School District 214, the Wheeling Park District and a Wheeling police youth officer will also serve.

Youth Commission Chairman Faye Moroz suggested the expansion as a way to revive the commission, which she says is dying because of a lack of things to do. By including representatives from agencies that already serve the village's youth, Moroz said she hopes to open communication to help avoid duplication in services, and discover areas that are lacking.

Village trustees asked Moroz to report back to the board in six months, to discuss any progress or problems she is having under the new setup.

# Village threatens suit to cut down big dirt mound

Wheeling officials are threatening legal action against the developer of the Tahoe Village and Malibu subdivisions, if the company does not remove a mountain of dirt that has stood between the two developments for several years.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he has sent a letter to the Hoffman Group, developers of the two subdivisions, asking that the dirt be cleared away. He also has instructed Village Attorney James Rhodes to research possible legal action, and if the pile is not leveled by the end of October, will order Rhodes "to begin implementing whatever remedies" are available.

Representatives from Hoffman could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Rhodes said he is looking into the matter but does not yet know of any specific action that could be taken.

Markus said he asked the developer earlier this summer to clear away the dirt, and while a few truckloads have

been carted away, the pile still looms over nearby homes.

FOR THE PAST several months residents of Tahoe have complained about the pile, which is left over from when construction on Malibu was started in the late 1970s. It stands on slightly more than one acre of land that is supposed to be donated to the Wheeling Park District for development as a park and act as a buffer between the two developments.

Residents who live near the pile, which stands higher than two stories, say it has become a gathering place for teenagers and dogs, and is overgrown with weeds.

Representatives of Tahoe's homeowners association could not be reached for comment, but Park Superintendent David Phillips said he is happy to see that the village is taking action to bring the pile down. Phillips said park officials are currently looking for suggestions on ways to develop the land once it is deeded to the district.

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# Restaurant's sign variations denied

After lengthy discussion, Wheeling trustees voted not to allow the owners of the Puerto Vallarta restaurant to construct signs double the size allowed by village law.

Owners George and Efraim Mallet had asked the village for permission to nearly double the amount of legal sign space at their restaurant at 1750-1752 W. Hintz Road. Under the village sign code, 49.5 square feet of signs would be allowed at the location. The Mallets asked for permission to install 93 square feet of signs.

The restaurant is located at one end of the Tahoe Shopping Center, Buffalo Grove and Hintz roads. The Mallets argued that signs on both the west and south sides of the building were necessary to identify the business.

But several trustees argued that the village cannot keep approving exceptions to the sign code without defeating its purpose. "I thought the sign ordinance was passed to prevent the proliferation of signs and variations are supposed to be adopted to the advantage of the village," said Trustee John Cole.

## Low-interest loan to Clorox OK'd

A \$2.5 million low-interest loan to a California salad dressing manufacturer was approved by the village board.

The Clorox Co., which also makes bleach, will use the money to finance the purchase of Lauritzen & Co. Inc., at 1197 S. Willis Ave., a food manufacturing business. Clorox will use the company to manufacture Hidden Valley Ranch salad dressing and other dry food mixes.

The loan approval was delayed by two weeks after Trustee Roger Powers revealed he held stock in the Clorox Co., stock he purchased in early 1982. State law would prevent the board from backing the loan if any board member held an interest in the company involved. Powers, who abstained from Monday's vote, said he sold all his Clorox stock last week, after learning of the conflict.

By asking the village to back the loan, the Clorox Co. will be able to borrow the money at a lower-than-normal interest rate. The village lends its name to the loan, but has no liability in the matter, as the company would be responsible for paying back the money.

## Sparklers now considered fireworks

Trustees adopted a new legal definition of fireworks that will outlaw the sale, possession and use of sparklers in the village.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the law was written to define the types of fireworks that are prohibited and allowed in the village. Sparklers are legal under state law but will be banned within village limits.

Markus said Wheeling Fire Chief Bernhardt Koeppen reviewed fire records and discovered several fires that were caused by sparklers, and recommended that the popular July 4th item be outlawed, along with toy cannons, firecrackers, torpedoes, sky rockets, Roman candles and bombs.

Blank cartridges also have been outlawed, but Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said that sports and theater groups and other legitimate groups who need to use blank guns will be able to get permission from the village.

## Wheeling joins low-interest mortgage plan

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Wheeling trustees voted to join Cook County's low-interest mortgage plan offering first-time homebuyers 12.5 per cent home loans. Loans could become available as early as mid-November.

The village board Monday night voted 4 to 2 to join with 60 suburban municipalities, which already includes Buffalo Grove and 11 other northwest suburbs, in the low cost mortgage loan program being sponsored by Cook County.

By assigning Wheeling's ability to issue mortgage revenue bonds to the county, Cook County will develop and issue the bonds under its name collectively for all municipalities in the program. Wheeling is not in any way directly associated with debt. Participation does not affect Wheeling's municipal bond rating or overall bond indebtedness, according to Cook County Comptroller Thomas Beck.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners on Monday authorized the sale of tax-exempt bonds. Bonding authority is estimated at \$60 to \$70 million, but as other communities continue to join the bonding authority could reach \$75 million.

The countywide program, called "Jobs 1982-83" Low Cost Mortgage Loan Program, could provide up to \$1.1 million in low-interest loans to Wheeling residents under a Growing Equity Mortgage (GEM) plan.

Federal law stipulates that the maximum sales price of a new home

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REMINDER

# Loan plan is approved

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

WHEELING'S VILLAGE Board opted Oct. 4 to join a low-interest home-mortgage plan being formulated by Cook County, authorized the issuance of more than \$2.5 million in industrial revenue bonds for the Clorox Company project and added sparklers to the list of fireworks prohibited from public use within the village limits.

Wheeling officials agreed to join 58 other Cook County communities in the low-interest mortgage plan. County Comptroller Thomas Beck said he expects at least 15 more communities to approve the program by the county's Oct. 15 cutoff date.

The plan calls for each community to cede its authority to issue mortgage revenue bonds to the county. Mortgages will be issued at a rate of about 12 percent, possibly less, Beck said, helping first-time home buyers, as well as developers, lenders and local governments.

APPLICANTS for a mortgage must buy either a new home valued at up to \$90,310 or an existing home valued at up to \$78,430. Mortgage money would be made available to prospective buyers by mid-November, Beck said.

The "growing-equity mortgages" to be issued would be 16-year mortgages at a fixed interest rate. However, the principal to be paid would increase gradually.

With a growing-equity mortgage, the principal remains the same for the first three years, goes up three percent in the fourth year and each year after that until the 10th year and levels off after that until the mortgage is paid off, he said.

WHEELING'S ALLOCATION of mortgage funds will be set aside for exclusive use by Wheeling residents for the first six months the plan is in effect. After that, the funds will return to a pool to be disbursed by county administrators.

Trustees John Cole and James Goetch voted against Wheeling's participation in the plan, because they believed the village would not have enough control. Beck said he

could not guarantee that any of the Wheeling financial institutions would write the mortgages, but, "We are hopeful there will be banks in wheeling that will want to be part of this."

Village Manager Thomas Markus urged board members to vote for the program because, "Realistically, this will probably be the only program in town."

At the Sept. 20 board meeting, Cole had asked why Wheeling could not put together its own low-cost mortgage program, as it did in 1979.

Markus pointed out that, in theory, the village could have its own program; however, there would not be enough time to meet deadline requirements. With other local communities such as Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights and Des Plaines already having joined the Cook County program, Markus said it would be difficult to find other area communities to go in on a separate bond issue.

ANOTHER MATTER resolved by the Board was the conflict of interest of Trustee Roger Powers' ownership of stock in the Clorox Company, which prevented the village from approving \$2.515 million in industrial revenue bonds Sept. 20 for the firm.

Attorney David Epstein, acting as special counsel for the village, said an 1872 law governing the issuance of bonds by a community is "an extremely strict law (which) talks about direct and indirect interest" of the holdings of officials. He said he expects attorneys throughout the state to seek clarifications of the law.

Powers said he had sold his shares as of Sept. 28, but would still abstain from the vote.

On another matter, the Board approved by a unanimous vote an ordinance amending the definition of fireworks to include sparklers. Markus called the existing ordinance "somewhat vague on what was permitted and prohibited."

Police Chief Michael Haeger said there have been documented cases of fires and eye injuries caused by sparklers.

The Village of Wheeling agreed to limit the hours of trick or treat activities from 2 to 5 p.m. on Halloween. Also, the village park district is holding a Halloween Boo Ball for children at Heritage Park from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 29

## Mortgage

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purchased under this program is \$90,310 and the maximum price of an existing home is \$78,430. Condominiums and other multi-family complex units are eligible as a new or existing home.

There are no income restrictions but a prospective homebuyer may not have owned a home in the last three years.

Loans will be made available to homebuyers through local participating banks.

Irving Federal Savings and Loan in Buffalo Grove and Wheeling Trust and Savings have said they are considering offering Cook County's home loans.

The mortgage plan will be offered under GEM, growing equity mortgage, which allows home buyers to pay off a conventional 30-year loan in only 17 years

by gradual increases in principal costs.

For someone purchasing an existing home priced at \$78,000 with a five per cent down payment of \$3,900, monthly payments would be \$790 for the first three years on a \$74,100 mortgage at 12.5 per cent. On the fourth year, monthly payments would rise to \$814, a three per cent increase applied directly to principal.

For each year from the fourth to the tenth year, there would be a three per cent increase in the monthly payments. By the tenth year, when payments would be at \$973, the loan would be capped and remain at that fixed amount for the remaining seven years of the loan.

By comparison, purchasing the same home under a conventional 30-year loan at 16.5 per cent, monthly payments would be \$1,026 for the life of the loan.

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## Parents of autistic to meet with village

Wheeling trustees today will meet with representatives of the parents group that is planning two homes for autistic children in the village.

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

Francine Bernstein, founder and president of BLARE House Inc., a Morton Grove-based parents group for autistic people, has purchased 3.5 acres at 657 Elmhurst Road, across from Wheeling High School. She plans to build 12 townhouses for 45 autistic men and women and their supervisors on the property.

The group is also planning to rent a house at 940 Pebble Drive in Wheeling, where four autistic young men will live under the supervision of staff workers and a night attendant. The group has also applied for a permit to operate a similiar home in Schaumburg.

BLARE stands for Better Living for the Autistic in a Residential Environment. The group is working to get autistic children and adults out of institutions and move them into the community to live normal lives. Autism is characterized by withdrawal and a tendency to run away from contact with others.

THE WHEELING Police Pension Board will meet Tuesday to discuss reinvesting some of the \$3 million in its fund to provide low-interest mortgages and investment money to village police officers.

The board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) is proposing that some of the pension money be invested in the CCPA Credit Union, where the interest earnings would be used to write low-interest loans for police officers.

The pension money now is invested in several institutions and earned 8.48 percent interest in 1981, which was reinvested. The CCPA is offering to pay only 5.5 percent interest and then lend the money to police at 8 percent for mortgage or investment loans. The 2.5 percent difference would cover the credit union's administrative costs.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters, who serves as the pension board's treasurer, has recommended against the plan, saying it would end up costing taxpayers more money, as the village might have to make up the lower interest rate with higher tax contributions to the fund.

## Homes for autistic draw few objections

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

There were many questions but few objections voiced at Monday's Wheeling Village Board meeting as residents and officials met to hear plans for the establishment of two homes for autistic people in the village.

BLARE House, a Morton Grove-based parents group for autistic people, is renting a house in a residential neighborhood in Wheeling to shelter autistic young men. The group has also purchased land across from Wheeling High School to build a permanent home for 45 autistic adults and children.

Francine Bernstein, founder and president of the group, said she has purchased 3.5 acres of land at 657 Elmhurst Road, and with the help of a private developer plans to build 12 townhouses for 30 autistic adults and 15 autistic children. The site must be rezoned before the townhouses can be built.

THE GROUP is also renting a house at 940 Pebble Drive, where four autistic young men will live under the su-

pervision of staff workers and a night attendant. The group is waiting for a state license before moving into the house.

At the homes, the autistic people will be taught to care for themselves and live among normal people in normal neighborhoods.

BLARE House stands for Better Living for the Autistic in a Residential Environment. The group is dedicated to getting autistic people out of institutions and back into normal living situations.

Autism is characterized by withdrawal and a tendency to run away from contact with others.

Neighbors near the rented home questioned how the autistic clients would look and who would care for and be responsible for both the homes and the residents. The neighbors also questioned who would be responsible for vandalism and other problems that might arise.

Bernstein said her group would carry responsibility for operating the homes though similar homes in Forest Park, Glenview and Highland Park have experienced none of the problems neighbors normally expect.

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# Township assistance funds running out

By Howard Witt

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE funds—the source of last resort for thousands of Illinois residents whose descent into poverty is not cushioned by any state or federal "safety net" programs—are beginning to run short.

Townships across the Chicago area report record demand for general assistance aid as the recession lingers and unemployment rises. Many are exhausting surplus funds built up in recent years, trying to forestall property tax increases. Some have reached their taxing limits and are about to turn to the state for help.

Even the affluent northern townships are feeling the pinch.

•In Deerfield Township, the general assistance budget jumped from \$232,300 last year to \$316,000 this year.

•In Libertyville Township, where the general assistance tax levy was recently raised for the first time in five years, the average monthly caseload has risen to 180 per month, up from 130 per month a year ago.

•In southern Bloom Township, where nearly 800 cases per month have depleted a \$500,000 general assistance budget, officials have had to borrow from other township funds and anticipate "a crisis looming this winter."

"WE HAVE SEEN a completely new economic class coming in for help over the last year," Libertyville Township Supervisor Michael Graham said. "We are getting cases of people who three years ago might have been making \$2,000 a month and now are faced with problems they thought they'd never have—like having their utilities shut off."

Robert Grossi, Bloom Township supervisor, said: "I can see that the people applying for general assistance now are seeking some type of welfare for the first time in their lives. Their unemployment benefits have run out and they have nowhere to turn."

Such strains are relatively new to the general assistance system. Originally intended as short-term emergency help

for families that fall between the cracks of state and federal programs, the general assistance funds increasingly are becoming the only source of income for idled workers and their families.

TWO YEARS AGO, the average recipient was on the rolls for one to three months; now many township supervisors report the average has grown to six months to a year.

All of Illinois' 1,432 townships are required to provide general assistance benefits at least equaling the minimums established by the state's Department of Public Aid. But those minimums vary by region—in the Chicago area, for example, the monthly rent allotment is \$98 and the food benefit is about \$40—and township supervisors are permitted to pay out higher benefits at their discretion.

That discretion is generally limited by the amount of available funds and the willingness of taxpayers in a particular township to bear heavier general assistance burdens.

General assistance levies usually represent 1 to 3 percent of a total property tax bill, but cannot exceed 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

WHEN A TOWNSHIP reaches the maximum levy—as Bloom Township did last year and Libertyville Township expects to do next year—it either must borrow from other township funds or ask the state for help.

"But you are so encumbered by red tape when asking for state aid that it really handcuffs you," Graham said. "If you get state aid, then you have to follow state eligibility rules."

Only 35 townships statewide are receiving state help to pay general assistance, public aid officials said. But 200 more are nearing the maximum levy—a prospect that worries George Miller, president of the Township Officials of Illinois.

"We have many townships drawing on accumulated funds that down the road may well have to go to the state," Miller said.

BY FAR THE biggest recipient of state assistance is

Chicago, with a general assistance caseload of 104,000 people. The state pays 97 percent of the cost, or \$25 million a month, which is the equivalent of the total annual state assistance paid to all other Illinois townships.

State public aid officials are beginning to plan for the anticipated increase in townships needing state help.

"I don't think there's any question that the state would meet its obligations to the townships," public aid Director Jeff Miller said. "But it might have to do so by raising revenues or cutting spending."

Even where the danger of reaching the levy limits is minimal, such as in Wheeling Township, another problem lurks if the economy remains depressed—tax increases.

LAST YEAR, the township levied \$163,000 for general assistance. This year, the figure rose slightly to \$170,000, said Phillip Rogers, township supervisor. But general assistance expenditures last year were \$212,000 and this year may well top \$300,000. The difference has so far been covered by a \$375,000 surplus.

"I'm trying to work off the surplus on the basis of a campaign promise, on the philosophy that we shouldn't take taxpayers' money if we're not going to use it," Rogers said.

When that surplus runs out in 1984, however, a levy of \$350,000 may be necessary, Rogers said.

ONE BRIGHT spot in the gloomy general assistance picture is the workfare program, township supervisors say. All recipients are required to sign up for the program, in which they work off the value of their benefits in public service jobs, but participation is excused in cases of hardship.

Workfare also provides township officials with their most valuable tool for cutting the general assistance caseload: a recipient who refuses to sign up for the program can be denied benefits.

"I don't know what we'd do without that provision," George Miller said. "It weeds out those who really need the help from those who don't."

# Health festival planned at Holy Family Center

A variety of free health tests and health education programs will be presented during the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center's "Festival for Good Health," Monday, Nov. 1, through Nov. 6.

The week-long celebration at the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong Ave., Wheeling, marks the center's first anniversary of serving the health needs of the Northwest suburbs. Area residents of all ages are invited to call the center at 520-0100 to register for any of the free health screening tests or health programs listed below:

## TUESDAY, NOV. 2

"Morning for Moms" 10:30 a.m. to noon. Katie Doyle, R.D., Holy Family Hospital registered dietitian, will discuss infant and child nutrition. Samples of a variety of nutritious foods will be available for tasting and recipes will be distributed.

"Single Parenting" 7:30 to 9 p.m. Carol Herzog, B.S., M.A., educator and counselor, will examine the frustrations and emotions of the single parent. She will also discuss the skills single parents can develop from the experience to make them better parents and people.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

"The Changing Woman" 10:30 a.m. to noon. Margaret Bischel, M.D., an internist on Holy Family Hospital's Medical-Dental staff specializing in Nephrology and Hypertension, will discuss the health status of today's woman from motherhood to menopause.

"Blood Pressure Screening" 1 to 3 p.m. Free blood pressure tests are available for men and women of all ages.

"The Human Timebomb: Effective Stress Management" 7:30 to 9 p.m. I. Richard Zemon, B.S., M.A., President/Executive Director of Counseling Services Associates, will discuss how stress can affect you and how you can learn to manage stress in your daily life.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 4

"Senior Citizen Health Screening" 1 to 3 p.m. A series of free tests for seniors will be conducted by physicians and trained personnel from the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center. Tests include: Diabetic Test, Anemia Test, Pulmonary Function Test, Glaucoma Test, Blood Pressure Screening, Skin Care Screen-

## At the hospital

ing, Oral Screening and Foot Screening. Consultation and referral will also be available.

"The Exercise Explosion!" 7:30 to 9 p.m. Julie Hunter, B.A., M.S., Holy Family Hospital exercise physiologist, will take a critical look at exercise, its benefits and its importance to the health needs of men and women of all ages.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 5

"Healthful Foods for Holiday Gift Giving" 10:30 a.m. to noon. Katie Doyle, R.D., Holy Family Hospital registered dietitian, will give information on low sodium, low cholesterol and low calorie gift foods including breads, cakes and jellies. A variety of foods will be available for sampling and recipes will be distributed.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 6

"Community Health Screening Day" Noon to 4 p.m. An afternoon of free health screening tests for all area residents will be conducted by the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center's physicians and professionally trained personnel. Tests include: Diabetic Glucose Test, Anemia Test, Glaucoma Test, Pulmonary Function Test, Hearing Test, Carbon Monoxide Level Test, Hemocult Test Kits (\$2 fee), Blood Pressure Screening, Foot Screening, Oral Screening, Height and Weight Screening, Skin Care Screening and Stress Evaluation. Consultation and referral will also be available.

## DIABETES DETECTION WEEK, NOV. 7-13

The Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center in Wheeling will offer free blood sugar testing during Diabetes Detection Week, Nov. 7 to 13.

The blood sugar tests will be offered by the center, 201 E. Strong Ave., (Milwaukee and Strong avenues), from 8 to 10 a.m. on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7, 8, 10, 12, and 13, and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 9 and 11.

During the testing periods, a member of the center's Educational Services staff will be available to provide information and answer questions. Advance registration is required. Call 521-0100, ext. 40, for more information.

## The week ahead

# Officials to review mortgage program

Wheeling officials today again will discuss whether the village should participate in Cook County's low-interest home mortgage plan.

Ten Northwest suburban towns have agreed to participate in the program which will make mortgages available to residents at a 12.5 percent interest rate. The plan is expected to make available \$1.13 million to Wheeling residents and be available later this fall.

Two weeks ago the village board discussed participating in the program, but postponed action until it obtained more specific information on the program from the county. Wheeling trustees have said they want guarantees that Wheeling banks will handle the loans.

To qualify for the program, a resident must not have purchased a home within the last three years and is required to buy a new home that costs no more than \$78,430. New and used homes and condominiums would be eligible under the plan. For the buyer with a 30-year mortgage of \$52,000 the monthly payments would be \$534, compared to \$657 at 15 percent. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

# Candidates back airport funding

by Pete Nenni

Herald staff writer

Both the Democratic and Republican candidates for the House District 54 seat say they will support using state funds to help purchase Pal-Waukee Airport if Wheeling and Prospect Heights residents approve the airport's public purchase in a referendum.

Democrat Stephen Colvin and Republican Bernard Pedersen said they agreed that the airport is important to help keep private air traffic away from busy O'Hare International Airport, but stressed that they would only support its public purchase if it were approved by residents.

For more than three years, officials from the two communities have been considering whether to buy the pri-

vately owned airport, despite strong opposition from residents living near the airport who say they fear it will add to the noise problem. Figures presented this spring showed it would cost an estimated \$41.2 million to purchase the airport and make the necessary improvements to meet federal regulations over a five-year period.

IF THE SALE is approved, the federal government has agreed to pay \$36 million of the cost, while Prospect Heights and Wheeling would split \$2.76 million and the state would pay the remaining \$2.38 million. The improvements will include extending runways and relocating the intersection of Hintz and Wolf roads farther away from the airport.

"The state should do what it can to maintain it as an airport instead of

seeing it go to condos or something like that," Colvin said. "People who built and bought homes around Pal-Waukee knew it was an airport and shouldn't be surprised," Colvin said. However, he said that a referendum vote is necessary to let residents in the two communities decide the issue.

"I think one (airport) is necessary," Pedersen said. "The business interests all seem very supportive of having one there." He said that although state funding for the project might eventually depend on state finances at the time, the ultimate decision to buy the airport should be made by the surrounding residents.

CURRENTLY, NO decision has been reached by officials from either community. A Prospect Heights citizens committee has recommended the city

buy the airport even if Wheeling does not go along, as a means of controlling airport problems such as noise and expansion. An opposition citizens group, called Citizens Airport Activity Group, has challenged the recommendation and labeled it "superficial, illogical and naive."

Lowell Stolerow, CAAG corresponding secretary, said the candidates are taking "positions that will offend no one, hoping to get as many votes as possible."

In March, CAAG officials endorsed Arlington Heights Trustee Julia Walsh in the Republican primary battle, eventually won by Pedersen. Stolerow said CAAG officials will meet with both District 54 candidates to try and get "some clear-cut sentiment" on the issue before making any endorsements in the November election.

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**WHEELING  
 VILLAGE BOARD  
 VOTE SUMMARY**

Selected decisions from the village board meetings of October 5, 19 and 26.



Cole

Goetch

To approve final site plans for the proposed 400-unit Woodland Creek apartment project.	YES	YES
To grant preliminary approval to issue \$2 million in industrial revenue bonds to ABC Treadco to purchase property for a truck terminal.	NO	YES
To grant approval to issue \$2 million in industrial revenue bonds to Midwest Automation System, Inc. for plant expansion and equipment purchase.	ABSENT	YES
To start eminent domain proceedings against the owner of two parcels of land needed for the construction of the proposed senior citizens center.	ABSENT	YES
To approve a \$530,000 contract for engineering designs of improvements to the village water system needed to accept Lake Michigan water.	YES	YES

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Herald 11-2  
**Library may  
 rent street  
 light for now**

Because Indian Trails Library officials have been unable to get the Village of Wheeling to install a street light in front of the building, officials said they may rent a light until the village installs one.

"Personally, I feel it is the village's responsibility to provide lighting," said Diane Nicholson, board president. "We have a lot of traffic by here and a lot of children use the library. I assumed we wouldn't have any trouble getting a light."

The new library at 355 S. Scheoebenbeck Road has been open since February and officials said they have written several letters to the village asking when a light would be installed. The library is set back from the street and a grove of trees blocks most of the view of the building.

Village officials said they have included street lighting in a program of improvements for the village, but that it is not a high priority. "It's hard to say who is responsible in a situation like this," said Robert Fialkowski, assistant village manager. "If a private developer had built the project, we would have required him to put the light in."

He said street lights cost between \$5,000 and \$8,000. The Wheeling police department has no reports of accidents near the library since its opening.

Nicholson said she would contact the Commonwealth Edison about renting a light until the village can install one.

**The week ahead**

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**Trustees may OK  
 block grant deal**

Wheeling trustees tonight are expected to give final approval to an agreement with Cook County for the village to receive \$535,000 in federal block development grant funds.

The village plans to use \$100,000 to install street lighting in the area around the proposed senior citizens center; \$310,000 for site improvements to the land around the center and \$125,000 for a home rehabilitation program.

The grants come from the federal government and are administered through the county board. This is the second year that Wheeling has received funds.

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

**THE SIGNING** of Metropolitan Sanitary District and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency permits for roadway improvements on land surrounding the proposed senior center, also is expected to be approved tonight by the Wheeling village board.

The village plans to use some \$310,000 in federal block grant money for sewer, road and other improvements to the site, located near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street. In August the board approved the purchase of 3.6 acres of land for \$269,000. One owner has refused to sell and the board has also authorized the start of eminent domain proceedings to force the sale of about one acre.

**WHETHER TO** pay for half of the resurfacing costs of Sherwood Drive and to transfer the maintenance and jurisdictional responsibilities for the street to Prospect Heights also is expected to be approved tonight by trustees.

The street is shared by both municipalities and recently Prospect Heights planned to do resurfacing work. Wheeling officials have been asked to contribute some \$3,500 to the project and the village staff has recommended the board authorize the expenditure, only after the street is repaved to Wheeling's approval. The staff is also recommending that the responsibility for the street be transferred to Prospect Heights.

**VILLAGE MANAGER** Thomas Markus tonight will ask the village board to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$1,100 to employ the services of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute in searching for a village police chief.

Markus also requested to use a free state search service, but the pro-

**Computer ruled out as crash cause**  
 COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Air Force officials say an on-board computer played no part in the crash of a B-52D jet bomber that slammed into a southern Colorado sand dune and exploded, killing all eight crewmen. "The B-52s are strictly flown manually by the pilot and co-pilot," said Capt. Richard Morallo of Strategic Air Command headquarters. Morallo's statement retracted an earlier statement by Sgt. Bob Murray, a SAC public affairs officer. He had said Friday that bombers routinely are piloted by on-board computers during simulated bombing runs.

**The nation**  
 Despite Saturday's announcement, Mexico's export prices this year have actually fallen from \$36.10 per barrel on Jan. 1 to \$31.75 now, a 12 percent decline. Mexico decided to raise the price of its light "stimulus" crude after OPEC oil ministers last week set a uniform base price of \$34 a barrel for the cartel's oil, officials said.

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**Emergency care clinic  
 dedicated in Wheeling**

Officials from Holy Family Hospital and the village of Wheeling Sunday dedicated the new \$4.5 million emergency care clinic, calling the facility the culmination of two years of hard work and cooperation.

The clinic, which will be equipped to handle the same emergency medical treatment as Holy Family's regular emergency room, will open its doors to the public this morning. The clinic will operate from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, and be staffed full-time by a doctor, nurses and lab and X-ray technicians. Several doctors and a dentist will also maintain offices at the facility.

Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz told a crowd of 200 the opening of the clinic was "a new beginning" for Wheeling, adding that the clinic was

"vital to the welfare of all citizens" in the area.

Renee Lameka, director of ambulatory care for Holy Family, said the clinic was important for two reasons. "It's Holy Family's continuing commitment to provide medical care to the community and it's also fitting that this is our 20th anniversary. The clinic is a reinforcement of our commitment," she said. "It's also a commitment made to Wheeling and its revitalization program."

The clinic is located in Wheeling at the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, near the site of the proposed senior citizens center and senior housing. All three projects are considered major components in Wheeling's plan to revitalize the downtown area.

*The week ahead*

## Lexington street upkeep on agenda

An agreement to takeover the maintenance of the streets in the Lexington Commons development will be discussed tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

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

Since 1981, representatives from the Lexington homeowners association and the village have been negotiating that the village take over all street maintenance in the development. But the residents wanted to continue to hire a private snow plowing firm and asked the village to reconsider its fee of \$200 per home. The board refused to act on the group's request.

Earlier this month, the Lexington homeowners submitted a new proposal that would allow the village to take over maintenance of the streets including plowing. Under the agreement, the homeowners will also pay the standard \$200 fee.

**TRUSTEES ARE** also expected to sign a formal agreement with Cook County tonight that will bring the village \$430,000 in federal block grants to finance construction of a senior citizens center.

The money is allocated by the federal government for various development projects and is distributed on the local level by the county board. Earlier this month the county board approved allocation of the money to Wheeling to complete the project, which is being built near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street and is considered an anchor in the village's downtown redevelopment program.

A Wheeling police officer who received a two-day suspension for an incident he was allegedly involved in at a local restaurant has appealed his case to the fire and police commission.

A hearing on the suspension of Patrolman Robert Pressley has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 5 in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Pressley was suspended for two days without pay in early October by Police Chief Michael Haeger. The suspension was later postponed after Pressley appealed his case to the commission.

In a written notice to the commission, Haeger wrote that Pressley was suspended for an "activity" at Granny Anny's Restaurant, 831 W. Dundee Road, which occurred "on or about September 9." The notice also said that Pressley was later "less than fully candid" during a Sept. 20 discussion with Haeger on the matter and that his actions in both incidents violated the department's "standard of conduct" and "truthfulness" standard. The suspen-

sion, without pay, was ordered for Oct. 6 and 7.

**HAEGER REFUSED** to elaborate, saying that all the facts would be made public during the hearing on the matter. Members of the police and fire commission said they did not know any of the details of the incident.

Pressley could not be reached for comment, and his attorney, Hyman Riechman, refused to comment on the case.

The manager at Granny Anny's, who would only identify himself as George, said he and his employees were unaware of any incident at the restaurant involving a Wheeling police officer.

Haeger has the power to suspend officers up to five days. The officer can then appeal the suspension to the fire and police commission, which will hold a hearing on the matter. Haeger said the commission can then vote to overturn the suspension, agree to the suspension, increase the suspension to 30 days, or fire the officer.

## Officials seek light for park crossing

Though the speed limit will be lowered along McHenry Road, Wheeling Park District officials are renewing their efforts to get a yellow warning light installed at the entrance of Childerley Park.

Park Superintendent David Phillips said the lower speed is only one part of a total safety effort that must be made to make sure that pedestrians who use the park at 506 McHenry can cross the street safely.

Phillips said district officials have sent letters to various state and local officials, including Gov. James R. Thompson and Illinois Transportation

Secretary John Kramer, asking state officials to reconsider installing a pedestrian-controlled yellow light near the park. The light would only flash if special buttons near the park's crosswalk are pushed by people waiting to cross the road.

Earlier this summer the state refused to install the lights, saying that warning lights are only used in areas where a driver's vision is blocked by a curve or other obstruction. But Phillips said the situation on McHenry Road is unique, and that state officials should reconsider installing the light, which

will cost between \$2,000 and \$9,000.

**SEVERAL WEEKS** ago state officials agreed to lower the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph along that stretch of McHenry Road, after several months of discussion with residents of nearby multi-family housing. Village officials also painted a crosswalk at the park's entrance. Childerley is the only park in the area and the residents fear that the pedestrian traffic, coupled with numerous entrances to several multi-family complexes and a home for the aged that line the road would combine to create a dangerous situation.

While the flashing yellow lights won't stop traffic, Phillips said the lights will warn motorists that people might be crossing the street. Phillips said the park will also step up educational efforts about traffic safety, especially among children who would most likely be crossing the street.

"Childerley is the only park in that area to service 3,300 people and they have to cross that busy street," said Phillips. "While we're still pursuing other open land in that area, until then we want to emphasize the safety of those who cross McHenry."

## Village can reveal loan recipient

Approval of the first low-interest loan in Wheeling's housing rehabilitation program has been delayed after a village staff member confused the rules of the program and refused to release any details on the loan.

Wheeling trustees Monday night approved a program that will allow the village to lend money to homeowners in a federally financed housing rehabilitation program. But board members refused to approve the expenditure of \$20,000 for the first project because Village Planner Richard Greenwood would not identify who the loan's recipient was.

Greenwood said Tuesday he discovered that the program's rules will not prevent him from revealing the recipi-

ent's name to board members, and that a special board meeting will be scheduled for Oct. 25 to reconsider the loan. Greenwood also said he immediately sent a memo with the information to village trustees.

**MONDAY NIGHT**, Greenwood told trustees the \$20,000 loan would be used to rehabilitate a single-family home, and that the identity of the loan recipient would be kept confidential under the program's federal guidelines. Greenwood said he would later reveal the name in a confidential memo to board members, only if the action would not jeopardize the village's share of the money.

But several board members objected to the confidentiality, saying approval

of the loan without the information would not be proper. "We could inadvertently be charged with a conflict of interest," said Trustee John Cole, who threatened to leave the room if the board decided to vote on the issue.

Greenwood said he administers several federal programs and simply mixed up the requirements for the different programs. "The rules and regulations keep changing constantly. I just wasn't sure it (confidentiality) was a rule," he said.

While acknowledging that the files for the loans are technically open to the public, Greenwood said he would make it village policy not to release the names except to board members, in confidential memos. "To get the

loan you must be needy, and I don't think it's a good idea to release the names," Greenwood said.

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT** Sheila Schultz said she thought revealing the names in a memo would be acceptable to the board. "I don't think the board has any wish to have names in the resolution," she said.

Under the program, homeowners in designated older parts of Wheeling can apply for up to \$20,000 in no-interest loans to make improvements to their houses to bring them up to village codes. A total of \$200,000 in federal funds are available to homeowners who meet certain income requirements and live in areas targeted for rehabilitation.



# \$5.75 million loan eyed for work on water system

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling officials are planning to borrow \$5.75 million in mid November to pay for water system work needed when village begins receiving Lake Michigan water.

Village officials Monday will meet with representatives of Speer Financial, Inc., a Chicago consulting firm advising the board on lake water-related issues. The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The loan will help pay for \$7.2 million in improvements, including nearly 10 miles of new water mains, two 2.5 million gallon elevated storage tanks and a one pumping station. Wheeling officials originally planned to borrow the money last spring, but split the loan in two parts in an attempt to get a better interest rate.

VILLAGE FINANCE Director Gregory Peters said the village will bor-

row the money for a 15-year period at an estimated 9 percent interest rate. A standard loan payment schedule indicates that it would cost about \$10.6 million to borrow the money, but Peters said that figure could change, depending on how long it would take the village to pay off the money.

Though no final decision has been made, Peters said the village plans to pay off the loan with property taxes. The balance of the work will be paid for with \$2.3 million cash on hand in the village's water and sewer funds. The village board has indicated it wants water loans repaid entirely with property taxes, which can be deducted from federal income taxes.

If the loan is paid off in equal amounts each year, the payments could cost the village \$706,000 a year. This year the village levied \$2.5 million in property taxes, and would need to levy an additional 28 percent to cover the loan. Peters said property taxes

would have to increase to cover the loan payments, but said taxes would not increase by that large an amount because the yearly loan payments are not equal, but rather start off small and get larger near the end of the loan.

PETERS SAID the payment schedule was planned that way so the cost to residents would even out over the life of the loan. In the next four years, the village will pay off \$635,000 in loans dating back to 1965, and Peters said without those debts, large tax increases won't be needed.

He refused to speculate on how much the tax village tax rates would change, because he does not know the exact interest rate of the loan.

Currently, village residents pay 73 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That means a homeowner with a house valued at \$19,000 pays a village property tax bill of \$139. Next year that rate will increase to 91 cents, raising the typical tax bill to \$173.







Water rates are expected to remain constant at \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

The first half of the needed money was obtained last April when the village borrowed \$6.4 million at a 12 percent interest rate to pay for part of the pipeline being built to carry lake water to the northwest suburbs. That money was borrowed for a 15-year period and will cost the village \$14.3 million to pay off, including the interest.

Wheeling is a member of the Northwest Water Commission, a four-town group planning to build an \$88 million pipeline from Evanston to the northwest suburbs. The other towns include Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine. The lake water is expected to arrive sometime in 1984.

## WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

Selected decisions from the village board meetings of October 4 and 18.

	 Cole	 Goetch	 Kerr	 Powers	 Ratajczak	 Rogers
To join in Cook County's low-interest home mortgage loan plan. (Passed 4-2). <i>*Village President Sheila Schultz voted yes.</i>	NO	NO	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES
To pay \$2,750 in dues to the North Suburban Mass Transit District. (Passed 4-1).	YES	YES	NO	YES	ABSENT	YES
To take over the maintenance of streets in the Lexington Commons development. (Passed 6-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To abate \$84,400 from the 1982 property tax levy. (Passed 6-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

## Six choirs from

# NORTHWEST WHEELING

## Citizen starts drive to

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The owner of a Wheeling service station has started a campaign to raise \$10,000 to buy bulletproof vests for the police department.

Gene DeBartolo, owner of Gene's Standard, 955 S. Elmhurst Road, said

village residents are always quick to criticize the police department and "do not pat them on the back enough." for the job they do.

"Everybody's got time to call the police, but nobody's got the time to come out and support them," DeBartolo said. "You've got to protect your cops."

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## Student d

Discount tickets for Northwest suburban student groups who want to attend shows such as the Nutcracker ballet and dance performances are available through Urban Gateways, an arts

## Aerobic Fit

# LIFE in Wheeling

## Use caution when trick-or-treating

By JUNE STEWART

IT'S TRICK or treating time again. This year's little goblin's day — once called Beggar's Night, is Oct. 31, between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. It's up to the parents to use their own judgement as to whether or not they allow their children to take part in the old Halloween tradition, said Jessica Call at the Wheeling Village.



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"A lot of people may be giving out pennies and nickels this year," she added. And a lot of parents may not allow their children to accept anything else. In view of the recent Tylenol episode, people should be more cautious this Halloween than in past years about allowing youngsters to receive unpackaged goodies.

Steve Weber, a patrolman with the Wheeling Police Department suggests a few safety precautions for parents. "I wouldn't let my children eat anything I hadn't checked first," he said. He recommends have the children go only to people they know well in their own neighborhoods, and warns against allowing children accepting popcorn balls, apples, or any kind of fruit. Packaged candy should be checked, first the packaging and then the candy itself, Weber continued. If a hypodermic needle has been used on the packaging, it will show on the candy, he said. As an alternative, Weber suggested having a Halloween party for the kids, or attending one of the planned parties.

Indian Trails Public Library has a Halloween celebration planned for youngsters in Kindergarten through second

grade Oct. 30. Limited to 60 children, it's on a first come, first served basis, said Ellen Farrell and Colleen Costello at the library. Youngsters should wear a costume and be prepared for stories, songs, movies, and other activities. Youngsters will receive coupons good for two pieces of chicken and french fries donated by Brown Fried Chicken of Wheeling, and trick and treat bags donated by the First National Bank of Wheeling.

At the Wheeling Park District, Boo Ball for youngsters in kindergarten through sixth grade will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 29. There's a costume contest, haunted house, carnival games, and a spook room "of varied feelings." There will be treats, apples, and prizes for the best costume. Prizes were donated by the First National Bank of Wheeling.

Check with local schools for more about Halloween parties. And if the children must go out, for heaven's sakes go with them. It's really for your child's sake.

Here's a chance to get a free turkey. Win it! If you're a fast runner and place first, the prize at the Wheeling Park District Turkey Trot is a free turkey. The race is for youngsters from first grade to adulthood. Distances are 220 yards to two miles. It will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 7, for youngsters up to high-school age, and 1:30 p.m. for high schoolers and adults. Register at Heritage Park where the races will be held.

On Nov. 5, 6, and 7, the Park District Expo will be held at Randhurst Shopping Center. Wheeling Park District will have a booth with displays and demonstrations of Karate cheerleading, and possible belly dancing if the belly dancing class doesn't chicken out. The Park District telephone number is 537-2222.

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# NORTHWEST WHEELING

## Village board wrapup

# Disaster relief plan given OK

Wheeling village trustees have approved a plan that would direct the village's relief efforts if a disaster should strike the village. The two-part plan instructs all village employees how to respond in the event the village is hit by a natural or man-made disaster, ranging from floods to an accident at the Zion Nuclear Power Plant. The plan also includes a general "emergency preparedness" plan, which is devised under federal guidelines. The village had been without an emergency disaster plan for several years, after its civil defense unit was disbanded.

## Firm hired to fix sewer line

The board hired a Wheeling firm for \$1,873 to repair a portion of a Milwaukee Avenue sewer line that collapsed a few weeks ago. Economy Mechanical Industries Inc., the low bidder, guaranteed its workers would be able to finish the job in two days. Village officials said the sewer line, located near Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, collapsed when a car crashed into a utility pole, forcing the pole to puncture the sewer line. Although the sewer still partly works and is not creating any sewer back-up, village officials said the puncture should be repaired as soon as possible.

# Cop tests not rigged, judge rules

A federal district court judge ruled that former Wheeling village officials did not rig test scores to promote some Wheeling police officers. In a one line ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Charles Kocoras decided in favor of the village officials in the lawsuit filed more than four years ago by 11 Wheeling police officers. Kocoras is expected to file a written opinion in the case sometime next week. Michael Wall, the attorney for the police officers, said he was "surprised"

at the ruling, and said Kocoras' decision would be appealed. Sgt. Michael Hermes, who acts as spokesman for the 11 officers, could not be reached for comment. THE SUIT, filed in March 1979, charged that several former village officials were deciding in advance who should be promoted in the police department and rigged test scores accordingly. The suit named former Wheeling police chief Ted Bracke, who now is a lieutenant in the department, Lt. Wil-

liam Ralston, Sgt. Jack Koenig, former Wheeling Village President William Hein and former police and fire commissioners Ronald Bruhn, Alan Carlson, Jack Metzger, Robert Olson and Jerome Vesecky. Hein could not be reached for comment. Gary Weintraub, former Wheeling village attorney who represents Hein and the other officials, said he was unaware of the ruling and would not comment until he saw both the ruling and Kocoras' opinion in the case.

Promotions in the police department were delayed in late 1980 after attorneys for the 11 officers said it was unfair for anyone to be promoted until their lawsuit was settled. Village Attorney James Rhodes said he is unsure how the decision will affect "the present status of the police department." Police Chief Michael Haeger said a sergeant's position is currently budgeted, but unfilled. The department is also short one lieutenant, due to the retirement earlier this year of Lt. Ronald Nelson.

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# Reluctant trustee stalls 1st rehab loan

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

THE REHABILITATION of the first of several private residences in Wheeling under a program using federal and county funds was stalled Oct. 18 by the Village Board.

It boiled down to a question of control after Village Planner Richard Greenwood informed the board that, under the program, the name of the homeowner would be kept confidential. However, Trustees John Cole and Roger Powers objected to giving formal approval for release of the funds without having that information, particularly because the names would be known only to Greenwood and another staff member. They also cited possible conflict of interest.

Greenwood said the first rehabilitation project is ready to begin and the owner has asked for the maxi-

mum limit under the program of \$20,000. Although the entire project will cost more, the rest of the costs will be borne by the homeowner, he said.

The program is getting off to a slow start, with only four applicants so far, Greenwood added. The amount of funds requested by any applicant depends upon which code deficiencies are required to be brought up to date. Although Cole inquired whether it was legal to use public funds without disclosing the name, Village Attorney James Rhodes explained that "the federal government sets the rules" concerning Housing and Urban Development programs.

"I'm not going to approve the funding if I don't know what it is," Cole said. "It could be somebody's brother or sister-in-law."

Under the program, homeowners can apply for up to \$20,000 for

rehabilitation of their existing single-family homes. If approved, they will receive no-interest, deferred-payment loans. The program does not cover all dwellings in the village, only to those in the older part of town.

Trustees Powers also wanted the names revealed to the board, perhaps in a confidential memo or an executive session. "I would not want to award \$20,000 not knowing (who was receiving it)," he said. "It lacks propriety."

Powers said he was very concerned about the possibility of a conflict of interest due to ignorance, similar to the recent Clorox bond issue approved by the board following sale of his shares in the company.

Greenwood said revealing the names might cause the village to lose all of its block grants. He said

the applicant had been checked by another staff member, Cook County and HUD, as well as by himself. "I don't want to jeopardize our block grants," he said.

"No way am I ever going to vote yes without knowing what it is and who it is," Cole responded. "I will

leave this room."

Trustee William Rogers took a more moderate position, saying that there must have been a reason for the rule and perhaps the board should find that out first. "There are other people running this program," he said. "They must have

an idea of how it should be run

Cole remained firm in not wanting to yield any of the board's powers. "We bear the responsibility of the decisions we make," he said.

The matter was withdrawn until village staff provides further information to the trustees.

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## Village board wrapup

# Lexington road takeover OK'd

Wheeling trustees Monday agreed to take over the maintenance and ownership of roads in the Lexington Commons development.

Under the agreement, the village will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs on the roads, including snow plowing service. In turn, the residents of the development will pay the village \$200 per home, or \$112,800 for the services.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the street takeover will be completed once the Lexington homeowner's board complies with several village-imposed conditions, including the completion of a total inspection by village inspectors of the streets and other items covered by the agreement.

Since 1981, representatives from Lexington and the village have negotiated the takeover. Originally the residents wanted to continue to hire a private snow plowing firm and asked the village to reconsider the \$200 takeover fee. The board refused to act on those requests.

## Pet firms rezoning fails

Concerned about the controls they would lose over the operation of pet

shops and dog grooming businesses in the village, trustees night defeated proposals to change the zoning designations of the businesses. The issue also was sent back to the village attorney for rewriting.

Currently, both businesses must get special permits from the village board to operate in Wheeling. The staff proposed that the special permit requirement be dropped and that both pet shops and dog grooming parlors be normally permitted in commercial districts.

But the board opposed the move, led by Trustee John Cole, who objected to the proposal on the grounds that the village would lose some control over who operates such businesses.

By forcing the owners to obtain special permits, Cole said the board will retain its review power over the businesses. This will allow village officials to probe more deeply into the background and previous experience of the person wishing to open the shop.

## New plaza landscaping

A revised landscaping plan for the Riverside Plaza shopping center was approved Monday by the village board.

Village Planner Richard Greenwood said the village requested new landscaping because of the poor condition of much of the foliage around the center, at Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Greenwood said the center's owners have agreed to replace about 90 percent of the plantings, and will also replace some of the soil, hoping the new plants will grow better.

Along with the landscaping, Greenwood said the new plan will include designated parking places for commercial vehicles belonging to businesses located at the shopping center. He said this will prevent the owners from parking the trucks near the streets, and using them to advertise.

## \$84,400 in taxes abated

Trustees also abated \$84,400 from the village's 1982 property tax levy. The money originally was levied to pay off money borrowed in 1965 for street improvements. That loan now will be repaid with money the village receives from state-levied motor fuel tax funds.

# Pension-fund loans sought

By ELAINE LAMPERT

THE COMBINED Counties Police Association Pension Board will meet with the Wheeling Village Board Monday, Oct. 25, to discuss a proposal for providing low-income mortgages and personal investment money to police officers through some of the pension fund's \$3 million assets.

However, Wheeling officials complained Oct. 18 that they did not have any specifics of the plan to study.

In a letter to Village Manager Thomas Markus, CCPA staff mem-

ber Marvin Horcher said the Pension Board would provide the village with the information on the program just prior to or at the time of the presentation in order to avoid "the opportunity to distort facts and generate more negative reports and press releases."

Village Board members said they would not be able to interpret and ask questions about a program they did not know anything about.

"I don't like being put in a position where I come to a workshop, am given material and am asked to make comment on it that night,"

Trustee John Cole said.

Village President Sheila Schultz suggested requesting the information from the CCPA one more time before the scheduled meeting. She agreed to write a letter expressing the board's concerns.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters, who serves as the treasurer for the Wheeling Police Pension Board, has recommended against the plan, because taxpayers might wind up funding the difference between what the pension fund is currently earning and the funds in the CCPA credit union.

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## Dist. 214 board uncommitted on boundary plans

by Laura Watters Bianchi  
Herald staff writer

Displaying the same reluctance they showed during school closing talks, most High School District 214 board members will not commit themselves to one of the five new boundary plans proposed by the administration.

The board will meet today to discuss a new attendance map that will take effect after Arlington High School closes in 1984, but some board members say they may not make a decision until after a public hearing Nov. 1.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the administration building, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

ONLY ONE board member, Marilyn Quinn, has been willing to name her choice of boundary maps — one that would send Arlington students to three different schools. A second, Joseph Lyon, says he is leaning toward a plan to send all of Arlington's students to Hersey, which would mean transferring some Hersey students to Prospect to make room.

As with the school closing discussions, the board members do not agree on what issues should be most important in choosing a boundary plan. Most say balancing enrollment among the seven remaining schools is among the top priorities. Three of the five boundary options, however, would offer excellent long-term enrollment balance according to the administration.

Joseph Cotugno, spokesman for a group of Arlington High supporters called the Assembly of Citizens and Taxpayers, said ACT will not support any of the five plans prepared by district administrators because "we are not going to dilute that position" of keeping Arlington open.

because they feel Hersey should maintain its own identity.

NONE OF THE plans meets all the goals the board and administration are trying to achieve in setting new boundaries. Those goals include balancing enrollment among the remaining seven schools within 10 percent of 1,700; disrupting the fewest number of people; limiting the amount of busing; and sending students from the same feeder school district to the same high school.

Option Five ranks at the bottom as far as balancing enrollment and transferring students to the school closest to home. It also splits up more feeder districts.

Even the administration's choice of dividing the students among three schools has its drawbacks. While it offers excellent potential for long-term enrollment balance, according to the administration, it could disrupt the greatest number of friendships unless the board agrees to honor requests for transfers.

Superintendent Edward Gilbert says the administration has recommended that Arlington students who will be juniors and seniors when the school closes in June 1984 have the option to attend any of the three schools. The board already has agreed to transfer next fall's freshmen to their new schools based on the new boundary lines.

IN REGARD TO busing, Option Three sends the Arlington students to the school closest to their homes but leaves the students from District 26 with the longest bus rides.

Board member Dorothy Smith also says Option Three points to Forest View as the second high school to be closed because it leaves it with one of

### The week ahead

## Lake water loan discussion tonight

The procedure for borrowing \$5.75 million to pay for improvements to the village's internal water system will be discussed tonight by the Wheeling Village Board.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Representatives from Speer Financial, Inc., the Chicago consulting firm advising the board on lake water-related issues will be on hand to discuss the loan.

The loan will help pay for \$7.2 million in improvements, including nearly 10 miles of new water mains, two 2.5 million gallon elevated water storage tanks, two standpipes and one pumping station. Wheeling officials originally planned to borrow the money last spring, but split the loan in two parts to try to improve the interest rate.

Village officials say they will probably repay the loan with money collected from property taxes.

WHEELING VILLAGE board members tonight are also expected to vote to approve the first low-interest loan in the village's housing rehabilitation program.

Last week village officials approved a program that will allow the village to lend money to homeowners in a federally-funded housing rehabilitation program. But board members refused to approve the expenditure of \$20,000 for the first project because Village Planner Richard Greenwood would not identify the loan's recipient.

Later Greenwood determined the program's rules would not prevent him from revealing the recipient's name to board members and immediately sent the information to the trustees. The matter will again be considered at a special board meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Under the program, Wheeling homeowners who live in designated older areas of the village can apply for up to \$20,000 in low-interest loans to make improvements to their houses to bring them up to village codes.

THE WHEELING police pension board will meet Tuesday night to discuss participation in a program to reinvest some of the \$3 million in the pension fund to provide low-interest mortgages and investment money to village police officers.

The Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) is proposing that some of the pension money be invested in the CCPA Credit Union, where the interest earnings will be used to write low-interest loans for police officers. That money is currently invested in several institutions and earned 8.48 percent interest in 1981. The CCPA is offering to pay only 5.5 percent interest and then lend the money to police officers at 8 percent for mortgage or investment loans. The 2.5 percent difference in interest will cover the credit union's administrative costs.

The pension board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

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# Trustees, cop group squabble

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

The refusal of a Wheeling-based police union to release information about a proposed police pension investment plan has angered Wheeling village trustees.

The Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) is proposing that up to \$2.7 million of the \$3 million in the Wheeling police pension fund be invested in the CCPA credit union, where the interest earnings would be used to write low-interest loans for police officers.

Although the police pension board must make the final decision whether to participate, the CCPA asked the village board to discuss the matter in a workshop session. Several weeks ago, the village staff scheduled the meeting for tonight, and Village Manager Thomas Markus requested that detailed information be forwarded on the plan.

After repeated requests, including both telephone calls and letters, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski Friday said the village still had

not received any information from the union.

TRUSTEES JOSEPH Ratajczak and William Rogers both questioned whether the CCPA was not releasing the information because the group is trying to hide facts on the program.

"If you've got a clean slate, there's nothing to fear," said Ratajczak. "If they're afraid to have someone pick it apart, I'd say they're trying to hoodwink us. If we get something at the last minute, we should ignore it and shouldn't schedule it." Ratajczak said he probably would spend tonight's meeting reading any information provided, instead of listening to the presentation.

Rogers agreed. "I don't know how we can cooperate and understand the program without the information. It's common courtesy, unless they're trying to hide something," he said. "This is not the way to do it. No verbal explanation would suffice without our being able to read it. It's almost incomprehensible. There's got to be something wrong."

Trustee Charles Kerr said the group probably wouldn't get much reaction

from the board, because they won't have read any material on the program. "This is typical of the way they operate. It's nothing new to me," said Kerr. "I don't know what's so secretive."

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz said the CCPA will be given a chance to explain their program at Monday's meeting, but that the group's refusal to release the information "certainly makes you wonder why."

Marvin "Syke" Horcher, former Wheeling police chief and the CCPA executive staff member who is handling the program, could not be reached for comment. But in a letter sent to the village Oct. 11, Horcher accused Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters of giving "negative and erroneous" statements to the press.

Peters, who serves as the pension board treasurer, is recommending against the plan, saying taxpayers will have to make up the difference in the interest rates by paying higher taxes.

Horcher also wrote that he would not release the requested information,

because it would give the village "the opportunity to distort facts and generate more negative reports and press releases." According to the letter, the requested information would be released "just prior to" or at the end of the meeting.

Kerr called Horcher's criticism of the village staff "ridiculous."

JOHN FLOOD, president of the CCPA, said the board's comments were "argumentative, inflammatory, and unwise" and "were not born out of any intelligent or objective viewpoint of the matter." Flood said the group will be happy to "discuss" the program tonight.

The police pension money is now invested in several institutions and earned 8.48 percent interest in 1981, which was reinvested. The CCPA is offering to pay only 5.5 percent interest and then lend the money to police officers at 8 percent for mortgage or investment loans. The 2.5 percent difference will cover the credit union's administrative costs.

The board will meet to discuss the plan at 8 p.m. tonight in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

## Daily briefing

### Today's agenda

- The Wheeling Village Board will meet at 8 p.m. at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

### Upcoming events

- A lecture and slide presentation on how to take medicines and the importance of using medicines properly will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the board room of the Indian Trails Public Library, 355 S. Schoenbeck Road. The National Medication Awareness Test will be administered. To register, call the library, 459-4100.

### People notes

- Hersch M. Chizever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chizever, is leaving for...



# Police union's loan offer has condition

A Wheeling-based police union is offering the village a low-interest loan of up to \$600,000, if Wheeling officials go along with a plan to reinvest part of the Wheeling police pension fund.

Marvin "Syke" Horcher, former Wheeling police chief and a member of the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) executive staff, said the plan will allow money built up in the pension fund to be used for the benefit of the village. The money in the fund comes from salary contributions from police officers and contributions from village property taxes.

The CCPA is proposing that up to \$2.7 million of the \$3 million in the Wheeling police pension fund be invested in the CCPA credit union, where

the interest earnings would be used to write low-interest loans and home mortgages for police officers.

BUT HORCHER said up to 20 percent of the fund, or \$600,000, could be loaned to the village at about 6.5 percent interest, to pay for municipal projects, such as water system and street improvements. That interest rate is 2.5 points lower than the nine percent interest rate village officials hope to get on \$5.75 million they will borrow in mid-November.

Horcher said that there is currently about \$8.7 billion in pension funds in Illinois, and only a fraction of that money is invested in Illinois. He said loaning the money to the village could keep the money in the town where it is earned, and benefit all residents.

Although the police pension board must make the final decision whether to participate, the CCPA met this week with the village board to discuss the investment proposal. Village President Sheila Schultz said the board is waiting for a legal opinion on the program from the Wheeling police pension board, and a written proposal on the village loan program from the CCPA, before taking any kind of position.

"We've discussed it and had some questions. If there's a concern about legality, the numbers will not make a difference. We'll have to look at our fiduciary responsibility with the taxpayers," said Schultz.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village

staff has not yet discussed the proposal.

The police pension fund is currently invested in several institutions and earned 8.48 percent in 1981. The CCPA is offering to pay only 5.5 percent interest and then lend the money to police officers at 8 percent for mortgages or investment. The difference in interest rates will cover the CCPA's administrative costs.

Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters, who serves as the pension board's treasurer, has opposed the plan, saying it could cost village taxpayers an additional \$60,000 during the first year and nearly \$280,000 over 20 years. Figures from the CCPA indicate the cost would be closer to \$4,000 the first year.

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# Area blood drive scheduled for Nov. 3

Herald Neighbor 10/21/82

The third of three Community Blood Drives for Wheeling will be held Nov. 3 from 2:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall.

The blood donated at these community drives is utilized by the North Suburban Blood Center to supply the 43 area hospitals it serves. The blood is used by the hospital in emergency life saving situations, for surgical

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procedures, medical treatments and some research. The NSBC estimates 55,000 units of blood will be needed this year. Shortages of blood occur during holidays and emergencies which creates an increase in the need for voluntary donations. Thanks to the 84 participants at the July 7 Blood Drive, Wheeling col-

lected 74 units of blood to help replenish the shortage created by the July 4th holiday.

The donation of a unit of blood has often been characterized as "The Gift of Life," which it is. The blood donors have the satisfaction of knowing they have saved someone in dire need. Additionally, the NSBC will meet the donor and his family's blood needs wherever they are in the United States for one year.

Anyone from age of 17 through 65, weighing 110 pounds may safely give blood. Donors are screened by the blood center personnel to assure the potential donors may safely give. Generally a healthy donor can safely give a unit of blood once every 8 weeks.

Your voluntary donations are the only source of blood in the NSBC area of service. Please give! Only through your voluntary donations can the need be met.

# Sommerfeld hits foe's absenteeism

10/26/82

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Hugh Sommerfeld, the Republican candidate for House District 58, has accused Rep. Dan Pierce, D-Highland Park, of missing a large number of roll call votes over the last two years, indicating Pierce lacks "commitment and concern" for his constituents.

Sommerfeld, a Wheeling Township trustee, said Pierce missed 23 percent of the roll call votes in the Illinois House over the past two years, giving him the third worst absenteeism record in the state.

"They pay him to be there. The job of a legislator is to be there," said Sommerfeld. He said that Pierce still collects his \$28,000 annual salary, regardless of how many votes he missed.

SOMMERFELD ALSO said that Pierce's absenteeism probably caused him to miss several important votes, although he could not name any specific issues Pierce failed to vote on. "If he missed 23 percent of the votes, he's got



Rep. Daniel Pierce



Hubert Sommerfeld

to have missed something," Sommerfeld said. "It's obvious if you miss that many, that there are some important bills that will come through. If Dan Pierce had the kind of attendance record in a private sector job that he's had in Springfield, he would be fired."

A state legislator must be present on so-called "quorum calls" to be eligible to receive his \$36-a-day expense allow-

ance. But according to officials in the House payroll office, nothing can change a state legislator's \$28,000 salary, including a high absenteeism rate.

Pierce called Sommerfeld's charges "desperation tactics," and denied he was absent for 23 percent of the roll call votes. Pierce also said that saying he was ranked third in the state for absences was a "deliberate misstate-

ment" by Sommerfeld.

Pierce, a 17-year House veteran, said he did not know what his actual absenteeism rate was, and said that while he was ranked "third or fourth" for absenteeism in a study of North Shore legislators, he did not rank that high in comparison to the entire state.

"When I've been absent it's been for perfunctory sessions on Monday and Friday when I did not have a committee meeting. If I had stayed I would have picked up the per diem and not done any work," said Pierce. "I think it shows a commitment that I wouldn't attend and collect the money where there was no business."

"I couldn't see staying around, so I'd head home and do important work in the district," he said.

On Nov. 2, Sommerfeld and Pierce face each other at the polls for the house seat in the newly-created District 58, which includes major portions of Buffalo Grove, Wheeling and the northern portions of Arlington Heights.

# Childerley Bridge pits village, parks

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Wheeling village officials are recommending that the park district either raise or remove the pedestrian bridge at Childerley Park to help alleviate flooding in the area.

In turn, park officials are asking the village to conduct the engineering study needed to determine the exact effect of the bridge on the Wheeling Drainage Ditch.

Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus said he has asked the park district to do something about the bridge because it catches debris and "causes a minor damming" at the creek bend, near Valley Stream Drive. Homes and streets in that area of the village always flood during heavy rains as the creek overflows its banks.

"Because of the flooding, we're taking an active interest in what goes on

in the creek," Markus said. "Just because the park got a permit for the bridge doesn't mean we approve. We're looking at severe blockages in several areas and going out to get information about them."

PARK SUPERINTENDENT David Phillips said he had no idea how much the engineering would cost, but said the village is being asked to do the study as a "cooperating local government," and not because park officials do not want to pay for it. "They have the in-house expertise and are the most capable to do it. They can do it in-house, so it won't really cost anything," he said.

Markus said he would not comment on the request until he officially received it from Phillips.

Markus said residents have reported debris catching on the bridge and damming up the water. Earlier this month, heavy rains caused extensive

flooding in different areas of the village, including the Valley Stream neighborhood. Several residents later complained to village trustees that the bridge actually blocks the creek's flow, causing it to back up and flood the streets. At that time, Markus told them to complain to the park board.

Phillips said he last heard any direct complaints about the bridge in 1976, when spring thaws and rain caused the creek to rise to the bottom of the bridge. Since then, Phillips, who lives in the area, said there have been "potential grumblings, but no face-to-face confrontations" on the issue.

THE BRIDGE was installed in 1975 after the park district bought part of the park at 506 McHenry Road. It was built to give more residents access to the park. The bridge was built with permission from the state water resources department, which reviews all

plans for construction on or near waterways.

The bridge was originally built one foot above the creek's natural "high water level" and two feet above the creek's 1967 flood level. A year after it was built, the creek rose to a level that lapped at the bottom of the bridge, and Phillips said the park sought another permit from the state to raise the structure.

Markus said the park district received the permit, but never raised the bridge. Phillips said he has no record of receiving the permit, and the matter was not followed up because the flooding ceased to be a major problem until this summer.

Phillips said an engineering study will determine whether the bridge is adding to the flooding problems, and suggest possible solutions. He said he is not sure what the park district will do if the village refuses to conduct the study.

## Public service

# Doppler radar to help spot area twisters

Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen announced that a new tornado warning system will be in place by April of 1983, to be operated by the National Weather System at its facility in Marseilles, which serves the Chicago, metropolitan area.

The acquisition of this new Doppler radar is a result of the efforts of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association and the Northeastern Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. Through the efforts of both of these bodies \$500,000 was raised, contributed to by the National Weather System, City of Chicago, and County of Cook Government.

This new radar will be more accurate in predicting tornadoes and the fire chiefs feel it will contribute toward saving of lives, Koeppen said.

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# Cole, Goetch won't run; Kerr chooses new slate

by Elida Witthoefft

Herald staff writer

Two Wheeling trustees have announced they will not seek new terms in next spring's election, while a third trustee has formed a new slate and announced he will seek a third board term.

Trustees John Cole and James Goetch both said they will not seek another term on the board. But Trustee Charles Kerr said he will run for reelection on the newly formed Citizens Action Party slate that will include former plan commission chairman Anthony Altieri and former Chamber of Commerce president Nicholas Fanella.

Kerr, who was first elected to the board in 1977, said he decided to seek a third term to continue projects started during his first eight years on the board. "I think we've got a lot of things yet to do," he said.

Kerr said he selected his running mates because of their previous involvement in the village and because of the "integrity" they would lend to the board. "They're both first class and have integrity. That's important to me," said Kerr. "They're both good citizens."

**ALTIERI SERVED** nine years on the village plan commission, and was chairman for seven, until his latest term expired this June. He has also been active with the Jaycees, serving as the group's president and vice president of the Illinois Jaycees. Altieri works as an engineer with Signode Corp. in Glenview.

Fanella currently serves as president of the Wheeling Lions Club and is active in the Wheeling Fourth of July Festival committee. He is the former executive vice president of the First National Bank of Wheeling and served

two terms as president of the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is currently an executive with The Dartmouth Plan, a New York-based finance company.

Altieri could not be reached for comment, but Fanella said he decided to run for the board because, "I love this town and I think I can do a good job." Fanella said leaving the bank has left him with more time and "freedom to run," adding that his financial background would be helpful as a village official.

Kerr said he is not sure what issues will be foremost in the slate's campaign, as the candidates have not finished their platform.

Cole and Kerr were first elected to the board in 1975, running on a reform slate that included former trustees Otis Hedlund and Gilbert Monoson. Cole said he decided not to seek a third term because of his health and to spend more time at a vacation home in Wisconsin. In the past Cole has been hospitalized with ulcers.

**DURING HIS** tenure, Cole said he

thinks the board managed to take village government away from "special interest groups" and "gave village government back to the village." He said he is also proud of the "professionalism of the village staff" and Wheeling's improved reputation.

Goetch was appointed to the board in 1981 to fill the spot created when then-trustee Sheila Schultz was elected president. A former Wheeling representative to Nortran, he ran for the board in 1981 on Schultz's slate, but lost his bid by 35 votes.

Goetch said personal reasons, including a possible job change, are keeping him from seeking election to the board, though he hopes to stay active in village affairs. He said he is most proud of the village's improved image and the fact that developers and "everyone is now treated fairly across the board."

New slates must file their nominating petitions with the state election board between Jan. 24 and Jan. 31. Kerr said his slate is just starting to collect signatures.



11/1/82 Herald

# Water work loan ad up for approval

Wheeling village trustees tonight are expected to approve the advertisement for a \$5.75 million loan the village hopes to secure in mid-November.

The money will be used to help pay for \$7.2 million in improvements to the village's internal water system, including nearly 10 miles of new water mains, two 2.5 million gallon storage tanks and one pumping station. The work is needed to prepare the system to take Lake Michigan water, which is expected to arrive in 1984. Wheeling officials originally planned to borrow the money last spring, but split the loan in two parts in an attempt to get a better interest rate.

The money will be borrowed for 15 years at an estimated 9 percent interest rate. It will be repaid with village property taxes.

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

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**ISSUING** A liquor license to a Crystal Lake restaurant owner who wants to open a restaurant in Wheeling will be discussed by the Wheeling liquor commission tonight.

The liquor commission will meet immediately following the village board meeting in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

George Theophanous, owner of the 'Round the Clock Restaurant, 5011 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, has asked the village whether or not a liquor license will be available. Theophanous reportedly wants to open a restaurant on the northwest corner of Dundee Road and First Street. That corner is currently occupied by a vacant lot.

There are currently several open liquor licenses in the village. Any liquor license must be approved by the liquor commission, which is made up of village trustees. No final action is expected at tonight's meeting.

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**WHEELING TOWNSHIP** trustees Wednesday night will hear a request from Lambs Farm, a Lake County social service agency, for 1983 funding by the township.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. The township board normally meets on Tuesday, but that meeting date was changed because of the election.

The township traditionally funds social service agencies with federal revenue sharing money. The township will not know how much money it will receive until later this year, but last year township officials distributed \$493,100 to 10 local agencies and the township's senior citizens program. Lambs Farm requested funds last year, but did not receive any when the board decided not to fund any new agencies.

Omni-House, the Wheeling-based youth services agency, became the first group to ask for funding in October, with a request of \$102,600.

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**THE WHEELING** police and fire commission will hold a hearing Friday on the two-day suspension of a Wheeling police officer.

The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Patrolman Robert Pressley was suspended for two days without pay in early October by Police Chief Michael Haeger. The suspension was later postponed after Pressley appealed his case to the commission.

Pressley was suspended for an "activity" at Granny Anny's restaurant, 831 W. Dundee Road, which occurred in

early September. He has also been accused of being "less than fully candid" during an earlier discussion with Haeger on the matter, and that his actions violated two police department

standards.

None of the parties involved will release any details on the case, pending the hearing.

Haeger has the power to suspend of-

ficers up to five days. If appealed, the commission can overturn the suspension, agree to the suspension, or increase the suspension to 30 days, or fire the officer.

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# Cop pension board to study reinvesting funds for loans

A local police union program that will reinvest some of the \$3 million in the Wheeling police pension fund to provide low-interest mortgages and investment money to police officers will be discussed Saturday by the Wheeling police pension board.

The pension board meets at 10 a.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

The Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) is proposing that up to

\$2.7 million of the \$3 million in the Wheeling police pension fund be invested in the CCPA credit union, where the interest earnings would be used to write low-interest loans for police officers. The CCPA has also offered to loan the village up to \$600,000 at a low-interest rate, if the plan is approved by the pension board.

A Washington, D.C. pension attorney, hired by the pension board, is also expected to attend Saturday's meeting,

to discuss the legality of the plan.

Though the pension board has the final word on how the money will be used, the village board has also discussed the matter, and is awaiting a legal opinion before taking any kind of stand on the program. But Village Finance Director Gregory Peters, who serves as the pension board treasurer, is opposing the plan, saying it will end up costing village taxpayers more money.

**CITIZENS OF WHEELING, TAKE NOTE:** Think twice before you pull into one of those handicapped parking spaces from now on. Sure, they're closer to the door, but they are designated "handicapped only" for a reason. The village officials have recently expanded the definition of who can use these spaces to include elderly persons with mobility, hearing, and vision problems; victims of heart and respiratory conditions; and those with arthritis. However, your car must display a special license plate or sticker, and if you are caught "out of bounds," there's a fine to be paid. It has also been agreed to raise that fee from \$10 to \$50 for the able-bodied who are caught cheating. Spare yourself the hassle of a ticket, and park in the proper place. (It may be a few extra steps, but think of how good that exercise will be for you.)

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# Trustee workshop session on the move

Wheeling trustees today will take their workshop sessions on the road for the first time, meeting in the Tahoe Village clubhouse, 1771 Tahoe Circle Drive, at 8 p.m.

The board will discuss changes to the village traffic code and is also expected to take questions from the audience.

Earlier this year, the village board decided to hold the workshops at various locations in the community, rather than always meeting at the village hall.

Twice each month the village board holds workshops to discuss proposed laws and other village business. Trustees can take no formal action, but the meetings serve as a chance for members to have in-depth discussions and hear explanations of various issues.

# 4th of July plans to get early start Wednesday

11/8/82 Herald

The festivities are eight months away, but community organizers in Wheeling already are planning next summer's annual July 4th celebration.

To get a head start on the planning, which in past years has taken organizers down to the wire, an organizational meeting of the Wheeling 4th of July Festival Committee has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road. Alberta Klocke said village organizations interested in helping with the event can send one representative to the meeting. Interested individuals are also invited.

Last year, Klocke and her volunteers managed, just three days before the event, to raise the \$4,000 needed to pay for Wheeling's fireworks display. This year, Klocke hopes to raise \$12,000 to finance the fireworks, a parade, and a day-long family fair, including a possi-

ble "Taste of Wheeling" display sponsored by the village's restaurant association.

"I want to make this a day people want to stay home in Wheeling for," said Klocke.

A special festival account for donations to the program has been opened at the First National Bank of Wheeling, 125 McHenry Road. Klocke said the group already has \$1,000 from previous years, and this year plans to raise money through donations and door-to-door solicitation.

Klocke said she is planning a 25-minute fireworks display and hopes for a "mile-long" parade that will start at Wheeling High School and end up at Chamber Park. She hopes to attract at least six bands for the event.

People who cannot attend Wednesday's meeting should call Klocke at 537-0574.

# Village to miss Bob Dill's dedication

by Lisa Schab  
Herald correspondent



BOB DILL

Ralph Perricone tells a story about Bob Dill that seems to sum up why the 17 year Wheeling village employee will be missed so much after his retirement last week. As a water service technician, Dill also served as a volunteer firefighter and, according to Perricone, a fire department captain, he rarely missed a call—no matter what.

"In fact, I remember one time he showed up at a fire dressed in a tuxedo. He had answered the call while attending his daughter's wedding. That's the kind of dedication this man had. He is a very, very conscientious man."

Dill, who lived on Thelma Court in Wheeling, retired Friday from his position as water service technician. He also left the presidency of the Wheeling Volunteer Firefighters Association. And judging from the comments of fellow workers, he will be missed.

"Bob was a very loyal and giving person," said Beuhla Peterson, administrative assistant of personnel in the village offices. "He was always very willing to help; an extremely generous individual."

"Dedicated" was the word Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen used to describe Dill. "A very dedicated person."

Dill, 51, was dedicated not only to his job and his fire department responsibilities, but also to his family. Bob and his wife Betty are the parents of six: Debra, 27, is the oldest;

Sharon is 24, Sandra 19; Robert Jr. 18; and Tracey, 14. The Dills had another daughter, Karen, who died of leukemia several years ago.

For 13 of his 28 years of marriage, Bob Dill worked two fulltime jobs simultaneously. Along with his duties for the village, he spent his nights as a cook at what used to be Steve's Restaurant in Wheeling (now Enrico Brothers). Providing for a family the size of the Dills obviously doesn't come easy, but Bob has never let them down. Some people would say that they couldn't afford to do that.

"It's a matter of taking whatever comes along. I didn't wait around for any perfect job; I took what I could until I could find something better," he says.

Maybe some of Bob's hard-working determination came from his experiences as a boy growing up on his father's 1,100-acre farm near Rockford. Bob was forced to quit school at the age of 11. His father had broken his back so young Bob had to help out on the farm. He says he doesn't think he's missed a day's work since then.

The job that brought Bob to Wheeling initially was his position with the Herzog Construction Co. He remembers helping with the construction of Dunhurst, and later buying a house in the same area. When Herzog moved to Florida, Bob stayed behind, and then applied for a position with the Village of Wheeling. He worked there from 1959 to 1962, and then from 1967 until his retirement last week.

Bob became involved with the volunteer fire department in 1968, and several years ago he was cited for bravery for his involvement in

the rescue of a man trapped inside a plane that had crashed at Palwaukee Airport.

"The volunteering was my hobby," Bob says.

The dedication Dill showed the village wasn't a one way street. His daughter, Karen, discovered she had cancer a short time after her wedding and had to be moved to the Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle for special treatments. Bob and Betty took out a second mortgage on their home to pay the bills, but the village came through for them.

Headed by Lorraine Lark, Bob's co-workers collected several thousand dollars to help defer Karen's medical expenses.

Bob and Betty, and three of their children, Sandy, Sally and Tracey, will be moving to the island of Oahu in Hawaii.

Is there anything he'll miss about leaving Wheeling and all it has held for him?

"Friends," answers Bob. "The people I've worked with. If I were staying here, I would never quit the village and go to work anyplace else."

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# Several surprises in new census report data

By JOAN FLEISCHER

True or false?  
A. In Buffalo Grove, fewer than one out of every 20 women between the ages of 25 to 34 is single.

B. More Wheeling residents have attended college than residents of Buffalo Grove.

C. In both communities, there are more working mothers than traditional homemakers.

D. There are more professional and managerial workers living in Wheeling than there are factory workers.

E. There are more apartment units in

Wheeling than there are single family homes.

F. One out every 50 families in Buffalo Grove has an income below the poverty level.

The correct answer to all the above is true.

Data compiled from the long-form census reports of 1980 recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau offers a serious demographic study to village officials, and on the lighter side, several surprises to local residents.

For instance, Wheeling is missing about 132 wives and Buffalo Grove is missing 94

PERSONS	
Buffalo Grove	22,230
Wheeling	23,266
FAMILIES	
Buffalo Grove	5,918
Wheeling	6,370

husbands. There are 5,647 married men in Wheeling and 5,515 married women, that's 132 married men without wives in Wheeling.  
In Buffalo Grove, there are 5,504

married men and 5,597 married women, that's 94 married women without husbands. The category on marital status excludes persons who are separated, widowed or divorced.

According to Max Dieber, an analyst with the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission who helps prepare census data, the case of the missing spouses can be explained by a number of factors. With the trend of two-career families, perhaps the couple is living in two different cities. Or perhaps, there are some married men and women from other states and

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countries who came without families so they could work and save money here.

He also suggested that a couple might be in the process of separating or getting a divorce and the husband and wife seem to differ on how they identify the relationship.

If you believed that both communities, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove, were comprised predominantly of families with children, you'll be surprised to learn of the growing number of singles. While married persons still outnumber single adults by about three to one, 23 per cent of the total households, or 2,116, in Wheeling, are people living alone. About 14 per cent, or 955 people, live alone in Buffalo Grove. Living alone, of course, includes divorced, separated, widowed and never-married persons.

There are 3,616 families, or 61 per cent of all households, with children in Buffalo Grove. The average is two children per family. About 308 families, or five per cent, are headed by single parents.

There are 2,880 families, or 45 per cent of

all households, with children in Wheeling. The average is less than two children per family. About 460 families, or seven per cent are headed by single parents.

The largest category of children in both communities is between the ages of 7 to 13.

Working mothers are also on the rise in both communities. Nearly 55 per cent of the women in Buffalo Grove and Wheeling with children under 17 are working outside the home. The majority of women not in the labor force are those with children under 6.

Professional and managerial jobs were the largest category reported by residents in both communities. About 1,726 persons of those reported working in Wheeling, or 13 per cent, hold factory worker jobs. In Buffalo Grove, less eight per cent hold factory worker jobs.

The average family income in Buffalo Grove was reported at \$34,194, in Wheeling, it was \$27,477.

About 135 families in Buffalo Grove and 174 families in Wheeling reported family incomes below the poverty level, \$10,255 for a family of four.

The average home value in Buffalo Grove was shown at \$91,813; in Wheeling, it was \$72,765

MINORITIES		BLACK		SPANISH			
Buffalo Grove	93	218					
Wheeling	225	927					
PERCENT OF PERSONS IN SAME HOUSE SINCE 1975		FAMILIES BELOW POVERTY LEVEL BY AGE					
Buffalo Grove	40%	15-64	OVER 64				
Wheeling	37%	130	15				
		139	35				
HOUSEHOLDS BY PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD (PER CENT OF TOTAL)							
	TOTAL	1 PERS.	2 PERS.	3 PERS.	4 PERS.	5 PERS.	6 PLUS
Buffalo Grove	7,064	14%	25%	18%	26%	11%	6%
Wheeling	9,054	23%	34%	19%	14%	6%	3%
WORKERS 18 AND OVER BY PLACE OF WORK							
	CHICAGO	OUTSIDE	NOT				
	CITY	REPT.					
Buffalo Grove	1,630	8,867	860				
Wheeling	1,905	10,945	827				
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK							
	CAR ALONE	CAR-PUBLIC POOL	PUBLIC TRANSIT	WALK			
Buffalo Grove	8,336	1,927	633	263			
Wheeling	10,063	2,405	591	237			
YEARS SCHOOL COMPLETED (PERSONS 18 AND OVER)							
	K-11	HS-4	COLL. 1-3	COLL. GRAD	POST-GRAD		
Buffalo Grove	1,663	4,259	3,531	3,189	1,763		
Wheeling	2,984	6,642	3,760	2,664	1,171		
CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSING UNITS							
	TOTAL	RENTAL	UNITS PER STRUCTURE				
			1	2	3-4	5 PLUS	
Buffalo Grove	7,865	1,214	5,776	5	12	2,176	
Wheeling	9,256	3,177	4,583	44	568	4,061	

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# Full-time attorney to be hired

The Wheeling Village Board Monday night amended its fiscal 1982 budget to include the hiring of a full-time village attorney.

After lengthy discussions, the board earlier had decided to hire a staff attorney to handle the village's legal work. The 1982 budget was amended to include the position and \$34,500 was transferred from the general contingency funds to cover the salary for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Village officials recommended the new position, saying it would allow more regular contact between the village staff and the attorney, possibly avoiding unnecessary legal work. They estimated it would cost between \$64,000 and \$73,000 the first year to hire the attorney, set up an office and legal library and keep the village's current firm as an adviser until the new attorney knows the job. The continuing costs are estimated at between \$45,000 and \$54,000 a year.

Trustee Joseph Ratajczak voted against amending the budget, saying he didn't think a staff attorney was needed. "I don't think we'll have the quality or the depth. There are more people to draw on in a firm," he said.

Ratajczak also said he thought it would be difficult to attract an experienced attorney with a \$35,000 annual salary and that retaining more attorneys for outside legal work could cost the board more than retaining a firm to handle all the work.

## Grant projects

The board approved an agreement with Cook County for Wheeling to receive \$535,000 in federal block development grants.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the board's approval was necessary for the village to "take control of the money," which will be used for improvements near the proposed village senior citizens center and a home rehabilitation program.

The village plans to use \$100,000 to install street lighting in the area around the proposed senior citizens center; \$310,000 for site improvements to the land surrounding the center, including street and sewer work; and \$125,000 for distribution to homeowners in targeted areas of the village to bring their houses up to village code.

This is the second year Wheeling has received the funds, which are administered through the Cook County board.

## Help fix street

Trustees agreed to pay half the cost of resurfacing Sherwood Drive and to transfer the street maintenance and responsibilities to Prospect Heights.

Under the agreement, Prospect Heights will maintain the paving and the street, while Wheeling will be able for the maintenance of the gutters. The board voted to

contribute not more than \$3,500 to the project.

Trustees James Goetch and Charles Kerr voted against the proposal, saying he was concerned because the curbs and gutters that Wheeling must maintain are likely to be damaged by snow plows.

## Police chief search

Village Manager Thomas Markus will spend up to \$1,100 to use the Northwestern University Traffic Institute to aid in his search for a new police chief.

Trustee Charles Kerr, who works for the institute, abstained from voting on

the matter.

The institute runs a search service for police officials. Wheeling is searching for a new chief because Markus demoted Lt. Ted Bracke from the position in September. Markus had hoped to use a free state-run service, but that program was cut because of budget constraints.

Markus has said he hopes to hire a new chief late this year or early next year.

## Principal honored

Wheeling High School Principal Thomas Shirley was honored by the Wheeling village board for his 17 years

of contributions to the community.

Shirley recently was awarded a plaque in the Illinois State Board of Education "Those Who Excel" program. Because of that honor and the contributions he's made to both the curriculum and activities programs at the high school, the village board wanted to honor him.

# Private utility cleared for linkup to Lake Co.

by Karen Huelsman

Herald staff writer

Over the objections of Buffalo Grove, state officials ruled Thursday that Lake County can take over a private sewer system in order to stop pollution of the Des Plaines River.

The Illinois Pollution Control Board Thursday ordered the Chevy Chase Water and Sewer Co. to pay Lake County an estimated \$179,000 to connect to a county treatment plant. That ruling kills Buffalo Grove's hopes to annex a 200-acre parcel of industrial land adjacent to the Soo Line Railroad tracks.

Buffalo Grove has objected to the connection unless Chevy Chase owner William Johnson agrees to annex some or all of his land to the village, but Johnson is seeking annexation to Wheeling.

Village President Verna Clayton declined to comment on the case, but said the board had discussed options such as suing Lake County to uphold an agreement that gives the village control over sewer service in the area.

THE POLLUTION BOARD ruled that "Buffalo Grove's refusal to give consent is without merit... since its refusal is based on annexation matters, not environmental concerns."

Johnson was unavailable for comment Thursday, but the ruling coincides with requests he has made to Buffalo Grove to be allowed to hook onto the county system. The agreement by the county to take on the system probably will clear Johnson's way for annexation to Wheeling.

The use of sewer contracts to influence development has been bandied

about before between Buffalo Grove and Lake County. Last year Buffalo Grove said the county had an obligation to serve the Fiore nursery property north of the village because the contract assured service for properties annexed to the village. But Long Grove said the sewer agreement allowed that village to deny service to the planned development.

Clayton said the county's willingness to take on the Chevy Chase plant over the objection of Buffalo Grove means that the sewer agreement does not give villages final say over connections and therefore development. "We certainly have some answers on the Long Grove question," she said. "This question is going to come up again, but this gives us some indication."

BUFFALO GROVE has said the unincorporated Johnson property belongs in the village because it was planned for service by Lake County public works. In addition, the village has said it has planned to provide water and other public services to the property.

Village Manager William Balling said the two sewer contract disputes differ because the Fiore land was intended to be annexed to Buffalo Grove, assuring service by Lake County to all Buffalo Grove property. In the Johnson case, Balling said, the land is unincorporated and therefore the sewer hook connection should be subject to the approval of the village with the sewer contract.

"The county doesn't have the contractual authority to serve the area without the consent of Buffalo Grove," Balling said. "That is not interpretive, that's what the contract says."

# Grant to pay 'library cop'

A \$9,000 state grant received by the Behavior Education Center has been turned over to Wheeling officials to help pay the salary of a Wheeling police officer who works as a liaison officer to the program.

Dr. Gordon Line, principal of the center, said Youth Officer Tim Hillyer works about three hours each day with students and counselors at the facility.

"It's a positive kind of experience. He's positive reinforcement to help students modify their behavior to meet community standards. He acts as an actual role model," Line said. "He provides good support. The kids need to know there's a friendly face out there."

Hillyer also works with students on educational programs such as drug abuse and education and community

laws covering various juvenile behavior.

The center functions as part of the Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization and was developed to work with students who have significant emotional or behavioral problems.

# Does top cop ruling foretell suit outcome?

By RICK SORCI

Village of Wheeling officials are hopeful that last week's unsuccessful attempt to remove Bill Ralston as Wheeling's interim chief of police is a positive sign in a related federal suit filed against several former and present village officials.

The 1979 suit, filed on behalf of 11 Wheeling police officers, claims a wrongful conspiracy in the promotion of two officers—Jack Koenig and Ralston.

In 1978 Ralston was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant and Koenig from patrolman to sergeant.

A year ago, the village entered into an agreement with the plaintiffs, stipulating they (Village of Wheeling) would make no further promotions in the police department while the suit was pending.

However, Ralston was elevated to interim chief on Sept. 25 of this year, the day Wheeling Village Manager Thomas Markus removed Theodore Bracke from the top spot on the force.

Attorney Michael Wall, representing the 11 plaintiffs, filed a motion in federal court to have Ralston removed as acting chief on the grounds that he was promoted to that position.

On Oct. 29, U.S. District Court Judge Charles P. Kocoras, who is also presiding over the conspiracy suit, rejected the motion.

"The judge said that Wheeling has to have a police chief," Wheeling village attorney David Epstein said. "He said the

merits of the motion didn't have the likelihood of succeeding and that Ralston's elevation was only temporary and not a promotion."

Epstein was optimistic that the ruling was a preview of the decision Kocoras would be handing down in the conspiracy suit.

"Several of the issues to remove Ralston

are the same as in the lawsuit," Epstein said. "This is a good sign and appears favorable towards us. I just hope he (Kocoras) doesn't change his mind."

Kocoras is still studying the defendants' seven motions to dismiss the original suit, and said he doubted that his decision would be forthcoming anytime this week.

If Kocoras allows any defendants'

motion or combination of the motions, part or all of the conspiracy suit could be dismissed.

Attorney Daniel Cummings, also representing the 11 plaintiffs, said if any of the motions aren't allowed by Kocoras, those defendants still affected in the suit

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## Audit shows Wheeling treasury still solvent

By RICK SORCI

Although it has a fund balance of nearly \$10.8 million, the financial health of the Wheeling village government is guarded, said Finance Director Gregory Peters.

At Monday's village meeting, Peters explained a recent audit of Wheeling finances indicated revenues were higher than anticipated, while expenditures were lower.

"We saw an increase in some fund balances, while there was a decrease in others," he said.

While he described the village as financially sound, he indicated that future expenditures could put a strain on Wheeling's fund balance.

"Next year we will be spending \$6 million in internal water improvements," Peters said. "Also, we'll be making a contribution of nearly \$3 million to the Northwest Water Commission to help build the pipeline for Lake Michigan water. With other improvements to be made throughout the village, we're going to have to be careful how we spend our money."

The audit was based on the fiscal year ending last April 30.

During the past year, the village received \$7,717,159 in revenues, while the budget was estimated at \$6,639,669. It was an increase of 16.2 per cent.

The \$1.5 million difference, Peters said, went into the various funds throughout the village.

"Of that differential," Peters said, "almost \$612,000 was spent on capital projects, such as the municipal complex and the Heritage East and West basins."

On the other hand, expenditures had been budgeted at \$7,105,425, but only \$6,214,000 was spent.

The difference represented a decrease in

budgeted expenditures of 14.3 per cent.

The audit was compiled by Wheeling's Finance Department and auditors Karrison and Byrne.

The seven funds listed in the audit, including each balance, were: General (\$2,018,108); Special Revenue (\$1,599,817); Debt Service (\$22,651); Capital Projects (\$207,424); Enterprise (\$2,954,381); Cemetery (\$10,549) and Pension Trusts (\$3,972,770).

There was a difference of \$305,534 in the balance from 1980.

Only the general and capital projects funds showed a decreased balance in 1981 from the previous year.

The capital projects fund, Peters indicated, showed a deficit due to the reduction in working capital cash for the municipal complex and storm water drainage funds.

Peters said cash reserves were used to fund the anticipated deficit of the general fund. However, the increase in anticipated revenues, combined with less than anticipated expenditures, resulted in the deficit being \$227,882 instead of the expected \$880,348.

"I am very happy with the results of the fiscal year," Peters said. "Especially considering that many new programs instituted over the previous years came to full implementation—including the utilization of the computer and major facilities such as the municipal complex and the branch fire station."

Peters said the village's financial picture was sound, but indicated that major capital improvements, such as streets and water and sewer, would dip heavily into the cash balance.

"I would say the village is financially viable for the next year," he said.

## Police suit

(Continued from page 5) would be brought to trial.

"As long as the judge doesn't allow all the motions, this suit will go to trial," Cummings said. "But, if he does allow all seven, I'd say the suit would be over."

Among the allegations in the suit are the claim that former Wheeling Village President William Hein, former Chief of Police Bracke and several members of the police and fire commission:

— conspired to falsify examination results "to procure the promotion of the persons whom defendants desired to promote."

— informed one or more of the officers taking the lieutenant or sergeant exam of the questions and subject matter of the exam,

— falsified the exam and the oral interview scores of one or more persons.

— failed or refused to disclose to all officers their exam or interview scores.

— falsified merit ratings.

— falsified all numerical rankings.

— determined before the promotion eligibility list was compiled, who would be promoted.

— discriminated against officers because of their political affiliations, and

— caused the police and fire commission to be composed of more than two members of the same political party—a violation of the Illinois Municipal Code.

Cummings, who expects the suit to come to trial, doesn't expect Kocoras' ruling on the motions to be the end of the litigation.

"I don't think so," he said. "There will probably be appeals made. However, they can't be made until after the trial."

In the meantime, Markus said he is still searching for a permanent police chief.

"No decision has been made on a replacement yet," he said. "I'm just accepting applications right now."

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## Reception set to honor Wheeling High principal

The public is invited to attend a "Tom Shirley Night" reception at Wheeling High School 8 p.m. Nov. 12.

The reception for the Wheeling High School principal is sponsored by the school's teacher-parent council in cooperation with other school organiza-

tions. The reception is to honor Shirley, who recently received a "Those Who Excel" award from the State Board of Education.

Shirley was one of six administrators statewide to receive the award. The reception will be in the school's library.

## Holiday food gift program set

A program designed to give present ideas for healthful, nutritious holiday food gifts will be held Nov. 13 at the Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center in Wheeling.

A registered nurse and registered dietitian will speak at the program. Homemade baked goods and other foods for people on low-salt, low-sugar

and other special diets will be available for tasting. Recipes also will be provided free.

The program will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon and participants are asked to register by calling Holy Family's public relations department at 297-1800, extension 1174. The clinic is located at 201 E. Strong St. in Wheeling.

## Hospital gives diabetes program

A program on understanding diabetes will be offered at the Indian Trails Library on Nov. 16.

The program is sponsored by Holy Family Hospital and will include talks by a registered nurse and registered dietitian on the disease and ways to

control it, including the use of diets.

Participants are asked to register for the program by calling the hospital's public relations department at 297-1800, extension 1174. The library is located at 355 Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling.

## Proebstle named to fire lieutenant

Wheeling firefighter and paramedic Michael Proebstle was sworn in as a lieutenant Monday in a short ceremony at the village hall.

Proebstle, 31, is a nine-year veteran of the department. He was promoted to the position of lieutenant after test-

ing by the village police and fire commission.

The village has had a lieutenant's vacancy since July when Lt. Andrew Neargarder, who spent 12 years as a Wheeling firefighter, left the department to become fire chief in Zion.

## Mail to village hall P.O. box number

New postal regulations will require that all mail delivered to the Wheeling village hall be addressed to the village's post office box number, and not the street address.

To guarantee mail delivery to the village hall, citizens are asked to address all mail sent to the village to Village of Wheeling, Post Office Box V, Wheeling, 60090.

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## Open for business

Holy Family Hospital's new Ambulatory Care Center opened its doors Monday at Milwaukee Road and Strong Avenue in Wheeling. Dr. Kenneth Browning chats with a receptionist while awaiting the first patients. (Staff photo)

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# Village has \$11 million surplus

by Elida Witthoef

*Herald staff writer*

Wheeling officials cut spending by about 12 percent during the 1980-81 fiscal year, according to a recently completed audit, and now has a surplus of nearly \$11 million.

The surplus is almost twice what the village spent during the year, but Finance Director Greg Peters said about \$7 million is restricted to specific uses, like employee pensions and repaying the village debt.

The audit shows that in the fiscal year ending last April 30, the village spent \$6.2 million, 14.3 percent below the budget of \$7.1 million and 12 per-

cent lower than last year's spending of \$7.05 million.

**THE AUDIT ALSO** showed that village revenues totaled \$7.7 million, \$1.1 million more than anticipated, even though a stagnant economy produced decreases in sales taxes, permit and license fees, fines and other service charges. But the village earned about \$900,000 in interest by investing the surplus, and property taxes were up by \$319,000 over last year, to a total of \$1.14 million.

Peters also said the village received higher federal revenue sharing and motor fuel tax fund payments.

Peters said spending declined because several smaller budgeted items

were not bought or items such as auto repairs were budgeted but not needed. He also said the village staff tended to be conservative when estimating village revenues and less conservative when figuring costs.

"It's an advantage to be in the position we're in. We have a fund balance increase of \$300,000. That's better than a decrease, but it's not large."

**PETERS SAID** salary increases and future capital projects, including street repairs and \$6 million worth of work to adapt the village water system for Lake Michigan water will put more strain on village finances in the future. "At the present time we're in good

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shape, but we have future commitments that must be analyzed," he said. "We'll be incurring a lot more debt and that will certainly mean an increase in property taxes."

He also predicted that the deficits in some village funds will increase as the cost of village services increases.

The audit was conducted by the Wheaton accounting firm of Karrison and Byrne. Officials from the firm also recommended some minor changes in village bookkeeping procedures and use of the village computer.

The village board will discuss the audit at a workshop meeting Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

## School traffic, vandal woes unsolvable

by Laura Watters Bianchi

*Herald staff writer*

Admitting that the problems never will be solved, school officials, police and residents say they believe they have done as much as they can to cope with traffic jams and vandalism near Wheeling's Tarkington School.

Christine Morgan, the resident who spearheaded efforts to solve the problems, said Friday it is a "no win" situation.

Sgt. Jack Kimsey of the Wheeling Police Department said the village will post "no parking" signs on one side of Pacific Court and Chippewa Lane near the school and will patrol more heavily to enforce the signs. That

means parents dropping their children off or picking them up will have to park a little farther away, he said.

**TARKINGTON PRINCIPAL** Edward Searing said the school will concentrate on teaching the students to respect private property and encouraging parents to reinforce that at home.

Several weeks ago, residents of the Malibu housing development petitioned the village for help, complaining that parents who drive to pick up their children at Tarkington often line the streets of the development, blocking driveways and fire hydrants. The residents also complained that children from Tarkington, a grade school, and from other schools were cutting

through the development, walking on lawns and gardens, spreading litter and fighting.

The residents want to block a sidewalk that connects the back of the Malibu development to the school property, but the village says that is illegal.

Other than the traffic signs, Morgan said, "Everything else was pretty much unsolved." Although Searing said he will be sending letters home to parents encouraging them to teach their children not to trespass and vandalize property, Morgan said, "We don't have very much trust in the parents."

As for the traffic signs, she said, "We don't feel signs will be that effec-

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tive after a while if the police don't show up."

**THE ULTIMATE** solution, she said, is to remove the sidewalk forcing children to walk around the area or to bus the children, a solution that has been called too expensive by school officials and parents.

Searing said about 150 students use the sidewalk behind the school and he said he patrols the area after school.

"We are going to look at it as an educational problem," he said. "I don't think it is an issue that ever will be resolved."

Residents were asked "to be vigilant" in calling police if they see a problem, he said. "We are all trying to be good neighbors."

## Search for police chief continuing

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Wheeling officials say they expect to start interviewing applicants for the job of police chief by the end of December.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the time will allow an ad for the job to appear in a special publication for police chiefs that is circulated nationwide. The village also has advertised the position in local newspapers and other publications for municipal officials. The village board also has hired the

Northwestern University Traffic Institute's police chief search service to help find qualified candidates.

Wheeling was left without a police chief in late September when Markus demoted former chief Lt. Ted Bracke. Markus has refused to publicly discuss his reasons but said he felt a change was needed in the department. Since then Lt. William Ralston has served as the department's acting chief.

## Trustees to review audit report today

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An audit of village finances, showing that revenues were higher than expected, expenditures were lower and that the village has a fund balance of \$10.8 million will be discussed tonight night at a Wheeling board workshop.

Finance Director Gregory Peters said that for the fiscal year ending last April 30, the village received \$7.7 million in revenues while only \$6.6 million was anticipated. Expenditures for the year totaled \$6.2 million, 14.3 percent below the budget of \$7.1 million.

The village's \$10.8 million surplus is also up over last year's figures, but Peters said the expenditure of \$7 million of that money is restricted and the remaining \$4 million would not cover village expenses for one year.

The board will meet to review the audit at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

**WHEELING TRUSTEES TONIGHT** also will hear a presentation of improvements made to the Wheeling Drainage Ditch between the Soo Line Railroad to immediately north of the Wheeling post office.

Des Plaines developer Mario Egidi has been planning to build a business center near 12th Street and the creek, but that land is in the flood plan and cannot legally be developed without extensive work to the creek.

Wheeling officials have told Egidi he must make improvements to the creek, including cleaning and widening it and removing the trees along the water in order to be allowed to build on the land. The improvements will also affect other land along the creek, and while most of the land is only used for farming, Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the improvements will greatly increase the value of all the surrounding land.

Fialkowski said the improvements will be expensive and Egidi hopes to recapture some of the costs by making village residents pay part of the expenses.

**THE WHEELING VILLAGE** hall will be closed Wednesday in observance of Veteran's Day. The hall, located at 255 W. Dundee Road, will be open until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and will reopen at 8 a.m. Thursday.

**THE PAL-WAUKEE AIRPORT** Technical Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday to discuss an informational flier on the proposed public acquisition of the airport.

Concerned that a lot of misinformation on the airport was circulating, especially among some airport opponents, the group of suburban officials studying the airport's purchase have decided to publish a flier listing answers to the most commonly asked questions on the airport's acquisition. A draft is being prepared by Mount Prospect Health Director Patrick Luehring, and officials hope to simplify many of the technical aspects of the consultant's findings.

The committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Wheeling village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

**THE HEARING PANEL** of the Wheeling liquor control commission will hold a hearing Thursday night to determine who should be awarded the liquor license formerly awarded to the Newberry Place restaurant.

The restaurant, 1750 Hintz Road, closed late last year. George and Efrain Mallet, owners of El Amigo, 1 S. Wolf Rd., Prospect Heights, have applied for the license and plan to open a restaurant called El Amigo.

But Trustee William Rogers, who is chairman of the liquor commission's hearing panel, said a hearing was set on the matter after Newberry's previous owner told the commission he had been locked out of the restaurant. William Warr, who holds the license to the restaurant, told the commission he apparently lost his lease after new owners took over the shopping center at the corner of Hintz and Wolf roads.

Rogers said both sides want the liquor license for the site, and the commission can't allow a license to go unused, so a hearing was set to decide the matter.

Rogers serves on the commission, along with Trustees James Goetch and Charles Kerr. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

## Wheeling 'closer' to Johnson annex

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Despite a desire by Buffalo Grove to annex the parcel, Wheeling officials say they are "closer" to reaching an annexation agreement for 203 acres surrounding the Chevy Chase golf course owned by developer William Johnson, but say the deal could still "go either way."

Village Manager Thomas Markus met with developer William Johnson late Thursday and said both sides discussed "mutual concerns," though he refused to be specific. "I can't discuss those things," Markus said. "They're subject to negotiation."

Johnson's annexation petition will now be redrafted and reviewed again by the village staff, but said he did not



know when an agreement would be ready to present to the village board.

Johnson could not be reached for comment Friday.

**THE ANNEXATION** question has been a controversial one, with Buffalo

Grove officials using their sewer agreement with Lake County in an attempt to block Johnson's move to Wheeling. But Lake County officials agreed in late October to take over the private sewer plant that serves the land, despite the village's objections.

The Illinois Pollution Control Board recently ordered Johnson to pay \$179,000 to Lake County to connect to the county's sewer treatment plant, to stop pollution of the Des Plaines River. Johnson's Chevy Chase Water and Sewer Co. was sued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for dumping five times more treated sewage into the river than federal standards allow.

Johnson has not come up with spe-

cific development plans for the parcel, but the Wheeling plan commission has already approved a zoning variance that would allow Johnson to build industrial parks, multi-family housing and commercial-office buildings on the site. Plan commission officials say they granted the request to give Johnson "more flexibility" when he starts to develop the land.

In 1979 Wheeling annexed Johnson's 110-acre parcel, located just south of Chevy Chase and Lake Cook Road. That land is zoned for a mix of industrial and commercial uses and Johnson has told Wheeling officials he is tentatively planning to develop a 30-acre industrial office park on part of the land.



# Wheeling rejects credit union, but will mull mortgages for cops

By JOAN FLEISCHER

A five-person subcommittee has been appointed to determine how much Wheeling taxpayers could be asked to pay for low-cost home loans to village police officers, after it was speculated costs could go as high as \$1.6 million over a 20-year period.

The Wheeling Police Pension Board has already scrapped an earlier proposal for low-cost home mortgages and personal investment money for police officers offered by the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) Credit Union.

That proposal for the Wheeling police pension board to put \$2 million of its fund into the CCPA Credit Union at 5.5 per cent interest could have meant a \$4.9 million difference in interest earned by the year 2003. Current pension fund investments are paying 8.5 per cent interest annually. The 3 per cent difference, compounded annually over 20 years could have cost the fund \$4.9 million in lost income if interest rates continue at present levels.

Members of Wheeling's police pension board are now considering investing a much smaller portion of its current \$3 million in assets into the CCPA Credit Union fund to provide only low-cost home mortgages to police officers.

Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack L. Kimsey, president of the police pension board, said the pension board ruled against the 5.5 per cent interest credit union plan in a three-hour meeting Saturday.

Kimsey said he appointed three members of the pension board to work with Village Finance Director Gregory Peters and CCPA Credit Union Director John Powers to determine the financial impact on the village if police pension money is put into the CCPA Credit Union to

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provide home mortgage loans to police officers.

Kimsey said the CCPA Credit Union would offer home mortgages at about 9 to 9.5 per cent interest to village police officers. He said he estimated that there are now about eight to ten officers who would participate in such a home buying program.

Kimsey said he appointed Officer Edward Theriault, retired Sgt. Gene Wolf and Wheeling resident Frank Poritte to work with Peters and Powers to determine exactly how much of an impact such a credit union home mortgage loan program would cost Wheeling. He said he did not believe the pension board would agree to the plan if it did not earn at least 6.8 per cent interest.

The CCPA is a union and fraternal organization of police officers headquartered in Wheeling. Wheeling's police department has 39 active officers and six retired officers who belong to the pension fund, but John Flood, president of the CCPA, would not disclose how many Wheeling police officers are CCPA members.

The CCPA is proposing to Wheeling and other member communities that they invest money from their police pension funds into the CCPA Credit Union so that local police officers could receive benefits from their pension money before they retire.

The Wheeling Police Pension Fund, created in 1954, has grown to assets of \$3 million and is currently invested in government Treasury bills secured in the mid-1970s at low interest rates and high-yielding money market funds in several institutions. In 1981, it had an overall

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## Pension fund —

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interest rate of 8.5 per cent.

Each police officer contributes 8.5 per cent of his paycheck to the retirement fund and the village levies taxes to pay the amount determined by the Illinois Department of Insurance. In fiscal year 1982, the village's share into the pension fund will be \$299,140.

# Board tackles vehicle licensing

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

PROPOSED legislation to toughen restrictions on the parking of recreational vehicles and the operation of minibikes, go-carts, snowmobiles and other vehicles within the village limits was discussed by the Wheeling Village Board Nov. 8 at the first of its roving workshop meetings.

Gathered at the Tahoe Village Clubhouse, the board also reviewed proposed changes in the schedule of fees to be charged for vehicle stickers and other license tags.

Village Attorney James Rhodes outlined the changes. The sticker fee for automobiles will remain at \$10, but the RV fee will rise from the present \$5 to \$15. A special auto sticker fee of \$3 will apply to residents who are 65 years and older and to handicapped residents.

**TRUCK FEES** will go up on a sliding scale of \$20 to \$60, possibly \$80, depending on the weight of the truck. Rhodes explained the truck rates are being raised because "our fees were inordinately low compared with other municipalities."

Included in the truck license fees are all vehicles used for carrying more than seven people, as well as

those originally designed for carrying passengers, but altered to carry freight or merchandise.

In response to a question by a trustee, Rhodes said commuter vans also would be included in the truck category and would be assessed by weight.

Rhodes said the legislation is being broadened to include all vehicles housed or kept in the village, whether by a resident or a firm. He said the purpose of the change is to get more vehicles licensed.

"If a car is housed in Wheeling and does damage to the streets, it should have a license," Rhodes said. "Our police department is going to have to do some enforcement to get those vehicles (that are in violation) ticketed."

**THE LATE CHARGE** for failure to display a current sticker will also be raised from \$5 to \$15. It is scheduled to go into effect on Feb. 1, 1983, provided the changes to the code are approved.

Although the present law allows new residents 30 days to purchase a vehicle sticker, the board agreed the time period should be lengthened to 90 days to accommodate new residents.

Owners of recreational vehicles

will not be allowed to connect them to gas, electric, water or sanitary sewer service because the board does not want people living in them on a permanent basis. Such vehicles may be parked on a driveway for 24 hours or less provided the owner has written permission from the police department.

**THE NEW LAWS** also would make it illegal to operate vehicles such as go-carts, snowmobiles and motorcycles on private property without the owner's prior consent. The vehicles also would be banned from operation on sidewalks and unpaved streets.

Stiff penalties of from \$35 to \$1,000 could be imposed for violation of any provision of the law where other penalties are not specified.

The ordinances are expected to be revised for formal approval mid-December.

In other business, 10 residents complained that the village had removed a street sign identifying Shoshonee Trail, saying it was an "extended driveway."

"Now nobody can find us," said Dale Rosenfeld.

Village Manager Thomas Markus promised there would be a new sign put up within 10 days.

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# High cost loan

We don't want to sound like the Grinch that stole the policeman's low-interest loan. But we don't think the economic assistance plan submitted by the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) should be approved by the Wheeling police pension board.

What the CCPA wants to do is invest \$2.7 million of the current \$3 million police pension fund into a credit union which would provide low-interest home mortgage loans and personal investment money to member officers.

In theory, that sounds fine.

Policemen aren't highly-paid professionals. Many can't afford to live in the communities they serve. Low-interest mortgage loans could help solve that problem. The interest earned by investment money could go a long way toward helping make ends meet.

The problem is, under this proposal somebody's going to be left holding the bag.

Currently, the police pension fund earns 8.5 per cent interest. If most of the fund were transferred to the credit union, the return would be only 5.5 per cent. In dollars and cents, that amounts to a projected shortfall of \$4.9 million over a 20-year period.

Who's going to make up the difference? The policeman whose retirement benefits have to be trimmed? The taxpayer who's asked to help carry the load? Both?

We think these are important questions to ask because, over the years, the CCPA has engaged in some questionable fund-raising activities. Recently, a number of people complained that the organization sent them bills for circus tickets that they never ordered.

There's also the issue of fairness. Not all policemen would benefit.

# According to census, average is Wheeling's key word today

Good morning, and Happy Veteran's Day to you all. How are you feeling this morning? Superior? Below par? How about "average"? Average is the key word today. To see if you fall into that middle-of-the-road class in Wheeling, check the following statistics which were compiled from the latest census report data. According to the polls:

Wheeling has 6,370 families in a population of 23,266. Twenty-three percent of the total households are persons living alone. Forty-five percent of the households include children; the average is less than two children per family, and most of those kids are between the ages of seven and thirteen. About 13 percent of the residents in Wheeling are factory workers, while the largest category of jobs reported were in professional and managerial categories. The average family income for the village was \$27,477; the average home value was \$72,765.

And how about this one? Reportedly, 237 residents of Wheeling walk to work each day. That's a pretty good amount, considering our unpredictable, four-season climate, but Buffalo Grove even topped that statistic. They've got 263 people walking to work over there, and their population is about 1,000 less than ours. (So what, maybe we've got less blisters.)

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Diabetic Screening  
Anemia Test

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# Tests for health

Holy Family Hospital's Ambulatory Care Center celebrated its first anniversary last week with a "Festival for Good Health." Suburban residents were invited to attend several free health screening tests and health education programs during the week. One of those residents, Joe Solukski of Niles, stops at the diabetic screening anemia testing station.

Photo by Rosemary Kaul



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## Car wash to build fence as a buffer

Wheeling trustees this week ended a six-year struggle between residents and the owner of a local car wash by changing the zoning of the property and ordering a fence that will help separate the business from surrounding residential areas.

Ron Schilling, owner of the Wheeling Car and Van Wash, 400 N. Milwaukee Ave., received the zoning changes he needs to operate his car wash and a 20-vehicle car rental business on his property. He also will install a 6-foot stockade fence along the property that will act as a buffer between his business and the nearby houses.

Last spring residents from the area asked the village board to close Mayer Avenue because they said heavy car and truck traffic was endangering area children. Mayer Avenue is a dirt road that runs west from Milwaukee Avenue to Second Street. The residents said that during the past six years, trucks and cars from the car wash were pulling out onto residential streets when they finished with the wash, adding to the traffic problem.

Wheeling officials eventually agreed to make Mayer Avenue one-way, forcing traffic to use Milwaukee Avenue. Monday's action will zone Schilling's land for commercial use and cause Schilling to construct the fence and add landscaping along his property, further shielding the neighborhood from his business operations.

## Industrial park gets more time

The developers of an industrial park in southeast Wheeling have been given another year to submit their final plans to village officials for approval.

Wheeling trustees this week granted the developers of the Wilfred Sommer Industrial Park until Sept. 30, 1983 to submit plans for the project, which will be built in several phases just south of Palatine Road and west of the Soo Line railroad tracks. Last year, the board granted the developers a year to submit the plans.

Along with the development of several industrial buildings, three bridges over the creek that runs through the land and a "major" railroad crossing at Willow Road are planned as part of the development.

Attorney John Brohier said the today's economic climate makes industrial development "not feasible" and that in a year the economy may have improved to a point where the project can be built.

## Historical society to borrow photo

A 1964 aerial photo of Wheeling, saved before the village's old fire house was demolished last year, has been loaned to the Wheeling Historical Society, for display in its museum at Chamber Park.

Village trustees agreed to loan the photo to the society, after learning it is being stored in the village's operations and maintenance department and has "no current usefulness" to the village.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village has other copies of the photo, including one on file in the village's map room.

Instead of donating the photo, the board agreed to loan it, as it has done in the past with other Wheeling artifacts. Village President Sheila Schultz said loaning the photo to the society will solve any questions or problems that might arise if the society needs to dispose of the item.

## Village joins workfare program

Wheeling trustees have decided to participate in Wheeling Township's workfare program and provide jobs for township welfare recipients.

Under the so-called workfare program, eligible welfare recipients are required by state law to work at various jobs for non-profit organizations such as churches and other government agencies, to earn their benefits. Those who refuse will lose the assistance.

The number of people employed by Wheeling will depend on the number of township people available for work. The village has not decided what types of jobs will be assigned, though typical workfare jobs include clerical work, painting and other outdoor maintenance work.

Earlier this month, Wheeling Township officials said that 70 welfare recipients had signed up for the program, with nearly 30 people immediately available for the work.

## Village to help buy furniture

A request for up to \$20,000 in matching funds from Wheeling Township to help buy furniture for the Wheeling senior citizens center also has been approved.

If the plan is agreed to by the Wheeling Township board, the agencies will each contribute \$20,000 toward furniture. Furniture for the \$1.2 million center, which is expected to open late next year, will cost \$80,000.

The township board is currently discussing ways to spend more than \$400,000 in federal revenue sharing money it will receive during the coming year. The money is traditionally used to help fund the operation of local social service agencies, including those working with senior citizens. Township trustees John Ayres and Hugh Sommerfeld have said they will recommend the village get the funds.

Meanwhile, the Wheeling village senior citizens commission is working to raise the needed funds.

## Board to go 'roving'

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THE WHEELING Village Board is getting its act together and taking it on the road.

The Board will hold some of its meetings at various locations throughout the village.

The next scheduled 'roving' meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 when the Board will meet at the clubhouse at Lexington Commons, 548 Lexington Drive.

Residents who have any questions about upcoming meetings should contact the Village Hall at 459-2600.

## Cop suspension hearing today

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A hearing on the appealed suspension of a Wheeling police officer will continue tonight at 7 p.m. at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Patrolman Robert Pressley received the continuance earlier this month after the village fire and police commission denied two requests filed by Pressley's attorney to dismiss the charges.

Pressley received a two-day suspension for an "activity" he was allegedly involved in in early September at Granny Anny's restaurant, 831 W. Dundee Road. The incident reportedly violated the department's "standard of conduct" and "truthfulness" standard. Officials involved in the case have refused to comment on the specifics, saying all the details will be made public during the hearing.

## Wheeling cop denies charge of sex in van

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling police officer appealing his two-day suspension to the Police and Fire Commission denied Tuesday that he had sexual relations while in a van parked at a local restaurant.

Patrolman Robert Pressley also testified that he did not lie about the incident in a later interview with Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger.

Testimony continued late Tuesday night.

Pressley was ordered suspended for two days without pay in early October by Haeger for an "incident" at Granny Anny's Restaurant, 831 W. Dundee Road, which occurred on Sept. 9. He was also suspended for allegedly lying about the incident in an interview with Haeger on Sept. 20.

DURING THE hearing, Pressley told the commission he sat in a van owned by friend Ruby Johnson and talked with her for about 1½ hours that morning. Pressley, who was off duty but reportedly in uniform at the time, said he and Johnson both left the van to use the restrooms at the restaurant. But Pressley denied he carried a pair of pants into the restaurant or was zipping up his pants as he left the van.

Wheeling patrolman Adrian Rus-

sell testified he saw Pressley and Johnson in the van and that they were clothed and not having sex. But Russell also said he did not tell Haeger about the meeting after he learned of the suspension.

The hearing was marked by a series of technical legal arguments, including several requests by Pressley's attorney to dismiss the charges. Attorney Hiram Riebman said that no evidence had been offered proving that Pressley had had sexual relations in the van and challenged Haeger's attorney, Thomas McGuire, to prove the accusation.

The commission agreed and ruled that Pressley "offered some evidence that he was not having sex" in the van and asked Haeger to produce his case.

MCGUIRE'S FIRST witness was Granny Anny waitress Allison Griese who testified that Pressley and the woman had met in the parking lot for several months. "It was every week and it was noticeable," said Griese. "Officer Pressley and this woman met every Thursday and it got to be where we noticed it. They would meet and sit out in the parking lot."

In earlier testimony Pressley also admitted he was suspended once before for lying to the department about his actions and did not appeal that suspension.

## Wheeling plans to deck the hall

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For the first time since it was finished in 1980, the Wheeling Village Hall will be decorated for the holidays.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said that between \$300 and \$400 from the village's municipal building fund will be used to buy lasting decorations which can be used from year to year to decorate the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Clerk Elizabeth Hartman and former clerk Alberta Klocke have been appointed to help select decorations, which will reflect the coming Hanukkah and Christmas season in a secular manner. Hartman said she expects the decorations will include garlands and wreaths, although no final plans have been made.

Construction on the \$3.9 million fa-

ility was started in 1978 and completed in 1980. The project included remodeling and expansion of the original village hall, the construction of adjacent police and fire facilities and construction of a separate public works building. The branch fire station was also included in the project. The complex was dedicated in ceremonies held this May.

# Bonds to finance pipeline

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By ELAINE LAMPERT

WHEELING—Officials have borrowed \$5.75 million to finance construction of the necessary pipelines for Lake Michigan water, with the Nov. 15 sale of municipal bonds at a net interest rate of 9.975 percent.

Although the rate was slightly higher than anticipated, Elwood Barce of Speer, Financial, Inc., municipal finance consultant for the village, recommended approval of the sale.

Because new federal regulations on municipal bonds are scheduled to go into effect after Dec. 31, Barce explained, more bonds are coming into the market now in an effort to beat the deadline. After that date, municipal bonds must be fully registered, requiring additional expenses to cover the higher fees. The municipal bond market has traditionally been "90 percent or more of bearer bonds," he said.

IN APRIL, \$6.4 million in bonds was issued by the village to enable the Northwest Water Commission to begin construction to bring Lake Michigan water to the village. When those bonds were sold, at 12 percent, Barce advised the village to wait until later in the year before financing the pipeline improvements in hopes of getting a lower interest rate.

Barce had predicted an interest rate of 9.25 percent by the end of October, but he said, "These things cannot be anticipated in advance." He called the 9.975 percent rate "an acceptable bid."

In the spring, the village will begin construction of 55,000 feet of transmission mains, two elevated tanks, two standpipes and a pumping station. The money will be paid back by revenues collected in the form of property taxes.

Gregory Peters, Wheeling's director of finance, said the bond issue will add \$761,216 to the 1982 tax levy, expected to be approved next fall. Cook County taxpayers will begin seeing the effects next August when they receive their adjusted bills, he said.

Peters had estimated the 1982 property tax rate to be about 91 cents per \$100 of assessed valua-

## SUMMARY

Wheeling officials Nov. 15 issued \$5.75 million in bonds to finance pipeline construction for the transmission of Lake Michigan water. The net interest rate of 9.975 percent was considered "acceptable" by the municipal

finance consultant.

The bonds will be repaid out of property tax revenues, but taxpayers won't begin to see the effects of the boost until next August.

tion, but said the bond issue will bring the total rate up to about \$1.15 or \$1.20 per \$100. By comparison, Wheeling's 1981 property tax rate was 73 cents per \$100.

THE FINAL dollar figures will change, Peters said, depending on the total worth (assessed valuation) of the village, which is expected to

increase over the 1981 assessed valuation amount. As assessed valuation increases the levy amount is spread further, meaning the individual taxpayer's share is proportionately less.

The April bond issue was to cover half the estimated construction costs of the Northwest Water Com-

mission, which is expected to have the pipeline operating by 1984. Peters said the NWC decided not to borrow all the money at once because the construction would be done during a three-year period and the market could change. Bids have come in about 26 percent below the original estimates, he added.

Peters said he expects the NWC to complete its financing this spring by issuing revenue bonds, to be paid back by revenues from the system that will be constructed. He said the commission will be able to do so because state law regarding bonding by non-home rule units has been changed.

## Tax hike seen to pay piper of Lake Michigan water

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Wheeling residents can expect a village property tax rate increase of about 25 cents per \$100 equalized assessed valuation to help pay for bringing in Lake Michigan water from Evanston. For an average home, valued at \$72,765, that will mean an annual tax increase of \$54.

The Village of Wheeling will borrow \$5.75 million to finance improvements to the water system to bring in Lake Michigan water from Evanston.

The money will be borrowed at 9.97 per cent interest over a 15-year period and will cost Wheeling a total of \$10.6 million, including interest.

About \$2.3 million from the village's water and sewer fund will also be used to fund Lake Michigan water improvements.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said he expected the village property tax rate to increase by about 25 cents

per \$100 equalized assessed valuation. The current village property tax rate is 73 cents per \$100 equalized assessed valuation.

Water rates are expected to stay at the same rate of \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons of water. Village trustees have said they wanted costs of bringing Lake Michigan water here to be financed with property taxes because it can then be deducted from the homeowner's federal income tax.

The loan is needed to pay for a \$7.2 million project which includes 10 miles of new water mains, two new water storage tanks and a pumping station.

Wheeling is joined with Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights and Palatine in the Northwest Water Commission. The group is constructing a \$78 million water pipeline from Evanston to the northwest suburbs. The pipeline is projected to be completed in 1984.

## Approval of sign 'disgusts' trustee

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WHEELING Trustee Charles Kerr stated Nov. 15 that he would ask to have the village ordinance governing signs repealed.

Kerr said he was protesting an action taken by the board Nov. 1, when he was not in attendance, granting a variation from the sign code to allow a large temporary lease sign for the Woodland Creek development. Trustees William Rogers, Joseph Ratajczak and James Goetch and President Sheila Schultz had voted in favor. Kerr and Trustees John Cole and Roger Powers had been absent.

"I don't think there's a damn person on this board who cares about the sign ordinance," the disgruntled Kerr said. "It's disgusting. You have a little businessman come in and ask to double the size of his sign for his restaurant (Puerto Vallarta) and you deny it, but then someone else comes in and asks for 20 times the allowable space and you tell him, 'By all means'."

Village Manager Thomas Markus pointed out that he had recommended against allowing the variation.

## Airport purchase debate 'senseless'

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

A citizens committee that is urging Prospect Heights to buy Pal-Waukee Airport has rejected a challenge to a public debate with an anti-airport group.

John Gilligan, a former Wheeling Township trustee who headed the citizens committee, said a debate with the airport foes, called Citizens Airport

Activity Group, would be only "senseless and fruitless."

Gilligan said the anti-airport group has offered "contradictory" claims about the impact of a publicly owned airport and "have not documented any of their positions even though they've had 3½ years to prove their case."

Both Prospect Heights and Wheeling are considering buying the airport, which carries a \$53 million price tag, and have notified the federal govern-

ment that they may seek federal funds to cover the majority of the purchase price.

The report of Gilligan's committee recommends that Prospect Heights buy the airport even if Wheeling decides to drop out as long as there are guarantees that the airport can pay for itself, that a noise abatement program will be enacted and that a detailed economic study of the airport be done.

Warren Sunde, chairman of CAAG's environmental committee, said his group may hold a debate about the airport even without Gilligan's committee. He added that his group is about a month away from presenting its own report on the airport.

He said Gilligan's committee was biased and that it twisted the data to support the conclusion that Pal-Waukee should be publicly owned. Sunde's group has called the demand for noise abatement "naive" and say any money spent on the airport would be wasted because new federal laws allow airport owner George Priester to seek federal aid for airport improvements.

But Gilligan said there is no guarantee Priester will get any federal money, and if he does, it will be only for "on-site" improvements, which would eliminate the possibility of acquiring land near the airport for "clear zones" that would ensure safer aircraft operations.

Sunde denied Gilligan's assertion that CAAG's claims have been without documentation. Most of the group's objections to public purchase of Pal-Waukee have been drawn from a \$120,000 consultant's report, reports from the Chicago Area Transportation Study and Federal Aviation Administration and "airport magazines," Sunde said.

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## One-lane bridge

MOTORISTS WHO DRIVE in and out of Wheeling on Dundee Road have been experiencing some delays getting across the bridge just east of Dundee Road.

Those delays have been caused by a major renovation of the bridge. (Photo by Steve Donisch)

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## Manager gets pay hike

WHEELING—The Village Board Monday, Nov. 22, approved a 6 percent salary increase for Village Manager Thomas Markus. The increase, retroactive to Nov. 1, will raise his pay from \$43,000 to \$45,600 a year.

This is Markus' first raise since

he was hired in May 1980. According to his contract, there was a time limit of 18 months before he became eligible for a raise, with a provision for a salary review each year thereafter.

Markus said pay raises for other village employees also have averaged 6 percent. The lowest

percentage increase has been about 5 percent, he said, because some of the negotiating groups have two-year, rather than one-year, contracts.

The \$45,600 annual salary is in line with village managers' salaries in surrounding municipalities, according to Markus.

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# Trustee changes certain on board

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

TWO OF three trustees whose seats on the Village Board will be up for election in April have announced their intentions not to seek re-election. John Cole is bowing out after serving two terms on the board, while James Goetch will depart after serving two years. Charles Kerr, who holds the third seat, announced Nov. 22 he will seek a third term. Cole cited several reasons for not running again, including his health, his recent purchase of some property in Wisconsin and his belief the board should have new blood.

"I never intended to make a career out of it," Cole said. "I'm get-

ting too set in my ways. They need somebody with a new, fresh outlook." Goetch was appointed in 1980 by Village President Sheila Schultz to fill the remaining two years of her term as trustee. He could not be reached for comment.

"I HATE to see John Cole leave," Kerr said. "He was a damn good trustee, but maybe he feels eight years is enough." Kerr will run on a three-candidate slate, known as the Citizens Action Party, with Nicholas Fanella, board member and past executive vice president of the First National Bank of Wheeling, and Anthony Altieri, past chairman of the Wheeling Plan Commission.

Fanella also is president of the

Wheeling Lions Club, past president of the Chamber of Commerce and active with the Friends of the Park Board. Altieri served on the Plan Commission for nine years and recently was honored for his service.

Kerr said he anticipates another slate, possibly two, citing rumors that former Village President William Hein might put together a slate and that residents of condominiums or other multiple-family housing might be working on another. Hein said he was busy running his auto parts business and that he might have some political information in a few weeks.

Candidates must file their petitions by Dec. 13 for the April 12 election.

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# Police commission reverses two-day suspension of cop

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by Elida Witthoef

*Herald staff writer*

The Wheeling fire and police commission has reversed the two-day suspension of a Wheeling police officer charged with having sexual relations while in a van parked at a local restaurant.

After two lengthy hearings, the commission ruled there was "insufficient evidence" that Patrolman Robert Pressley "engaged in sexual activity" at Granny Anny's Restaurant, 831 W. Dundee. The commission also ruled that there was not enough evidence to indicate Pressley later lied about the incident to Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger.

Pressley was ordered suspended for two days without pay in early October

for an "incident" at the restaurant that occurred on Sept. 9. Haeger also ordered him suspended for allegedly lying about the incident in an interview with Haeger on Sept. 20.

In a subsequent hearing on the matter, Haeger presented testimony from witnesses, including a restaurant patron and waitress, who said they watched Pressley through the restaurant window.

**BUT PRESSLEY** denied the allegations. He told the commission he sat in a van owned by friend Ruby Johnson and talked with her for about 1½ hours that morning. Pressley, who was off duty, but wearing his uniform, also said he and Johnson both left the van to use the restrooms at the restaurant, but he also denied carrying a pair of

pants into the restaurant or zipping up his pants after he left the van.

Pressley could not be reached for comment, but his attorney Hyman Rieberman said he was happy with the decision and believes "the right thing was done."

"I'm hopeful that Pressley and Haeger will get along just fine in the years to come," said Rieberman. "I'm hopeful that this is the end of trouble between the chief of police and Bob Pressley, with no further recriminations."

Haeger said the entire matter forced "difficult decisions" for himself, Pressley and the commission, adding that "hopefully all the parties will utilize the experience in the future."

Pressley's suspension had been postponed until the commission's ruling.

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WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY	Cole	Goetch	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
Selected decisions from the village board meetings of November 1 and November 15.						
To allow the developer of Woodland Creek apartments to install a temporary sign nearly 10 times larger than those allowed under the village sign code. (Passed 4-0). <small>* Village President Sherie Schultz voted yes.</small>	ABSENT	YES	ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES
To borrow \$5.75 million to pay for internal improvements to Wheeling's water system. (Passed 5-0).	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To request up to \$20,000 from Wheeling Township to buy furniture for Wheeling's proposed senior citizens center. (Passed 5-0).	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
To participate in Wheeling Township's workfare program by providing jobs for township welfare recipients. (Passed 5-0).	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

# Village spending up some, revenue keeps pace: audit

*Herald 11/30/82*

by Elida Witthoef

*Herald staff writer*

Wheeling officials hiked village spending by only 3 percent during the 1981-82 fiscal year and have nearly \$14 million on hand in the village coffers, according to a recent audit.

That surplus is nearly twice what the village spent during the year, and about \$1.5 million more than the village had on at the end of last year. But Finance Director Gregory Peters said \$8 million of that money is restricted by law to specific uses, such as employee pensions and repayment of village debts. He said the other \$6 million still carries some spending restrictions, and is not simply surplus cash.

Peters said that \$1 million of that \$6 million is motor fuel tax money, which can only be used on state-approved road projects, such as repaving. Another \$1.8 million represents special revenue sources like social security, state retirement, federal revenue sharing funds, federal block grants and road and bridge funds.

The \$2 million surplus in the village's water and sewer fund came

from last year's water rate increase, which raised water rates from 90 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$1.90. The surplus resulted when the village collected money faster than it was spent, but Peters said the surplus would be depleted when the village uses the money to help pay some \$7 million in improvements to the village's internal water system.

**PETERS SAID** the \$2 million in the village's general operating fund is necessary to cover expenses when the village is not receiving property tax payments and other income. In December, Peters expects to slash that surplus by nearly \$1 million with payroll, loan payments and bills.

The audit shows that in the fiscal year ending April 30, the village spent \$7.4 million, 8 percent below the budget of \$8 million, but 3 percent higher than last year's spending of \$7.2 million.

The audit also showed that village revenues totaled \$8.8 million, \$2.1 million or 31 percent more than the \$6.7 million anticipated. Peters attributed the overall increase to increases in all

the village's major revenue sources with the exception of licenses and permits, which dropped \$10,500. Despite a poor economy, money from sales tax and fees for other village services increased this year. The village also earned \$1.2 million in interest, up 33 percent from last year.

Peters said Wheeling's operating funds showed an overall surplus of \$376,000, which is not a large amount for the village's day-to-day operations. Without the "surprise" increase in sales tax revenues, Peters said the village would have seen a deficit in that fund. Peters said the village also originally budgeted a deficit in the fund to help use some of the surplus money.

**DESPITE THE** surpluses, Wheeling taxes have risen slightly over the past two years and will jump 70 percent next year as the village begins paying off loans for the water system work. Next year, a typical Wheeling tax bill on a house valued at \$19,000 is expected to increase to between \$220 and \$226, from the current \$139.

Village President Sheila Schultz said that the board has discussed possibly trimming the surpluses, but is also

"trying to find a balance" in village finances. "I think the board and the staff both believe we've come such a long way from the messes with tax anticipation warrants," Schultz said. "We got so burned by tax anticipation warrants that we're trying to keep a good balance."

Schultz said the village had planned on borrowing some of the funds needed for the water system work, but also would use cash on hand for part of the project.

Schultz said the surplus resulted from conservative planning. "The general economy was scaring everyone. The village has a mixed bag of business. When one has a rough time, the village doesn't feel the impact as much as some other communities," she said.

"But it's difficult. It's a guessing game. We're trying to keep surpluses at a point where you're holding onto enough money to be safe, but not too much while you keep raising taxes," said Schultz, adding that if the surpluses continue to be large, village officials will look at either abating some of the money, or providing more services to residents.



# Local banks reject home loan plan

by Elida Witthoelt

Herald staff writer

Wheeling residents interested in purchasing homes through Cook County's low-interest mortgage plan will have to go outside the village to borrow the money, as none of the banks in Wheeling have agreed to participate in the program.

Despite the inconvenience, county officials say the move should have little effect on the ability of home buyers to secure mortgage money.

Cook County Comptroller Thomas Beck said the county sent out 700 invitations to banks throughout the county but only 43 institutions responded to the program. Beck said none of the interested banks were located in Wheeling, though there are "many banks out there in the area" have indicated interest in the program.

On Dec. 8, the county expects to borrow between \$60 million and \$70 million to loan to home buyers in towns throughout the county in a bid to boost the area's sagging housing market. County Administrative Assistant John Zeunik said the county will announce the names of participating banks and other details on the program Dec. 15. Some \$1.1 million is expected to be available to Wheeling buyers.

ZEUNIK SAID THAT current bond market interest rates indicate that if

the money were borrowed this week, the county could write mortgages at between 11 and 11½ percent interest. But Zeunik said county officials "expect to do better" than those figures by next week, as interest rates continue to drop. Those rates are still lower than conventional mortgages, which have been ranging between 12 and 14 percent interest.

Despite a personal appeal from Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters, and a request from Wheeling Trustee John Cole that the county guarantee that a local bank handle the money, all four banks in Wheeling have decided not to participate.

Robert Hinman, president of the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, said his bank received information on the program one day before the deadline to sign up. "It was a last-minute thing. Maybe if we had more time, we would have agreed," said Hinman. "It's too bad. We think it's a neat idea. It's just one of those things that went astray."

Hinman said the bank also had some technical problems with the paperwork end of the mortgage program, but said if bank officials had more time, they probably could have worked out those problems.

WHEELING TRUST handled between 80 and 90 percent of the mortgages written four years ago under a

low-interest mortgage program sponsored by Wheeling. Under that plan the village borrowed \$15 million and turned the money over to two local banks for home loans at 8.95 percent. That money was completely used up within three months.

Hoynes Savings and Loan officials decided not to offer the mortgages because the program would simply be too expensive for the bank to handle. "We can't afford it. It's the return on the investment," said Hoynes President Earl Weber. "You can't pay at 10 percent and only earn 7½ percent."

Officials from First National Bank of Wheeling and Guaranty Federal

Savings could not be reached for comment.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Sheila Schultz said the banks' decisions were "too bad," but said she "would be very surprised" if the village pulled out of the program. "I imagine it would go as it is," she said.

Cole could not be reached for comment.

To qualify for the plan, a person must not have bought a home within the last three years and must buy a new home that costs no more than \$90,310 or an older home that costs no more than \$78,430. New and used homes and condominiums would be eligible under the plan.

## ...in Wheeling, incumbents drop, but new party rises

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Two Wheeling village trustees have announced they will not be running for reelection in the April elections, while a third trustee seeking his third term has formed a new slate with two newcomers.

New party slates have until Jan. 31 to file nominating petitions with the village clerk. Kerr's new slate is so far the only party circulating petitions in the village.

Trustees John Cole and James Goetch have both said they will be giving up their seats on the village board when their terms expire in April.

Trustee Charles Kerr, a eight-year veteran of the board, said he will be running for a third term with a newly formed slate called Citizens Action Party.

The new party includes former

chairman of the plan commission Anthony Altieri, Jr. and former vice president of the First National Bank of Wheeling Nicholas Fanella.

Kerr said he selected his running mates because of their involvement in civic and village affairs.

"I've known both these men for a long time and trust their judgment and

integrity. I believe they have talents and experience to offer the village board," Kerr said.

Altieri, who works as an engineer for Signode Corp. in Glenview, served on the village plan commission for nine years. He is also former president of the Illinois (Continued on page 7)

## Cop's suspension reversed

WHEELING—A patrolman accused of conduct unbecoming an officer was found innocent of the charges Nov. 23 by the board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

Following a hearing on an appeal by Patrolman Robert Pressley, the board reversed his two-day suspension, saying it found insufficient evidence to establish that on Sept. 9 Pressley was en-

gaged in sexual activity in a van parked in front of Granny Annie's Restaurant, 831 Dundee Road.

The incident was reported by a citizen to Police Chief Michael Haeger. Haeger said any comment might be "unfair to the officer because he's been found innocent."

Another police officer, Bruce

Batka, has appealed a three-day suspension order alleging he failed to safely stop all lanes of traffic, allowing an accident to occur. Batka had been directing traffic in front of Wickes Furniture when the accident occurred about 5 p.m. Sept. 17.

A Dec. 2 hearing before the Fire and Police Board, will probably be continued.

## Vested interest

### Collection to help policemen

WHEELING—A fund to raise \$,000 for bullet-proof vests for policemen is approaching the two-thirds mark, according to Gene DeBartolo, owner of Gene's Standard, who came up with the idea. "We're a little over \$3,000 short of our goal," DeBartolo said this week.

Some 40 vests each costing about \$250, are needed. An extra shirt to wear under each vest also is necessary.

DeBartolo said he is asking business people and residents for contributions on Oct. 25 and hopes to be finished by Dec. 15. If the goal is not reached by then, however, the fund-raising drive will resume after the first of the year.

"Nobody ever does anything for the cops," DeBartolo responded when asked why he had started this project. "It's always 'What are they doing for us?' You pick up the

phone and they come immediately. So I thought it would be nice if we did something for them for a change."

If each resident donates a few dollars, DeBartolo said, the fund will be filled quickly. He said he thought about the idea for more than two years before he approached Police Chief Michael Haeger, who was enthusiastic.

"We've had two officers shot in the last 10 years," Haeger said. "That's more than in most communities. Granted, they were both shot in the leg, but officers can be shot at any time."

Because the vests are thick and cumbersome, Haeger said, he is researching whether it would be mandatory for the officers to wear them at all times.

"I'm looking into the proposals and specifications Chicago and oth-

er suburbs have established," he said.

Should any extra money be raised, Haeger said, it might be used to purchase what he termed "protective headgear," to be worn in major disorders such as breaking up large parties, or in bad weather where there is danger from falling limbs and wires.

Another option would include body or tactical vests, which stop weapons of greater velocity. Those would be useful where hostages were held or firearms were involved, Haeger added.

Helmets would run about \$50 each, while tactical vests cost from \$500 to \$700 a piece, he noted.

All contributions can be dropped off or mailed to the Wheeling Police Department Vest Fund, First National Bank of Wheeling, 125 McHenry Road. For information, call 537-6620 or 537-9693.

## Wheeling election—

(Continued from page 3) Jaycees.

Fanella, a director with The Dartmouth Plan finance company, is president of the Wheeling Lions Club and former president of the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce. He has also volunteered with the Wheeling Park District's Friends of the Park and the Wheeling Fourth of July Committee.

Kerr was first elected in 1975, at a time when the village board was controlled by former village president William Hein. Kerr ran under a reform slate with Cole and former trustees Gilbert Monoson and Otis Hedlund.

In 1979, Cole and Kerr ran for second terms with then newcomer Sheila Schultz under a slate they called the Wheeling United Party and challenged Hein's slate, Citizens for Wheeling.

The Wheeling United Party swept the 1979 village elections by a 3-1 margin, destroying the bloc voting power which had existed on the village board under Hein. Kerr, Cole and Schultz won 14 of the 15 village precincts.

Two years later, Schultz and the Wheeling Upward Party ousted Hein from the village president's seat. The victory of Schultz's slate then ended the 10-year political career of Hein, who had maintained a majority on the village board for most of that decade.

Roger A. Powers, trustee since 1977 and re-elected to a four-year term in 1981, is the only member of Hein's slate still remaining on the village board.

Trustees not up for re-election this spring include Powers, Village President Schultz, Joseph Ratajczak and William A. Rogers.

# Independent joins race for village board seat

A Wheeling man who made headlines when he wanted to beat the high costs of Lake Michigan water by drilling his own backyard well has announced he will run for a village board seat in April.

Len Renquin, who works as a cable splicer for Central Telephone in Des Plaines, said he is concerned about increasing village taxes and will run for the board as an independent candidate. Renquin, who said he planned to circu-

late petitions this weekend, has until 5 p.m. Monday to file those petitions with the village clerk.

He is the only independent candidate to emerge in Wheeling thus far. One new slate, headed by Trustee Charles Kerr, has already announced its bid for the board, but that newly created Citizens Action Party does not file its nominating petitions until Jan. 24. Former plan commissioner Rickey Ament has also sought nominating petitions, but

says he has "no direct intentions" to run for the board.

Three four-year terms will be filled next spring. Kerr is the only incumbent seeking re-election. Trustees John Cole and James Goetch have both decided not to seek new terms. Kerr's running mates include Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fanella.

RENQUIN, 43, first got involved in village affairs last spring when he

sought Wheeling's permission to drill his own well in the backyard of his home at 773 N. Dennis Road. He said that increasing property taxes and water rates left him "thoroughly disgusted and fed up with it all," and figured he could drill a well for less than \$600. The village later vetoed his plan, saying it violated a number of local ordinances.

"With what I'm seeing with the village going on with the water rates and

taxes, I thought my voice would help," said Renquin, who also serves as a chief warrant officer in the Coast Guard Reserve. "I might be one no vote on the board, but it will be the voice of the residents."

"I'm only a telephone cable splicer, but I think I can represent the residents," said Renquin. "Many people are sick of what's going on and an independent might win."

Earlier this year the village board

voted to double water rates from 90 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$1.90. The village tax rate is also expected to increase to about \$1.16 per \$100 of assessed valuation, as the village begins to repay money borrowed to pay for the lake water.

Those increases raised the average Wheeling water bill to \$154 from \$73 a year. The typical tax bill on a house valued at \$19,000 will next year increase from \$139 to about \$220.

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## License, car description are leads

### Police ask hit-run driver surrender

Police are seeking persons with information concerning a hit-and-run driver that struck and killed a woman last Tuesday afternoon on Milwaukee Avenue in Wheeling. Police have also made a public plea to the driver to voluntarily contact them.

Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack Kimsey said police are searching for the driver of a light colored compact car that killed 29-year-old Iwona Kalek, who immigrated to this country from Poland less than a year ago.

She was struck at about 5 p.m. Nov. 23 as she walked along Milwaukee Avenue about two blocks north of Dundee Road and just a block from the Abbott Motor Lodge, 374

N. Milwaukee Ave., where she lived and worked as a maid.

Kalek was walking south on the west edge of the roadway when a car headed southbound on Milwaukee Avenue struck her.

Witnesses told police that the car was a light silver or white Ford Mustang II, possibly a 1974 model.

Kimsey said police have already examined about 80 cars matching that description.

Witnesses believed the license plate was an Illinois plate with the possible combination of the letter "D" and number "2".

Because of the rainy weather conditions that afternoon, police speculate that the letters of the license plate could be D, O, Q or G with three or four numbers.

Both taillights and the license plate light were working on the car, according to witnesses.

Kimsey said no evidence of broken glass or plastic from the car were found at the accident scene. Police believe the car may have only slight damage to the right front area or indentations to the right fender, hood or roofline from the victim's head.

Anyone with any information is urged to contact Wheeling Police Officer Michael Rompala at 459-2632.

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## Bids outline cost of waterline work

Project bids opened Wednesday indicate Wheeling will have to spend between \$710,000 and \$1.2 million to complete the first phase of improvements needed to make the internal water system ready for Lake Michigan water.

An Oak Brook company, Mola Sewerage, submitted the lowest bid of \$710,000 for the project, which will include construction of the water pipeline along three major village roads. Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the bids mark the start of the \$7.2 million worth of improvements planned for the Wheeling's water system, which is the largest public works project ever undertaken by the village.

Alvord, Burdick and Howson, the Chicago engineering firm hired to design the improvements, had estimated the work would cost \$830,000.

The highest bid received Wednesday was \$1.2 million from J.R. Myers, a Zion firm. The village received 19 bids on the work, and it plans to pay for the project with some of the \$5.75 million

borrowed in November.

THE IMPROVEMENTS include construction of water pipeline on Wolf Road, between Palatine and Hintz roads; on Hintz Road, between the Commonwealth Edison pipeline and Lakeside Drive; and a block-long pipe on Wheeling Road.

Fialkowski said the Wolf Road pipe will be hooked into the existing water system as "a reinforcement." The Hintz Road pipe will carry water from the village's pipeline tap at Hintz and Wheeling roads to the west side of Wheeling.

The village board is expected to approve the final bid at the Dec. 20 village board meeting. Fialkowski said construction is scheduled to begin in March.

Wheeling is a member of the Northwest Water Commission, a four-town group planning to build an \$88 million pipeline from Evanston to the Northwest suburbs. The other towns include Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine. The lake water is expected to arrive sometime in 1984.

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## Cop's appeal of suspension delayed

The hearing for a Wheeling patrolman who is appealing a suspension was continued because the police chief's attorney could not attend Thursday's hearing.

A second hearing on the three-day suspension of Patrolman Bruce Batka has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 14

in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Batka was ordered suspended for three days without pay in late November by Police Chief Michael Haeger, after allegedly causing a car crash while directing traffic on Sept. 17 in front of Wickes Furniture, 351 W. Dun-

dee Road.

Haeger's attorney Thomas McGuire was in Springfield Thursday and requested that the matter be continued. Batka also did not attend Thursday's hearing, but sent word through Haeger that he had been notified of McGuire's request and did not think it was necessary to attend.

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# Board to consider loan for new plant

Wheeling trustees will discuss tonight whether to <sup>Herald 12/10/82</sup> grant a Chicago manufacturing firm a \$1.4 million low-interest loan to build a plant in the village.

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

Waltz Corporation, a Chicago-based firm that manufactures components for specialized machinery, wants to use the industrial revenue bonds to build a plant on property on Hintz Road, between Glenn Avenue and Chaddick Drive. That is the former site of Kelly's Day Camp.

The company originally asked for the loan late in 1980, but Village Attorney James Rhodes said action was delayed while the land was subdivided. Village officials also are expected to approve the subdivision tonight.

Since 1978, Wheeling has borrowed \$61.3 million for 14 companies.

TRUSTEES ALSO are expected to agree to send a letter to Wheeling area businesses, large corporations and furniture stores, asking for furniture and cash contributions for the village's senior citizen center.

The village needs \$80,000 to buy furnishings for the center. The village senior citizens commission has already raised \$1,600 and the village is requesting up to \$20,000 from Wheeling Township. If that grant comes through, village officials say they will match the amount with village funds.

# Meeting with cable officials scheduled

WHEELING officials, who have received "quite a few complaints" about Cablenet, the cable television company holding the village franchise to install cable TV, decided Dec. 6 to invite company officials back to the village for an open meeting with residents.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said Trustee Charles Kerr was the fourth board member who had said something to him about the company during the past week. He said he had told Cablenet President Walter Weckers of the dissatisfaction of the citizens.

Kerr said the company's employ-

ees seem to be "incompetent, and their troubleshooters don't know anything."

Markus said he believed the whole thing is "a communication problem. They geared up their sales and installation forces quickly."

He said he would not make excuses for the company and "I'm getting sick of hearing the complaints. Their tactics tend to pit one neighbor against the other."

Markus said he expected the board would hold the meeting with Cablenet officials in the latter part of January.

# Officials to discuss flood insurance

Flood proofing and federally financed flood insurance will be discussed Dec. 16 when representatives from the Illinois water resource division meet with flood-stricken residents in Wheeling.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase country club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. The officials are expected to discuss ways to avoid flood damage and give

specific information on flood insurance.

Wheeling residents, especially those living in the Meadowbrook subdivision and on Valley Stream Drive, were hard hit last week by flooding when heavy rains caused the Wheeling Drainage Ditch to overflow its banks. Many of those same residents received serious flood damage in last July's heavy rains.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE Manager

Robert Fialkowski said the village today will begin delivering damage report forms to residents in the flood-stricken areas. The reports will be used to figure the total amount of damage to the village, which will help determine what kinds of aid may be made available to Wheeling residents.

Each resident who returns the form to the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, will also receive a booklet on flood damage prevention. Fialkowski

said the reports will also be collected at the meeting on Dec. 16.

Residents without flood insurance should call their insurance agents to obtain it. Questions about the insurance can be answered by calling toll-free (800) 638-6620, or the Wheeling community development department at 459-2620. Residents with questions about the damage form or other flooding questions can call Fialkowski at 459-2600.

# No filings, but I 'maybe' in race

Another possible village board candidate has emerged in Wheeling, although no independent candidates or established party slates filed nominating petitions Monday to get their names on the April 12 ballot.

Clerk Elizabeth Hartman said no one filed petitions Monday during the first day of filing for the village election. She will continue to accept the petitions through Dec. 13.

Former plan commissioner Rickey

Ament is reportedly seeking nominating petitions for a trustee post, although he said he has not yet decided to run. "I haven't made any decision," Ament said. "I don't have any direct intention to run, but I can't rule it out this early."

Ament, an attorney, unsuccessfully ran for trustee in 1981 on a slate headed by former village president William Hein. He was appointed to the village plan commission in 1975 and served for six years until 1981, when Village

President Sheila Schultz did not reappoint him.

THREE FOUR-YEAR terms will be filled in next spring's election. Trustee Charles Kerr is the only incumbent seeking re-election and he is seeking his third term on the board. Trustees John Cole and James Goetch have decided not to seek new terms.

Kerr's running mates on his newly formed Citizens Action Party slate will include former plan commission chair-

man Anthony Altieri and former Chamber of Commerce President Nicholas Fanella. That slate does not have to file nominating petitions until Jan. 24.

Kerr said he chose both men because of their integrity and their experience in village affairs.

Nominating petitions can be filed with Hartman at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. On Dec. 13, Hartman will accept petitions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Jewel to close in Wheeling; Buffalo Grove site readied

by Elida Witthoef

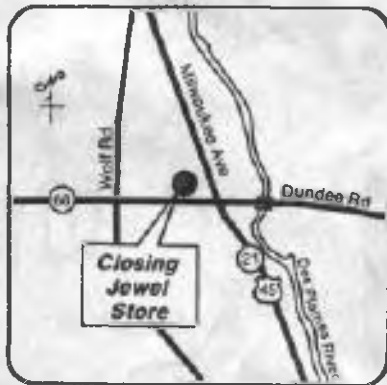
Herald staff writer

The Jewel Food Store in Wheeling will be closed Dec. 15 because company officials plan to open a new store on Lake-Cook Road in Buffalo Grove to serve both towns.

Jewel spokesman William Newby said the store at 240 E. Dundee Road will close Dec. 15. Company officials already had announced that the store in the Ranch Mart Center, Buffalo Grove and Dundee roads, in Buffalo Grove also will close then.

On Dec. 16, a combination Jewel Food and Osco Drug store that is twice the size of the Ranch Mart store will open at Elmhurst and Lake-Cook roads.

Newby was not sure how many em-



ployees work at the Wheeling store, but said all workers are being offered new assignments at other Jewel stores in the area, including the newly remodeled Jewel-Osco at the Randhurst

Shopping Center in Mount Prospect.

"The Wheeling store is becoming obsolete," said Newby. "It's not large enough for the Jewel-Osco operations."

Newby said Jewel officials are negotiating the sale of the building with "another retailer," but refused to name the company.

THE WHEELING store opened in 1968 and was remodeled in 1974. Its location was a major factor in the village's decision to locate the new Cook County senior citizen housing complex on Milwaukee Avenue, just south of Strong Street. Senior citizens would be able to walk to the food store without crossing any major intersections. With the Jewel gone, the seniors will be forced to cross Dundee to get to the next closest grocery store, Country Dairy, at 291 E. Dundee Road.

Village President Sheila Schultz said she couldn't fault Jewel for what she termed an economic decision, but said she is very concerned about the accessibility of a food store in that area.

"I'm not sure what the village can do, but make the intersection safer," she said. "We'll have to look at the Milwaukee-Dundee intersection as it relates to pedestrians, and maybe look into the no right turn on red aspect."

The Jewel is the second food store to close in Wheeling this year. In January, A&P closed its store at Camp McDonald and Wolf roads. That store is still vacant.

Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said there was "no doubt" that the village would lose sales tax revenue if the Jewel store remains vacant, but he couldn't estimate how much.

## Village board wrapup

# Low-interest loan to firm OK'd

Wheeling trustees have approved a \$1.4 million low-interest loan to a Chicago manufacturing company, to help finance the construction of a plant on Hintz Road.

Waltz Corporation, a Chicago-based firm that manufactures components for specialized machinery, wants to use the industrial revenue bonds to build a plant on property on Hintz Road, between Glenn Avenue and Chaddick Drive. That is the former site of Kelly's Day Camp.

Company President Mark Waltz said the firm had hoped to start construction on the project this winter, but may postpone the work until the spring. "We're ready to start, and will soon be digging away," said Waltz.

The company originally asked for up to a \$2 million loan in 1980, but the request was delayed as the village and company officials worked on subdividing the property. That subdivision was also approved Monday night.

The money is being loaned to the company under Wheeling's industrial revenue bond program. By borrowing the money the village can get the loan at a lower interest rate than commercial loans. The company is then responsible for repaying the loan. Since 1978, Wheeling has borrowed \$62.7 million for 15 companies.

### Seniors coordinator set

A full-time position of senior citizens coordinator has been created by Wheeling trustees to oversee senior activities in the village, including the senior citizens commission and eventually the senior citizens center.

Once the position is filled, the newly created job will allow former planning aide/senior citizens coordinator Julie Woods to devote her time to her new job as assistant village planner. Wood's former position has been eliminated, allowing the board to create the new position without adding additional money to Wheeling's budget.

Previously, the village had a part-time worker who coordinated senior citizen affairs. That position was eliminated and combined with the planning aide job. Now, Village Manager Thom-

as Markus said he would like to begin looking for someone to fill the new position, but would not hire someone until the village has definitely committed itself to proceed with the center's construction.

### Land appraisals OK'd

Wheeling trustees have approved a request from the village staff to have appraisals made on three land parcels needed for the construction of reservoirs to store Lake Michigan water.

The village has decided to seek the appraisals, because the tight schedule of water system improvements will force the village to buy the land outright, instead of negotiating the purchase price with the landowners.

The village plans to buy three parcels, including: one acre near Hines Lumber in northeast Wheeling, for a one-million gallon elevated tank; 2.5 acres in southwest Wheeling near the Soo Line Ry. tracks; and a 1.5 acre plot next to the Fairway Greens apartments, for a 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank.

### Donations urged

A letter asking Wheeling-area business and industry for furniture and cash donations to the village's senior citizen center was approved by Wheeling trustees.

The village senior citizens commission has been working to raise the \$80,000 needed to furnish the center being built near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street. The seniors have raised \$1,600 and the village is requesting up to \$20,000 from Wheeling Township. If that money is granted, the board has agreed to match the amount with village funds.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the center probably will open before all the furniture is purchased, and that fund-raising activities will continue. The center is expected to open in late 1983.

### Towers objected to

Wheeling trustees have voted to file an objection with the Lake County Zon-

ing Board of Appeals against the installation of five radio towers on Lake-Cook Road, near I-94.

The county has received a petition for a permit from the Metroweb Corporation to construct the towers 200-feet north of Lake-Cook between the Tollway Office Plaza and I-94. Wheeling officials, who have joined other local towns in supporting the construction of a full tollway interchange at the location, say the towers will interfere with that project.

### ICC hike protested

A strongly worded letter to the Illinois Commerce Commission, protesting the recent 13 percent rate hike granted to Commonwealth Edison, will be sent by Wheeling trustees.

The board agreed to send the letter on the recommendation of Trustee Charles Kerr, who called the ICC's decision "arrogant." Kerr said that the power company has done nothing to cutback its staff and other expenses. He also said that while company officials urge energy conservation, they ask for rate hikes when the conservation efforts by residents cut into their revenues.

Kerr said the move will put Wheeling on record as protesting the hike, and is designed to help protect village residents.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the village, as a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference, will join in appealing the rate hike to the ICC.

### Flood work commended

A letter commending Wheeling village workers on their efforts during last week's flooding also will be sent out by the village board.

Trustee William Rogers suggested the move, after village employees worked around the clock to warn and aid residents before the flood, and then help with the cleanup afterward.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he already sent his own letter to the employees, but both Markus and the trustees expressed gratitude and pride for the way the village handled the flood relief efforts.

Markus said he thinks the village's effort was better organized this time, as Wheeling officials learned how to handle the situation from severe flooding in July.

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# Flood victims seek aid from village

## 12/9/85 Cleanup aid eyed

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

ABOUT 40 residents came to Village Hall Monday night, Dec. 6 seeking additional help from officials for the damages they suffered in the most recent floods.

They were advised that the village had provided more help this time than in last July's flooding, that the entire state suffered and might be declared a disaster area; and that if they live in flood-prone areas, they should acquire federally-funded flood insurance.

Robert Gray, director of the village Operations and Maintenance Department, said his crews had been cleaning debris and leaves from of catch basins and sewers since the July flooding to accommodate water flows and to forestall further problems. His staff is "aware of severe deficiencies" in the sewer system in the St. Armand-Valley Stream area and will be working to seal the cracks that have allowed storm drainage to flow into the sanitary sewers, he said.

**IN THEORY**, the two systems should be entirely separate, but in older parts of town, certain areas do not have two sets of pipes.

Gray said he expected work on the sewer pipes to take "a couple of years," due to procedures for getting federal funds for the project.

Resident Kevin Kane, 137 St. Armand, asked whether construction further upstream on the Wheeling Drainage Ditch might have contributed in some degree to the recent heavy flooding.

Both Village Manager Thomas Markus and assistant village manager Robert Fialkowski said construction of the Checker Road reservoir in Buffalo Grove was not responsible.

Bob Cotter of 948 Valley Stream mentioned the possibility that soil erosion might have caused the bottom of the creek to rise. Cotter, who has lived in Wheeling for seven years, said he had noticed "a change in the creek."

**MARKUS POINTED** out that the Dec. 2-3 storm was "extremely intense over the area it covered," bringing 4.6 inches of rainwater in a 24-hour period. The July storm was even more severe, he said.

Gray said siltation and sedimentation would take a many years to affect the flow of a creek, but "if

### BRIEFING

**RESIDENTS ANGERED BY** having their homes flooded for the second time in five months sought help from the Village Board Monday, Dec. 6. Nearly 40 residents attended the Village Board meeting and were told the village did more to ease the severity of the flooding during the storm Dec. 2 and 3 than it did during the July storm. According to Robert Gray, director of Operations and Maintenance for the village, his department spent considerable time removing debris and leaves out of catch basins and sewers after the July flood to help reduce the possibility of flooding as severe as it was then.

left untreated, siltation will have an effect."

However, Markus said, "to try and pinpoint silt is an impossible task." He said the village had removed "tons of silt" from the bottom on several occasions and added that the village has been working on a diversionary channel for the creek for many years, slowly acquiring easement rights as property was developed. But, he said, the village might have to look into the possibility of purchasing the remaining property for the channel if the creek has changed significantly in character.

Village President Sheila Schultz, who has resided in Wheeling for 26 years, said she did not recall ever seeing December floods. "It was a shocker," she said.

Schultz commended village employees for their work before, during and after the flooding. "We hope they don't get any more practice. It may be hard to believe, but we could have been in worse shape," she said.

Most of the residents attending the meeting had suffered flood damage, but of those, only three raised their hands when asked who carried flood insurance.

**"UNFORTUNATELY, WE** are at the bottom of the watershed," Schultz said. Trustee Roger Powers advised residents who seek flood insurance to persist in their inquiries with agents. "They are not thrilled about writing it, but it is mandatory that they take it if you persist. They don't get any commission on it." Rates for flood insurance are set and subsidized by the federal government.

Irwin Hampton of 100 E. Highland said his home has been flooded eight times in the past 12 years, and this was the second year with two floods. "There's not much left of my house," he said. Hampton invited the entire board to come and look at his house.

**HE SAID** things had gotten worse over the years and questioned why building permits ever were issued in known flood areas. "Next rain, come sit on my living room sofa, one foot off the floor, and you'll get washed away," he said.

Village Attorney James Rhodes explained later that building stan-

dards were much different 22 years ago when the homes at Wolf and Highland were built. In addition, he said, development to the north of the village has contributed more rainwater runoff. "Our (current) ordinances do not allow building in the floodway area."

As an example, he said, a developer who wishes to build a small shopping center on a triangular piece of land between Route 83, Wheeling Road and the drainage ditch was denied permission to do so by the Wheeling Board about two years ago and "they are in the courts trying to get this board's decision overturned."

Although the building itself would have been out of the floodway, it would have been in the flood fringe and possibly there would have been some water detention problems. The board decided it did not want building even in the fringe area, Rhodes said.

Dennis Drake, 1029 Valley Stream Dr., and others said the bridge at Childerley Park was to have been raised to allow the creek to flow through better. Another man said former Village President William Hein had promised it would be raised about two feet from its present height.

**WE CAN** file an objection or complaint with the Park District, but you should let the Park District know your concerns," Markus said. He urged residents to attend a Wheeling Park Board meeting, saying, "It has a lot more impact if you tell them."

Clara Voigt of 36 Cedar Lane said the flooding had created a health hazard with "human waste floating around." She said everything in her basement had to be thrown away.

"I wish I could answer that," Schultz said. "We are aware of that."

"We've gotten a lot of promises, but nothing's ever been done," Voigt went on. "There's a lot of personal loss that can never be replaced."

Trustee William Rogers said that even with unlimited funds and using them to do everything possible to prevent flooding, "Highland and Wolf will still flood. This isn't the first time. We've been voicing these concerns for 15 years."

## The cause:

By JOAN FLEISCHER

A large part of Wheeling's drainage problems and solutions begin and end with the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, according to a study last summer in the village's proposed Capital Improvements Program.

Like other urbanized areas that grew up fast in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Wheeling has seen increased flooding and drainage problems occur as farm land was developed into urban areas.

"Drainage problems have been a critical issue in Wheeling for many years. Inadequate drainage restricts development because expanded areas are

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The owner of this vehicle found it parked in several feet of water early Friday morning across the street from Heritage Park on Wolf Road in Wheeling. (Staff photo by Nancy Stone)

## Cause—

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designated as flood plains and flood ways," said the 1982 Capital Improvements study.

The village's Capital Improvements Program for the coming year calls for structural improvements to the Wheeling Drainage Ditch as outlined in the Des Plaines River Floodwater Management Plan. Improvements call for a diversionary channel to reduce the risk of localized flooding due to inadequate downstream capacity.

Federal funds from the Soil Conservation Service are expected to pay for the ditch widening and diversion work.

The project includes opening up large areas of land which are presently undevelopable because of floodway and flood plain restrictions.

Robert Gray, village director of public works, said negotiations began this past year to start improvements on the creek north of Dundee Road and east of the Soo Line. Successful completion of those improvements will open large new vacant parcels of land along Dundee Road and Northgate Parkway for development.

At Monday night's board meeting, Gray said the village Operations and Maintenance Department is currently working with the Metropolitan Sanitary District to clean up the creek and pump down retention ponds. Village crews, he said, were working to clean sewers and catch basins.

The public works department is also planning to continue work on roadway drainage extension in conjunction with street and storm sewer rehabilitations planned by the village.

## The effect:

By JOAN FLEISCHER

The stench of sewer water was overpowering upon entering his home. It was a nauseating smell. As he walked across the once-fashionable living room carpeting the squelch of mud water sounded like someone running across a rain-soaked lawn as his shoes squished under the soggy rug.

He had tears in his eyes as he surveyed the damage the flood waters had done to his home.

This was his dream house. A contemporary split-level home, all-brick, three-bedrooms and a two-car garage on a nice, quiet street in Wheeling. And now

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## The effect—

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there was five-feet of muddy water filling up the family room and running through the rest of the house.

He didn't want us to use his name or tell exactly where he and his family live, but he did tell his story.

"Five years ago when we were buying our home, nobody told us anything about it being located smack in the middle of a flood way area.

"We probably should have suspected something when the mortgage company wouldn't give us a loan until we had it insured for flood insurance. We had fallen in love with the house. It was our first home and something we could finally afford. We were recently married and wanted to start a family," he said.

They now have two young children and his wife works nights so she can be with them during the day and leave when he comes home.

His wife was pregnant with their second child during the floods last July when the lower level of their home was ruined by several feet of mud water.

He had torn away the water-soaked walls of the downstairs family room and put in new dry mount, insulation and wood paneling. He worked to repair the damages of the July flood and was determined to make the room look as good as new.

Throughout the summer and into this fall, he worked weekends on refurbishing the family room. He had just put the final nail in the wall last Wednesday. He and his wife had stood back to admire his work.

Within 24 hours, he and his wife were

back downstairs hopelessly trying to fight back the floods of mud water that were gushing through the new walls.

They didn't go to sleep Thursday night as they witnessed their home once again being destroyed by the cruel waters.

It doesn't make him feel any better to know there are other families in Wheeling and other communities whose homes are damaged by flood waters.

"Sure, I'm mad and bitter. Why shouldn't I be? I had signed away my future earnings when we bought this house. We save and skimp and work hard for our home. And then we have to watch it being destroyed," he said.

"Why don't the village officials do something? They say they can't afford to build a better drainage system. Why don't they at least build retention walls to hold back the waters like a dam. Even giving out bags filled with sand would have helped keep water from going into homes. But we didn't get any help other than a knock on the door telling us the waters were coming."

And when the waters came throughout the night and into early Friday, he and his wife helplessly paced the floors of their upstairs bedroom and cursed the damaging flood waters.

The massive clean-up would begin again, they thought. Tearing down walls, ripping up carpeting, scrubbing floors and making it a liveable home again.

The intensity of this year's two floods have structurally damaged the house. He admits there's little hope in thinking they could ever the sell house and move away. He calls it a nightmare.





The flood water on Wolf Road was high enough to close Holmes Junior High School and stop all automotive traffic Friday, but it couldn't stop a loyal employee of the Wheeling Park District from going to work. Don Kappel, recreation co-ordinator for the park district, donned a pair of shorts and waded through the chilly waters to make phone calls cancelling classes and activities for the day. (Staff photos by Nancy Stone)



12/9/82 Reminder

## Second '82 deluge spawns flood of complaints

By JOAN FLEISCHER

For many Wheeling residents, two hundred years came and went as fast as seven months.

The deluge of flooding rains last Thursday and Friday is not officially being called a 200-year flood, as was the rainstorm last July 22 which devastated Wheeling to the tune of 120 homes and \$250,000 damage.

The Red Cross has not yet finished assessing the amount of damage done by last week's rainstorms, but unofficial estimates put the total damage much lower than last July.

To the Wheeling residents whose homes were hard-hit by flooding last July and again this past week, it makes little difference whether it's called a 200-year flood or not, the muddy water comes gushing into their living rooms just the same.

About 70 residents appeared before Wheeling officials at their board meeting Monday night to complain about the flood waters which are ruining their homes.

Ernie Hampton, who lives near Heritage Park, told the board that he has lived in Wheeling for 12 years and has been through eight floods. "There's not much left of my home. And through the years,

things have not improved; they've gotten worse. In 45 minutes, my home was flooded with four feet of water. If you sat down on my living room couch, you would've floated away."

Hampton said he was at work when his wife called to say the house was flooding. He said he rushed home only to find Wolf and Highland roads closed because of the floods. He had to wade through the water to get home.

The drenching rains came Thursday and early Friday in a deluge, dumping nearly

five inches of water on the area and flooding the Wheeling Drainage Ditch.

The ditch overflowed and the muddy water seeped into neighboring homes.

Areas of the village sustaining the worst of the flooding included homes on Wolf, Wheeling and Hintz roads; the Meadowbrook subdivision, Highland Street and Valley Stream Drive.

The Wheeling Drainage Ditch, Des Plaines River and other drainage systems which gather rainfall from neighboring communities and then flow through Wheeling were swollen and compounded

the problem of a heavy rainfall, said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

"The flooding is caused by the intensity of the rainstorm and no place for the rain to go. Certain areas of Wheeling, which are in the flood way, should never have had homes built," he said.

Village President Sheila Schultz, whose own home was flooded during the last two storms, said, "I certainly wish my home hadn't been built on a flood way, but we can't waste our energy complaining about that. All we can do is move forward from this point with every means."

### Flood next time

Reminder 12/9/82

As the floodwaters recede for the second time in six months from homes and yards in Wheeling, local leadership is turning attention to the flood next time.

In the words of Village President Sheila Schultz, whose own home flooded, "I certainly wish my home hadn't been built on a flood way, but we can't waste our energy complaining about that. All we can do is move forward from this point with every means."

Means in the near future are structural improvements to the Wheeling Drainage Ditch. Federal funds are expected to pay for ditch widening and diversion work.

We hope improvement of the ditch will signal an end to area flooding. But, as one Heritage Park area resident noted, homes here have flooded eight times in 12 years. As the cornfields became subdivisions, drainage problems escalated, and will continue until concrete returns to earth that can soak up storm water.

DuPage County had a similar chronic flooding problem in the last decade when homes were built in the flood plain. In the Kingery West subdivision near Addison, residents had to head for the high ground whenever rainfall overflowed the banks of the Salt Creek.

The solution was drastic. The subdivision was condemned by the forest preserve district. The homeowners were compensated and the homes razed. The subdivision is now flourishing as a forest preserve. When the rains come, nature accepts the floodwater.

We are not suggesting that Wheeling's problem is as severe or as chronic. But it is a problem that has great human impact. One flood victim with whom we spoke had invested his life's earnings in his home, only to see it damaged structurally by water. Bold thought is required to erase the specter of flooding for this family and their neighbors.

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## Flood damage meeting set

Wheeling officials have called a special meeting Dec. 16 at the Chevy Chase Country Club for all village residents whose homes have been affected by flooding.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) water resources division will inform residents of precautions they can install to better protect their homes.

Also, village staff will discuss public works projects with the Metropolitan Sanitary District to help alleviate the flooding which occurs in Wheeling.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at Chevy Chase, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Markus said letters are being sent to homes in the areas where flooding occurred so that residents will report to the village how their homes were damaged.

"We're asking them to complete a form included in the letter because we want to have an assessment of total village-wide damages," he said.

According to Red Cross representatives and village officials, damages of last week's flood are not nearly as bad as July's flood. About three homes in the village, located in flood ways, were seriously damaged by flooding. Other homes sustained water damages and flooding in their basements.

Gov. James R. Thompson Tuesday declared Cook County, along with five other northern Illinois counties, flood disaster areas, making federal loans and possible property tax credits available to residents whose homes were hard-hit.

The federal Small Business

# Trustees to eye a plan of action for disaster relief

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A plan to direct Wheeling's relief efforts in case of a disaster will be presented to the village board in a workshop session tonight.

The board will review the first draft of the plan at 8 p.m. in the clubhouse at the Lexington Commons development, 548 Lexington Drive.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said the two-part plan includes procedures for dealing with specific disasters and a general "emergency preparedness plan" based on federal guidelines.

HAEGER SAID that since it is likely the Wheeling police and fire departments would be involved in the aftermath of a disaster, the plan will direct the operations of those departments and other village employees, under the direction of Village Manager Thomas Markus.

The plan covers what to do in natural and "man-made" disasters, including problems caused by severe weather storms, toxic chemical spills, railroad and aircraft accidents, major fires, floods, bombings, and nuclear accidents at the Zion nuclear power plant.

The plan outlines everything from the specific duties assigned to individual workers, to crowd and traffic control, sealing off of disaster areas, media relations, body identification and labeling, and mass village evacuations.

AN EMERGENCY resource section lists phone numbers, locations of spe-

cial equipment and "the answers to 100 questions that could come up."

Haeger said the second part of the report is "very oriented to the threat of nuclear war or any other holocaust related to war," and includes procedures the village should follow if there were a nuclear war.

The plan was prepared by Haeger and Police Sgt. Tad Leech. It is currently also being reviewed by the fire department, which Haeger said "will fill in the gaps." He said it is expected to be completed and adopted sometime next spring.

Haeger said the village started serious discussions on the disaster plan after flooding wracked Wheeling last July, causing extensive damage. He said portions of the new plan were tested earlier this month when the village was hit again by heavy rains and flooding.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the village has been without a disaster plan for several years, since the local civil defense chapter folded, and that establishing a new plan has been a top board priority.

Administration will be making emergency low-interest loans available to repair flood damage not covered by flood insurance.

Also, residents whose homes have been structurally damaged by flooding can apply with the county assessor for a reassessment to possibly lower their property taxes.

The American Red Cross has set up a

temporary office in the Wheeling Village Complex to supply residents affected by the storm with free clean-up kits.

The Red Cross is also dealing with flood victims not covered by flood insurance and will provide emergency funds. The northern Cook County American Red Cross is located in Mount Prospect and can be reached at 255-0703.

The week ahead

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## Trustees go on the road again tonight

Wheeling village trustees will hold their second on-the-road board meeting at 8 p.m. tonight in the clubhouse at the Lexington Commons development, 548 Lexington Drive.

Earlier the board voted to hold workshop meetings at several locations in the community to try to bring village government to the residents. In November the board held a meeting at Tahoe Village, and village officials called the experiment successful. Although resident turnout was light, they said, it was better than the turnout at many meetings held at the village hall.

No formal action will be taken at tonight's meeting, although a special time for resident comments has been scheduled.

A SECOND hearing for a Wheeling patrolman who appealed his three-day suspension to the village fire and police commission is Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Patrolman Bruce Barka was ordered suspended for three days without pay in late November by Police Chief Michael Haeger, after allegedly causing a car crash while directing traffic on Sept. 17 in front of Wickes Furniture, 351 W. Dundee Road. He appealed the suspension to commission, which can agree to the suspension, overturn it, increase it or fire the officer.

An earlier hearing on the appeal was continued after Haeger's attorney was called out of town.

## Gas station owner collecting cash to buy cops helmets

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by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling service station owner who is collecting money to buy bullet-proof vests for the police department has decided to use part of the money to also buy protective helmets for the force.

Gene DeBartolo, owner of Gene's Standard, 955 S. Elmhurst Road, said he decided to collect money for the helmets after discussing the need for the equipment with Police Chief Michael Haeger. "They need it, especially in the summer time, with the big, loud parties," said DeBartolo. "As long as we're going to protect them, we might as well go all the way."

The helmets that will be purchased have protective visors and are similar to those issued to riot police in large cities. Haeger, who is enthusiastic about the plan, said the helmets cost \$65 each, and 39 helmets are needed to outfit the department.

The helmets will not only be used during the course of regular police work. Haeger told village trustees Monday night that the helmets can also protect the officers during relief disaster work, such as after a tornado.

IN THE two months since he started the drive, DeBartolo has collected

more than \$8,000. Contributions have come from both village residents and people from outside of Wheeling, and several large corporate contributions. He originally figured he needed to collect \$10,000 for the vests, but has revised that estimate to \$12,500 to include the headgear.

DeBartolo said he will try to raise all the money from private contributions and hopes he won't be forced to ask for help from the village board. "I first want to get it from the citizens. I don't want to get the village involved. This way the vests will belong to the individual police officers after three years on the force."

Door-to-door collections have been stopped since they weren't very successful, and DeBartolo said he will continue to push corporations and customers for donations through the end of this week, and will then suspend the drive until after the holidays. If he collects more money than needed, DeBartolo said it could be "stockpiled" to buy more vests for future officers.

A blue piggy bank has been placed in DeBartolo's station to collect the donations. Money can also be sent to a special "Wheeling Police Vest" account at the First National Bank of Wheeling, 125 McHenry Road.



# Filing date passes; 2 mayors unopposed

Herald staff report

The first filing deadline for local candidates passed Monday with two suburban mayors unopposed for re-election on April 12.

Buffalo Grove Village President Verna Clayton and Rolling Meadows Mayor William Ahrens are headed for uncontested re-elections unless someone organizes a new political party in their towns and files a full slate of can-

didates in January.

In two other mayoral races, challengers have already filed against Schaumburg Village President Herbert Aigner and Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf.

Here's how the local races are shaping up:

**Arlington Heights:** A total of seven candidates have filed for four seats on the village board.

**Buffalo Grove:** Clayton and Village Clerk Janet Sirbian are unopposed, but seven candidates have filed for three seats on the village board.

**Des Plaines:** So far, 19 candidates have filed for nine seats on the city council. They include former Mayor Herbert Volberding, who was defeated two years ago and is now trying to make a political comeback as an alderman.

**Elk Grove Village:** Four candidates have filed for three trustee seats.

**Hoffman Estates:** The powerful Hoffman Estates Republican party has nominated a three-member slate that will be challenged by a Democrat and a maverick from their ranks.

**Mount Prospect:** Six candidates are running for three trustee seats.

**Palatine:** Three incumbent trustees are running, so far with no opposition.

**Prospect Heights:** Wolf is being challenged by John Gilligan in a rematch from 1976, when Gilligan lost by less than 200 votes. There are contested races in all four wards.

**Rolling Meadows:** Ahrens is planning to file a full slate of candidates in January and, unless a new party is formed by January, there will be no contest for mayor, clerk, treasurer and two of seven city council seats.

**Schaumburg:** Two independents are challenging a slate of the powerful Schaumburg United Party. They are village Trustee Al Larson, who was dumped by the party in October, and political newcomer Richard Hetzer, who is challenging Aigner.

**Wheeling:** Only one independent candidate has filed for the village board, but a full slate is expected to be filed in January.

## Kirchenberg files for board

by Elida Witthoest

Herald staff writer

The only independent candidate in six years filed petitions for the Wheeling village board election as the first round of filing closed Monday.

Don Kirchenberg, who successfully fought to get the speed limit lowered on McHenry Road this year, filed his nominating petitions to secure a spot on the April 12 ballot. Another announced independent candidate, Len Renquin, failed to file his petitions because he said he did not receive them from a Chicago printing firm.

Renquin Monday sent a letter to village officials, seeking their help in obtaining a filing extension. If that does not work, Renquin said, he will run as a write-in candidate.

**RENQUIN MADE** headlines last spring when he tried to beat the high cost of Lake Michigan water by seeking permission to drill his own water well in his backyard. The village vetoed that plan, and Renquin said he

decided to run to try to put a stop to rising local taxes.

Village Clerk Elizabeth Hartman said the village board can do nothing about the filing date, which was set by the state board of elections.

Both men's bids mark the first time since 1977 that an independent candidate has run for a village board seat in Wheeling. One new slate, headed by Trustee Charles Kerr, has already announced its bid for the board, but the newly created Citizens Action Party does not file its nominating petitions until Jan. 24.

Three four-year terms will be filled next spring, with Kerr the only incumbent seeking re-election. Trustees John Cole and James Goetch have both decided not to seek new terms. Kerr's slate will include Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fanella.

**KIRCHENBERG**, 30, a marketing operation coordinator with Travenol Laboratories Inc. in Deerfield and president of the Cedar Run subdivision, said he wants to bring "a fresh new

look" at the problems and solutions facing Wheeling officials. He said he decided to run at the urging of family and friends, who said they were tired of "under-representation" on the village board.

"I feel as do a good many residents that there is under-representation," Kirchenberg said. "They need somebody to do as best they can in seeking out their opinions."

He said he would form an "independent citizens committee" to advise him and "take a fresh look at the issues concerning them."

Kirchenberg got involved in Wheeling affairs in 1980 when he started a campaign to convince the Wheeling Park District to buy more park land for residents who live along McHenry Road.

Most recently, Kirchenberg joined his neighbors in a successful fight to convince state highway officials to reduce the speed limit on McHenry from 45 mph to 35 mph.

# Cable TV firm tries to catch up hook-ups

by Susan Duerksen

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Herald staff writer

Recovering from an equipment shortage that brought cable TV installations to a near halt three months ago, Cablenet Inc. still is scrambling to get its hook-ups back on schedule.

While some potential customers in the Northwest suburbs have had to wait weeks longer than expected service, Cablenet officials now say they are adding more than 600 subscribers a week.

Meanwhile, Cablenet has joined forces with Group W Cable in that giant firm's efforts to win a cable TV franchise on the Northwest side of Chicago. As a partner and five-percent owner in Group W's Chicago venture, Cablenet will provide some construction and design personnel, as well as \$750,000 toward the construction cost.

**HOWEVER,** CABLENET president Walter Weckers said the construction of the Cablenet's Northwest suburban system will be "winding down" by the time the personnel would be needed in Chicago.

With about 5,000 subscribers hooked so far up in the 10 suburbs where it has franchises, Cablenet still is "somewhat behind" on getting the service to the customers, Weckers said.

Under the terms of the franchises, the company was required to make cable available in 15 percent of Des Plaines, Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, Wheeling and Schaumburg by Aug. 1; and in 15 percent of Prospect Heights, Park Ridge, Streamwood, Hanover Park and Bartlett by Nov. 1. Because of bad weather, wiring of the last three towns was delayed until Nov. 15.

The required sections of each town were "activated" on those dates, but subscription sales have barely begun in some towns. Only about half of the potential customers actually have been contacted in those areas where the cable is activated.

**THE DELAY** is blamed on a shortage of converters — the box that plugs into the TV set — in August and September. Weckers said Zenith, the manufacturer of the converters, now has matched its production to the demand for them, and Cablenet's orders are being filled.

He said most customers now get cable service installed within 10 days after they order it. Under the franchise, anyone in the activated areas can call the company — rather than waiting for the door-to-door salesman — and get cable service within 30 days.

The company is required to have all 10 towns completely wired by next August.

Another company, Warner-Amex Cable Corp., is wiring five other Northwest suburbs, also has about 5,000 subscribers so far, and is required to finish installing its system by next July. Warner-Amex serves Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village and Hoffman Estates.

Eric Anderson, who monitors Cablenet's performance for the Northwest Municipal Conference, said the complaints about delays in getting service have decreased in recent weeks. He said most callers now are concerned about underground cable installations through their yards, because lawns dug up now cannot be restored until spring.

**IN ADDITION,** one movie channel offered as a premium by Cablenet is having interference problems caused by telephone signals and the company's own antenna.

Weckers said the company may move the satellite receiving dish that picks up the Showtime movie channel, because telephone interference reflected off the tower is causing intermittent static problems on the channel.

# Wheeling patrolman appeals suspension

A Wheeling police officer, who received a three-day suspension after allegedly causing a car crash while directing traffic, has appealed his case to the fire and police commission.

A hearing on the suspension of Patrolman Bruce Batka has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 2 in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Batka was ordered suspended for three days without pay in late November by Police Chief Michael Haeger. But Haeger said the suspension will now be postponed until after the scheduled hearing.

In a written notice to the commission, Haeger said Batka was suspended for allowing a car to make a turn into an oncoming car while directing traffic on Sept. 17 in front of Wickes Furniture, 351 W. Dundee Road.

Batka could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

**HAEGER HAS** the power to suspend officers for up to five days. The officer can appeal the suspension to the commission, which holds a hearing on the matter. Haeger said the commission can then vote to overturn the suspension, agree to the suspension, increase the suspension to 30 days, or fire the

officer.

A second Wheeling police officer suspended in early October by Haeger, has had his hearing extended until Nov. 16. Patrolman Robert Pressley's received the continuance after the commission denied two requests filed by Pressley's attorney to dismiss the charges.

Wheeling Village Attorney James Rhodes said the continued hearing will be at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Pressley received a two-day suspension for an "activity" he was allegedly involved in in early September at Granny Anny's Restaurant, 831 W. Dundee Road. The incident reportedly violated the department's "standard of conduct" and "truthfulness" standard. Officials involved in the case have refused to comment on the specifics, saying all the details will be made public during the hearing.





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**THE PAST** and future will meet in the Wheeling Historical Museum if newly hired curator Al Fantl has his way. The self-taught museologist hopes to combine a sampling of Wheeling's past with dioramas and

other displays to show area residents how the village has changed and will continue to change in the future.

## Curator plans to add life to museum

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Al Fantl is convinced that museums should be more than dark depositories for dusty dinosaur bones.

As the new curator of the Wheeling Historical Museum, Fantl said he'll work to transform the building into a magical place that visitors don't want to leave. He also hopes to expand the museum's holdings to reflect the entire village, including Wheeling's historic buildings and the surrounding Potawatomie Forest Preserve, which he said represents "over 10,000 years of local history."

With nearly \$10,000 from historical tax money levied by the Wheeling Park District and the help of local volunteers, Fantl hopes to communicate his own enthusiasm for the lessons of history "to build up a museum that is truly built by people in the community."

Next April, Fantl plans to "reopen" the museum and convince people they don't have to travel far to see quality museum exhibits.

In 1978, the Wheeling Historical Society and park district moved the museum, which served as Wheeling's first village hall, from its original Milwaukee Avenue site near the water tower to Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road. The museum was opened in 1980 after an addition was built and the artifacts were put on display. The historical society collection has grown to include a 1904 horse-drawn fire engine, an antique sleigh, old photographs and bottles and antique furniture. Wheeling officials also recently donated one of the original aerial photos of the village, shot in 1964.

**CURRENTLY, MOST** of the items are displayed in large wood and glass cases in an austere area that Fantl describes as being the size of a two-car garage. With the help of an army of volunteers he hopes to recruit, Fantl plans to pack the small building with enough displays to bombard visitors from every direction.

Preliminary plans for the museum include a display of aviation history on the ceiling, representative of the village's long involvement with Pal-Waukee Airport. Fantl also hopes to construct a dozen miniature dioramas, depicting various episodes in Wheeling history, and display them along with as many other "three-dimensional" artifacts as he can fit in the space.

The museum's basement will be converted to a "curator's workshop" where volunteers, under Fantl's direction, can assemble and store artifacts.

The key to a successful museum, Fantl said, is involving visitors in the

Progress World's Fair, where, at age 17, he was hired to build dioramas for corporate exhibits. His work has taken him to both the New York and San Francisco World's Fairs, and he helped construct the famous giant grasshopper at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Along with his artist wife, Lawan, Fantl has worked on several small museums, including the design and construction of dioramas for the Arlington Heights Historical Society Museum.

Both Fantl and Wheeling Historical Society president Edward Klocke hope the work on the museum will rekindle enough interest in Wheeling's history to prompt residents to volunteer and join the society.

**FANTL IS LOOKING** for volunteers, regardless of their age, who have a sincere interest in learning museum work.

"This kind of training is not available anywhere else at this time," Fantl said. Interested volunteers may

call Fantl at 537-3119. Each worker will receive recognition for 50 hours of donated time.

Klocke said the historical society, which has issued 30 memberships, is also looking for people, particularly young residents, who want to learn more about their town. Family memberships cost \$5, and individual memberships are \$3. They can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Sam Datillo, 403 Raupp Blvd., Buffalo Grove, Ill. 60090.

## Information on flooding protection at open house

Area residents can learn how to protect their homes from floods by attending an open house Thursday sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation and Northwest suburban municipalities.

A slide show and booklet on how to protect homes from flooding will be shown by representatives from IDOT's Division of Water Resources from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Golf Course, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.,

Wheeling.

Building and sewer contractors and representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will also be at the open house to give homeowners information on flood protection.

## Kirchenberg is running

**WHEELING RESIDENT** Don Kirchenberg has announced that he will be seeking a spot on the Village Board.

Kirchenberg, a resident of the Cedar Run subdivision, filed his nominating petition with the Village Clerk Monday, Dec. 13 for the April 12 election.

Kirchenberg, who is running as an independent candidate, has been active with the Cedar Run Homeowners Association and has led drives for development of a park along the McHenry corridor and for

the reduction of the speed limit on that road from 45 to 35 miles per hour.

The filing deadline for independent candidates was Monday, Dec. 13 while filing for slates is Jan. 24 to 31.

Kirchenberg is the only independent candidate to file, although at least two vacancies will exist on the board. Trustees Jon Cole and James Goetch have announced they will not be seeking reelection to the board.

"I am concerned with bringing

the government of the village back to its residents," said Kirchenberg. "In my campaign, I will seek the input of residents from throughout the village to bring their concerns to the attention of the Village Board."

Kirchenberg said the formation of an independent citizens committee will help take a "fresh new outlook at the issues."

He added he hopes to keep the citizens committee in operation after the election to "keep the communication process open."

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The key to a successful museum, Fantl said, is involving visitors in the display and showing them a variety of objects, instead of boring them with flat pictures and volumes of written labels.

"People can learn better and more quickly through three-dimensional exhibits. It's like being entertained while you're learning. It takes more effort to read than to look," he said. "People will remember better and tell others about the objects."

**EVENTUALLY, FANTL** hopes to broaden the museum's programs to include lectures, a tour of Wheeling's historical buildings and traveling exhibits that will be on display in public buildings like schools and the library.

A museum enthusiast since a childhood trip to the Field Museum, Fantl is a self-taught "museologist" who likes to dabble in all disciplines and prefers to work in small museums. He said their decentralized nature makes them less overwhelming and more attractive to visitors.

Fantl began his miniature model-building career in 1933 as the youngest employee at Chicago's Century of

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# Board considers disaster policy

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RECENT FLOODING prompted discussion of disaster plans at the Wheeling Village Board meeting Dec. 13.

Police Chief Michael Haeger said the village's existing plan is based on a standard federal disaster plan. He showed a film detailing Lubbock, Texas preparations for disaster situations and how city officials handled the aftermath of a tornado.

Haeger said the film "emphasizes the need for preparation. Haeger also said mock disasters, such as a plane down at Palwaukee Airport or an accident on the Soo Line tracks, should be staged, so those who must give aid can learn what to do in those situations. "We'll

have to do it when the troops aren't aware it's to be done," he added.

THE PLAN itself is to be broken down into packets placed in various disaster kits. Each kit would be designated for a particular command post, and information in the packets would be handed out to each individual assigned to do a specific job.

Village President Sheila Schultz asked the status of the village siren warning system and was told the village does not have such a system.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said a study indicated that Wheeling would need 10 sirens. "They're not inexpensive," he said. There is

only one siren in the village right now, and because of the cost village staff wants to phase in a system gradually, he said. Because hoped-for federal funds did not materialize, the village will have to spend its own funds.

Fire Chief Bernhardt Koeppen said a radar system should be ready by April.

One problem with a siren system, Haeger said, is that people have to be educated "take cover" if the sirens are set off.

Markus said the disaster plan will likely be placed on the board's January agenda. "I guess it took a flood to really focus the attention on it," he said.

# State, suburbs join forces to give flood prevention tips

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"...And I wonder, still I wonder, who'll stop the rain."  
—Creedence Clearwater Revival

By Eddy McNeil

STATE AND LOCAL officials say they certainly don't have any power over that, but they believe the next best thing is to educate residents on how to defend themselves against flooding in the north and northwest suburbs.

While still awaiting word on whether the federal government will provide low-interest loans to residents of Cook and Lake Counties whose property was damaged by floods this month, officials are sponsoring programs on how to deal with future problems.

In Wheeling, representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Water Resources were to conduct a program Thursday that had been requested by Wheeling and Deerfield officials. James Considine, a floodplain management specialist for the agency, said Wednesday that information was to be available on everything from how to build levees to how to design a home that will receive minimal flood damage.

ALTHOUGH DECEMBER'S floods were not as severe as those in July, Considine said this second round of flooding probably will bring out residents who saw the first floods as a fluke.

"The ideas we give are academically directed," he said. "You can't protect every house, but they wouldn't flood as drastically if some of the suggestions are used."

Although an admittedly drastic approach to the problem, Considine said his agency has advised persons to raise their houses or move them altogether. Some residents in flood-prone areas have found such a solution to be cheaper than paying for repeated flood damage.

MEANWHILE, THE Deerfield Village Board is expected to approve a \$175,000 loan to the Union Sanitary Drainage District for clean-up of a drainage ditch that residents blame for some of the flooding. The village's flood control committee also is working on a flood control project for the north branch of the Chicago River, which also has caused flooding.

Officials in Deerfield and throughout the area also are advising residents to investigate federally subsidized flood insurance. Mary Bandiera, a community planner for the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Chicago, said Wednesday that virtually all Chicago suburban residents are eligible for the program.

Although all insurance agencies are allowed to write flood insurance, it can be expensive. The owners of a home with a market value of \$130,000 in Deerfield would pay \$520 a year to fully insure their home. Insurance for contents would cost an additional \$5 for each \$1,000 worth of coverage. The policies carry a \$500 deductible for both structure and content protection, Bandiera said.

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THE WHEELING fire and police commission Tuesday night will discuss the recent dismissal of a lawsuit regarding police promotions.

The board meets at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Earlier this month, U.S. District Court Judge Charles Kocoras ruled that the 11 officers who accused several former village officials of tampering with police promotions "never had any reasonable basis for their allegations," and dismissed the suit. The suit was filed four years ago and charged the officials with deciding in advance who should be promoted in the police department, and rigged test scores accordingly.

Promotions in the police department have been delayed since 1980 after the officers claimed it was unfair for anyone to be promoted until the lawsuit was settled. The fire and police commission is responsible for promotions and officials say much depends on whether the 11 officers appeal the case.

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WHEELING VILLAGE trustees tonight are expected to award a \$710,000 contract to an Oak Brook company to complete the first phase of improvements needed to make the village's internal water system ready for Lake Michigan water.

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

Mola Sewerage submitted the lowest bid for the work, which will include construction of water pipelines along three major village roads. The project marks the start of the \$7.2 million worth of improvements planned for Wheeling's water system, which is the largest public works project ever undertaken by the village.

The first phase includes construction of water pipeline on Wolf Road, between Palatine and Hintz Roads; on Hintz Road, between the Commonwealth Edison pipeline and Lakeside Drive; and a block-long pipe on Wheeling Road.

# Wheeling cop fund to loan mortgages

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by Rena Wish Cohen

Herald staff writer

Wheeling's police pension fund will become the first in the country to use part of its assets to give low-interest mortgages to police officers, under a controversial investment plan approved Saturday by the Wheeling Police Pension Board.

Under the plan, mortgage money will be available to Wheeling police officers at 9 percent interest through the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) Credit Union, where \$1.7 million of the pension fund's \$3 million recently was invested. CCPA will guarantee a minimum 6 percent return to the pension fund. The difference in the interest rates will cover the CCPA's administrative costs.

The plan has drawn criticism from Wheeling Finance Director Gregory Peters, who serves as the pension board's treasurer, because it will reduce the interest rate earned on a portion of the pension fund. Peters contends that will end up costing more money for taxpayers, who already finance a portion of the fund through village taxes.

To answer that concern, the pension fund's Washington attorney and financial consultant prepared a report indicating the new program will not increase the tax burden until 1984. After that, according to the report, it is expected to add no more than \$1,045 to the village's 1984 tax levy, \$4,310 in 1985 and \$5,250 in 1986. Wheeling's 1982 levy is \$2.5 million.

PETERS SATURDAY said he disagrees with the way those figures were calculated, particularly the fact the increased costs were amortized over 37 years. The calculations were based on methods used by the Illinois Department of Insurance, which regulates police pension funds, but Peters said, "We don't have to agree with the Department of Insurance."

The two citizen members of the police pension board originally shared Peters' concern over the tax impact. But Frank Proietti was out of town Saturday, and Michael Iser said he believed the report proved the effect will be minimal.

Iser, retired Wheeling police Sgt. Gene Wolf, Patrolman Edward Theriault and pension board president Sgt. Jack Kimsey gave unanimous approval to the mortgage plan.

"You have to try to provide people as much as you can in the way of benefits," Iser said in explaining his vote. "I don't have any second thoughts."

Roughly 40 police officers belong to the credit union. Of those, six or eight are believed to be in the market for their first homes. Kimsey said several others want to move closer to work.

## Markus awarded 6% salary hike

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Wheeling village trustees have unanimously granted village manager Thomas Markus a \$2,600 annual raise.

Village President Sheila Schultz said the raise is part of an annual review of Markus' work. The 6 percent increase, which will be retroactive to Nov. 1, will raise his salary from \$43,000 to \$45,600. Other village employees received up to 6 percent raises this year.

Markus was hired as village manager in May 1980 after serving as Wheeling's assistant village manager from 1974 to 1977. He has also served as city administrator in Savage, Minn.

Before announcing the raise, the village board met in two lengthy closed sessions to review Markus' work.

# Wheeling police to use pension fund for low-cost home loans

By Eddy McNeil

UP TO \$2.7 MILLION in police pension fund money could be made available to Wheeling police officers for low-interest home mortgages beginning next month, the first such use of police pension money in the state.

The executive director of the Combined Counties Police Association said Tuesday that attempts are underway to establish similar programs for the union's 280 other member departments in Illinois.

Sgt. Jack Kimsey, a Wheeling police

officer and president of the village's police pension board, said Tuesday that the plan tentatively would make 30-year loans of up to \$60,000 available to the department's 39 active and 6 retired police officers if they qualify financially.

The board approved the plan last weekend, Kimsey said, and attorneys are drawing up the final agreements between the board and the police association's credit union, which will administer the plan.

"What it's going to do is allow some officers who never could afford to buy homes before to do so now,"

Kimsey said. "We're trying to find a way to use this money that is just sitting there to help the men now."

ABOUT \$1.7 MILLION of the \$3.1 million in the Wheeling pension fund is deposited in the police association's credit union, Kimsey said. State regulations would allow the pension board, which controls the money, to deposit up to \$2.7 million in any one institution, he added.

John Flood, the association's executive director, said home loans made with the Wheeling pension funds would earn the 9 percent interest

charged the borrower minus charges for administering the program.

John Powers, a financial analyst for the credit union, said tentative projections show that after deducting expenses, the money would earn about 6 percent interest.

Kimsey said the pension board expects requests for loans to total less than \$1 million. The remaining deposits with the credit union will earn regular interest, which was about 16 percent last year, Powers said.

WHEELING VILLAGE officials have objected to using the pension

fund for mortgages because they say it will cost the village money. Police officers contribute 8½ percent of their salaries to the fund and the village is to contribute another 8½ percent. The village's portion is reduced, however, by interest earned on investments of money contributed to the fund by police officers.

Wheeling finance director Greg Peters said that because money used in the mortgage program will earn less interest than other pension fund investments, the village's obligation to the fund will be larger. Peters

said village officials haven't determined what those costs would be.

Kimsey said an analyst hired by the pension board determined the program would add \$1,045 to the village's cost in 1984, \$4,310 in 1985 and \$5,250 in 1986. Because the village's 1982 tax levy was \$2.5 million, he called the expense "a drop in the bucket."

The village owes the fund more than \$1 million, a common position for municipalities. Flood charged that the shortage amounts to "an interest-free loan."

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## Towns find paying for pipeline with taxes a dry idea

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

It's an interesting, and seemingly paradoxical, decision: By refusing to raise property taxes, some Northwest suburban officials are passing up a chance to spread millions of dollars in savings among homeowners in their communities.

They are the ones who have chosen the traditional path to pay for Lake Michigan water and are planning to double, triple and in some cases qua-

druple water rates over the next few years. A few others have decided, instead, to tack some or all of the lake water costs onto property taxes, which for several reasons, is the best deal for the single family-home owner.

First, commercial and industrial property in Cook County is assessed at a higher level than residential property, so businesses pick up a greater share of any property tax increase than homeowners. Secondly, using property taxes forces owners of undeveloped land to chip in for the lake

project — which, supporters argue, is entirely proper because the pipelines are designed to accommodate water needs well into the 21st century. Third, the homeowner saves even more at federal income tax time because property taxes — but not water bills — count as deductions for those who itemize their returns.

Despite that, Palatine is the only town using property taxes to cover all of its lake water costs.

Four others — Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove and

Wheeling — are planning to use various mixes of taxes and water rates. Even then, Mount Prospect and Buffalo Grove toned down their original plans in order to shift less of the Lake Michigan costs onto property tax bills.

AND SIX towns — Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park and Streamwood — so far are planning to cover all of their costs through higher water rates.

There's a simple rationale behind using higher water rates: you pay for

what you use and higher rates encourage conservation. On a deeper level, officials in business-rich towns such as Schaumburg and Elk Grove Village say they don't want to risk driving away their commercial and industrial taxpayers. And in bedroom communities such as Hoffman Estates and Buffalo Grove, officials say they'll never be able to attract new business by raising property taxes.

No matter how it is paid for, lake water is not going to be cheap. In what is easily the most ambitious public

works project undertaken by the Northwest suburbs, those 11 towns are beginning work on two separate pipelines to the lake. The pipelines will cost a total of \$206 million, double that when interest costs are included. Millions of dollars more are needed for improvements to existing local water systems.

But there's no dispute that, from the homeowner's point of view, higher property taxes are cheaper than higher water rates. In the two towns where

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# Donations mount in Wheeling for special cop gear

By JOAN FLEISCHER

For a police officer, there's no such thing as a routine assignment. He never knows when his life might be in danger and must always be prepared for the worst, according to Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger.

Haeger said he is pleased with the response Wheeling residents are showing for a local campaign to fund the purchase of bullet-proof vests for Wheeling police officers.

Gene DeBartolo, owner of Gene's Standard Station at Hintz and Elmhurst roads, started a campaign last month to collect money from residents and local businesses to buy life-saving equipment for the 39-member police force.

Called Protect-a-Cop, the fund already has \$8,600. It is still about \$3,900 short of its goal. About \$12,500 is needed to buy a bullet-proof vest and protective helmet for every police officer.

A bullet-proof vest costs about \$250 and a helmet is about \$65.

DeBartolo said he sent out 750 letters to local businesses and organizations asking them to contribute to the fund. He also spends a good deal of his time each day telling customers about the Protect-a-Cop fund. "It's something that people don't always think about. They have to be reminded that every day policeman put their lives in jeopardy to protect us."

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Tony DeBartolo and his blue piggy bank are partners in his effort to raise money to outfit Wheeling police in bulletproof vests and special helmets. Donations either through a mail campaign or put into the bank at DeBartolo's service station, have gone over the \$8,000 mark. (Staff photo)

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Reminder

# Taking control now answer to flooding

By JOAN FLEISCHER

At a floodproofing open house Thursday night at the Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling residents had an opportunity to learn how to better protect their homes from flooding.

Some measures were as simple as installing a back-up sump pump and outside drain tiles; some were as complex and expensive as elevating your house five feet or relocating it out of the floodway.

"The most important thing is to take control now. It's futile to wait for government officials to solve the flooding problems. Even if public works projects are in the making in your community to ease the flooding, it will take several years to be completed," said French Wetmore, director of the Illinois Department of Transportation's floodplain programs.

Wetmore stressed that all residents who face potential flooding problems near their homes should have flood insurance.

The federal government has made subsidized National Flood Insurance Program insurance available in Wheeling and 700 other communities in Illinois that have agreed to regulate future construction in the floodplain.

Protection against loss due to floods is not covered under regular homeowner's insurance.

Before 1968, homeowners living in floodplains were virtually uninsurable against flood loss because of the high risk involved. After a disaster, many of these people could not afford to rebuild their homes.

Congress in 1968 passed the National Flood Insurance Act which legislated flood insurance at subsidized low rates in exchange for the careful management of flood-prone areas by local communities. Developers would be prohibited from building on floodplains.

By 1981, the National Flood Insurance Program served 17,000 cities and towns throughout the country with nearly two million policyholders. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Flood insurance is now required by law before anyone can receive a mortgage to buy a home in a flood hazard area if the

money comes from any bank under federal regulation. It is available from any licensed property insurance agent.

Flood insurance does not protect your home from flood damage, it merely repays you for most of the damage after a \$500 deductible. Flood victims are not reimbursed for the hardships they suffer.

If you have adequate warning of a flood, Wetmore said, flood insurance will cover the cost of moving your household contents to a safe location and later returning it to your home for only a \$50 deductible.

A single-family home can be insured up to \$185,000 under the government's insurance program. Rates vary according to whether your home is in a low or high flood hazardous area. Persons renting their home can insure just the contents of their home. For \$10,000 household contents coverage, the annual premium averages \$70.

Flood insurance, Wetmore said, will cover sewer backup if it was caused by flooding.

In home improvements, Wetmore talked about dry floodproofing—making walls water tight. He urged residents to contact local contractors before embarking on large-scale projects like reinforcing basement walls or building a floodwall. Those structural projects require building permits from the village.

Dry floodproofing is a very difficult business, he warned. If it is done incorrectly, walls may collapse, causing more damage to the home than if water were permitted to flood.

Small levees and floodwalls can be built around one or more houses to keep shallow flood waters away. A home does not have to be completely enclosed. A wall could be constructed on the low sides and merged with existing high ground. A well-camouflaged floodwall can be attractively built with brick to provide a privacy fence for the homeowner.

A floodwall is impermeable and can be used like a dam to protect your house, Wetmore said.

Every homeowner, he suggested, should keep large plywood planks, sandbags and sheets of heavy plastic in their garages or

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basements to be used in front of house doors and garage doors during flooding. Window wells can be installed to prevent water from coming in.

Sump pumps and emergency battery-operated back-up sump pumps will help keep out waters from flooding basements in most homes. Valve units can be installed by contractors to prevent sewer back up in homes. The units are placed in the ground connecting to city drainage pipes. The cost is about \$2,000.

Wetmore warned that no one should underestimate the power of water. He said a two-story wood frame house, without basement, could float off its foundation if flood waters reach three feet of water above the first floor.

Dry floodproofing attempts to keep the inside of your home dry. Walls are sealed and all openings need to be closed and sealed. Wetmore said wood frame walls or its insulation are not watertight; brick will also allow seepage. To ensure protection, apply a commercial sealant on brick and have cracks caulked.

A cheaper and less dangerous way to deal with flood waters, Wetmore said, is to permit water to enter your home. "Letting water in to equalize pressure is sometimes the only alternative. Water on the inside will reach the same level as the flood outside. This prevents static lateral and uplift pressures caused by water pushing against a home and seriously damaging the structure."

Wet floodproofing, allowing water to enter your home, means removing most everything from your basement so that when water comes in, nothing will be damaged. Wetmore suggested having washers and dryers on higher floors and building a floodwall around a furnace. Also, he said to relocate utilities. Either move all electrical outlets above the flood level or install a control panel where the power can be shut off easily in time of flood.

In wet floodproofing, a doorway, window well or inlet pipe is left open to let the water in before it gets deep enough to damage walls.

Wetmore discussed expensive alternatives to dealing with living in a floodplain. He showed examples of homes which had been elevated from three to seven feet. In one example, a garage was built under the entire length of the house after it was lifted up.

"As long as you have your house off the foundation, you might want to consider moving it to a new site. This is the most expensive and the last alternative," he said.

Although it might sound like a ridiculous alternative, he added, entire neighborhoods were moved out of the floodplain in Shawneetown, Illinois.



# Wheeling: Water everywhere

By STAN ZOLLER  
News Editor

WATER seemed to dominate the headlines in Wheeling during 1982.

If it was not July's and December's torrential rains and resulting floods, it was continued discussion over the upcoming switch from well water to lake water.

Wheeling residents saw their water bills soar to provide funding for the transmission of Lake Michigan water to the northwest suburbs.

Construction began on the pipeline that will carry the water from Evanston to the area. The project is expected to be completed in 1984.

In Wheeling, the drainage ditch that cuts through the southeastern part of the village overflowed its banks flooding homes along Wolf Road. Chevy Chase Golf Club also sustained damage in both storms.

ANOTHER STORM that always seems to brew in Wheeling, the political storm, was mild, but still showed traces of existence during 1982.

Eugenia Chapman tried to unseat John Porter (R-10th) from his seat in Congress and suffered a substantial loss as did former Wheeling Village Trustee Hugh Sommerfeld, when he challenged state Rep. Daniel Pierce (D-58th) for a spot in Springfield.

OTHER ISSUES in the village continued their course in 1982. Although the Technical Advisory Committee for Palwaukee Airport finished its work, the proposed purchase of the airport by Wheeling

Heights, has yet to be resolved. The village, however, continues to seek state and federal funding for the project.

There were some new faces on the scene in Wheeling this year. Foremost was new Police Chief Michael Hagger. He took that post after several months of searching by the village to replace Ted Bracke, who was dismissed from the post in September of 1981.

MONEY WAS on everyone's mind, and residents in the Wheeling Park District had the opportunity to voice their opinion of a proposed increase in taxes that support the Park District. If it had passed, taxpayers would have paid an additional 25 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation. The money would have been used for land acquisition and facility improvements. The measure was defeated by a 3-2 margin.

1982 DID provide some stability for Wheeling schools. School District 21 was found shot to death in the boiler room at Hawthorne School.

Wheeling Police, along with the Cook County Sheriff's Police and the Cook County Forest Preserve Police, spent considerable time investigating the shooting of five deer in the Forest Preserve near Dam No. 1 in Wheeling. A Morton Grove man, Stan Kubas, was charged with that crime.

THERE WERE some mild donnybrooks in the village about liquor. A crackdown led to the temporary

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the village, including Hein's Tavern, owned and operated by former Village President William Hein's family. The Village Board did approve during 1982 a new liquor permit enabling Walgreens in Lynn Plaza to sell packaged liquor. That move was challenged by owners of other package-liquor stores and by opponents of Village Board President Sheila Schultz and her administration.

Finally, if there was anything unique about 1982 in the village with feeling, it was that, for the second year in a row, there was not a new village manager.

## Trash, silt flooding ditch: village

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Trash and natural debris such as overgrown brush and silt is narrowing the Wheeling Drainage Ditch and adding to the creek's flooding problems, village officials say.

And while some of the problems are being cleaned up by village maintenance crews, Wheeling officials say a community-wide effort, including convincing residents not to dump garbage in the creek, may be needed to keep the channel clean.

A boat tour of the creek bed after heavy rains and flooding in early December revealed blockages at several points along the three-mile path that the creek cuts through the village. The creek's narrowing, coupled with Wheeling's downstream position in the local watershed, are working to cause severe flooding problems for some village residents.

"The channels are real narrow," said Public Works Director Robert Gray. "With all this water coming Wheeling's way, it just tops the banks."

According to a report compiled by Gray, some of the blockages, like those

behind the post office at 250 W. Dundee Road, were caused by natural materials such as dead and fallen trees and brush. But other areas of the creek, such as the strip behind the Lynn Plaza Shopping Center at Dundee and Elmhurst roads, is clogged with shopping carts, broken concrete, old oil cans, old stoves and other trash that were deliberately dumped there.

GRAY SAID some of the material found in the creek, such as the concrete, wood and large items like garage doors, were originally used by residents to try to stop the severe erosion along the creek banks. But other items, like the old hot water heaters and bicycles, were simply thrown in the creek to dispose of them.

"The creek is a dumping ground," said Gray.

When the creek water hits a blockage, Gray said it slows down and rises until it can "overcome" the damming. Additional water, from heavy rains both in Wheeling and upstream, causes the water to overflow the banks, flooding nearby homes and streets.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said Wheeling already has contacted the agencies responsible for the major

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bridges along the creek, to try to clear up blockages at these sites. Village public works employees have also cleaned some areas of the creek, removing dead trees and brush. Other cleanup efforts may have to wait until the spring, when heavy equipment can be moved in to scrape away excess silt.

"MOST OF IT will be handled as normal maintenance," said Markus, adding that any major digging and other efforts will mean additional costs, though no figure has been set.

A special meeting also has been scheduled in February for the village board and residents to discuss the creek problems and possible solutions. Markus said that "some public education," including special brochures, may also be necessary, to convince residents that dumping trash in the creek only worsens flooding problems.

Markus also said the village is looking for ways to help residents bolster the creek banks against erosion that won't wash away in floods. Gray said a stockpiling of broken sidewalks and instruction on how to properly install the materials, may help solve some of the problem.

## Cops ask promotion suit be reopened

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Eleven Wheeling police officers Thursday asked the U.S. Appellate Court to reinstate a lawsuit charging several former village officials with tampering with department promotions.

The lawsuit was dismissed by a lower court last November, but Michael Wall, the attorney for the police officers, said the case should be heard again because of "errors" made by the U.S. District Court.

Meanwhile, Gary Weintraub, the village's attorney, said Wheeling officials will file a legal request to try and recover some of the money spent on the five-year-old case. Weintraub refused to release the exact amount of the request until it is filed, but said \$100,000 was "in the neighborhood."

The lawsuit, filed in March 1979, charged that several former village officials were deciding in advance who should be promoted in the police department and rigged test scores accordingly.

THE SUIT named former Wheeling Police Chief Ted Bracke, who is now a lieutenant in the department, Lt. William Ralston, Sgt. Jack Koenig, former Wheeling Vi-

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lage President William Hein and former police and fire commissioners Ronald Bruhn, Alan Carlson, Jack Metzger, Robert Olson and Jerome Vesecky.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Kocoras ruled in favor of the village, saying the police officers "never had any reasonable basis for their allegations," and said their complaints were based on nothing but the officers' "own speculative conclusions."

In his appeal, Wall said Kocora erred by not allowing a fired Wheeling police lieutenant to file a new statement in the case and by granting a summary judgement without allowing the case to go to trial.

WALL SAID no court date has been set for the new hearing, and that each side will have several weeks to file more legal documents with the court.

Weintraub said he hasn't seen any new documents filed in the case, but added that the eleven officers were "off in the clouds" with their appeal.

Promotions in the police department were delayed in 1980 after the 11 officers claimed it was unfair for anyone to be promoted until the lawsuit was settled. No decisions have yet been made regarding promotions, pending the appeal. The department currently has an unfilled sergeant's and lieutenant's position.

# Voluntarism

## He wears many hats; all fit

By JOAN FLEISCHER

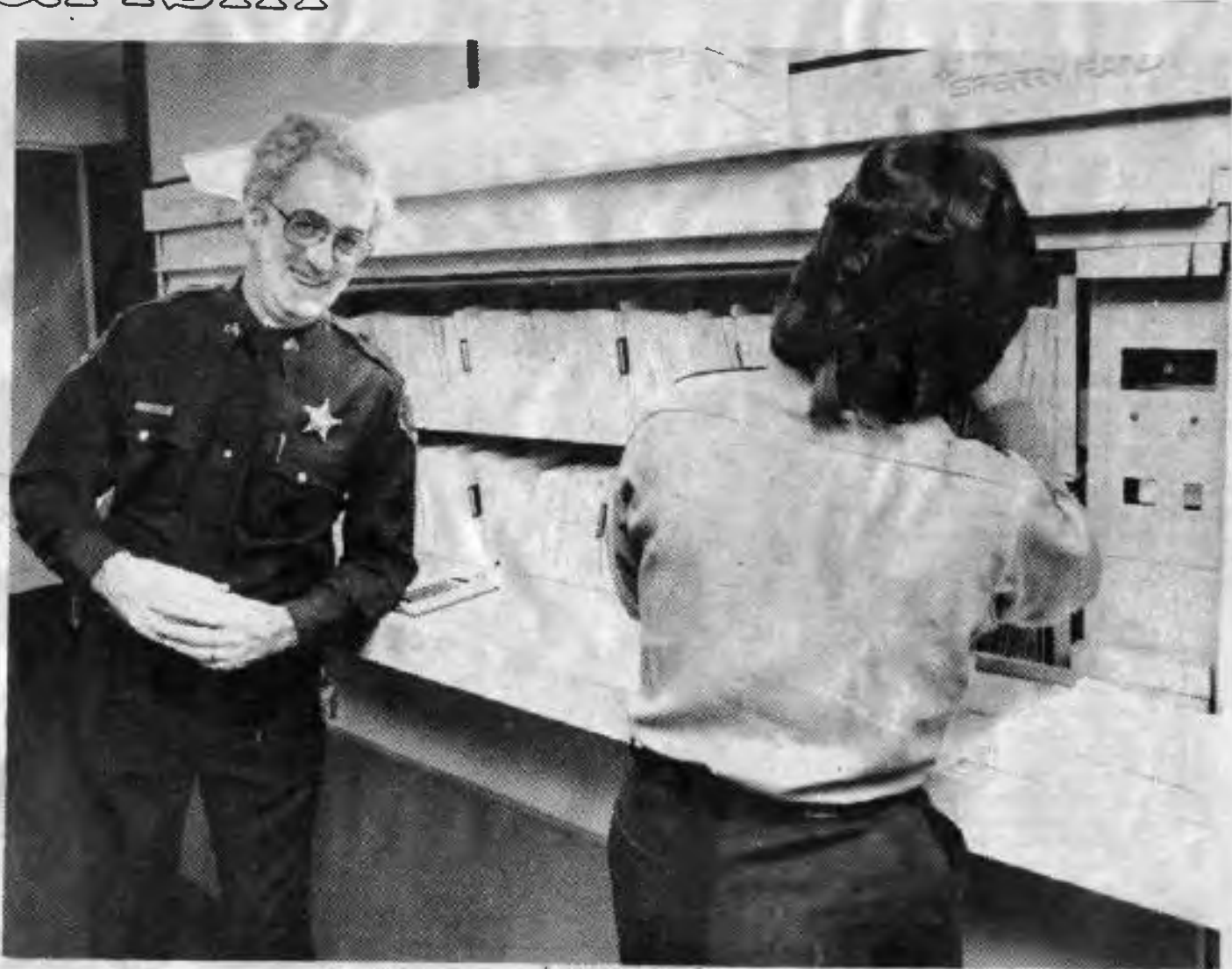
It takes a special person to give of himself to others... someone who answers a phone call at 3 a.m. from a troubled teen who needs to talk. Someone who visits with elderly parish members who live alone. Someone who believes in doing something good for somebody else.

Jack Kimsey is a policeman in the Wheeling Police Department. He's also president of Omni House, a social service agency for local teenagers, and helped form the agency in 1972. He's an elder in his church and took over visiting lonely parishioners when their minister left. Kimsey also volunteers with the park district's youth swimming team, is married and shares responsibilities for his eight-year-old son with his wife who works outside the home.

Kimsey jokes about being a man who wears several hats and works hard not to have people be scared of his uniform.

He joined the Wheeling Police Department in 1958 as a radio dispatcher. He was a young man in his 20s then and recently discharged from the Navy. A native of Indianapolis, Kimsey had been assigned to the Glenview Naval Air Station as a yeoman in the Navy. When the job opportunity came up in

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Jack Kimsey quips with fellow worker

## Kimsey—

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Wheeling, he decided to make the town his new home.

"I've never been sorry. Wheeling has been good to me and in return, I've tried to be good to Wheeling," he says.

Kimsey decided to become a police officer in 1966, several years after working in the police department as a dispatcher, because he wanted to get out on the streets and help people.

He was once shot by an assailant, but he says that never stopped him from believing that all people are still basically good. "My attitude is that I treat everyone like I want to be treated. Sometimes that approach doesn't work and you have to give back what you're getting."

Kimsey remembers an incident when a young man was causing a major disturbance at a shopping mall and two patrol officers couldn't restrain him. "I went to the scene to offer assistance and recognized the boy. I had worked with him in the schools about five years earlier. He remembered my name and called out to me. I went over to just talk to him and relax him. He agreed to get in the squad car and I agreed not to handcuff him."

Among Kimsey's first assignments as a police officer was to work in Wheeling's elementary schools as a school police liaison officer. Although the assignment was only for one year, he had the opportunity to get to know lots of youngsters, many of whom he kept in contact with for several years and still occasionally meets.

"Police officers are trained to deal with trouble on the streets and we often see the worst of things. Being in schools was a startling change. You have to be honest and open with kids; they can read you like a book."

Kimsey recalls he was visiting a class of first graders at the time of Chicago's riots at the 1968 National Democratic Convention. "I had six-year-olds climb on my knee and ask why policemen hit people. They were seeing it on TV news. I explained how they were

probably seeing the worst and that these people were fighting with the police but that didn't make it right for anyone to hurt someone else."

Since then Kimsey has held a number of assignments with the police department, working his way up the ranks to sergeant and assistant to the chief of police.

In September, he was re-elected to his third year as president of Omni House. He joined Omni House in its infancy in 1974 when drug and alcohol use were becoming a problem in the high school.

At the same time, Kimsey and his wife Sue were also working with youngsters in their church youth group. The popularity of the young, caring couple with the teens caused the Community Presbyterian Church's youth group to grow from 12 kids to a non-denominational group of about 70 kids later called the United Youth of Wheeling.

The Kimseys helped the teens with fund-raising events. They bought an old school bus which they repainted and Kimsey drove to field trips all around the Chicago area. Kimsey says he and his wife would talk to the youngsters to help them understand divorce and other problems they might have been having with parents. "It's not that kids can't talk to their own parents. They love their parents but sometimes it's too difficult to say certain things. I never wanted parents to think I was doing their job or interfering in their families. I knew it was important for kids to have someone else they could talk to."

Noting his work with Wheeling youth, the JayCees of Wheeling awarded Kimsey their first award for Citizen of the Year in 1968.

Kimsey hopes his work with teens will help in later years raising his own son, Jeff, whom he calls "the joy of my life."

He concludes that because of the harsh realities policemen must confront each day on the job, they have a tendency to build an invisible shield around themselves and won't let anyone get close.

"I try not to let that happen. I believe in seeing the good things in life."

# Higher '83 levy bids signal bigger tax bills

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

As Wheeling residents ring out 1982, they will also mark the end of lower property taxes, as the local school districts have joined other local officials in filing property tax requests that probably will mean higher tax bills in 1983.

This year, Wheeling homeowners paid tax bills that were between \$50 and \$100 lower than in 1981. But now 16 of the 17 taxing districts that cover all or part of the village are asking for more tax money next year, totaling a 16 percent increase. Nine of those districts are seeking double-digit percent increases.

Only one local taxing body — Wheeling Township — is asking for less tax money, as township officials use up surplus funds. But officials also have said that 1983 may be the last year for such a large tax cut, as levy increases are expected in coming years to make it more on par with township spending.

The largest increase facing residents is a 70 percent jump in the tax levy filed by the village of Wheeling. Wheeling Township District 21 followed with a 33 percent increase, Cook County at 24 percent and High School District 214 at 18. Five other districts, including the Suburban Tuberculosis Sanitarium District, the Wheeling Park District, the Indian Trails Public Library, Harper College, and the Metropolitan Sanitary District, have all asked for between 10 and 16 percent more tax

money.

**MOST OF THE** nearly \$1.4 million increase that Wheeling village officials are asking for is needed to help pay for Lake Michigan water. Village Finance Director Gregory Peters said that \$1.07 million of that money will be used to begin repaying \$12.2 million in loans, taken to cover Wheeling's share of an \$88 million water pipeline being built to carry the water, and \$7.2 million for improvements needed in Wheeling's internal water system. The remaining money will be used to cover the increased operating costs and increased contributions to village pension funds.

Peters said the increase is expected to raise Wheeling's tax rate from 73 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$1.21. That means that a typical homeowner with a house valued at \$19,000 will see his village tax bill jump from \$139 to \$230.

The village's tax increase will be softened for most village residents, as the village will no longer pay taxes to the Wheeling Rural Fire Protection District. For years, all but about 2,000 residents of Wheeling's "old town" district paid taxes to both the village and the fire district, even though Wheeling maintains its own municipal department. Earlier this year, the village pulled out of the district to correct the inequity.

The fire protection district is asking for \$704,000, up only 4 percent. Individual tax bills could triple, though, as the district lost nearly half of its tax

District	1981 taxes	1982 levy	Change
Cook County	\$216,830,517	\$268,266,416	+ 24%
Metropolitan Sanitary District	193,588,928	212,634,746	+ 10%
District 214	42,635,934	50,216,839	+ 18%
Cook County Forest Preserve	33,002,652	34,890,013	+ 6%
Lake County	18,073,501	18,698,115	+ 4%
District 21	12,071,093	15,998,441	+ 33%
Harper College	8,419,582	9,407,310	+ 12%
College of Lake County	7,195,879	7,747,335	+ 8%
Lake County Forest Preserve	5,111,284	5,474,700	+ 7%
Village of Wheeling	1,923,796	3,275,245	+ 70%
District 23	2,811,813	2,833,055	+ 1%
Suburban T.B.			
Sanitarium District	2,293,289	2,650,000	+ 16%
Wheeling Park District	1,194,561	1,361,810	+ 14%
Indian Trails Library	999,100	1,124,700	+ 13%
Northwest Mosquito Abatement	875,926	942,646	+ 8%
Wheeling Rural Fire District	675,981	705,000	+ 4%
Wheeling Township	464,562	186,000	- 60%

base when Wheeling withdrew. District officials say they are levying for the maximum tax rate because they are unsure how much taxable property is left as different towns have disconnected from the district.

**ALSO REGISTERING** large increases next year are Wheeling's school districts, District 21 and District 214. District 21 is asking for a 33 percent tax increase next year. Its new levy of \$16 million is \$4 million more than last year's tax bills, even though the district already has \$2 million in reserve funds.

As a result, the district's tax rate is expected to rise 10 percent, to the legal maximum of \$2.56 per \$100 of as-

essed value. For the owner of a house with a taxable value of \$19,000, that would mean an increase of about \$49 next year. The tax hike will be even higher if the state multiplier rises again next year.

School officials say they do not expect to collect the full 33 percent increase. Board member Barrett Peterson says he expects it will be closer to 11 percent, which would work out to an additional \$1.3 million.

The additional money will not support any new programs, but will cover some higher energy costs and raises for teachers and administrators that average about 10 percent.

Board member Thomas Helfers said the district's \$2 million surplus will be

needed to offset the budget deficits expected in the next few years and is not enough by itself "to insure the financial security of the district."

Over the objections of three school board members, High School District 214 has adopted a levy of \$50.2 million, an increase of almost 18 percent over last year's tax bills. Last year, about one-quarter of a typical Wheeling homeowner's bill went to that district.

**THE INCREASE** means the tax bill on a \$100,000 house will increase about \$100 according to estimates by Robert Weber, associate superintendent of business. Weber estimates the tax rate will increase from \$1.76 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation to \$2.09.

Two board members, Dorothy Smith and Marilyn Quinn, voted against the levy, saying the district should hold down taxes by using some of the money it has in reserve, a total of \$27 million. Board member John Gmitro voted with the majority, but only after his proposal for a \$47.8 million levy was defeated. The levy adds \$7.6 million in tax revenue for the district. Administrators say that money is needed because the district is losing \$6 million in state aid next year and because the cost of everything is going up.

Also registering a large increase, the Cook County levy remains at more than \$268 million, an increase of 24 percent over last year. Comptroller Thomas Beck said there will be an abatement, but he would not specify an amount. He said it probably will not be determined until February or March.

after county officials study the final financial reports for the last fiscal year. Last year, the county abated \$10.6 million in February, \$196,000 in May and another \$200,000 in June.

Most taxing districts have until Dec. 31 to reduce their tax levies by abating, but County Clerk Stanley Kusper usually extends the deadline.

**KUSPER SAID** he has not yet decided whether to extend the deadline this year. But he added that if taxing bodies continue to "ride the rates" — cashing in on assessment increase by keeping tax rates high — "then we will have to point the finger and put pressure on them," he said. "We will have to see if they learned their lesson."

Wheeling Park District officials have adopted a 1982 levy of \$1.36 million, up 14 percent from the \$1.94 million collected last year. The increase will pay for increase operating costs and other expenditures, though park officials say it will mean only slightly higher tax bills, as new construction and development is expected to raise the taxable value of property in the district.

The Indian Trails Library district is asking for an 11 percent levy increase to \$1.1 million to try and generate the maximum tax rate because it was unable to sell its old library at 850 Jenkins Court in Wheeling. Library officials anticipated the building would have been sold, and this year exhausted budgeted money for payments on the \$2.1 million loan taken to build the new library at 355 S. Schoenbeck Road.

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Pension board action scrutinized

# Police pension loans raise legal questions

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By JOAN FLEISCHER

Wheeling village officials are questioning the legal authority of the Wheeling Police Pension Board to invest its funds into a controversial credit union investment plan. The plan would make available low-interest home mortgage loans to Wheeling police officers.

The Wheeling Police Pension Board on Dec. 18 approved a plan presented by the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) Credit Union which will make 9 per cent interest mortgage loans available to police officers. The CCPA Credit Union, in turn, will pay a 6 per cent interest rate of return on the investment to Wheeling's pension fund.

Village officials are concerned that taxpayers might be asked to pay the difference in interest earnings that the pension fund could lose if it switches investments from higher-yielding accounts into the CCPA credit union.

Village officials are also concerned that Wheeling is being used as a "guinea pig" by the CCPA because it is, so far, the only community which has agreed to join the credit union's mortgage investment plan.

The executive director of the CCPA has said now that the groundwork has been set in Wheeling, plans are underway to set up mortgage investment programs in the union's 280 other member departments in Illinois.

The Village of Barrington's police pension board recently rejected proposals by the CCPA to invest in the plan. In rejecting the proposal, Barrington officials said the primary purpose of the pension fund is to provide for retirement income and it should be earning the highest possible rate of return on prudent investments.

Wheeling officials believe a major reason why the CCPA was successful in there is because of the strong ties the CCPA has with the Wheeling Police Department.

John Flood, executive director of the CCPA, is a former Wheeling police officer. The former police chief of Wheeling now serves on the board of the CCPA, as does a former Wheeling police sergeant.

The CCPA is a union and fraternal organization of police officers headquartered in Wheeling. Wheeling's police department has 39 active officers and 6 retired officers who belong to the pension fund, but Flood would not disclose how many Wheeling police officers are CCPA members.

The CCPA has received unfavorable publicity in recent months from people questioning their fund-raising activities. A number of people complained that the organization sent them bills for circus tickets that they never ordered.

Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack L. Kimsey, president of the police pension board, said he believes it's unfair of village officials to criticize the mortgage investment plan just because it's being offered by the CCPA.

"They might have some reservations about the CCPA, but I believe it's unfounded. I feel good about the organization because it's run by police officers for police officers," Kimsey said.

"Deciding to join the credit union's plan was not a decision made in haste or without careful scrutiny. We hired professionals to help us study the CCPA proposals and determine its impact on the village," he said.

The pension board hired a Washington

attorney and financial consultant to assess the legal and economic consequences of joining the mortgage investment program proposed by the CCPA credit union.

An analysis by the financial consultant showed that the program would add \$1,045 to the village tax levy in 1984; \$4,310 in 1985 and \$5,250 in 1986.

Each police officer is required to contribute 8.5 per cent of his pay check to the retirement fund and the village levies taxes to pay an amount determined by the Illinois Department of Insurance. In fiscal year 1982, the village's share into the pension fund will be \$299,140.

Wheeling finance director Gregory Peters, who by law is required to serve as an overseer of the fund's assets and investments, said he believes the village's obligation will increase if the pension fund is investing into a program which only pays 6 per cent interest.

"I don't believe the full impact is being shown in that financial report. They don't show their calculations or how they arrived at those figures. I believe it needs to be verified," Peters said.

The Wheeling Police Pension Fund, created in 1954, has grown to assets of \$3 million and is currently invested in government Treasury bills secured in the mid-1970s at low interest rates and high-yielding money market funds in several institutions. In 1981, it had an overall interest rate of 8.5 per cent.

In 1982, the pension fund held \$945,000 at rates of return at 8 per cent or below and \$1.7 million earning 14 per cent.

About \$1.7 million of the \$3.1 million in the Wheeling pension fund recently was deposited in the CCPA credit union. State regulations allow the pension board to deposit up to \$2.7 million in any one institution.

That means that up to \$2.7 million in police pension fund money could be offered to Wheeling police officers for nine per cent interest mortgage loans beginning January 1.

Kimsey said about 8 to 10 police officers responded to an official tally of how many policemen are interested in securing a home loan.

The police officers would be offered \$60,000 mortgages at 9 per cent for 30 years. The loans can also be used to refinance a home, a second mortgage or home improvements.

Kimsey said the pension board will meet Jan. 11 to sign a contractual agreement with the CCPA credit union for the pension fund's participation in the mortgage investment program.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he has not been involved in any of the pension board's deliberations to join the mortgage investment program.

"It's still premature to say what the Village of Wheeling can or will do about it," Markus said. "First, we want to accurately determine what effect it will have on the village."

He said the village would probably hire an outside firm to do the financial assessment.

Markus said the decision will be up to the village board on whether any action will be taken against the pension board.

If the village board decides to take legal action against the pension board, the Village of Wheeling would be suing Wheeling's police pension board and Wheeling taxpayers would be picking up the costs for both sides.

# 1982: A look back over the year that was

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The year 1982 will be remembered differently by each of us. What with high unemployment and high prices, it will be recalled by precious few as an economic success. It was, in fact, a year of hard work as individuals, villages and schools grappled with their jobs of providing services against the odds of increased costs and often less income.

Some of the news in 1982 was good; some bad. The following is a month-by-month wrapup of some of the major stories and events in the Buffalo Grove-Wheeling area during 1982.

## JANUARY

The worst winter cold spell in history grips the area. Pipes freeze, cars stall or simply won't start in the minus-20 degree record cold temperature and nearly everything comes to a virtual halt. Frigid weekend temperatures are blamed for the oil freezing in a twin-engine aircraft taking off from Pal-Waukee Airport. The plane crashes at the airport and injures two.

A Buffalo Grove furrier who fled Illinois and a host of creditors after swindling them out of more than a \$1 million is apprehended in Arizona and a School District 21 electrician is found shot to death in the boiler room of Hawthorne School in Wheeling. He had been making a routine inspection of the school's furnace at about 3 a.m. when he was robbed and shot twice, at least once in the back by a .357 Magnum handgun. His body is found by a school janitor about eight hours later.

About 500 residents crowd a public hearing on the fate of Pal-Waukee Airport held at the Chevy Chase Country Club. Results of a consulting firm's study of feasibility of public purchase of airport are presented to the angry crowd as they are told 125 acres of land surrounding the airport will be taken over. Ten homes and seven businesses are on that 125 acres.

## FEBRUARY

Wheeling gets a new police chief. Michael F. Haeger, 34, deputy chief of police in Woodridge is selected from more than 100 candidates. Haeger was instrumental in developing a six-community wide Felony Investigation Assistance Team in 1978 in DuPage County to solve major crimes in suburban

communities.

After a year of studies, recommendations and hearings, District 214's school board holds straw vote for first time on whether to begin school closings. Vote is 4-3 to close at least two schools over the next decade. The district holds a special public information meeting inviting public reaction to school board's

upcoming dilemma in selecting which high schools to close. Enrollment projections, financial data and future trends are explained to audience at Rolling Meadows High School.

The village board of Wheeling considers outlawing the sale of handguns. Nearly 300 people, many members of National Rifle

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Flight control center and hangars at Pal-Waukee Airport. The proposed public purchase of the airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights was a controversial issue during the past year and promises to stir heated debate in the coming year. (Staff photo)

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Association, crowd the meeting to voice opposition to gun control.

## MARCH

The Wheeling village board backs down on proposed handgun ordinance. Trustees let the proposed ban die by remaining silent when asked by the village president to offer a motion to vote on the proposal.

A 37-year-old former mental health patient is charged with the Jan. 24 murder of Dist. 21 electrician found shot to death in school. The murder suspect is also charged with manufacturing bombs in his Wheeling home and sending life-threatening letters to a Chicago television newscaster.

At a Buffalo Grove village board meeting, half the trustees reject new plans drawn up for an 80-acre town center because it doesn't include a central village green area.

Wheeling voters almost 2-1 reject Wheeling Park District's land acquisition and park development proposals which called for expanding park district facilities, including a new outdoor pool for Chamber Park.

## APRIL

The Wheeling Fire Department honors 79-year-old Walter Scanlon after he retires from 48 years of service to the village as a volunteer fireman.

Buffalo Grove graphic artist Jim Pollowy receives the Carnegie Hero Award, \$2,000 and a bronze medal, from Pittsburgh-based philanthropist's hero commission, for rescuing a woman from drowning in Miami. Pollowy plunged into a muddy river to rescue the woman entrapped in her car after he witnessed it sink to bottom of canal. He had been on his way to the airport after vacationing in the Caribbean.

Arsonists are blamed for fire which guts

the interior of Cheetah II nightclub on Milwaukee Avenue just outside Wheeling. Wheeling firefighters find seven five-gallon fuel oil containers in wreckage. No one injured.

## MAY

St. Joseph the Worker Church in Wheeling embarks on its 25th anniversary year. Congregation began with 700 families with services at Chevy Chase. In 1958, a retired farmer sold his 42-acre turkey farm on Dundee Road to the parish to build a church and school.

About 1,000 men, women and children turn out in support of Israel at the Northwest Suburban Jewish Community Center in Wheeling for a 14-mile Walk with Israel. Walkers raise \$35,000 for medical and educational services in Israel.

District 214 on a 5-2 vote decides to close Arlington High School because of declining enrollment in the school district.

## JUNE

Washington Irving Elementary School in Buffalo Grove closes, as part of District 21's cost-cutting measures to cope with a deficit budget and declining enrollment. Former students and teachers of the 9-year-old school have a good-by party for school.

## JULY

Buffalo Grove gets a new police chief. Leo C. McCann, 34, former Evergreen Park police lieutenant is selected from more than 50 candidates. (July 14)

The rains came in a deluge, and when they subsided, Wheeling was left with flood losses of \$250,000. Water from the heavy rains, called a 200-year flood because of the severe intensity, seeped into more than 120 homes and caused extensive damage.

## AUGUST

The first family in Buffalo Grove gets cable television activated in its home.

Teachers in Buffalo Grove-Long Grove

School District 96 avert a strike when a majority of them vote to approve a contract agreement with school board negotiators.

## SEPTEMBER

Buffalo Grove trustees pave the way for construction to begin on the once-controversial 220-unit Wynnedale condominium development at Arlington Heights and Checker roads.

Dist. 96 school board unanimously approves a new two-year teachers contract which grants a 10 per cent pay raise this year and 9.6 per cent raise next year.

## OCTOBER

The possibility of a strike by the 45-member custodial and maintenance union of school Dist. 21 looms ahead as a federal mediator is called in to help end deadlocked contract talks.

Custodians in Dist. 21 are given a new two-year contract, granting them a 9 per cent pay raise this year, a 6.5 per cent increase next year and improved health benefits.

## NOVEMBER

An 80-year-old Wheeling man and his wife are killed and two people critically injured in a three-car accident at Hintz and Wheeling roads. The driver of one of the cars is charged with driving while intoxicated.

## DECEMBER

The second deluge of flooding rains hits parts of Wheeling again, causing damage to about 70 homes. Several streets were closed while the flood waters, in some places as high as six feet, subsided.

Wheeling village officials question the legal authority of the Wheeling Police Pension Board to invest its fund into a controversial credit union investment plan to make low-interest loans.

# DeBartolo awarded towing contract

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Trustees awarded the village's towing contract to Gene DeBartolo, owner of Gene's Standard, 995 S. Elmhurst Road. The job provides emergency towing and vehicle storage services to the police and other departments.

Under the contract, DeBartolo will be paid a \$35 fee per tow, with additional charges for winching and other technical services. He will also be paid \$7 for each day a vehicle is stored, with most of the fees being paid by the owners of cars and trucks that are towed.

This is the second time the board has considered the contract. In late December, action on the proposal was delayed after DeBartolo raised several questions, including the fact that he

had not been paid for some of his services. The village staff met with him to clear up the problems, and Village Manager Thomas Markus said Monday that DeBartolo has been paid.

## Engineering contract

The board approved a 16-month contract for the consulting structural engineering firm of T.W. Davidson and Associates, Inc.

Markus said the firm does structural inspections and plan reviews when the village receives requests for building permits, mainly for industrial developments. The engineering fees are then paid with the money the village earns through building permit fees.

Under the previous two-year con-

tract, Davidson was paid \$30 per hour for his work. Under the new contract, that payment was increased to \$35. Lawrence Oppenheimer, director of community development, estimated that these engineering fees total about \$1,500 a year, and are completely covered by permit fee payments.

## Office work funds OK'd

Trustees recommended that the village pay \$930 to help pay for office renovations for the Northwest Municipal Conference.

And because of changing technology in the field, the board is also recommending that the conference obtain the

copy machine on a five-year lease/purchase plan, instead of buying the machine outright. The conference had asked the village to pay an additional \$930 for the machine, but Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the village would rather see the cost of the machine financed and included in the conference's regular budget.

The renovations are expected to cost some \$37,000, with a portion of that paid with surplus funds. The work is necessary as the conference, which represents 23 towns and eight townships, is moving from the Mount Prospect Village Hall to the Mount Prospect Library.



# Airport neighbors win annex hearing

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

An Illinois Appellate Court judge has ruled that a group of residents near Pal-Waukee Airport can have a hearing on their attempt to annex to Prospect Heights and has sent the case back to the lower court that dismissed it nearly two years ago.

The move reopens the possibility that the residents, who live in a small subdivision near the corner of Hintz and Wolf roads in unincorporated Wheeling Township, may still be able

to annex their property to the city.

In 1980, the residents asked the courts for permission to be annexed to Prospect Heights after airport owner George Priester had asked Wheeling to annex the northern half of the airport to Wheeling. The village later completed the annexation, but Prospect Heights filed a suit to try to block that move on a legal technicality.

IN JANUARY 1981, Circuit Court Judge Eugene Wachawski ruled that the residents' petitions were invalid because Priester's petitions were filed first and his annexation to Wheeling

cut the residents off from Prospect Heights. The residents later appealed the case, which triggered Thursday's decision.

Wheeling attorney Gary Weintraub said he could not comment on the decision until he saw the ruling.

Donald Kreger, the Prospect Heights city attorney who was also representing the residents, could not be reached for comment.

The ruling is the latest in a series of complicated legal battles that have surrounded the airport and its possible purchase by Prospect Heights and

Wheeling. Both towns have studied Pal-Waukee's purchase for more than 3½ years. An airport consultant hired by the towns set a price tag of \$53 million to buy the airport and bring it up to federal standards for a publicly owned airport.

But at least one local official says the purchase should be delayed until all the legal clouds surrounding the property have cleared. "I just don't know if we can proceed on this matter until these suits are settled," said Wheeling Trustee William Rogers, a long-time airport opponent.

# Cop pension plan under scrutiny

by Elida Witthoeff

Herald staff writer

Still concerned about how a police pension investment plan might affect village taxpayers, Wheeling trustees plan to hire an attorney to conduct an "independent study" of the program, which is sponsored by a local police union.

Last month, Wheeling's police pension fund became the first in the country to join a program that would use part of its money to give low-interest mortgages to police officers. Under the plan, police can get mortgages at 9 percent interest through the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) Credit Union, where \$1.7 million of the fund's \$3 million is invested. Under the plan, the CCPA will guarantee a 6 percent return on the money, with the difference in interest rates used to cover administrative costs.

BUT WHEELING trustees say they still have many unanswered questions

about the program, and are hiring the attorney to insure an "independent" financial analysis of the program will be done.

The village board legally has no say in the decision of the police pension board. But Village President Sheila Schultz said the village board must be concerned about how the plan affects village residents.

"We are hiring an attorney to assure that there will be an independent study," she said. "We must reassure ourselves that the figures are what they really are."

"It's kind of like a second opinion," Schultz said. "When you have a question of legality on a program of this magnitude, the board is just uneasy with the fact that we haven't gotten much documentation. Another study will make us more comfortable and secure."

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he will interview several attorneys before hiring one to do the study.

EARLIER, FINANCE Director Gregory Peters, who serves as the pension board's treasurer, objected to the plan, saying the reduced interest earned by the money would increase the amount of money the village had to contribute to the fund. Peters contended that cost would be passed along to village taxpayers, who already finance a portion of the pension fund.

But according to a financial impact report prepared by the Washington attorney and financial experts hired by the pension board, the investment program's impact on the village would be minimal, increasing the village's total tax levy by no more than \$1,045 in 1984, \$4,310 in 1985 and \$5,250 in 1986. Wheeling's 1982 levy totaled \$2.5 million.

The pension board held several meetings on the matter, and in a heated session, the village board also met with representatives of the CCPA to discuss the plan. But board members say they still have not received any de-

tails on the plan, which they requested last fall.

Pension Board President Sergeant Jack Kimsey said he has "no problem" with the board's action. "There's nothing to hide," said Kimsey. "It's just unfortunate that they have to spend the money to hire an attorney."

CCPA administrator John Powers said the police pension board was "cautious and prudent" in joining the program and hired legal and financial consultants to review it. "If the village board wants to use the taxpayers' money to cover the same ground, that's their decision," said Powers.

No legal action to try to block the program is currently planned, but Trustee William Rogers said he "would assume" the board would file such an action "if the village needs protection." Rogers said hiring an attorney will help the board become "better informed" on the issue.

Markus said he expects the study to take about a month to complete.

# Towing contract awarding likely

Wheeling village trustees today are expected to grant the village's towing contract to the owner of a Wheeling service station.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. Gene DeBartolo, owner of Gene's Standard, 995 S. Elmhurst Road, was the only bidder on the contract, which provides emergency towing and vehicle storage services to the police and other village departments.

Under the contract, DeBartolo will be paid a basic \$35 fee for each tow, with additional charges for winching and other technical services. DeBartolo is also charging \$7 a day for vehicle storage. Most of the fees will be paid by the owners of the cars and trucks that are towed, though in some cases the village pays the fees.

The board considered the contract in late December, but postponed any action because of several questions raised by DeBartolo. Subsequent meetings between the village staff and DeBartolo cleared up the questions.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP trustees Tuesday will hear funding requests from two local social service agencies for part of the township's federal revenue sharing funds.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Representatives from the Glenkirk Association for the Retarded and Northwest Community Services will be on hand to explain their funding requests.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP trustees also will discuss ways to add to and improve the services of the various transportation systems run by the township.

Faced with both requests and proposals to expand the township's senior citizen and handicapped bus lines and other services, the trustees decided a general discussion of present system would be necessary before any changes should be made.

## WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

Selected decisions from the village board meetings of Dec. 6 and Dec. 20.

To approve a \$1.4 million low-interest loan for Waltz Corporation to build a plant on Hintz Road. (Passed 6-0).

To amend the 1982-83 budget to create a senior citizens coordinator position. (Passed 6-0).

To award a \$710,000 contract to Mola Sewerage for improvements to Wheeling's internal water system. (Passed 5-0).



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# Flood control major goal this year

Life 1/6/83

## 5-year plan depends on funding

WHEELING OFFICIALS this week predicted 1983 will bring improvements to the village.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said the village soon will let contracts for the construction of transmission mains and reservoirs to bring in Lake Michigan water. Wells are expected to be phased out with the arrival of lake water by 1984.

Markus also foresees the village's planned five-year street-improvement program beginning in spring. Some of the streets are scheduled to be resurfaced, others repaved.

Bob Gray, director of operations and maintenance, said the program is "not definite yet," because funding, he said, will not be certain until May when the budget comes out.

WHICH STREETS are to be done and in what order will be determined once it is known how much money the village will receive from the state and federal governments, he said. "I don't want to disappoint the citizens by saying something

will be done and then not have the funds to do it."

There are also plans to correct storm water infiltration into the sanitary sewer system, but "no massive projects" are slated for this spring, he said.

Markus anticipated that floods will be discussed in spring and that the village will make "a real concentrated effort to clean out the creek of both brush and garbage."

Community Development Director Larry Oppenheimer said construction of senior housing is expected to be completed soon, with occupancy beginning about March. Construction of the Senior Citizens center is expected to begin in spring.

Wheeling seniors have been raising money for furnishings for the center. For information on fundraising activities being planned, call the community development department, 459-2620.

AS FOR OTHER housing, Oppenheimer said, January is traditionally the slowest month for housing-permit applications. Those requests usually pick-up by mid-February, he said. "Everybody says the economy is getting better, it really would take a crystal ball," to know, he said.

Oppenheimer expects the 400-unit Woodland Creek apartment complex to be completed and occupied by summer. Two single-family housing developments are also likely to be completed, he said. The first, Woodcrest, at Hintz and Wheeling roads has about 200 lots,

## The Year Ahead

with about 50 homes already completed and occupied. The other, developed by McKay-Nealis at Route 83, will have about 20 homes.

As the economy improves, other developers should be able to build, he said. "With the improvement of the economy, I would expect a substantial increase in commercial and industrial development and redevelopment. For example, he said, while the Jewel store closed, Burger King, Taco Bell and a dry cleaners are "interested in coming in" to the village.

Work on the annexation of the Johnson property north of Lake

Cook Road and west of Milwaukee also is in progress, Markus said. Staff members are negotiating a sewer contract with Lake County to service the area and "once that's done, then we'll go with the annexation."

PLANS FOR the possible joint purchase of Palwaukee Airport with Prospect Heights are moving very slowly. Markus said the village's pre-application to the Federal Aviation Administration is being filed. Many variables have to be reviewed, and it may be fall before the next step is taken, he said.

## Taxing investment

Reminder 1/6/83

A month ago, we editorialized against the proposed investment of Wheeling police pension funds in the police union credit union. On Dec. 18, the pension board, comprising two police officers, one retired policeman and two private citizens, approved a plan to make 9 per cent interest mortgage loans available to police officers through the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union. The credit union would pay a 6 per cent rate of return on the funds back to the pension fund.

We still believe that is a bad investment, that could result in an added tax burden to Wheeling residents. And, we're concerned that the composition of the pension board does not provide sound financial management of the \$3 million fund. In fact, the board's only professional financial analyst was out of town when the decision was made. He had asked for a postponement to enable him to participate, but the vote went forward in his absence.

Other troubling aspects of this action are the CCPA's refusal to disclose how many Wheeling police officers belong to the union, the CCPA's shadowy history of questionable fundraising tactics, and the opposition to the plan by the village finance director, who, by law, serves as overseer of the pension fund.

As we wrote earlier, in theory the proposal sounds like a deserved benefit to a group of public servants, many of whom cannot afford to live in the community they serve. The same can be said of teachers, public works employees, firefighters, and so on. We're not convinced, however, the taxpayers of any municipality should bear the added burden of subsidizing housing for public employees, even if that burden is passed through pension funds. It remains a burden.

We hope the prospect of the village taking its own agency to court on this matter doesn't come to pass. But, the police pension board should be checked before the mortgage program is put into effect.

## Bank takes over subdivision, seeks to finish project

1/7/83 Herald

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

A Park Ridge bank has taken over a small Wheeling subdivision and is negotiating with developers to finish construction at the site.

Robert Chodil, vice president of the First State Bank and Trust Company of Park Ridge, said the bank has purchased property at Kristy Lane and Elmhurst Road, across from Wheeling High School. Only one house is on the five-acre site, which is commonly called the McKay-Nealis subdivision, after the real estate firm that once owned it.

Chodil would not discuss any specific plans for the land, but said the bank acquired the land through foreclosure proceedings. He said he is negotiating with several developers to take over and build on the site and he is hopeful to reach some kind of agreement with one of them by late next week.

THE DEVELOPMENT was started in 1981 by El-Cee Builders, a Park Ridge firm that has since closed. Thomas Fennell, Wheeling's zoning administrator, said the firm originally planned to build 20 solar-powered, single-family houses on the site. One road, Kristy Lane, and one home was built before the bank took over the project last year.

Fennell said village community development staff members have met with bank officials to discuss "re-activating" the project.



This is the second Wheeling subdivision in the last three months that new developers have taken over. In late October, C.A. Hemphill & Associates, a Northfield construction firm, announced plans to finish the Woodcrest subdivision. Original plans for the Woodcrest project, started in 1978, called for 224 homes to be built on a series of winding streets, near the corner of Hintz and Wheeling roads.

Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the firm has begun work on streets and other public improvements that had deteriorated since work at the development stopped about a year ago.

Village President Sheila Schultz said she is "very anxious" for construction to begin on both projects. "We really encourage single-family homes to get our housing mix in balance," she said.



Kerr 1/11/83

# Kerr recovering from surgery

Wheeling Trustee Charles Kerr was reported in good condition Tuesday at Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines, where he was hospitalized for a ruptured intestine.

Kerr, who is seeking his third term on the village board, was hospitalized Saturday night after he complained of severe stomach pains. Following surgery on Sunday, Kerr was removed from the hospital's intensive care unit on Tuesday.

Doris Kerr, the trustee's wife, said that Kerr is recuperating "faster than we expected." She said he probably will have to remain hospitalized for

about two more weeks, and the hospital stay should not interfere with his re-election plans.

Kerr, a senior member of the village board, heads the Citizens Action Party, which includes Nicholas Fanella, a former chamber of commerce president, and Anthony Altieri, an ex-president of the village plan commission. Don Kirchenberg, president of the Cedar Run subdivision, is running as an independent

A PLAN THAT would direct Wheeling's relief efforts if a disaster strikes the village is scheduled for approval tonight by the village board.

The two-part plan includes the procedures for dealing with specific emergencies and a general "emergency preparedness plan," based on federal guidelines. Because the village fire and police departments normally would be involved in handling the effects of a disaster, the plan directs operations of other departments and assigns duties to village employees.

The plan covers what to do for natural as well as "man-made" disasters, ranging from floods to a nuclear accident at the Zion nuclear power plant. Wheeling has been without an emergency plan for several years, since its civil defense department folded.

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# Here's a way to help Wheeling

Life 1/13/83

By JUNE STEWART

THE VILLAGE and the Senior Citizen's Commission are working together to furnish the senior citizen activity center.

Thus far, seniors have raised over \$1,600 for furnishings and equipment. But the list is long and furnishings expensive. Original financing doesn't cover such items as lounge chairs, couches, tables,



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desks, filing cabinets, conference tables, lamps, regular chairs, or kitchen equipment. Nor does it cover recreational equipment such as a television or pool table.

An appeal has gone out to businesses in the community and to residents. All contributors will be listed on an honor roll. For \$5,000 or more, you can be named as a special benefactor. For \$1,000, as a patron; be a sponsor for \$500; or a sustainer for \$100. For any amount up to \$100 you can be listed as a contributor. And contributions do not necessarily have to be cash.

It's certainly an opportunity for Wheeling's civic groups to get behind a worthwhile cause and leave their names on the honor roll. Or perhaps undertake furnishing an entire room—now there's a project!

There's no mention of frills such as carpeting or draperies. Instead—the appeal is a down-to-earth one for the very basics so the center can open later this year. Send your contributions to the Wheeling Senior Citizen's Commission, 255 West Dundee Road, or P.O. Box V, Wheeling 60090. Marion Krogdahl is commission chairman. Members of the commission and committee are: Gertrude Trunda, Evelyn Meindl, Bernard Nathan, George Kringstad, Marshall Balling, Trudy Wolf, Pat Walsdorf, Frances Catt, Phyllis Harmon, Al Feinberg and Harold Miller. If you would like more information about the project, call the commission, or Village Hall. The telephone number is 459-2600.

# Trustee proposing freeze on village property taxes

1/12/83

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

Saying taxpayers have already been "saddled with substantial tax increases" to pay for Lake Michigan water, a Wheeling trustee is proposing a freeze on village property taxes during the coming year.

Trustee Charles Kerr said he believes that "in no way should next year's budget cost any tax increases" to village residents. "Because of the water and because of the poor economy, we should delay some non-critical capital projects," said Kerr, adding that if granting raises to village employees will force the village to raise both the budget, and taxes, "then we have to cut services or something."

But Kerr said he does not favor a salary freeze, and would rather search for "fat" in village expenditures. "It's a time, when because of high taxes, the economy, and unemployment, when we can bite the bullet for a while until we have more money to spend," Kerr said.

TRUSTEES JAMES Goetch and William Rogers said they agreed with Kerr's proposal, but Village President Sheila Schultz was more cautious, saying "a lot depends on what services residents want to pay for." Schultz said the village should "keep spending within the limits of income," but said she "wants to be sure what we're spending money on is what residents want."

Between 1979 and 1981, Wheeling's tax levies rose an average of 18 percent but the 1982 levy jumped 67 percent, mostly to help begin paying off \$12 million the village borrowed this year to help pay for Lake Michigan water and internal improvements to the village's water system.

Currently, a typical Wheeling resident with a house assessed at \$19,000 pays a village tax bill of \$139. But this year's larger levy is expected to raise the village tax bill on the same home to \$230. Earlier this year, village residents were also hit with a water rate increase that doubled water rates from 90 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons, to help pay for the lake water.

Village department heads have begun work on next year's budget, which is expected to be presented to the village board in March. Village Manager Thomas Markus said no decisions have been made regarding raises, expenditures and other increases.

BUT MARKUS SAID village board members should "keep an open mind

about taking such a hard-line approach" to spending, because upcoming projects such as flood control and the village's senior citizens center "must be weighed against freezing expenditures."

Markus also said the board might want to explore ways of raising village revenues to help offset increased spending.

But Kerr said he will not support any proposal, whether it be increased fees or taxes, that will directly cost residents more money.

Last spring, village trustees rejected

a \$5 increase in the cost of a village vehicle sticker, saying they were worried about the fee's impact on residents already hard hit by the economy. Later, Schultz said the village board is worried about "nickel-diming residents to death," and trustees have been hesitant about proposing any new fees or taxes to bolster village revenues.

Instead, Kerr said he would support service cuts, such as in street cleaning and tree trimming, to help hold down costs. "Causing the residents to pay for more now would be like rubbing salt in the wound."

# Cop won't appeal 3-day suspension

1/11/83

A Wheeling police officer who was ordered suspended for three days after allegedly causing a car crash while directing traffic has withdrawn his appeal of the suspension.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger said Patrolman Bruce Batka has withdrawn his appeal with the village fire and police commission, thus ending his bid to shorten or cancel his suspension. Haeger said Batka now will serve his suspension one day this month and two days in February.

Batka could not be reached for comment Monday. Haeger said Batka withdrew the appeal for financial reasons.

The suspension was ordered late last year after Batka reportedly allowed a

car to make a turn into an oncoming car while directing traffic in front of Wickes Furniture, 351 W. Dundee Road. Haeger has the power to suspend officers up to five days. The officer can then appeal the suspension to the commission, which holds a hearing on the matter. The commission can then overturn the suspension, agree to it, increase it to 30 days, or fire the officer.

Haeger said he is preparing police department orders that will allow officers some options when they receive suspensions, including taking the suspended days on holidays and other times when they would ordinarily work. But he said these options were not available when Batka was suspended.



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# Trustee wants budget ceiling

By JILIAN MINCER  
Correspondent

WHEELING—Village Trustee Charles M. Kerr has proposed limiting next year's budget to 1982-83 levels to avoid a tax increase.

"We've already saddled Wheeling residents with a big expense," said Kerr at the board's Jan. 10 workshop meeting. "We should set a limit on this year's budget. In no way should it cost more than the 1982 budget."

"Because of the economy we can delay some of the non-critical capital expenses," he said. "The tax payers and citizens don't need another tax increase."

Other trustees echoed Kerr's concerns, calling for more efficient use of available funds.

Board President Sheila H. Schultz told the approximately 30 residents attending the meeting. "We want to make sure that what we spend your money on is what you want it spent on."

"I'M DEFINITELY in favor of keeping (the budget) at the 1982 level, even if it means we have to cut back some services," said Trustee James E. Goetch.

Village Manager Thomas Markus, warned that freezing the budget at its current level will probably mean cuts in services.

"It is a noble idea and certainly will be considered," "However, I caution you to keep an open mind."

Markus said that while he does not know the amount of next year's budget, the cost of the \$6.5 million water main improvement project and of maintaining the new senior citizen's center may increase next year's budget beyond the 1982 figure.

The 1982-83 budget, which runs through April, was originally \$8.5 million, an increase of approximately 9.8 percent over the previous year. This budget eventually was amended by \$1.3 million to cover the costs of community development and water-main improvements.

"WE FEEL that sales revenues from the state may also increase," Markus said. Additionally, he cited the possibility that the village may receive funding from the new gasoline tax.

According to Robert Fialkowski, assistant village manager, a draft of next year's budget will not be ready until late March and will not be voted on until April.

In other business, the village decided to remove the hawthorn trees lining the east side of Elmhurst Road between North Dennis and South Dennis roads. Engineers planning the village's water main, which will bring water to the community from Lake Michigan, advised the village that it could save approximately \$57,000 by removing the trees.

Fialkowski said the trees were planted about 27 years ago as a part of a village beautification project. If they are not removed, the sidewalk along the street would have to be destroyed and rebuilt to enable the village to lay a 16-inch water main in the eastern portion of the Elmhurst Road right-of-way.

Fialkowski said that even though 30 new trees would cost about \$9,000, removing the old ones would still save the village approximately \$50,000. The village is investigating whether to replant the hawthorns or to buy new trees.

## County senior housing complex ready in March

Cook County Housing Authority officials say that work on a senior citizens housing complex in Wheeling will be finished March 1 and the first low-income tenants will move in a few weeks later.

Victor Walchirk, executive director of the housing authority, said "normal construction delays" have postponed the completion date by about one month. He said the county will begin to move seniors into the complex "just as soon as we take it over and clean up."

Construction on the \$3.2 million facility, located near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, began in November 1981. It will include 100 one-bedroom apartments, including a special first-floor apartment for a handicapped resident.

Walchirk said the county currently has about 150 applications for the apartments. Applications for the housing are still being taken, and can be obtained by calling the Cook County

Housing Authority at 757-7640, or writing to the authority at 9201 Maryland St., Niles, Ill., 60648.

To qualify for an apartment, an applicant must be at least 62 years old and have an annual income of no more than \$9,700; \$11,100 for a couple. Applicants also cannot have assets worth more than \$15,000, unless the combined assets and income are not enough for the applicant to afford other housing.

The building will be managed by the housing authority. Walchirk said the annual rent on the apartment will be based on 30 percent of a resident's annual net income.

THE WHEELING FIRE and police commission will hold a hearing Tuesday on the appeal of a three-day suspension of a Wheeling police officer.

The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. in the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Patrolman Bruce Batka was ordered suspended for three days without pay in late November 1982 by Police Chief Michael Haeger, after allegedly causing a car crash while directing traffic in front of Wickes Furniture, 351 W. Dundee Road.

Haeger has the power to suspend officers for up to five days. On appeal, the commission can vote to overturn the suspension, agree to the suspension, increase the suspension to 30 days, or fire the officer. 1/10/83

WHEELING VILLAGE TRUSTEES tonight will begin preparing the village's 1983-84 budget with a general discussion about the kinds of expenditures and spending constraints they hope to see during the next fiscal year.

The board meets at 8 p.m. in the clubhouse of the Harmony Village development, Ferne and Rustic drives. The meeting is a workshop session, where no formal action will be taken.

Trustee Charles Kerr said he proposed the discussion to give the village staff more of an idea what the board expected before the actual budget is drawn up. Normally, Kerr said the village department heads propose their budgets to the village manager, who then works with the finance director and others to draw up the actual village budget. That document is then presented to the village board for discussion and final approval.

While Kerr said the board will not discuss specific proposals, he hopes an early discussion on the budget will help avoid major changes and delays in the spring, when the budget is completed.

WHEELING TRUSTEES TONIGHT also will discuss the fate of 30 hawthorne trees growing along the east side of Elmhurst Road, between north and south Dennis Road.

Village officials plan to build a water main along the east side of Elmhurst Road to help carry Lake Michigan water. The pipe will be installed as close to the edge of the sidewalk as possible, in case the state ever decides to widen Elmhurst Road. Because of their location near the walk, the trees will probably have to be removed for the construction, though Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the trees could be replanted, or replaced.

The water main could also be redesigned for a new location, though Fialkowski said that would probably be more expensive.

Interested residents are being asked to attend the meeting and discuss possible alternatives.

# George Raupp to celebrate 25 years service here

George Raupp, maintenance operator, will celebrate 25 years of service with the Village of Wheeling on Jan. 15. A native of Wheeling, he was born and raised on an 80-acre farm on the southeast corner of Hintz and Schoenbeck roads. He attended St. Mary's Parochial School in Buffalo Grove, worked on the family farm, and then spent two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps working in the hospital during the Korean War.

George and his wife, Kathy, have five children, Debbie, currently studying to be a doctor of medicine; Cindy, physical therapist; George, bricklayer; Sandy a student at Illinois Southern University, and Gregory, 10, in the 5th grade.

During his spare time George raises vegetables on his mini farm and takes his young son on outings. George is also interested in hunting and is an armchair baseball and football enthusiast.

## Public service

### Election is April 12

The village of Wheeling election will be Tuesday, April 12. Three trustees will be elected, each to a four-year term. New political party filing dates for petitions for nominations are Monday, Jan. 24, through Monday, Jan. 31.

Petitions of candidates for new political parties must contain at least 160 signatures (5 percent of 3,192 voters in the last election.) Office hours for filing petitions for nomination are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. On Monday, Jan. 31, the office will remain open until 5 p.m. for filing petitions for nomination.

Petitions must be bound and the pages must be numbered.

Petition for nomination forms are not available at the village offices; they must be obtained through a supplier of election materials.

Voters registration is open during regular office hours.

*Reminder 1/13/83 \**

# Retailer may occupy old Jewel supermarket

By GAY BAKER

At least one of three recently-vacated supermarket sites in the Buffalo Grove-Wheeling area is due to re-occupied.

Jewel Food Stores is negotiating the sale of the 32,000 square-foot site at 240 E. Dundee Road, Wheeling, it recently vacated when the new larger JewelOsco opened Dec. 16 in Buffalo Grove.

Bob DeGreve of the Jewel real estate department said Wednesday that the company is negotiating a sale to another retailer. Helm would not say who the retailer is or when the sale will be completed, but he said the prospective purchaser has a "well-run, reputable operation."

"It will be a plus to the community," DeGreve said.

When the new 52,895 modern combination store opened, a Jewel store in the Ranch Mart Shopping Center in Buffalo Grove was closed along with the Wheeling store. DeGreve said the company is in the process of negotiating a cancellation of the lease it has on that store. He said there is only a short time left on the lease.

A number of concerns are interested in the 25,000 square-foot site, said Ken Rodeck of the firm which operates the center. He said that because of its size, his firm is looking for a major user. But, he said, nothing has been finalized.

At Plaza Verde Shopping Center in Buffalo Grove, the Eagle supermarket vacated on Oct. 30 still stands empty. That store was vacated because of its proximity to a bigger and more modern Eagle store a mile-and-a-half away at the Cambridge Commons shopping center.

Eagle still has 12 years to run on its lease of the store and company real estate officials and shopping center managers are trying to find a new tenant for the facility.

"It is being considered by several possible users and we are dealing with large concerns, and that takes time," said Del Helm, manager of the Eagle real estate department in Milan.

Other tenants of the shopping center have an interest in seeing the supermarket space occupied and while there is some sentiment for seeing another supermarket in the center, there is also a feeling for having a major non-food retailer as a tenant.

Though individual retailers in Plaza Verde differ in their views of how the vacation of the largest store in the center has affected their businesses, there is agreement that finding a new tenant as soon as possible is desirable.

Stu Morgan, president of the merchants' association said Tuesday that talks are going forward between center managers and prospective tenants.

## Application to buy airport OKd

THE PROSPECT Heights City Council has approved an initial application for federal funds to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport, while officials in neighboring Wheeling are still preparing that village's application. A consulting firm recommended that the two municipalities buy the airport to ensure its continued operations and to have more control over it. The estimated cost is \$53 million. Neither town has made a final decision regarding the purchase, and an answer from the federal government on whether they qualify to apply for the funds is expected to take at least six months. Meanwhile, the Wheeling Village Board has decided to await the outcome of a lawsuit filed against the village by Prospect Heights' residents in Cook County Circuit Court, challenging Wheeling's 1980 annexation of the northern half of the airport at Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road.

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THE WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SPONSORING a local campaign to raise funds for the purchase of bullet-proof vests for our Wheeling police officers. The fund drive has been titled "Protect-A-Cop," and was started by Gene DeBartolo, owner of Gene's Standard Station at the corner of Hintz and Elmhurst roads. DeBartolo sent out 750 letters to local businesses and organizations, and also lets his customers know about the campaign. Police Chief Michael Haeger is pleased with the response thus far, and hopes the goal of supplying each of his 39 officers with bulletproof vests and protective helmets, will be met soon. If you'd like to give a donation to perhaps save the life of a cop, who may someday be saving your life, stop in at DeBartolo's Standard, or give the Wheeling Police Station a call. The friends and families of our Wheeling police force appreciate your help.

# From the Police Blotter

Wheeling police are stumped on why anyone would or could walk away with a 300-lb. barrel of cooking grease reported stolen Jan. 15 from the rear entrance of the Red Hot Dog Restaurant.

Scott A. Galichus, 23, of 252 Chicory Lane, Buffalo Grove, was charged Jan. 15 with driving while intoxicated after police observed his car straddling lanes along Aptakisic Road.

Thomas Farner, 30, of 13912 Duffy Lane, Deerfield, was charged Jan. 12 with driving while intoxicated following a two-car accident on Milwaukee Avenue.

Edward S. Wargo, 27, of 401 S. Wolf Rd., Wheeling, was charged Jan. 15 with driving while intoxicated after police observed his car driving over the curb along Dundee Road.

Carl L. Frye, 27, of 27 E. Village, Northlake, was charged Jan. 15 with driving while intoxicated after police found his car stopped in the roadway along Dundee Road.

Kenneth R. Behm Jr., 27, of 307 W. LaSalle, Arlington Heights, was charged Jan. 15 with driving while intoxicated after his car was stopped by police for speeding along Dundee Road.

Juan Reyna Jr., 25, of 1263 Henry Ave., Des Plaines, was charged Jan. 16 with driving while intoxicated after his car was stopped by police on Wolf Road.

Three Panasonic cassette recorders valued at \$120 were reported stolen Jan. 14 from Field School in Wheeling. The recorders are marked with the school's name and inventory numbers.

A five-foot artificial plant secured to the wall with chain and lock was reported stolen from the lobby of the Sandstone Condominiums in Wheeling. It was valued at \$200.



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### About our cover

A sign behind Sgt. Jack Kimsey of the Wheeling Police Department tells the most about the man. Kids, his own and those of others, are his greatest interest. For the full story of this man, turn to Page 4.

Cover photo was taken by Herald Photographer Rosemary Kaul. If you know someone in your community you think would make an interesting story in *The Neighbor*, or if your community group is planning an activity that would make a good cover photo, call Ernest J. Schweit, Neighbor coordinator, at 8-0-3650.

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## Young people rate high

by Sherry Boemmel

Herald correspondent

Sergeant Jack Kimsey, sometimes known as "The Fastest Draw in Wheeling," has the distinction of being one of the two village police officers ever shot in the line of duty.

A caricature of Kimsey with a hole in his knee, which greets visitors to his office, is a reminder of that incident in 1968.

He and a fellow officer had just returned from taking some car accident victims to the hospital — no paramedics then — so they responded to the burglary-in-progress call in the police ambulance. The man who summoned the police shot Kimsey in the knee so Kimsey went back to the hospital again as a patient.

"Don't ask," Kimsey remembers telling the nurses when he reappeared at the hospital.

Luckily he had no permanent injury, but in 1980 he had an even more miraculous escape. He was not on duty at the time and was driving his own car in Prospect Heights.

He stopped to help what appeared to be a motorist in trouble. He said another man came around the car and hit him over the head with a tire iron. Kimsey was rolled for his wallet, but he said when they saw his badge, the men fled and were never caught.

**HIS INJURIES SEEMED** confined mainly to a broken nose, a cut eye and broken teeth, but when he returned to work after a hospital stay, he suddenly began to hemorrhage from his nose. Doctors discovered the attack had severed two arteries above his nose, but the swelling from his face had kept the ends closed. This time survival was the basic question.

But what really seems to tell the most about Kimsey is a Norman Rockwell print of a police officer and a boy with the classic gear of a runaway seated at a lunch counter.

Kids — his own and those of others — are of great interest to Kimsey. He was the first police school liaison with elementary District 21 and with Wheeling High School, beginning in 1967.

Kimsey said he has three plaques at home honoring his two-plus years working with the schools which say the stu-

dents respect him as much as

About that same time he Wheeling High School teach take over the youth group; Presbyterian Church in Wheeling the group grew from 12 to 4 of Wheeling, an interdenominational group sorely missed by their church.

**KIMSEY SAID IT** is still a.m. calls from former me. He said he was also able to quietly into a squad car without mand stronger measures in

About the time he stopped Kimsey was asked to work for a youth agency offering counseling to young people and their families in Prospect Heights, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling in surrounding areas. The agency is also supported by

Jack Kimsey is probably the most respected since he is in his second year of Omni House.

The Kimseys also were interested in a more personal way. In a Danny, after they saw a Daily

Danny stayed with the Kimseys who was about three when years until his mother suddenly Danny showed no response I would not allow them to to "give you a hug because he said.

"Needless to say, it was anger," Kimsey said. "It was you can share with someone else said.

**AFTER DANNY** left, the him high and low. Recently Wheeling restaurant through

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# Village paramedics kept busy Jan. 11

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Wheeling paramedics went to six car accidents resulting in injuries Jan. 11. Four of the six persons who had minor injuries went to hospitals under the paramedics' care, but two refused transport.

Between accidents paramedics went to help a 14-month-old baby who was choking. The baby was not choking when paramedics arrived, but they took her to an ambulatory care center.

Paramedics finished that busy day when they went to help a 51-year-old woman who had a fight with her son. The complaint was a sore wrist. She said her son had twisted her arm. She refused transport.

## Help woman in labor

Just before midnight Jan. 9, Wheeling paramedics were called to help a woman in labor. The 21-year-old woman was expecting her third child and said she had one-minute contractions, but the paramedics said no contractions were observed on the way to the hospital.

## Man overdoses

A 23-year-old man was taken to the hospital Jan. 10 for a possible drug overdose. The man, who was conscious when paramedics arrived, said he took 50 parafon forte pills.

## Fire calls

### Teenager 'disoriented'

The principal of Wheeling High School called paramedics Jan. 20 to help a 15-year-

old boy who was "confused and disoriented." The boy said he had taken drugs.

### Fingertip severed

An employee at Interpack had the tip of her

finger amputated from the bottom of her fingernail when she caught her finger in a machine. Paramedics put the severed part in a salt solution and packed it in ice to take it to the hospital with the 51-year-old woman.

# 2 towns await word on funds for Pal-Waukee

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By Dori Meinert

IT MAY BE six months before Prospect Heights is told whether it can proceed with its application for federal funds to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport.

The city council approved the initial application Monday but must await a formal invitation from the federal Airport Development Aid Program to actually apply for the funds. Officials in neighboring Wheeling also are preparing an initial application.

Neither municipality has made a final decision regarding the purchase, but a consulting firm they hired last summer recommended they buy the airport, at Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road, to ensure its continued operation. The estimated cost of the purchase and renovation is \$52.7 million.

RESIDENTS ORGANIZED as the Citizens Airport Activity Group oppose the purchase as well as the time and money spent in investigating its feasibility.

Prospect Heights Mayor Richard Wolf and Wheeling Mayor Sheila Schultz have said they see no problem with taking the preliminary steps to receive funding

for the purchase, even while the two towns are fighting a legal battle over the annexation of the airport property.

The 1st District Illinois Appellate Court last month reopened the question of whether Wheeling's 1980 annexation of the northern half of the airport was legal.

RESIDENTS OF a subdivision near Wolf and Hintz Roads originally sued Wheeling after the village's annexation blocked the residents' attempt to be annexed by Prospect Heights.

A Cook County Circuit Court judge determined in January, 1981, that Wheeling's annexation was a separate issue, and that because it left Prospect Heights without a contiguous border with the subdivision, the residents' annexation attempt was denied.

However, the Appellate Court overturned that ruling and concluded the lower court could decide the Wheeling annexation issue while considering the residents' request.

Rather than appeal the Appellate Court decision, the Wheeling Village Board will await the outcome of the lower court case, Village Atty. James Rhodes said. A new court date has not been set.

## AmVets Post 66 gives \$500 to Protect-A-Cop program

A fund-raising project started by Gene DeBartolo, owner of Gene's Standard Station on the corner of Hintz and Route 63, is getting active community support. The Protect-A-Cop program is a drive to raise money that will supply our Wheeling police force with bullet-proof vests and safety helmets.

Last week, the Wheeling AmVets Post 66 donated \$500 to the Protect-A-Cop cause, under their own Adopt-A-Cop program. Post Commander Robert Hettlinger said that the AmVets gave their donation in the name of Sergeant Harvey Gorman, who is a watch commander on the Wheeling force and also a member of Post 66.

AmVets is a state service foundation serving needy families in the community, especially those of war veterans. To become a member of the organization, you must be a veteran anywhere between 1948 and May of 1975. Post 66 in Wheeling meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 200 Old McHenry Road. For more information, call the post home at 537-0440.

WHEELING VILLAGERS, DON'T FORGET THOSE vehicle stickers which must be displayed on your cars by Jan. 31. If you haven't received a sticker yet, be sure to stop in at the village offices on Dundee Road, or call 459-4600.

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The week ahead

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# Dist. 214 tax talks expected tonight

Citizens urging High School District 214 to keep down next year's budget and reduce their tax levy will come before the Board of Education tonight to further plead their case.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the Rolling meadows High School theater, 2901 Central Road, Rolling Meadows.

In addition to those people against a tax hike, the board will hear from several teachers and parents who are expected to lobby in favor of maintaining the same number of programs now offered in the district, something the board says it can't do without an increase in the budget.

Citizens for Economical Education, the anti-tax hike group, is counting on a crowd of several hundred people at the board meeting to reiterate its anti-tax hike position when the board discusses three possible budgets for 1983-84 ranging from \$68.7 million to \$71.9 million. This year's spending is estimated at \$73.4 million.

People wishing to give their opinion on the budget at tonight's meeting are urged to call the district office at 259-5300 to sign up.

WHEELING OFFICIALS tonight are holding a meeting that will give residents a chance to air their complaints about cable television service in the village.

Officials of Cablenet, the cable firm hired by the village, are scheduled to attend the meeting to field residents' questions about cable TV. Village officials decided to hold the meeting after saying that they were getting tired of answering complaints about cable service and the cable company's employees.

The meeting starts at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

A SEX discrimination complaint against High School District 214 will be discussed in a closed conference Wednesday with a representative of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the EEOC office, 536 S. Clark St., Chicago with Esther Richmond, an equal opportunity specialist.

The complaint was filed by Betty Pruitt, a physical education teacher and coach at Buffalo Grove High School, who says the district discriminated against her because she was not chosen as athletic director at Forest View High School.

District officials say they chose Joseph Gliwa for the job because he was the best candidate.

BUFFALO GROVE Park commissioners Thursday will discuss whether they should try to find a way to annex 50 acres of land north of Lake-Cook Road and west of the Soo Line Ry. tracks.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Moser Administrative Center, 150 Raupp Blvd.

The Wheeling Park District recently annexed the parcel, which is considered prime industrial land that could eventually bring a windfall in property tax dollars. However, the Village of Buffalo Grove plans to annex the property next month, and traditionally the Buffalo Grove Park District has annexed land within village boundaries.

# Cablenet representatives to answer queries

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Cablenet representatives will be at the Village Board Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, Jan. 24, to answer any questions residents may have about Cablenet system and to assist them with any problems they have been experiencing. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the village hall. The public is invited.

## Public service

for their help in keeping the community safe from fire during the holiday season.

The "Keep the Wreaths Red" campaign ended at the New Year and left the wreaths with all red lights. We are happy to say, there were no fires related to holiday decorations during the 1982 Holiday Season in Wheeling.

During this winter season, let's keep safe

from fire by maintaining our heating units and keeping them in top working order. We can accomplish this by keeping them clean and changing the filters on a regular basis. If you are using kerosene heaters in your home, following the manufacturer's instructions is very important. Use only water-clear kerosene that meets the No. 1-K specifications. Do not use gasoline in the heaters. Store fuel in approved containers that are clearly marked. The heaters should be kept at least three (3) feet from all combustible materials. The heater should be refilled only out of doors and only after it is cool to the touch.

## Safety for seniors

The Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission is holding an information forum entitled "Safety for Seniors" on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Topics will include crime prevention, fire prevention, safety in the home and safety with medications. Village fire personnel will provide free blood pressure screening immediately following the forum. All area senior citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 459-2620.

## Fire Department says thanks

The fire department would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Wheeling

## Suburban report

### Wheeling fighting loan program

THE WHEELING Village Board has filed a class action suit challenging the use of police pension fund money for a low-interest home and personal loan program. The suit, representing all village taxpayers, seeks a court order to force the Combined Counties Police Association's credit union to return \$2.2 million plus interest that has been deposited for the loans. The program, approved by Wheeling's police pension fund board last month, would provide \$60,000 30-year loans at 8 percent interest to the department's 39 active and six retired officers. In the suit, the village contends it will pay an additional \$480,000 into the pension fund in the program's first five years as a result of the fund's investment in the loan program. The amount the village pays into the pension fund is reduced by the interest earned on investments of contributions by officers to the fund. Pension Board President Jack Kimsey said the lawsuit "is a little premature" because the pension fund money hasn't been transferred for use in the credit union's loan program.

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# Pipeline worker crushed to death

by John Slania  
Herald staff writer

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A construction worker was killed in Arlington Heights Friday when he was crushed by a section of concrete pipe being used on a pipeline project that will carry Lake Michigan water from Evanston to four Northwest suburbs.

Lucas A. Curalli, 57, of 5762 W. 150th Place, Oak Forest, was pronounced dead of severe head injuries at Northwest Community Hospital after a 3½-ton pipe rolled over the upper

section of his body in a field near Rand Road and Windsor Drive.

Curalli, a superintendent for Carlo V. Santucci Inc., Northfield, was crushed at about 10:45 a.m. Friday when he apparently tried to stop the section of pipe from rolling into a small ditch where he was standing, said Arlington Heights Police Capt. Paul Buckholz.

SECTIONS OF pipe are being laid in the field as part of a \$88 million pipeline project that will bring lake water to Arlington Heights, Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and Palatine, members of the

Northwest Water Commission.

A tractor had placed the 20-foot-long pipe on small wedges of wood when it began to roll slowly toward Curalli and another worker, said Carlo V. Santucci. Both men put blocks of wood under the pipe, but it continued to roll over Curalli's body, pinning him to the ground, Santucci said.

"Both men bent down to put blocks under the pipe. When the other man stood up, he looked over and saw him (Curalli) under it (the pipe)," Santucci said. "I'm still not sure in my mind what happened because nobody on the

site seems to know what happened. Maybe he slipped."

Paramedics worked on Curalli while a tractor pulled the pipe off his body, but efforts to revive him failed.

J.C. Whiteman, who supervises the project for the engineering firm P.R.C. Consoer Townsend, said it is common for workers to prop sections of pipe on wood so they can be easily lifted by cables attached to tractors.

"IT'S AN unfortunate happening," Whiteman said. "But accidents like this happen all the time. Some are fatal, some are not."

Josephine O'Brien, area director for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said her staff would conduct an investigation into the accident to determine if there was any violation of safety standards.

Curalli, who is survived by his wife Elsie and five children, worked with Santucci for 30 years, and his employer said he was one of his most trusted employees.

"He was a good man and a hard worker," Santucci said. "This is a great loss to our company and to me personally as a friend."

# Candidates to throw hats in ring

by Jim Davis  
Herald staff writer

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Filing opens today for seats on the Wheeling Park Board as well as slates that are running for the village board.

For the village board, the Citizens Action Party — which includes Trustee Charles Kerr, Nicholas Fanella, a former president of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, and former

plan commission chairman Anthony Altieri — is expected to file for the three seats. Trustees John Cole and James Goetch are retiring from the village board.

They will face Don Kirchenberg, the president of the Cedar Run homeowners' group, the first Wheeling resident to seek election as an independent in six years. There also has been speculation that supporters of former Village

President William Hein will mount some opposition to Kerr's slate. All terms are for four years.

In the park elections, there are two six-year terms available. One of the incumbents, Commissioner Shirley Mueller says she does not plan to seek another term. The other, Commissioner Glenn Meier, says he is undecided about his re-election plans, although he

did pick up nominating petitions last week.

The only declared park board candidate is Trixie Reinagle, vice president of the Wheeling Jaycee Jills. Also, Ricky Ament, a local attorney who unsuccessfully ran for the village board two years ago, picked up petitions for an unnamed "client" who is considering running for the park board.

Candidates have until Jan. 31 to file.

## Citizens Action Party files slate for election

The Citizens Action Party, headed by Wheeling Trustee Charles Kerr, formally entered the race Monday for three seats on the village board, while two political newcomers filed petitions for the park board during the first day of filing.

Kerr, who is seeking his third four-year term on the village board, is joined on the CAP slate by Nicholas Fanella, former Wheeling Chamber of Commerce president, and Anthony Altieri, ex-president of the village plan commission. Trustees John Cole and James Goetch are planning to retire from the village board.

The slate will be challenged by Don Kirchenberg, the president of a local

homeowners' group, and the first Wheeling resident to run as an independent since 1977.

In the park board contest, newcomers Rita "Trixie" Reinagle, 405 Thelma Court, and Sonia Edelman, 1608 Chippewa Trail, filed their petitions to run for the two six-year terms to be filled in the April 12 election.

Incumbent Commissioner Shirley Mueller has announced her retirement from the park board, and the other incumbent, Glenn Meier, says he is undecided about whether he will seek a second term.

The last day for filing petitions is Jan. 31.

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# Cable TV users air complaints <sup>Herald 1/25/83</sup>

About 50 residents packed Wheeling village hall Monday to lodge complaints about cable television service made available in some parts of the village last fall.

The complaints included late-arriving program guides, interrupted service and poor reception.

"The bill always arrives on time," said Christine Dolgopol, who noted that she usually ends up driving to a television repair shop in Mount Prospect to get her monthly program guide.

When she also complained that service is interrupted on a "semi-regular

basis, several members of the audience laughed. "My TV goes off every day," said Alberta Klocke, former village clerk.

Cablenet, Inc., the Canada-based firm hired to bring cable television to Wheeling and most other Northwest suburbs, had five of its top executives at the meeting to field questions.

**COMPANY PRESIDENT** Walter Wechers urged residents to be patient with the brand new service. But he blamed the bulk of the problem on a pledge he made to the village board two years ago to hire mostly local employees. The result, he said, was cable

representatives unfamiliar with the industry.

He urged residents to stay after the meeting and submit their address and the nature of the problem and company officials will try to discover what it was.

Other subscribers complained of poor reception on "Showtime," a cable package which features only movies. Wechers said the movies are received via satellite which is subject to interference from local telephone traffic. Company officials are trying to resolve the problem by installing a microwave dish.

# Wheeling sues cop union over pension fund use <sup>1-26-83</sup>

By Dori Meinert

**THE WHEELING** Village Board has filed a class action suit challenging the use of police pension money for low-interest home mortgages—the first such planned use of police pension money in the state.

The suit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court last week to represent all village taxpayers, seeks a court order to force the credit union of the Combined Counties Police Association, a police union, to return \$2.2 million plus interest, the amount the suit claims was deposited for the mortgage program.

Village Atty. James Rhodes said he sued in case the Wheeling Police Pension Board refuses to reconsider its approval of the plan last month. The plan would provide \$60,000, 30-year loans at an annual interest rate of 9 percent, according to the suit. The police department's 39 active and six retired officers would be eligible for the mortgages.

**VILLAGE OFFICIALS** previously had protested the program, contending the village would be forced to pay an additional \$480,000 over 5 years into the pension fund as a result of the pension board's investment in the credit union's mortgage program. Police officers currently

contribute 8.5 percent of their salaries to the fund with the village contributing another 8.5 percent. The village's portion is reduced, however, by interest earned on investments of the money the police officers contribute to the pension fund.

Because the money used in the mortgage program will earn less interest than other pension fund investments, the village's obligation to the fund will be larger. Village Manager Thomas Markus said. Money loaned from the Wheeling deposits would earn the 9 percent interest charged to the bor-

rower minus a 3 percent administration fee.

However, pension fund officials said the program would add only \$1,045 to the village's cost in 1984, \$4,310 in 1985 and \$5,250 in 1986. Wheeling's 1982 tax levy is \$2.5 million.

**PENSION BOARD** President Jack Kimsey, who is a sergeant in the police department, said the lawsuit "is a little premature" because the pension fund money hasn't yet been transferred for use in the credit union's loan program.

The suit seeks to have the pro-

gram declared illegal because the investment is at lower than available market interest rates. It criticizes the investment of a substantial portion of the pension fund's total \$3.19 million in assets in a single institution, within a single geographical area and available to only a narrow class of borrowers.

The suit contends the 3 percent administrative fee is excessive and that the investment could benefit pension fund board members, some of whom are eligible for the mortgages themselves, and the police union, whose financial strength and prestige would be enhanced.

# April 12 election is taking shape; Monday is last day to file

With Monday as the last day to file petitions for the April 12 municipal elections, the field of candidates is starting to take shape. In the villages, the last day to file as an independent candidate was in December. The filing time for new slates and for library and park board candidates began Jan. 24 and Monday is the final day.

## Buffalo Grove

In Buffalo Grove, where no new party has filed as of Tuesday, it appears that incumbents Village President Verna Clayton and Village Clerk Janet Sirabian will be running unopposed for re-election.

The race for the three four-year board terms will among the three incumbents, Bobbie O'Reilly, John Marienthal and Charles Gerschefske, and three challengers. Attorney Hymman Riebman,

plan commission member Gary Clover and Richard Heinrich, chairman of the zoning board of appeals, also are running for the seats.

## Wheeling

In Wheeling, Cedar Run Homeowners Association President Don Kirchenberg is the only independent candidate who has filed for one of the three four-year terms as trustee. This week, the Citizen's Action Party filed as a slate made up of incumbent Trustee Charles Kerr, former president of the first National Bank of Wheeling Nicholas Fanella and former plan commission chairman Anthony Altieri Jr.

## Indian Trails Library

Though all four Indian Trails Library

Board trustees whose terms are expiring have taken out petitions, only two, Diane Nicholson and Diane Pennell, had filed as of Tuesday. There are three six-year and one four-year seats to be filled on April 12. Petitions are available at the library, 355 Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling.

## BG Park District

Buffalo Grove Park District Board incumbents Bill Schwebke and Jim Borowski have filed for the election. Schwebke will seek election to the seat to which he was appointed to fill an unexpired term. Newcomers Ron LaGrand of 1532 Bunescu and Don Sheppard of 208 Stonegate also have filed. Petitions have been taken out by two other persons, Carmen Sparreo and Jim

Bartlett. Voters will elect four trustees, three for three years and one for two years.

Petitions are available at the Moser Administration Center, 150 Raupp Blvd., and may be filed through Monday.

## Wheeling Park District

There are two six-year positions to be filled on the Wheeling Park District Board on April 12. As of Tuesday, Sonia Edelman, 1608 Chippewa Trail, and Rita (Trixie) Reinagle, 405 Thelma Ct., have filed petitions. Incumbent Glenn Meler has taken out a petition. Those interested in obtaining nominating petitions may do so at the park district office at 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. They may be filed at the same location through Monday.



# Cablenet customers air complaints at meeting

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

COMPLAINTS, compliments and suggestions for improved service and communication were aired by about 50 Wheeling residents at the Jan. 24 Village Board meeting with officials of Cablenet, Inc.

Trustee Roger Powers said there was "considerable misunderstanding and disappointment" among his neighbors, who had seen crews installing the cables last summer and fall, but whose homes are not yet wired. He said people did not realize that their homes would have to be wired individually to the cable which runs through the neighborhood.

Debbie Roseman, president of the Tahoe Village Board of Managers, told Weckers the main problem her association has with Cablenet is a

lack of communication. "Every time we turn something over to Cablenet, we don't get any response."

She said the condominium owners are still waiting for the firm's attorney to respond to the contract the association submitted to the company.

Christine Dolgopol complained of receiving the Cablenet program guide about a week late or having to drive to the Mount Prospect office to pick one up.

Joe Batson, the company's vice president of sales and marketing, acknowledged that there had been a problem in the delivery of the guides and said even hiring an outside delivery service last month did not solve the problem. He said copies of the guide can be picked up at Olson's TV if they do not arrive in time, but that they would contin-

ue to work on distribution.

Powers suggested adding a complaint-form page to the guide to allow customers to write and send in their complaints.

Dolgopol said another thing she finds "very annoying" is that her service "seems to go out on a semi-regular basis." She said it has gone off for as long as three to four hours or sometimes it just "flicks on and off."

Several others, including Trustee James Goetch and former Village Clerk Alberta Klocke said they have the same problem.

GEORGE STEIGER, Cablenet's vice president of engineering and a Wheeling resident, said there had been three "major failures" over the past few months, including a sabotage when the main trunk lines were cut, and two lightning hits.

"It's not typical of cable ser-

vice," to be interrupted so often, said Operations Vice President Frank Shusky.

Klocke and others said that when service goes out, it is difficult to get through to the company because the telephone lines are jammed.

Weckers said the phone system may be expanded in the near future. A few residents said the Showtime channel was coming in fuzzy, and Weckers explained that it comes in via satellite on the same frequencies as telephone microwaves. Because of the "tremendous amount" of those microwaves in the Chicago suburban area, they interfere with the Showtime signal. He said the company is trying to find a solution for this problem, possibly by moving the receiving dish or installing one at a new location that would just pick up the Showtime signal.

## Suit filed over mortgage plan

WHEELING OFFICIALS, including Police Chief Michael Haeger and one of the Wheeling Police Pension Board Trustees, Frank Proietti, filed suit in Cook County Circuit Court Friday, Jan. 21 against the Pension Board, its officers, the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union and the CCPA's president and chairman of the board. The suit asks that a plan to provide low-interest mortgage money to Wheeling's policemen using pension fund monies be declared null and void.

The suit also seeks the return by the CCPA credit union of funds already invested with it to the Wheeling Police Pension Fund, plus interest. More than \$2.2 million of the fund's total assets of nearly \$3.2 million had been deposited with the credit union as of Jan. 11, as stated in the text of the suit.

In addition to Haeger and Proietti, plaintiffs in the suit include the village itself, Village President Sheila Schultz, Village trustees John Cole, James Goetch, Roger Powers, Joseph Ratajczak and William Rogers, Village Manager Thomas Markus, Village Treasurer and Director of Finance Gregory Peters, who also serves as treasurer of the police Pension Board, and taxpayers George Kringstad and Ida O'Reilly.

THEY ALLEGE that Pension Fund trustees Eugene Wolf and Edward Theriault met secretly to discuss the mortgage plan, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Wolf, Theriault Pension Fund Trustee Michael Iser, Pension Fund President Sgt. Jack Kimsey, CCPA President Edwin Uhrik and CCPA Board Chairman John Flood were charged with violating the Illinois Corrupt Practices Act, which forbids elected officials to vote on matters that might benefit themselves financially.

Under the mortgage-loan proposal, approved by the Pension Fund Board on Dec. 18, \$2.7 million of the fund's \$3.2 million in assets would be invested in the CCPA credit union, which would pay interest on the money at 6 percent over a 30-year period.

At the same time, the credit union would make mortgage loans available to Wheeling's 46-member police force at 9 percent interest.

THE SUIT is also a class action on behalf of all taxpayers in the village, estimating that the cost to the taxpayers, if the mortgage-loan program is allowed to go into effect, would amount to an estimated \$5.2 million.

The police pension fund has only

three sources of revenue: employee contributions of 8.5 percent of their salaries, interest income on monies previously invested and a municipal contribution from the village tax levy as mandated by law.

If the investment income is reduced to 9 percent (less than available market interest rates) and employee contributions are maintained at the same level, the levy would have to be increased to keep

the pension fund at its current level. Raising the levy means each tax bill would be higher.

Other charges against the pension fund trustees include imprudent investment, failure to diversify investments, failure to act exclusively to provide pension benefits to fund participants and their beneficiaries, self-dealing and violation of the Investment of Public Funds Act.

# CountrysideReminderNews

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Challenges mortgage loan plan

## Wheeling sues CCPA, police pension board

By JOAN FLEISCHER

The Village of Wheeling vs. the Village of Wheeling.

Wheeling taxpayers will be paying the legal expenses for both sides of the courtroom as a result of the Wheeling Village Board's decision to file a class action suit against the Wheeling Police Pension Board and the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) Credit Union.

The lawsuit filed Friday in Cook County Circuit Court challenges the action of the Wheeling Police Pension Board to invest its funds in a controversial credit union investment plan. The plan would make available low-interest home mortgage loans to Wheeling police officers.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of all Wheeling residents as a class action, alleges that the CCPA investment plan would cost more than \$5.2 million for village taxpayers over a 37-year period.

The Wheeling Police Pension Board on Dec. 18 approved a plan presented by the CCPA Credit Union which will make 9 per cent interest mortgage loans available to police officers. The CCPA Credit Union, in turn, agreed to pay a 6 per cent interest rate of return to Wheeling's pension fund on a certificate of deposit maturing in 30 years.

Village officials question the legal authority of the pension board to make the investment deal with the CCPA.

In the 11-count lawsuit, they allege it is an imprudent investment because the CCPA plan is at lower than available market interest rates and that \$2.7 million, nearly 85 per cent of the Wheeling Police Pension Fund's assets, was too much to invest in a single institution with strict limitations.

They also question several improprieties in the last six months leading up to the pension board's action to join the CCPA Credit Union investment plan.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit are the Village of Wheeling, naming Village President Sheila H. Schultz and five village trustees, John C. Cole, James E. Goetch, Roger A. Powers, Joseph W. Ratajczak and William Rogers. Village Trustee Charles Kerr is excluded.

Also, named as plaintiffs are Village Manager Thomas M. Markus, Village Finance Director Gregory J. Peters, Village Chief of Police Michael F. Haeger, Frank A. Proietti, a member of the Wheeling Police Pension Board, and George T. Kringstad and Ida V. O'Reilly, both residents of Wheeling.

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## NORTHWEST WHEELING

# Cop pension plan may cost taxpayers millions: lawsuit

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

A controversial first-of-its-kind plan to use pension funds to write low-interest home mortgages for police officers will cost Wheeling taxpayers \$5.3 million over the next 37 years.

That's the main thrust of a lawsuit the village filed last week against its police pension board and the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) Credit Union. Village officials allege that taxpayers will suffer because the \$2.7 million that is being set aside by the credit union for the low-interest loans will draw lower interest rates than if the money were invested in higher-yield funds.

Pension funds are supported by contributions by officers, property taxes and interest earnings of the pension money that is invested. When a fund's interest earnings drop, the amount of property taxes needed to support it must be raised.

BOTH SIDES have hired their own financial experts to document their claims of the tax impact. The village's Chicago firm says the mortgage program will cost the village \$480,000 during the first five years, and \$5.3 million after 37 years — the time the village estimates it repays the fund for the 30-year mortgage loans.

But a pension board attorney who prepared an earlier report that mini-

mizes the tax impact says the village's conclusions are "misleading" and "hypothetical."

Wheeling pension board members voted last month to become the first in the country to offer its 39 policemen and six retired officers home mortgages of about \$60,000 at 9 per cent interest. The loan money would be invested by the police credit union at 6 per cent interest.

By passing up the chance to invest that money in a higher-yield account, such as a 30-year treasury bond, the pension board is losing about 3 percentage points on its investments, the village's report shows.

It also criticizes an earlier report upon which pension board members decided to vote in favor of the mortgage plan, saying the report "obscures and underestimates the true nature of the tax levy impact" by looking only at the short-term effects of the lower interest earnings.

BUT ONE of the authors of that earlier report, Washington attorney Michael Leibig, says the village incorrectly assumes that all of the policemen will use the low-cost mortgages.

Meanwhile, the money that is not used will remain in higher-yield accounts. Also, he said, the village will gain tax revenue when the policemen purchase houses and pay property taxes on them.

Additionally, Leibig said that it is

unrealistic to expect the pension fund investments to earn 10.5 percent interest, an assumption the village makes in its lawsuit. "I don't think there's a pension fund in the state of Illinois that's earning 10.5 percent interest," he said.

In addition to the financial implications, the lawsuit also alleges that some pension board members met in private, contrary to the open meetings act, to discuss the mortgage plan.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY James Rhodes would not discuss who was involved or where the alleged violations occurred.

However, police Sgt. Jack Kimsey, president of the pension board, said he thinks the village may be referring to a time when Kimsey, Patrolman Edward Theriault, a pension board member, and a pension board attorney huddled in private before a pension board meeting. "I don't know how that could be considered a quorum," he said.

One other highlight of the lawsuit is that it alleges a violation of the state's "corrupt practices" act in that Kimsey, Theriault and retired Sgt. Gene Wolf voted on a matter from which they could benefit.

Kimsey said he bought a house at favorable interest rates a few years ago, as did Theriault, and had no intention of securing a mortgage through the pension fund. Wolf declined to comment on the matter, citing the pending lawsuit.

## Wheeling sues

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Proietti is named as a plaintiff because he opposed the CCPA Credit Union from its inception in June and was later absent from the Dec. 18 meeting where pension board members voted 4-0 to join the credit union investment plan.

Named as defendants in the suit are the Village of Wheeling Police Pension Fund naming Wheeling Police Sgt. Jack L. Kimsey, president of the pension board; pension board members Michael H. Iser, Eugene Wolf and Edward Theriault.

Also, named as defendants in the suit are the CCPA Credit Union and its president, Edwin R. Uhrick and its chairman of the board, John J. Flood.

Flood is a former Wheeling police officer. The former police chief of Wheeling now serves on the board of the CCPA, as does a former Wheeling police sergeant.

The suit filed by village officials alleges that a major reason why the CCPA was successful in getting the Wheeling Police Pension Board to join its investment plan was because of the strong ties the CCPA has with the Wheeling Police Department.

The CCPA is a union and fraternal organization of police officers headquartered in Wheeling. Wheeling's police department has 39 active officers and 6 retired officers who belong to the pension fund, but the CCPA has never disclosed how many Wheeling police officers are CCPA members.

The CCPA has received unfavorable publicity in past months from people questioning its fund-raising activities. A number of people complained that the organization sent them bills for circus tickets that they never ordered.

When the Wheeling Police Pension Board voted to join the CCPA credit union investment plan, village officials protested that taxpayers would be asked to pay the difference in interest earnings that the pension fund could lose if it switches investments from higher-yielding accounts into the CCPA credit union.

They were also concerned that Wheeling was being used as a "guinea pig" by the CCPA because, it is, so far, the only community which has agreed to join the credit union's mortgage investment plan.

At the time Wheeling's Police Pension Board agreed to join, the chairman of the board of the CCPA said now that the groundwork was set in Wheeling, plans were underway to set up mortgage investment programs in the union's 280 other member departments in Illinois.

The lawsuit seeks a court order to force the CCPA credit union to return to the Wheeling Police Pension Fund \$2.2 million plus interest, the amount the suit claims has already been deposited for the mortgage program, and to pay all legal fees incurred by the Village of Wheeling.

The Village of Wheeling is being represented by Village Attorney James A. Rhodes and the Chicago law firm of Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather and Geraldson.

The Village of Wheeling Police Pension Board and the CCPA credit union and its directors are being represented by the Washington D.C. law firm of Zwerdling, Schlossberg, Leibig and Kahn.



# Suit filed over mortgage plan

WHEELING OFFICIALS, including Police Chief Michael Haeger and one of the Wheeling Police Pension Board Trustees, Frank Proietti, filed suit in Cook County Circuit Court Friday, Jan. 21 against the Pension Board, its officers, the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union and the CCPA's president and chairman of the board. The suit asks that a plan to provide low-interest mortgage money to Wheeling's policemen using pension fund monies be declared null and void.

The suit also seeks the return by the CCPA credit union of funds already invested with it to the Wheeling Police Pension Fund, plus interest. More than \$2.2 million of the fund's total assets of nearly \$3.2 million had been deposited with the credit union as of Jan. 11, as stated in the text of the suit.

In addition to Haeger and Proietti, plaintiffs in the suit include the village itself, Village President Sheila Schultz, Village trustees John Cole, James Goetch, Roger Powers, Joseph Ratajczak and William Rogers, Village Manager Thomas Markus, Village Treasurer and Director of Finance Gregory Peters, who also serves a treasurer of the police Pension Board, and taxpayers George Kringstad and Ida O'Reilly.

THEY ALLEGE that Pension Fund trustees Eugene Wolf and Edward Theriault met secretly to discuss the mortgage plan, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Wolf, Theriault Pension Fund Trustee Michael Iser, Pension Fund President Sgt. Jack Kimsey, CCPA President Edwin Uhrik and CCPA Board Chairman John Flood were charged with violating the Illinois Corrupt Practices Act, which forbids elected officials to vote on matters that might benefit themselves financially.

Under the mortgage-loan proposal, approved by the Pension Fund Board on Dec. 18, \$2.7 million of the fund's \$3.2 million in assets would be invested in the CCPA credit union, which would pay interest on the money at 6 percent over a 30-year period.

At the same time, the credit union would make mortgage loans available to Wheeling's 46-member police force at 9 percent interest.

THE SUIT is also a class action on behalf of all taxpayers in the village, estimating that the cost to the taxpayers, if the mortgage-loan program is allowed to go into effect, would amount to an estimated \$5.2 million.

The police pension fund has only

three sources of revenue: employee contributions of 8.5 percent of their salaries, interest income on monies previously invested and a municipal contribution from the village tax levy as mandated by law.

If the investment income is reduced to 9 percent (less than available market interest rates) and employee contributions are maintained at the same level, the levy would have to be increased to keep

the pension fund at level. Raising the levy means the bill would be higher.

Other charges against the pension fund trustees include improper investment, failure to diversify investments, failure to act prudently to provide pension benefits to fund participants and beneficiaries, self-dealing and violation of the Investment of Pension Funds Act.

## Seven in X running for board seats

As today's 5 p.m. filing deadline approaches, four candidates have filed for three seats on the Wheeling Village Board and there are three candidates seeking two six-year terms on the Wheeling Park Board.

In the village race, the Citizens Action Party filed earlier this week. That group includes Trustee Charles Kerr; Nicholas Fanella, a former president of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, and Anthony Altieri, ex-president of the village plan commission.

Running as an independent is Don Kirchenberg, president of the Cedar Run subdivision homeowners' group. Trustees John Cole and James Goetsch are retiring from the village board.

In the park board race, newcomers Sonia Edelman, 1608 Chippewa Trail, Rita "Trixie" Reinagle, 405 Thelma Court, and Anthony Abruscato, 125 N. Wayne Court, are seeking the two seats. Incumbent Commissioner Shirley Mueller is retiring from the board and the other incumbent, Glenn Meier, has not announced if he will seek a second term.

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# Cablenet customers air complaints at meeting

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

COMPLAINTS, compliments and suggestions for improved service and communication were aired by about 50 Wheeling residents at the Jan. 24 Village Board meeting with officials of Cablenet, Inc.

Trustee Roger Powers said there was "considerable misunderstanding and disappointment" among his neighbors, who had seen crews installing the cables last summer and fall, but whose homes are not yet wired. He said people did not realize that their homes would have to be wired individually to the cable which runs through the neighborhood.

Debbie Roseman, president of the Tahoe Village Board of Managers, told Weckers the main problem her association has with Cablenet is a

lack of communication. "Every time we turn something over to Cablenet, we don't get any response."

She said the condominium owners are still waiting for the firm's attorney to respond to the contract the association submitted to the company.

Christine Dolgopol complained of receiving the Cablenet program guide about a week late or having to drive to the Mount Prospect office to pick one up.

Joe Batson, the company's vice president of sales and marketing, acknowledged that there had been a problem in the delivery of the guides and said even hiring an outside delivery service last month did not solve the problem. He said copies of the guide can be picked up at Olson's TV if they do not arrive in time, but that they would contin-

ue to work on distribution.

Powers suggested adding a complaint-form page to the guide to allow customers to write and send in their complaints.

Dolgopol said another thing she finds "very annoying" is that her service "seems to go out on a semi-regular basis." She said it has gone off for as long as three to four hours or sometimes it just "flicks on and off."

Several others, including Trustee James Goetch and former Village Clerk Alberta Klocke said they have the same problem.

GEORGE STEIGER, Cablenet's vice president of engineering and a Wheeling resident, said there had been three "major failures" over the past few months, including a sabotage when the main trunk lines were cut, and two lightning hits.

"It's not typical of cable ser-

vice," to be interrupted so often, said Operations Vice President Frank Shusky.

Klocke and others said that when service goes out, it is difficult to get through to the company because the telephone lines are jammed.

Weckers said the phone system may be expanded in the near future. A few residents said the Showtime channel was coming in fuzzy, and Weckers explained that it comes in via satellite on the same frequencies as telephone microwaves. Because of the "tremendous amount" of those microwaves in the Chicago suburban area, they interfere with the Showtime signal. He said the company is trying to find a solution for this problem, possibly by moving the receiving dish or installing one at a new location that would just pick up the Showtime signal.

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# VILLAGE OF WHEELING

Cook County, Illinois

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wheeling, Cook County, Illinois, that sealed bids will be received for the following improvements:

### Construction of New Village of Wheeling Senior Center Building and Associated Site Work.

Said bids will be received up to the hour of 10:00 a.m., Local Time, on the 24th day of February, 1983, at the Village Clerk's Office, in the Village Hall, 255 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois, and will be publicly opened and read at that time.

The bidding forms and documents are available at the office of Holabird & Root, Architects/Engineers/Planners, 300 W. Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, upon payment of the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) per set which is not refundable. The Engineer has been authorized to refuse to issue plans, specifications and proposals to any person, firm or corporation that he considers to be unqualified. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided. No proposals will be issued to bidders after 4:30 p.m., on the 17th day of February, 1983. All proposals or bids offered must be accompanied by a bid bond, cash, or certified check made payable to the President and the Board of Trustees, in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate of the proposal, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted a contract will be entered into, and the performance of the contract is properly secured.

No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of the proposals without the consent of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wheeling for a period of 120 days after the scheduled time of closing bids.

The bidder is specifically advised that the Village is a Subgrantee of the County of Cook of a grant made pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, pursuant to an agreement entered into and between the County of Cook and the Village. Payments to the Contractor will be made by the Village only after it has received the funds to make such payments from the County of Cook in accordance with the terms of the aforesaid agreement.

### APPLICABLE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractor on construction work for this project shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon act as amended (40 U.S.C. 276-276a-5), and shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), and the Contractor and Subcontractor shall comply with all regulations issued pursuant to these Acts and other applicable Federal laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards. The Secretary of Labor has, with respect to the labor standards specified in this Section, the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Number 14 of 1950 (5 U.S.C. 133z-15) and Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276c).

All contracts and subgrants for construction or repair shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti Kick Back Act" (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR, Part 3).

Contracts shall include a provision for compliance with Section 103 and 207 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented by Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR, Part 5).

Each bidder shall be required to comply with Equal Employment Opportunity for Community Development Block Grants, a copy of which is on file with the Village Clerk and is available for inspection.

Compliance with "Section 3" which calls for affirmative action by the Contractor to train and/or hire lower income residents of the project area and to subcontract with local, small businesses is required on this project.


Explanation of the Applicable Federal Requirements previously mentioned is provided in the Special Provisions section of the Bid Specifications.

The successful bidder for the construction of the improvement will be required to enter into a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid, with sureties to be approved by the President and Board of Trustees, which surety bond shall be conditioned upon proper and faithful performance by the Contractor of the work specified in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore, and according to the time and terms and conditions of the contracts, and also that the bidder and Contractor shall properly pay all debts incurred by him in the prosecution of the work, including those for labor and materials furnished.

The Contractor shall be required to furnish sufficient insurance or guarantee of indemnity to the Village of Wheeling, Illinois, against any and all claims which might arise for damages to persons or property due to the negligency of himself, his employees or agents; during the construction of said improvement and until the said improvement has been finally accepted as complete by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Wheeling. The right to reject any and all proposals or bids is reserved.

Dated at Wheeling, Illinois, this 27th day of January, 1983.

By: T. M. Markus  
Village Manager



President and Board of Trustees  
Village of Wheeling, Illinois

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### Village files lawsuit against own agency

## Wheeling seeks to block CCPA pension loans

By JOAN FLEISCHER

Wheeling taxpayers will be asked to pay up to \$5.3 million in additional taxes during the next 37 years to help finance a controversial credit union mortgage plan for its police officers, according to a class action suit filed by the Village of Wheeling.

The Village of Wheeling, represented by Village Attorney James Rhodes and a Chicago law firm, is suing the Wheeling Police Pension Board and the Combined Counties Police Association (CCPA) Credit Union.

The class action suit was filed Jan. 21 in Cook County Circuit Court on behalf of all village taxpayers. It seeks a court order to

force the CCPA credit union to return to the Wheeling Police Pension Fund \$2.7 million plus interest, the amount the suit claims has already been deposited for the credit union mortgage plan, and to pay all legal fees incurred by the village.

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The police pension fund is supported by withholding 8.5 per cent of every police officer's pay check, property taxes and interest earnings of the pension fund that is invested. If the fund's interest earnings drop, a larger share will have to come from the village taxpayers, said Rhodes.

The village levies taxes to pay the amount determined by the Illinois Department of Insurance. In fiscal year 1982, the village's share into the pension fund was \$299,140.

Village officials question the legal authority of the pension board to make the investment deal with the CCPA.

In the 11-count lawsuit, they allege it is an imprudent investment because the CCPA plan is at lower than available market interest rates and that \$2.7 million, nearly 85 per cent of the Wheeling Police Pension Fund's total assets, was too much to invest in a single institution with strict limitations.

They also question several improprieties in the last six months leading up to the pension board's decision to join the CCPA credit union mortgage plan.

The lawsuit has been sent before Circuit Court Judge Harold Siegan but no date has been set yet for a court hearing.

# 4 competing for 3 posts on village board

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

For the first time in recent memory, two slates of candidates will not be squaring off in the April 12 election for the Wheeling Village Board. Instead, as filing ended Monday, one independent and a slate of three will compete for the three trustees' positions.

Meanwhile, the park board contest will feature four candidates seeking two six-year terms. And only three candidates filed for the four positions on the Indian Trails Library Board.

The village race will pit the Citizens Action Party, which includes Trustee Charles Kerr, Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fanella, against Don Kirchenberg, who is running as an independent.

KERR, A senior member of the village board, will be seeking his third term. Altieri, a former president of the village plan commission, and Fanella, a past president of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, are political new-

comers, as is Kirchenberg, president of Cedar Run condominiums.

Incumbent Trustees John Cole, who served two terms, and James Goetch are retiring from the village board.

Joining the park board race Monday was Julia D. Robberson, 1210 Roth Court. She will be challenged by Sonia Edelman, 1608 Chippewa Trail; Rita "Trixie" Reinagle, 405 Thelma Court, and Anthony Abruscato, 125 W. Wayne Place. All of the candidates are making their first run at a park board position. Retiring are Commissioners Glenn Meier and Shirley Mueller.

In the Indian Trails Library District, where four board seats are open, only board veterans Diane Nicholson, Diane Pannel and Isabel Rice have filed for three six-year terms.

That leaves an additional four-year seat that voters can fill with write-in votes — as long as the candidate is 18 years old and a resident of the district, said James Tenuto of the state board of elections.

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# Sportmart proposes to open store in old Jewel building

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

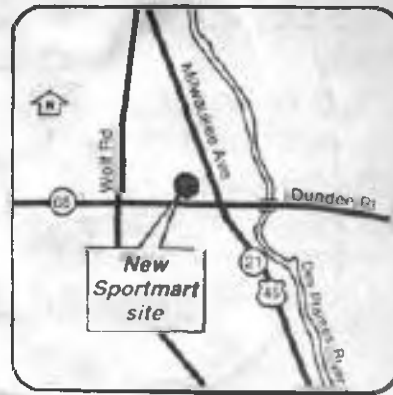
Officials of Sportmart Inc., a sporting goods chain, plan to open a new Wheeling facility in the Dundee Road building that was vacated in December by the Jewel Food Store.

Village officials said the sporting goods firm plans to buy and remodel the former Jewel building, at 240 E. Dundee Road. Sportmart officials were not available Tuesday to discuss their plans, but Wheeling Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski said the company is "in a hurry" to get started with the store's renovation.

Since the proposed Sportmart is in the village's downtown zoning district, its site plan and proposed signs must be approved by the village plan commission and village board. The first plan commission meeting on the matter is scheduled for Feb. 10.

FIALKOWSKI SAID the village will coordinate the Sportmart plans with plans by the nearby McDonald's restaurant, at 188 E. Dundee Road, to build a drive-through facility. The Jewel and McDonald's parking lots have seven driveways that spill onto Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue. By getting the two companies to consolidate some of their driveways, some of the congestion on Dundee Road might be reduced, he said.

Although village officials were concerned about the loss of a major food store near a Milwaukee Avenue housing complex for senior citizens that is scheduled to open soon, the village at least will not experience a drop in sales tax revenue. Fialkowski said the



sporting goods store should generate more sales tax for the village than the Jewel.

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# Water main work begins in village

Construction has begun on the Northwest Water Commission transmission main through the village. This main will be located on the Commonwealth Edison right-of-way adjacent to the Soo Line Railroad. Some construction will occur in Mercantile Court and Lynn Plaza. This water main is part of a joint action which will bring Lake Michigan water to Wheeling.

Minor inconvenience may occur when the construction crosses various roadways through the village. Additional work will begin village-wide in early spring when the village begins construction of its internal improvements. Mains will be placed along Wolf, Hintz, Elmhurst and Dundee roads, Northgate Parkway, Strong Street, Milwaukee Avenue, and Manchester. New water towers will be constructed near fire station #2, on Wolf Road near Lake-Cook Road, next to the Soo Line Railroad near Lake-Cook Road, and near the Fairway Greens Apartments.

These improvements are being funded by general obligation bonds issued in November of 1982, which will be retired by an increase in property taxes.

## Public service

home may need additional electric outlets. Keep that in mind, and press on.

Inspect those seasonal appliances that come out of the attic every fall and go back each spring. They have a way of getting old and battered — and the time to replace, say the electric blanket you took to college, is before it sets fire to your bedroom. Appliances that are physically battered, make humming or crackling noises, or emit "hot" odors should be

taken out of service until they can be inspected by a qualified repairman.

By the way, even if Aunt Emma's space heater looks OK, you might cut your electric bill by replacing it. We've learned a lot about energy efficiency since World War II.

Now survey your home's permanent wiring. Outlets and switches that are loose to the touch, or fuses and breakers that pop constantly, may indicate you need the services of a licensed electrician. Now it's time to remember those extension cords and taps, and consider installing additional electric service. Many

older homes aren't wired for the energy demands of today's electronic family. Old wiring that has badly deteriorated can get hot enough to spark a fire even when operated within the rating of its fuses or circuit breakers.

For many homeowners, hiring an electrician can be a very fire-wise investment — not only in good living, but perhaps in life itself.

Congratulations. If you've conducted this common-sense home inspection, you've made your family safer from electrical fire. But you can take your nose out of the fusebox now: I think the popcorn's done

## Electrical fire safety

Ah, the January doldrums. Families hang around the house, watching TV and popping popcorn, turning up the electric blanket and hauling Aunt Emma's World War II space heater from room to room. No wonder so many electrical fires strike this time of year! You can reduce your risk of electrical fires by taking a few minutes to inspect your appliances, extension cords and wiring. If you're like most people, you could probably use something to do anyway, right about now.

Start by inspecting your extension cords. Cords with worn or cracked insulation should be discarded. Loose or cracked plugs can be replaced. Now that your extension cords are in good repair, try to think of how many you can eliminate altogether. Now, visualize each extension cord in your house as a pugnacious gremlin who likes to play with matches behind your back, and think again.

The fact is that extension cords are bad news. They're easily crushed, a tempting toy for the little ones, and often mean that electricity is being abused. If you depend on extension cords to run permanent appliances like lamps and TV sets, or if you use taps to connect many appliances onto single plugs, your



# Pension board bars member from meeting

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

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Frank Proietti, a member of the Wheeling Police Pension Board who joined the village in a lawsuit over the use of police pension funds, has been barred from attending a closed-door session of his own pension board.

The other four members of the pension board, who are among the defendants in a lawsuit the village filed last month to stop the pension board from using its assets to provide low-interest home mortgages to police officers, voted Tuesday night to exclude Proietti from the executive session, held to discuss the lawsuit.

Pension Board President Jack Kimsey said, "The feeling was that with him (Proietti) being a plaintiff, why should he be allowed into an executive session that was held to determine the strategy that we were going to take in responding to the lawsuit?"

KIMSEY SAID it has not been determined whether Proietti will be excluded from any future sessions during which the lawsuit is discussed.

Proietti protested the pension board's action and village officials also said the move was "improper."

"The village's position is that Mr. Proietti is a pension board trustee and has a right to be included in all pension board meetings, be they open or

closed." Village Attorney James Rhodes said, "Locking him out was improper."

However, Rhodes said he did not know what action, if any, the village would take.

Proietti is one of two civilians appointed by the village to the pension board. He was not present when the board voted in December to offer the mortgage program. The other civilian member, Michael Iser, despite some initial reservations about the cost to the taxpayers of the program, voted in favor of it after a report showed the tax impact to be minimal. Iser, with two police officers and one retired officer, are named as defendants.

THE VILLAGE'S lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, alleges that the low-interest mortgage plan will cost Wheeling taxpayers \$5.2 million over the next 37 years, a figure that has been called misleading by attorneys for the police officers.

The mortgage plan, the first of its kind in the nation, would make \$2.7 million — or about 85 percent of police pension assets — available for mortgages of about \$60,000 at 9 percent interest for the village's 39 police officers and six retired police officers. The mortgage money would be invested in the Combined Counties Police Association Credit Union, sponsors of the loan program, at 6 percent interest.

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## The week ahead

### Village to consider Glenn parking ban

Wheeling trustees tonight will consider a plan to eliminate parking along the east side of Glenn Avenue in a congested industrial park.

In the past, businesses in the industrial park have complained of traffic jams caused because there is only one exit from the complex, where Glenn Avenue meets Hintz Road. By getting cars off the one side of the road, village officials say traffic will flow more smoothly.

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

A WHEELING Township committee Wednesday will discuss a plan to give \$43,000 in surplus federal revenue sharing money to four local social service agencies, including \$21,000 to Clearbrook Center for the Handicapped to buy a bus.

The leftover funds, anticipated when the township's fiscal year ends at the end of this month, comes from unspent contingency funds and extra money that was mistakenly budgeted to a youth agency. Clearbrook officials say they need the bus to upgrade its fleet of 18 buses, all of which have logged more than 100,000 miles. In turn, they have volunteered to let the township use the bus during the day to transport their own disabled residents.

The township's mental health committee also has recommended giving an additional \$5,000 to Clearbrook, \$2,000 to Countryside Association for the Handicapped, \$5,000 to the Northwest Mental Health Association and \$10,000 to the Salvation Army. The committee meets at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road.

## Kerr recuperating after surgery, will campaign

2/9/83

Wheeling Trustee Charles Kerr is recuperating at home, following a hospital stay for a ruptured intestine.

Although he probably will have to undergo additional surgery in about five or six weeks, Kerr said he is "making real good progress" and may attend a village board workshop session next week.

The trustee was hospitalized last month after complaining of severe stomach pains. He likened his illness to "a blown-out tire," and said doctors are waiting for the infection that occurred when his intestine ruptured to heal "before they patch me back to-

gether."

Kerr, who is seeking his third term on the village board in the April 12 election, said he does not think another hospital stay should interfere that much with his campaigning.

His slate, Citizens Action Party, includes Anthony Altieri, a former president of the village plan commission, and Nicholas Fanella, former president of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce. They are being challenged for three village board seats by Don Kirchenberg, president of the Cedar Run homeowners group, who is running as an independent. Herald

## Village board wrapup

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### Industrial park road parking to be banned

A plan to ban parking on both sides of Glenn Avenue, the main street in a crowded industrial park, has been approved by the Wheeling Village Board.

Trustees approved the proposal in order to keep traffic from creating a bottleneck where Glenn Avenue meets Hintz Road, the only exit from the industrial park. The parking problem surfaced when Cablenet Inc. moved into a new building at the corner of Hintz Road and Glenn Avenue.

### Restaurant sign revision OK'd

A new Milwaukee Avenue restaurant was given approval to revise its signs by the village board.

Robert Chinn, owner of the Crabhouse Restaurant, 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., was required to seek village board approval for any new signs, which is required in the village's downtown zoning district. Chinn now will be allowed to install three overhead lights on the restaurant sign.

### Employee service recognized

In a brief ceremony, the village board honored employees completing five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service with the village.

In addition to the 19 employees recognized for their five- and 10-year anniversaries, the village also commended Police Sgt. John Hermes, and Patrolmen Thomas Javens and Burton Kaminsky, who have served 15 years, and Bheula Peterson, the village's administrative assistant, who has been a Wheeling employee for 20 years.

George Raupp, a maintenance operator in the village water department, was honored for becoming the first village employee to log 25 years on the job.

## Dining out

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### Bob Chinn's Crab House

PAY NO ATTENTION to the paper copy menus — this is a classy place.

It has been open for merely a month, but already extra tables have to be dragged into the expansive dining room to accommodate the burgeoning volume of weekend evening patrons, and growing weekday lunch traffic. The reason: a fare abundant in innovative, ample and expertly prepared entrees, and a dining experience hard to rival in dollar value.

Visitors pass a tank filled with live lobster en route to either the brass-trimmed lounge area or airy main dining room. Because of massive windows, both rooms seem to melt into the currently snow-covered, Wheeling countryside, fostering the illusion of the eastern seaboard, soon cemented by the arrival of luscious seafood delivered by charming, knowledgeable and attentive servers.

Garlic rolls, creamy cole slaw and either parsleyed potatoes or french fries accompany nine kinds of shrimp dishes, along with Boston scrod, grouper, swordfish, scallops, lobster, salmon, frog legs and of

course, crab [which includes a choice among Florida stone, Alaskan king, snow and garlic dungeness]. Clams and oysters come either as entrees or as part of the ample "raw" bar. A "fresh" bar features jumbo Alaskan shrimp, and avocados are an nice addition to the roster of the conventional salad bar. Tuna salad and egg-seafood concoctions are additional choices of the lunch menu, and steaks, ribs and chicken complete the offerings.

Light and reasonably priced California, French and German wines are well-chosen complements.

A dinner for two without drinks and tip costs about \$32.

The Crab House, 393 S. Milwaukee Ave., is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for lunch, and 4:30 to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 4:30 to midnight Fridays and Saturdays for dinner. Reservations accepted during the week, and only for parties of eight or more on weekends. American Express, MasterCard and Visa accepted: 520-3633.

—Leigh Behrens





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## Sportmart eyes Jewel location

ALTHOUGH REPRESENTATIVES from both companies were unavailable for comment, it appears that Sportmart will become the new occupant of the vacated grocery store previously owned by Jewel Food Stores at 240 E. Dundee Road.

According to assistant village manager Robert Fialkowski, Sportmart officials are seeking variances to Wheeling's tough sign ordinance for that property.

Fialkowski said Sportmart officials have applied for a special sign district because they are planning a sign package that would include

signs at the entrances on Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road.

In addition to these pylon signs, Fialkowski said, Sportmart is planning to erect new directional signs and general store signs on the building.

**ANOTHER CONSIDERATION** that may be discussed by village and Sportmart officials is traffic from the adjoining parking lot onto Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

"We will be working with them on that problem," Fialkowski said. "We are trying to get driveways

consolidated along that area."

Should Sportmart get the needed variances and approval from village boards and commissions, it would likely mean Wheeling would continue to have a major retailer providing badly needed sales-tax revenue to the village.

While he did not cite exact figures, Fialkowski estimated Sportmart's sales-tax revenue would equal, or perhaps surpass, the amount generated by Jewel. The foodstore chain closed its Wheeling location and one in Buffalo Grove late last year and opened a larger store in Buffalo Grove at the inter-

section of Elmhurst and Lake-Cook roads.

In other village news, Wheeling's police officers should receive bullet-proof vests and "riot" helmets in the next few weeks, thanks largely to the efforts of Gene DeBartolo, who began the \$10,000 fund-raising project.

DeBartolo, who owns Gene's Standard, 995 S. Elmhurst Road, said Feb. 8 that the vests and helmets already have been ordered and, when they arrive, he will formally present the money to pay for them at a village board meeting.

However, he added, he does not

want anyone to get the idea that the vests and helmets are village property. "The vests belong to the police officers, not the village. I don't care what the chief of police or anybody says, they are not village property."

Several local businesses and organizations, as well as private citizens, donated to the fund. Among them were the Amvets, Phillip Carpenter Post 66, which donated \$500 in January.

**LONG-TERM VILLAGE** employees were honored for their work at an awards presentation Monday

night, Feb. 7.

Singled out for their achievements were George Raupp, senior maintenance operator, who has served the village for the past 25 years, and Bheula Peterson, administrative assistant and personnel officer, who received a silver tray in honor of her 20 years of service.

Also receiving awards were three 15-year veterans, nine employees who have been on the job for 10 years, and 10 who have served five years each.

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### The week ahead

## Trustees to discuss redoing water loan

A plan to refinance a \$6.4 million loan the village took out last year to help pay for Lake Michigan water will be discussed today by Wheeling trustees.

By borrowing a higher amount, \$7.2 million, but at lower interest rates, the village can retire the earlier loan five years ahead of schedule, saving about \$500,000 in interest costs. Because of the drop in interest rates, the village now can borrow money at about 9 percent interest. The \$6.4 million, which was needed to pay the Northwest Water Commission, was borrowed at 12 percent interest.

The board, continuing its series of "roving workshops," meets at 8 p.m. at the Cedar Run condominium clubhouse, 601 Cedar Run Drive.

## Sewer line sought for future annex

*Herald 2/24/83*  
Wheeling trustees Tuesday moved another step closer to annexing 150 acres of land owned by developer William Johnson by asking Lake County to provide sewer service for the property.

Once that service is secured, Johnson has said he will annex the property, which surrounds the Chevy Chase Golf Course, to the village.

More than two years ago, Johnson asked Wheeling to annex that land, but threats by Buffalo Grove to block Lake County sewer permits for the property delayed the agreement. Late last year, Johnson agreed to allow Buffalo Grove to annex a 50-acre parcel of land west of the Soo Line railroad tracks, only if the village would drop the sewer permit restrictions, allowing Wheeling to annex the larger parcel.

## Firm hired to help refinance loan

The village board agreed to hire Speer Financial Inc. to handle the financial details of plan to refinance a loan taken out last year to pay the cost of obtaining Lake Michigan water.

The financial consultants will only be paid if the board agrees to the refinancing plan. The deal is expected to cost the village \$12,000 and a charge that will equal 10 percent of the amount of money borrowed.

By borrowing \$7.1 million at about 9 percent interest, the village will be able to repay the \$6.4 million it borrowed at 12 percent interest last April about five years ahead of schedule. That would save taxpayers about \$500,000, or slightly more than \$3 a year for a person with a home valued at \$19,000.

Speer officials will now prepare the proposal, which will be then be brought back to the village board for approval.

## Wheeling candidates for airport referendum

*Reminder 2/24/83*  
By JOAN FLEISCHER

The proposed public purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights should be re-examined, according to all four candidates for village trustee in Wheeling.

Although a decision on the airport has not yet been made by the Wheeling village board, trustees last year voted to go ahead with preliminary application procedures with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and to retain an airport consultant to further study the feasibility of a public purchase.

"The airport issue has changed almost completely since discussion first began four years on whether Wheeling should buy it. With new federal tax and inheritance laws, Charlie Priester (owner of the airport) doesn't have the same concerns he once did. I'd like to see it remain a private airport, not expand or become a tax burden for local residents," said Trustee Charles Kerr, who is seeking a third term to the village board.

Kerr, the two candidates on his slate and an independent candidate for village trustee, all spoke at a candidates night forum for the community Tuesday night at Heritage Park. The four candidates answered questions from a panel of local reporters and editors.

Kerr, an eight-year veteran of the village board, is running with a newly-formed slate called Citizens Action Party.

The new party includes former chairman of the Plan Commission Anthony Altieri Jr., and former vice president of the First National Bank of Wheeling Nicholas Fanella.

Don Kirchenberg, president of the Cedar

Run Homeowners Association, is the only independent candidate for village trustee.

The three-member slate and Kirchenberg are running for three four-year terms on the village board which are up for election in April 12 municipal elections.

Trustees John Cole and James Goetch have said they will be giving up their seats on the village board when their terms expire in April.

Kirchenberg, calling himself an independent voice unencumbered by ties to a political party, said he would like to see a binding referendum for the voters to make a decision on whether they want Pal-Waukee Airport to be purchased by Wheeling. "After we saw results of the referendum, I would vote with the majority. I think it's only fair that our citizens should decide it."

Kerr said Village Attorney James Rhodes has told the village board that only an advisory referendum on the airport can be put on the ballot.

Altieri and Fanella both agreed with holding an advisory referendum, yet would not commit themselves to voting the same as results of the referendum. Fanella added, "The real question is expansion. I would like to see it stay private. It should never result in an increase in taxes."

In his opening address, Kirchenberg said a first priority of the village should be a solution to the flood problem after Wheeling homeowners suffered through two devastating floods in six months last year.

"I think a little coordination work with  
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## Airport—

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the several federal and state agencies who could offer us some help would be my first priority," he said.

Kerr agreed that a major concern of the village should be flood control. "There isn't a lot the village can do, but I believe that work on the drainage ditch and other preventative help is being done."

Kirchenberg added that he believed a large number of village residents living in new areas along Schoenbeck Road, McHenry Road, Milwaukee Avenue and Blair Trail feel under-represented in the village government.

He said he would form an independent citizens committee to serve as an advisory caucus to the village board to allow more input from local residents.

## Wickes eyes Wheeling for lumber facility

*2/24/83 Reminder*  
By JOAN FLEISCHER

Wheeling is among several North suburban sites being considered by the international Wickes Companies, Inc. in a move to relocate its Lumber Division headquarters from Seginaw, Mich., to a Chicago suburb. The new headquarters could bring up to 250 new jobs to the area.

Wickes Cos., the second largest furniture and lumber retailer in the United States, has been under Chapter 11 federal bankruptcy protection since April 24. The relocation of three regional offices across the country is part of a major reorganization to avoid duplication of services and cut costs, said Ann Jolsen, company spokesman at international headquarters in Santa Monica, Cal.

Chapter 11 allows a company to continue operating under existing management with court protection from creditors while it works out a multi-year plan to repay debt.

Wickes officials have reported it will take at least three years to recover from its \$2 billion debt and come out of bankruptcy proceedings.

On Feb. 9, Wickes Cos. announced that it was closing its regional offices in Seginaw and Minneapolis, Minn., and consolidating services to its Chicago area offices. Last August, the parent company relocated its international headquarters and regional

office in San Diego to Santa Monica.

"The relocation of the headquarters of Wickes Lumber Division is part of Wickes' redirection and reorganization. It will allow company offices to be closer to support functions and have a central location in the country," said Jolsen.

Wickes officials are currently negotiating for an office site in one of several North Chicago suburbs, including Northbrook and Wheeling where Wickes regional offices are now located.

Wickes Credit Corporation, located at 351 W. Dundee Road in Wheeling behind the Wickes Furniture Store, is the headquarters for the parent company's financial services and data center. It processes credit card applications and

billings for its 3,200 stores throughout the world.

Wickes Cos. regional corporate headquarters and Chicago group offices is located at 2215 Sanders Road in Northbrook.

Although several unidentified North suburban sites are under negotiation to relocate their Michigan and Minnesota offices, both Wheeling and Northbrook offices will be retained, said Jolsen.

She said the relocation is not expected to be completed before August. About 90 percent of the 250 people working in Saginaw are being asked to transfer to the Chicago area, she said.

Wickes Cos. last April was forced to file

for bankruptcy proceedings after declaring more than \$80 million in losses in the past year and owing more than \$200 million in interest to banks on its \$2 billion debt.

Wickes as a leader in the lumber and furniture businesses had been affected by the hard-hit housing industry and high interest rates.

Last May, a company spokesman said it would be closing money-losing operations and closing some stores, but that it was safe to say Wickes Furniture in Wheeling wouldn't be closing because the store is housed with the credit company. Wickes computer systems operation is located in the Wheeling offices.



# Teen murder suspect portrayed as 'child'?

by Rena Wish Cohen

Herald staff writer

Defense attorneys for a 14-year-old Wheeling boy accused of murder portrayed the defendant Wednesday as a "child" who was outwitted by police investigators trying to extract a confession from the youth.

In an apparent attempt to show their client was deceived by clever police tactics, attorneys Michael Norris and Anthony Pinelli grilled three Wheeling police officers on how carefully they presented William C. Boyd Jr. with his rights, whether they made it clear to Boyd he was free to leave the police station and whether they used interro-

gation tricks to elicit a statement.

Boyd, a Wheeling High School student who lives at 408 Sunset Lane, is accused of the July 18, 1981 strangulation slaying of 14-year-old Mary Kosinski. The victim was discovered in a shed behind the Boyd home after a night of strip poker. Police say a sexually aroused Boyd tried to rape Kosinski and strangled her in the process.

NORRIS HAS charged Boyd was coerced into a confession by a psychologist who placed him in a hypnotic trance. Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro is now hearing testimony on defense motions to suppress Boyd's confession and overturn his arrest.

According to testimony Wednesday,

three police officers advised Boyd of his "Miranda" rights to remain silent and to have an attorney present during interrogation. But Norris implied the youth did not understand the significance of the warnings and continued to submit to questioning when he should have sought legal help.

Defense attorneys also suggested investigators used repetitive questioning to confuse the boy, unnecessarily isolated him from his mother and posed as friends concerned for his welfare. Witnesses denied those charges.

Norris also questioned police testimony that Boyd got up in the middle of the night for some lemonade and stared out his kitchen window at the

shed where the Kosinski girl was sleeping. Investigator John Stone failed to include that part of the story in his police report, instead saying the youth went to bed after the poker game, could not sleep and could not remember what happened next. Norris suggested Stone and other police officers fabricated the tale to strengthen their case against Boyd.

"YOU DIDN'T just make it up, did you?" Norris said sarcastically.

Under direct examination by Assistant State's Attorney Toni Winnenger, Stone testified Wednesday that Boyd, his 12-year-old sister Barbara, Mary Kosinski and a friend named Tim

Hintze had played strip poker in the shed, called "the fort," the night of the murder.

The youths "got down to the removal of all their clothing" and the girls "started playing" with Hintze, the investigator said Boyd told him. Boyd tried to touch Mary and she pushed him away, so he watched from the sidelines. Boyd told Stone he was "mad" because of the rejection.

Boyd, free on \$100,000 bond, sat quietly during the testimony. He is being tried as an adult because of the brutal nature of the victim's wounds and faces 20 to 40 years in prison if convicted. He could have been released within months as a juvenile.

# Cop admits he didn't tell boy about 'doctor'

by Rena Wish Cohen

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling police investigator admitted Tuesday that he failed to tell a 14-year-old boy accused of murder that a "doctor" interviewing him was a psychologist and trained hypnotist, not a medical physician.

Investigator William Hoos said he told William C. Boyd Jr. the "doctor" was there to "help him remember" events surrounding the July 18, 1981, strangulation slaying of 14-year-old Mary Kosinski in a shed behind the Boyd home.

Boyd, of 408 Sunset Lane, Wheeling, had told investigators he could not remember what happened when he sneaked back to the shed where the girl was staying after an evening of strip poker. Police say Boyd tried to rape Kosinski and strangled her in the process.

Michael Norris, Boyd's attorney, has charged that the boy confessed to the crime after he was put in a hypnotic trance by psychologist Clarence Trausch, a former juvenile officer for the Wheeling Police Department. Norris has asked Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro to suppress Boyd's confession and overturn his arrest.

IN A HEARING on those motions Tuesday, Norris attempted to show that the Wheeling police committed a series of improprieties in their treatment of Boyd.

Under cross-examination by Norris, Hoos admitted he did not tell Boyd's mother Carol that her son was a suspect, did not encourage her to seek an attorney and did not tell her Trausch was a trained hypnotist.

Hoos admitted the suspect became so cold during the interrogation that another officer fetched him a blanket

and turned off the room air conditioner. But he denied Norris' charges that the room was deliberately kept cold, that Boyd was deprived of sleep and that he shoved the youth back into a chair when Boyd attempted to leave the police station.

During one two-and-a-half hour interrogation, Hoos said he told the youth, "Billy, you did it," four or five times, then later became concerned that he had "programmed" the youth.

Boyd confessed after the session with the psychologist, seven hours after the questioning began. The youth said, "I killed Mary, she did it one too many times," Hoos said. He did not specify what "it" was.

EARLIER, HOOS testified that Ginger Howard, a friend of Mary Kosinski, told him the victim had drunk five beers the night of the murder and had a "hickey" on her neck. Ginger also said Tim Hintze, a friend, had told her Mary was "acting really weird." She wanted to have sex with Tim and Tim told her "no way," Hoos said.

Boyd, a student at Wheeling High School, is free on \$100,000 bond. Although he was 14 at the time of the murder, he was ordered tried as an adult because of the condition of the girl's body, which had a black eye and bite marks on the breast and face. Her underwear was half-off and her T-shirt was pulled over her throat.

Boyd sat quietly Tuesday, wearing a Wheeling High School jacket, brown corduroy pants, a brown turtleneck and a plaid flannel shirt with the sleeves rolled up.

The hearing was punctuated by bickering between defense attorneys and prosecutors. Pomaro repeatedly told both sides to stop arguing and behave "like ladies and gentlemen."

# Hypnosis 'not really' used on Boyd; lawyer

by Rena Wish Cohen

Herald staff writer

A psychologist summoned to help a 14-year-old murder suspect remember the events surrounding the crime instructed the youth to lie down and relax, but said his technique was "not really" hypnosis, an assistant state's attorney testified Thursday.

The testimony came in the third day of hearings on a motion by defense attorney Michael Norris to dismiss murder charges against William C. Boyd Jr., a Wheeling High School student accused of the July 18, 1981, strangulation slaying of 14-year-old Mary Kosinski in a shed behind the Boyd home.

Norris has charged Wheeling police extracted a confession from Boyd after psychologist Clarence Trausch placed the youth in a hypnotic trance. Alleging a violation of Boyd's constitutional rights, Norris has asked Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro to suppress Boyd's confession and overturn his arrest.

Under cross-examination Thursday, Assistant State's Attorney Jeffrey Zehe said he was called to the Wheeling police station about 12 hours after the girl's body was discovered to question Boyd. Investigators told Zehe they had sought assistance from Trausch, a former Wheeling juvenile officer, because Boyd said he could not remember what happened when he sneaked back to the shed where the victim was staying after an evening of strip poker.

THE PSYCHOLOGIST told Zehe he jogged the youth's memory by telling him to take deep breaths and relax.

"He (Trausch) described to me he had the defendant lay down and he asked him certain questions and the defendant closed his eyes and recounted what occurred," Zehe said. "At a certain point (Boyd) opened his eyes and remembered what occurred."

Zehe said he asked if Trausch had performed "a form of hypnosis." Trausch answered, "Not really," Zehe said.

Trausch is expected to testify today. Defense attorneys continued their

efforts Thursday to portray "Billy" as a child tricked into a confession because of his ignorance of police procedures. A major point of contention is how well Boyd understood his rights to remain silent and have an attorney present during interrogation, as well as a separate warning that he might be tried as an adult for the crime despite his age.

Boyd told the assistant state's attorney he understood each of the warnings, but Zehe admitted under cross-examination that he did not tell the youth he could stop the interrogation or ask for an attorney at any time during the questioning.

ZEHE ALSO admitted he did not explain Boyd could be sentenced to 20 to 40 years if convicted as an adult.

Boyd, free on \$100,000 bond, is being tried as an adult. As a juvenile, he could have been released within months if convicted.

Defense attorneys also questioned Zehe's fairness in interrogating the suspect. They produced a memo indicating Zehe "was told the defendant may have changed his mind about giving a statement," suggesting Zehe was too eager to get a confession. They pointed out that a statement Boyd made in the presence of a court stenographer took only 20 minutes, while an earlier verbal session with Zehe lasted 90 minutes, suggesting Zehe deliberately ignored parts of the youth's story. Zehe admitted that in the second interview he failed to ask Boyd about bite marks or bruises on the girl's body and omitted a routine question about whether Boyd had anything to add.

Police say Boyd committed the crime because he was "mad" when the victim spurned his sexual advances during the strip poker game, although she, Boyd's 12-year-old sister and another 14-year-old boy were involved in "sex play" at the time. Later that night, police say Boyd sneaked back to the shed, tried to rape Kosinski and strangled her in the process, possibly with her T-shirt. She died from asphyxiation resulting from strangulation.

# Questioner denies hypnotizing Boyd

by Rena Wish Cohen

Herald staff writer

Clarence Trausch, a Des Plaines psychotherapist and former Wheeling police officer, Friday denied that he hypnotized a 14-year-old murder suspect to extract a confession from the youth.

Trausch, a key witness in hearings on a motion to dismiss murder charges against William C. Boyd Jr., denied defense allegations that he is a trained hypnotist and said he sends clients who require hypnosis to other specialists.

But he confirmed he billed the Wheeling Police Department \$480 for his services in the Boyd case and discussed having the Wheeling village attorney represent him in a possible civil rights lawsuit arising from the case. Defense attorneys contend such actions prove Trausch was an "agent" of the village, intent on obtaining a con-

fession and not just an impartial expert called in to help the youth remember the events surrounding the murder.

Boyd, a Wheeling High School student, is accused of the July 18, 1981, strangulation slaying of 14-year-old Mary Kosinski in a shed behind the Boyd home. He originally told investigators he could not recall what happened after leaving the girl in the shed after an evening of strip poker, but confessed to the crime after talking to Trausch.

BOYD'S ATTORNEY, Michael Norris, has charged Trausch obtained the confession by placing Boyd in a hypnotic trance. Norris has asked Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro to suppress the youth's confession and overturn his arrest.

Trausch, director of the Institute for Metaphysical Research in Des Plaines, testified he helped Boyd regain his

memory through "guided relaxation."

He said he instructed the youth to lie down because the boy was uncomfortable sitting. Then he told him to close his eyes, take deep breaths and visualize where he was just before his memory lapse.

A few minutes later, Boyd shook his head from side to side, contorted his face and told Trausch, "She's done it once too often," apparently a reference to the victim's practice of encouraging him sexually and then rejecting him. Then Boyd admitted he returned to the shed to "get close" to the girl, was met by screams and put a pillow over her face to muffle the noise, Trausch said.

ASKED HOW he knew Boyd was not hypnotized, Trausch said hypnosis involves different techniques and a much deeper state of relaxation.



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## Street improvement firm hiring on agenda

Wheeling trustees tonight will discuss hiring a firm to design street improvements needed in Wheeling during the next five years.

The village staff has recommended hiring the Des Plaines firm of Metcalf and Eddy Inc. and is likely to pay the firm a percentage of the roadwork that is contracted.

A study commissioned by the village last year said the village should spend up to \$3.7 million to repair or replace 792 village-owned roads. Because village roads are deteriorating faster than the village now fixes them, the study says the village will have to spend \$1.6 million simply to keep them in their current condition.

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

**WHAT THE** village can do to improve local flooding problems, including a plan to build a second emergency exit from a subdivision plagued by flooding, also will be discussed tonight by the village board.

Trustees are expected to be briefed on the status of the village's on-going efforts to remove debris from the Wheeling Drainage Ditch as well as plans to acquire land for a proposed diversionary channel for the creek.

Also, plans for a second exit from the Meadowbrook subdivision will be discussed. Presently the only way out of the subdivision is via Jeffery Avenue which empties onto Wolf Road. During heavy rains, a bridge that crosses the drainage ditch at Jeffery Avenue sometimes becomes impassable, stranding residents in the subdivision. However, residents last year opposed plans to extend a road out of the subdivision — either south through a proposed industrial park to Hintz Road or southwest to Commercial Drive — because of the additional traffic it might create.

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## Village looks for Fourth funds

The organizers of Wheeling's Fourth of July festivities are looking for volunteers to assist them with fund-raising efforts in which every business in town will be approached and door-to-door solicitations will be conducted to raise \$12,000 for the annual event.

The Fourth of July committee recently secured its first donation for the four-day festival, a pledge of \$1,000 from the Wheeling Jaycees. Officials of the Jaycees said they will contribute an additional \$500 if any other local service organization matches their donation.

Nancy Lambert, chairman of the festival committee, said the group will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 15 at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. For details, call Lambert at 541-0036.

She said the group plans to start its business solicitations April 1. Additionally, committee members intend to conduct door-to-door efforts from June 15 to June 22.

Residents, neighborhood organizations and other groups are being encouraged to build floats for the parade, which is a part of the celebration that should include a family fair and the traditional fireworks display.

## Historical museum curator is full-time

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Because they say that the curator of the Wheeling Historical Museum usually works 40 hours a week procuring and organizing historical artifacts, park officials have decided to make his job a full-time position.

Last year, park officials budgeted \$5,200 to hire a part-time curator to oversee operations at the historical museum at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road. That fall, the district hired Al Fantl at \$5 an hour with the instructions to find new exhibits, make better use of the ones already on hand and to get local school and community groups involved with the museum.

"We didn't know at the time if that warranted a full- or part-time person," said Park Director David Phillips, who added that handling the museum's affairs plus his other duties will keep Fantl busy.

Fantl's full-time duties start March 1. Phillips says the park district will set Fantl's salary later this month, probably at somewhere between \$14,000 and \$14,500.

In addition to his duties at the museum, Fantl will be attempting to better showcase two buildings with local historical significance — the Old German Church, also located at Chamber Park, and the chapel at Childerley Park, on McHenry Road.

The historical museum, which originally housed Wheeling's first village hall, was moved to its present site more than four years ago by the park district and village historical society. Park and historical society officials slowly accumulated some of the village's older treasures, and the museum first was opened in 1980.

## Residents reach goal of protecting their cops

By JOAN FLEISCHER

For a police officer, there's no such thing as a routine assignment. He never knows when his life may be in danger and must always be prepared for the worst.

Thanks to efforts of one concerned Wheeling resident and the generosity of several hundreds more residents, the police officers of the Village of Wheeling are even better prepared. In the next few

weeks, they will all be equipped with bullet-proof vests and protective helmets.

Wheeling residents contributed \$11,473 for a local campaign to outfit the 39-member police force with life-saving equipment.

Gene DeBartolo, owner of Gene's Standard Station at Hintz and Elmhurst roads, started the campaign last November and called it Protect-a-Cop. He

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collected money from residents and local businesses to buy the equipment.

Last Wednesday, he presented a check for \$11,473.50 to Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger.

The money will be used to purchase bullet-proof vests and protective helmets for every police officer. The additional money will be utilized to purchase three

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evidence technician kits for the police department and whatever funds are remaining will be deposited in the Wheeling Police Benevolent Fund.

DeBartolo said he sent out 750 letters to local businesses and organizations asking them to contribute to the fund. He also spent a good deal of his time each day telling customers about the Protect-a-Cop fund. "It's something that people don't always think about. They have to be reminded that every day policeman put their lives in jeopardy to protect us."

Upon Village President Sheila Schultz's recommendation and approval of the village board, DeBartolo was awarded a village proclamation commending him for his efforts in initiating and overseeing the Wheeling Police Vest Fund.

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## Few coach houses remain at Lexington Commons II

IT WILL NOT be long before Coach House A, "B," "C" and "D" are retired from the home front.

After selling nearly 2,000 of the award-winning condominium homes in the past eight years, The Lexington Group will discontinue them when the last homes are sold at Lexington Commons II in Wheeling.

ONLY 12 residences remain to be sold at the 88-home community. Two- and 3-bedroom coach houses range in size from 900 to 1,300 sq. ft. and in price from \$57,990 to \$69,990.

"These homes are the last of an era," said William A. Maybrook, vice president of sales and marketing for The Lexington Group, Arlington Heights. "To fight rising costs and deliver affordable homes we now will be building more compact coach houses in 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom floor plans, similar to those offered at Lexington Lane in Schaumburg."

Lexington sold 564 coach houses at Lexington Commons and now is beginning the final count-down at Lexington Commons II which opened in 1981. "That will bring Lexington's sales total to an impressive 1,960 coach houses," said Maybrook.

THE COACH houses were honored repeatedly by the Home Builders Assn. of Greater Chicago, garnering 4 gold and silver key awards for outstanding housing design.

The homes contain attached garages, formal dining areas, fully-applianced eat-in kitchens, fireplaces, utility rooms, master bedrooms with private baths, wall-to-wall carpeting, central air conditioning and heating, a concrete patio or wood-decked balcony, and are located on landscaped cul-de-sacs.

Expressways, shopping and recreational amenities are all nearby.

"Excellent FHA financing and affordable pricing has contributed significantly to their success," said Maybrook. "And that is a winning combination that we intend to continue."

Currently FHA 12% 30-year conventional mortgages are offered at Lexington Commons II.

LEXINGTON COMMONS II is located on Hintz rd. east of Buffalo Grove rd. in Wheeling. Its sales center and four decorated model homes are at nearby Lexington Commons. To visit, take any major north/south route to Dundee rd. Follow Dundee to Elmhurst rd. (Ill. 83) and turn north on Elmhurst (which becomes McHenry rd.) for one mile. The sales center is open from 10 to 6 daily, except Thursday from 1 to 6.



THE COACH Houses of Lexington Commons II in Wheeling are almost sold out.

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# LIFE in Wheeling

## Fire Department planning party

By JUNE STEWART

THE WHEELING FIRE Department is sponsoring the 86th Annual Sweetheart's Ball at Chevy Chase Country Club from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Feb. 26. Jim Campbell and his Orchestra and the Spin 'N Dance Band will provide music. Grand prize is a \$500 Treasury Bond. Tickets are available at the door for \$2.50 each.



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Congratulations to Betty and Steve Fagerman. Betty is expecting their third child in August. The Fagermans have two boys, Jamie, aged 4½, and Christopher, who will be 2 in April.

February 15 and 16 is registration for garden plots at Wheeling Park District for those who had garden plots last year and wish to keep them. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. After this registration, a waiting list will be taken for the remaining garden plots. The Park District will give the gardeners until June 4, to work their land, otherwise the land will be given out to the people on the waiting list on a first-come first-served basis.

Forms must be in Thursday, Feb. 10, for "Cupid's Call" on Valentine's Day. Give someone a special singing message from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. February 14. Call 537-2222 for details.

The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce meeting February 15, at Hackney's Restaurant at noon, will feature Richard Greenwood and Julie Woods from the Community Planning Department of Wheeling with an updated version of "Old Wheeling—Past-Present-and-Future."

Congratulations to Love Controls Corporation, the 94th Aero Squadron, Indian Trails Public Library and Lexington Commons.

All won awards from the Wheeling Appearance Commission for excellence in architectural design, landscaping and

maintenance of grounds.

Talk about noise on the telephone lines now, imagine what it was like 100 years ago. "Early transmissions carried the sounds of croaking frogs, rustling leaves, hissing steam and flapping of birds' wings," according to Neighborhood Digest, a newsletter sent by Marie La Russo at Century 21 Real Estate Finders on Dundee Road. Thanks Marie. It has some interesting tidbits.

Camp Chi has opened its 1983 registration with a new "self-discovery" specialization program, designed to help each child explore and develop his or her own unique talents and abilities. Goal is to "provide Chicagoland children the most enjoyable, worthwhile camping experience in the country," according to Roseanne E. Kuvitt, director of Camp Chi. A roster of 16 classes in sports, arts, crafts, performing arts and computer—taught by an outstanding professional in the field, and the opportunity for campers to specialize in one or two classes and receive professional certification upon completion are part of the new program.

All of this and the traditional campfires, cookouts, cabin programs and new friendships are a drawing card for the camp. The camp is located at Lake Delton, Wis. For more information call Camp Chi offices at 675-3663 or the Northwest Suburban Jewish Community Center, at 537-7090.

Edward D. Rosenberg, former judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will be the guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17, for the Wheeling Lions. Program chairman Keith Perkins says the meeting will be held at the Beef and Stein Pub, 960 Piper Lane, Prospect Heights.



Rosenberg

Rosenberg's topic will be "The Family and the Courts." He will speak for 15 minutes and follow-up with a 15-minute question and answer period.

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**Redoing of pipeline loan OK'd**

by Jim Davis  
*Herald staff writer*

Wheeling trustees have informally agreed to refinance a loan taken out last year to help pay for Lake Michigan water, a move that is expected to save homeowners about \$500,000 because of today's lower interest rates.

The village last year borrowed \$6.4 million at 12 percent interest over the next 15 years to pay a portion of its share of building a pipeline to lake water supplies in Evanston. Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights and Palatine belong to the Northwest Water Commission, which is building the \$88 million pipeline.

Because interest rates have declined, officials from Speer Financial Services, a consulting firm hired by the village, told trustees Monday night that the village should be able to borrow an additional \$7.2 million at about 9 percent interest, which would be reserved to pay back the first loan five years ahead of schedule.

THAT WOULD result in a savings of about \$500,000 in interest payments, or about 2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation a year. For Wheeling homeowners, that amounts to slightly more than \$3 a year on a house assessed at \$19,000.

Formal approval of the refinancing plan is scheduled for next Tuesday, when the board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

Village officials decided last year to pass along the cost of Lake Michigan water through a combination of increased property taxes — which would force the owners of undeveloped property, who will ultimately benefit from the lake water project, to pay a portion of the cost — and increased water rates.

Water rates were increased last year from 90 cents to \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons. Also, the average property tax bill is expected to increase about 39 cents per \$100 as the result of the lake water project.

# Water loan change may save \$500,000

by Jim Davis  
*Herald staff writer*

Taking advantage of declining interest rates, Wheeling officials may refinance a loan taken out last year to help pay for Lake Michigan water — a move they say would save taxpayers about \$500,000.

The village, along with Buffalo Grove, Palatine and Arlington Heights, belongs to the Northwest Water Commission, the four-town consortium building a pipeline to lake water supplies in Evanston. Last April, the village borrowed \$6.4 million to be repaid over the next 15 years for its share of the pipeline cost.

But that money was borrowed at 12 percent, and Village Finance Director Gregory Peters says the village now can issue a similar tax-backed loan at 9 percent interest. By borrowing a

higher amount of \$7.2 million at the lower interest rate, the village can reserve enough money to pay off the first loan five years ahead of schedule.

THE INTEREST savings will come to about \$500,000. And by subsequently reducing the village's initial interest payments on the two loans, the annual savings will average about \$50,000, Peters said.

Village officials decided to pay its share of that pipeline cost by raising property taxes instead of water rates. By reducing the cost of paying off the \$6.4 million loan, Peters estimates the homeowner will save slightly less than 2 cents per \$100, or slightly a little more than \$3 a year for a person with a home assessed at \$19,000.

The village borrowed the money last year at a time when interest rates were at an all-time high and the bond

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market was considered unstable. However, faced with deadlines to come up with its share of the pipeline costs, the village borrowed the \$6.4 million at the higher lending rate.

Since then, interest rates have dropped, and Peters also said it is a good time to issue additional bonds because of pending changes in federal bond registration requirements, which will add to the village's cost of entering the bond markets. Those changes are scheduled to take effect July 1.

Officials from Speer Financial Services, the village's financial consulting firm, are scheduled to explain to members of the village board Monday how the new lake water financing plan will work. The village board meets in an informal workshop session at 8 p.m. at Cedar Run clubhouse, 601 Cedar Run Drive.



WEARING PART OF her heavy firefighting uniform, Rebecca Taylor, Wheeling firefighter/paramedic, shows how ladders are taken from fire trucks.



SHE'S USED TO handling a heavy ladder during fire rescues, but Rebecca Taylor, a Wheeling firefighter/paramedic (shown at top), prefers using her emergency medical skills.



# Village clerk accused of election law breach

A candidate for Wheeling village trustee has filed a complaint with the State Board of Elections and Cook County Clerk's office of elections against Wheeling Village Clerk Elizabeth Hartman who he said "is improperly and illegally instructing voters how to vote."

Donald P. Kirchenberg, the first independent candidate for Wheeling village trustee in six years, notified state and county election officials Monday that the village clerk used a copy of April's official ballot to give out voter information.

Election law requires that a facsimile of

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a ballot with fictitious names be used in publication of voter instruction materials.

Kirchenberg said the village clerk violated election law by photocopying the front page of the official ballot for the April 12 consolidated general election in Wheeling. He said in photocopying voter instructions she included the name of his opponents, the Citizens Action Party, a slate of three candidates running under a straight party ticket.

"To someone looking at that copy of the official ballot it looks like the Citizens Action Party are the only candidates for village trustee. My name was not included.

It looks as if I'm not included on the official ballot and that I'm not a candidate for village trustee," Kirchenberg said.

At Monday night's village board meeting, Kirchenberg told village trustees of an incident the preceding Thursday afternoon where a Wheeling resident came to village hall to ask how to vote for a write-in candidate. Hartman, he said, used a photocopy of an official ballot to offer him voter instructions.

Hartman confirmed Kirchenberg's account of the incident and apologized for using an official ballot.

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# Boyd decision near

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PROSECUTORS HAVE until March 28 to decide whether they will appeal two decisions handed down by Circuit Court Judge Nicholas Pomaro in the trial of William Boyd Jr., 16, this week. Boyd was arrested in connection with the July 1981 slaying of Mary Kosinski, 14.

The motions sustained by Pomaro rule that a confession allegedly made by Boyd is not valid and methods used by police in gaining evidence and in making Boyd's subsequent arrest resulted in a "bad arrest."

Pomaro said if the state decides to appeal, it will have to do so in the Appellate Court. If no appeal is filed, all charges against Boyd will be dropped.

A student at Wheeling High School, Boyd has been free on a \$100,000 bond.

# Clerk accused—

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Hartman explained that she was in conversation with someone at village hall when a resident came to the front counter and asked for voter information. She said the official ballots had just arrived that day at village hall for her to proofread. She said she took a ballot and photocopied the front instructions on the procedures for writing in the name of a candidate. She said it was an accidental mistake that the name of the Citizens Action Party appeared on the photocopy she gave to the resident.

Hartman said that person was the only resident she had given a photocopy of the partial ballot.

Kirchenberg told village trustees that he cannot be assured that only that resident saw a copy of the official ballot with his name deliberately left out.

Kirchenberg said he has been in contact with officials of the State Board of Elections and Cook County Clerk's office of elections to look into the matter.

Jim Ronberg, an attorney with the Cook County Clerk's office of elections, said that office will be investigating Kirchenberg's report to make sure no wrongdoing has occurred. "We will act on it, but it might just be that it was a legitimate mistake."

# Construction banned on site near creek

by Elida Witthoef

Herald staff writer

After four years of haggling between Wheeling and a Des Plaines developer over the development of an industrial park along the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, village officials have decided to prohibit construction on the site.

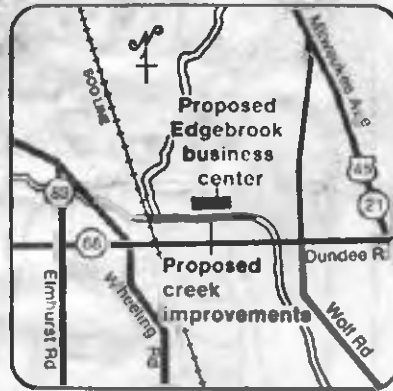
Developer Mario Egidi had planned to build an industrial park on the 15-acre site just north of the creek and east of 12th Street. Egidi has owned the property for more than 10 years, but in 1978 the land was designated as a flood plain, making virtually all development on the site illegal.

Larry Oppenheimer, director of community development, said that despite Egidi submitting "every plan imaginable" to prevent flooding at the site, the village is denying construction permits for the project. The village has

also decided to ban any construction just south of the creek at the same location.

BUT EGIDI SAID he disagrees with the village's construction ban and said his proposed creek widening would prevent flooding. "It's nonsense," said Egidi, adding that village trustees don't have the backbone to stand up and "take the flak for saying some property can come out of the flood plain and some can't, so they offer a blanket no." Egidi said he will consider filing legal action to reverse the village's decision.

Oppenheimer Monday night told village trustees that small-scale improvements along the creek, like those proposed by Egidi, won't keep the creek water within the banks. "He submitted every plan imaginable and we keep coming up with negative photos of the July flood that uphold our decision,"



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Oppenheimer said.

In July 1982 the village received more than four inches of rain, causing what some say was the worst flooding in the village in 25 years. Village officials say analysis of that flood indicate Egidi's proposed creek work would

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simply divert flood waters and not stop them.

"We can't say OK to a construction permit for Egidi and we also can't allow anything to be built on the south side of the creek because it would threaten our federal flood insurance," Oppenheimer said.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS say that the completion of the drainage reservoir at Arlington Heights and Checker roads in Buffalo Grove, and the construction of a diversionary channel to divert flood waters from the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, will both be necessary before the land is removed from the floodplain and Egidi and others can build along the creek.

Those projects would cost about \$2.2 million to complete. Partial work has begun on both projects, but full funding is not expected to be available before 1984.

# Patrolman, cleared of sex charge, files counter claim

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling patrolman who was cleared of charges of having sexual relations in a van parked at a local restaurant has filed a complaint with the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

Attorney Alan Freedman would not comment on the complaint filed by his client, Robert Pressley, except to confirm that it had been filed and that it had "something" to do with the charges the village filed against Pressley last year.

After two lengthy hearings, the village fire and police commission last November reversed a two-day suspen-

sion of Pressley, who was charged with having sexual relations with a woman while parked in a van outside Granny Anny's Restaurant, 831 W. Dundee Road. He also was charged with later lying about the incident when questioned by Police Chief Michael Haeger.

THE COMMISSION ruled there was insufficient evidence that the incident occurred. Two witnesses said they had observed Pressley and the woman from inside the restaurant. However, Pressley, who was off-duty but reportedly in uniform at the time, denied allegations that he carried a pair of pants into the restaurant or was zipping up his pants after he left the van.

Freedman said Pressley's complaint is "only in the investigation stage" and

not yet a public document. Pressley could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Louis Butler, an attorney for the human rights commission, which investigates charges of employee discrimination, said the agency has the option of dismissing the complaint or attempting to reach a private settlement with both parties. If a settlement is not reached within 300 days, a public hearing is usually scheduled on the matter, he said.

Haeger said he had been notified of Pressley's complaint and has already filed a response. He would not elaborate. Village Attorney James Rhodes would not comment on the matter.

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# Murder suspect hypnotized: expert

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling teenager was in a hypnotic trance when he confessed to a murder he may have fantasized committing, a national expert on hypnosis testified Monday.

Dr. Martin T. Orne testified that a psychotherapist working for Wheeling police hypnotized William C. Boyd Jr., 16, while interrogating him about the July 18, 1981 murder of Mary Kosinski, 14, a neighbor.

The psychotherapist earlier testified

he used "guided relaxation," not hypnosis. But Orne said, "Regardless of what the psychotherapist says, this is what we refer to as hypnosis. It's a rose by any other name."

Orne said people undergoing hypnosis are highly impressionable and Boyd was vulnerable to suggestions that he killed Kosinski.

Defense attorneys hope Orne's testimony will persuade Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro to suppress the confession, a key element in the state's case against Boyd. Defense lawyers

say Boyd's constitutional rights were violated.

**BOYD IS BEING** prosecuted as an adult for the strangulation murder and attempted rape of Kosinski, 190 Jeffery Ave., in a shed behind the Boyd home, 408 Sunset Lane. If convicted, he faces a 20- to 40-year prison sentence.

Orne, a psychiatrist who has written about hypnosis for Encyclopedia Britannica, concluded that Boyd had been hypnotized after reviewing police reports and testimony by psychotherapist Clarence Trausch.

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Trausch, a former Wheeling police officer, is the director of the Institute for Metaphysical Research in Des Plaines.

Police repeatedly told Boyd he killed Kosinski but Boyd said he did not remember it. After two hours of interrogation, investigators introduced Boyd to Trausch, identifying Trausch as a medical doctor who would help him.

Trausch said he instructed Boyd to lie down, close his eyes, breathe deeply and visualize where he was before he lost his memory. Boyd eventually shook his head from side to side, con-

torted his face and reported suffocating Kosinski with a pillow after she spurned his sexual advances.

**ORNE TESTIFIED** that Boyd's behavior indicates he was hypnotized. Boyd was then 14, an age when 90 percent of youngsters are susceptible to hypnosis, Orne said.

"His exhaustion, apparent fear, shock-like state would make the boy quite vulnerable. It's extremely unlikely that this would not have resulted in a hypnotic state," Orne said.

Persons undergoing hypnosis  
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## Boyd 'hypnotized' during confession, expert testifies

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confuse reality with fantasy and Boyd may have fantasized killing Kosinski because she rejected his sexual advances, Orne said.

"I believe the boy would have been in a state of increased suggestibility," Orne said.

Boyd's 12-year-old sister and another 14-year-old boy were involved in "sex play" in the shed with Kosinski and Boyd the night of the murder but allegedly left the scene at the time of

the crime, police said. Kosinski remained behind.

**POLICE CHARGE** that Boyd went home but sneaked back into the shed at about 2 a.m. and killed Kosinski.

Orne, a consultant for the FBI, said the Kosinski case is highly unusual because major police agencies have strict prohibitions against hypnotizing suspects. He has testified for defense attorneys or prosecutors in more than 20 trials, including the Hillside Strangler and Patty Hearst cases.

# Boyd's confession, arrest thrown out

by Pat Doyle

Herald staff writer

A judge Tuesday dismissed the murder confession and arrest of William C. Boyd Jr., citing violations of his constitutional rights, including evidence he was in a hypnotic trance when he confessed.

Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro said he did not believe the Wheeling teenager was "in a proper mental state" when he confessed to the murder. "Most likely the young man was in a state of hypnosis, and in that state it's very likely that fantasy can take place," Pomaro ruled.

Pomaro also ruled that Wheeling police held Boyd in custody illegally and failed to adequately warn him about

his rights to remain silent or consult an attorney.

The decision seriously jeopardizes the case against Boyd, 16, of 408 Sunset Lane, accused of the July 18, 1981, murder and attempted rape of Mary Kosinski, 14, of 190 Jeffery Ave., Wheeling. He was being prosecuted as an adult.

**THE CONFESSION** was key evidence against Boyd, and prosecutors Tuesday had not decided whether to appeal the decision or drop the case.

Authorities had little evidence except the confession to link Boyd to the crime. There were no eyewitnesses, and a dental expert was prepared to testify that bite marks on Kosinski's body did not match dental impressions from Boyd.

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"This is probably the most challenging case this court has ever seen," Pomaro said. "I feel very confident that my rulings are proper. If they are not, there's an appellate court that will send them back."

Kosinski's body was found in a shed behind the Boyd home. Police said Boyd, his 12-year-old sister, Kosinski and another 14-year-old boy were involved in strip poker in the shed earlier that evening, and that Kosinski remained behind after the others went home.

Police accused Boyd of sneaking back to the shed at about 2 a.m. and killing Kosinski during a rape attempt. Boyd, during the first six hours of questioning at the police station, said he could not remember doing it.

Defense attorneys Michael Norris and Anthony Pinelli argued that Boyd later confessed after he was placed under hypnosis by psychotherapist Clarence Trausch, a former Wheeling police officer.

**CRUCIAL TESTIMONY** came from defense witness Dr. Martin T. Orne, a psychiatrist and national expert on hypnosis. Orne reviewed police reports and testimony and concluded Boyd was in a hypnotic trance when he incriminated himself.

Pomaro called Orne "one of the nation's foremost experts on hypnosis" and said his testimony was "extremely impressive."

Trausch testified he told Boyd to lie down, close his eyes, breathe deeply  
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## Teen's murder arrest, confession thrown out

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and visualize where he was before he lost his memory. He said Boyd's head shook from side to side, his face contorted, and he reported suffocating Kosinski with a pillow as he "tried to get close to her" in the shed.

Boyd was shivering, "extremely upset, almost in shock," before his session with the psychotherapist, Pomaro noted. He cited Orne's opinion that fear or anxiety increase susceptibility to hypnosis.

**"UNDER THESE** circumstances, that statement was not given voluntarily," the judge said.

The extent of injuries to Kosinski and her death by strangulation suggest Boyd's account of suffocating her with a pillow was fantasy, Pomaro said.

The judge said the pillow fantasy may have surfaced under hypnosis because Boyd had reported seeing the body in the shed next to a bloody pillow.

Trausch failed to warn Boyd about his constitutional rights before talking to him, and police further violated his rights by leading him to believe he was being detained at the police station hours before he was arrested, Pomaro said.

The belief kept a scared Boyd in police custody and subjected him to interrogation and the session with Trausch, Pomaro said.

Pinelli said Wheeling police did not look for other suspects but concentrated on Boyd. He said the police tactics "allowed the killer of Mary Kosinski to stay out on the streets."



# Court throws out teen's murder confession

By JOAN FLEISCHER

A judge ruled Tuesday to overturn the arrest of a 14-year-old Wheeling youth charged with murder and said a 10-page confession the boy signed was made under duress from police officers and is invalid.

After five days of intense and emotional testimony portraying William C. Boyd Jr., now 16, as a victim of harsh police interrogations, Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro granted defense motions to quash the boy's arrest and suppress his confession.

Boyd was charged with attempted sexual assault and murder in the strangulation slaying of 14-year-old Mary Kosinski, whose bruised and partially clad body was found July 18, 1981 in a playhouse shed at the Boyd home in Wheeling.

The girl's body was found on its back, her underwear half off and her tee shirt pulled over her face. One eye was blackened and there were bite marks on her breast and face.

The Cook County Circuit Court judge in dismissing Boyd's confession and arrest, said evidence indicated he was in a hypnotic trance when he confessed to the crime. The judge's rulings prevent state prosecutors from presenting the confession or dental records as evidence.

The judge also ruled Wheeling police illegally held Boyd in custody and failed to assure him of his legal rights to remain

silent and seek legal counsel.

Pomaro continued the case to March 28, until which time state's attorneys must decide if they have enough evidence to warrant a trial.

Boyd was ordered last year to stand trial as an adult.

Assistant State's Attorney Dennis Walter, a prosecutor in the case, said Tuesday afternoon that no decision had yet been made to appeal the decision or drop the case.

During the past two weeks, Pomaro held five days of pre-trial hearings on motions to dismiss the murder charges.

During that court testimony:

- Wheeling Police Investigator William Hoos admitted he neglected to tell Boyd or his mother that a "doctor" interviewing him was a trained hypnotist and psychologist, not a medical physician.

- The psychologist, Clarence Trausch, a former Wheeling juvenile police officer and now director of the Institute for Metaphysical Research in Des Plaines, denied that he hypnotized the boy to force a confession from him.

He said he helped Boyd "regain his memory through guided relaxation." He asked the boy to lie down, close his eyes and try to remember what happened. He later billed the Wheeling Police

Department \$480 for his services.

- After a session with Trausch, Boyd signed a 10-page confession, seven hours after police had brought him into the station.

- Dr. Martin T. Orne, a psychiatrist and national expert on hypnosis, testified that after reviewing police reports he believed Boyd was in a hypnotic trance when he confessed to the murder and that he may have fantasized wanting to kill her.

The Boyd and Kosinski families were close friends and the children had grown up in the same Wheeling neighborhood near their homes on Jeffrey Avenue and Sunset Lane.

According to police reports, Mary Kosinski had spent the evening before her death in the Boyd backyard with William Boyd, his 12-year-old sister Barbara and another teenage boy. The Boyd children had invited the two to come to their house and swim in the family's pool.

Testimony at court hearings following Boyd's arrest revealed the teenagers were playing strip poker until 2 a.m. Kosinski was said to have rejected Boyd's sexual advances that evening.

While the other teens left for home, Kosinski remained in the shed in a sleeping bag. Her body was found the next morning by Boyd's sister after Kosinski's mother had called for her.

Police allege Boyd sneaked back to the shed at about 3 a.m. and suffocated the girl with a pillow to quiet her during a rape attempt.

The judge said the extent of injuries found on the girl's body and her death by strangulation suggest Boyd's confessing that he suffocated her with a pillow was a fantasy.

The pillow fantasy may have surfaced under hypnosis because Boyd saw the body the next morning next to a bloody pillow, Pomaro said.

Defense attorneys argued Wheeling police did not look for other suspects and only focused on Boyd.

Defense Attorney Michael Norris alleged that Boyd was deliberately kept frightened and deprived of food and sleep. His constitutional rights were denied, Norris charged, because his client did not understand his right to remain silent and instead continued to answer questions from police and was then hypnotized into believing he did what they said he did.

Boyd has been free on \$100,000 bond since August 1981 and has been attending classes at Wheeling High School.

His mother Tuesday night would not say how she felt about the judge's decision and instead referred the matter to her son's attorney.

# Board unveils massive flood-control project

By DONALD LIEBENSON  
Correspondent

AN APPROXIMATELY \$2.25 million project to help alleviate flooding in Wheeling was outlined at a special Village Board meeting Monday, Feb. 28.

The meeting was held to present to the board by village staff an update on the status of projects pending and underway to prevent flood damage which plagued the village last July and December.

Sixty-five percent of the land required for a diversionary channel has been acquired by the village. As outlined by Village Manager Thomas Markus, the channel would split storm water flows at the Soo Line, sending a portion north to the Des Plaines River at Lake Cook Road and the rest downstream to prevent the flooding out of the Meadowbrook area.

Three other improvements called for in the village's Lower Des Plaines Flood Water Management Plan include increasing the size of a Checker Road reservoir. This would reduce flows from the upstream area and, as explained by Village Engineer Mike Klitzke, "would hold the water back and let it out at a fixed rate." Phase one of the construction which will increase the capacity to 200 acre feet should be completed by this Spring. Phase two calls for an increase up to 700 acre feet.

IN ADDITION, creek improvements from the Soo Line tracks to Wolf Road will include bank grading and the removal of trees to prevent obstructions. Land acquisition costs for creek easements may reach \$400,000.

Finally, bridge modifications are underway at Elmhurst and McHenry Roads. A 96-inch culvert was completed last summer for Elmhurst. Both the Elmhurst and eventual McHenry culverts will not be put in service until the remainder of all the improvements are completed in order to not accelerate storm water flows downstream.

Also discussed was a proposal for a possible alternate route out of the Meadowbrook area should flooding render the Jeffrey Avenue bridge impassable.

This new road, to be in use only during flooding situations, would connect Manchester Drive and Sunset Lane to Commercial Drive.

The road would pass through the village-owned well site. Gates would be built to guard the wells when the road was not in service. Construction costs for this project would be approximately \$25,000.

Director of Operations and Maintenance Bob Gray outlined several on-going clean-up and rehabilitation projects. Already, 21 truckloads of debris have been cleared.

He also proposed the removal of the farm bridge at the south Meadowbrook to aid in drainage.

improvements. Other plans include the regular inspection of creeks by use of staff gauges.

THE VILLAGE has already purchased its own supply of barricades to free up personnel who would normally have to direct traffic.

Culverts have been cleaned at the west Strong Street area and a 15-inch storm sewer has been installed at north 10th Street.

On-going projects include the placement of water-tight seals on manholes which would be underwater, in order to minimize the entry of ground water to the sewer system. One hundred twenty-eight manholes have been identified and 58 have been field-measured and ordered.

Accumulations of sediment will be removed from the Wheeling Drainage Ditch and Buffalo Creek, and in correlation with the village's street rehabilitation plans more catch basins will be reconstructed.

A sluice gate at the west end of the Heritage Park outfall sewer is also planned to prevent creek flows from coming back into the basin, reducing the capacity to hold the storm water from the Dunhurst area.

The flooding update was underscored by a slide presentation from last July's storm and an ominous prediction reported by Bob Gray from a flood workshop he attended Feb. 16. "They told us that Illinois' climate is becoming colder and wetter," he said.

## Cardinal to say mass in Wheeling

Cardinal Joseph Bernadin will be celebrating a special mass in Wheeling on Saturday. The mass will be attended primarily by handicapped Catholics at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 171 W. Dundee Road.

Bernardin will be in Wheeling on a monthly meeting of the Apostolate of the

Handicapped, a group of about 275 handicapped diocese members from the Chicago area. The mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m.

Bernardin also is scheduled to attend a luncheon for the persons of the church parish and the handicapped.



# Senior Citizens

## She's not very senior but she loves seniors

By JOAN FLEISCHER

To Julie Woods, the expression "old is beautiful" rings true in the work she does to restore Victorian homes and especially in her work as Wheeling's senior citizen coordinator.

Although only in her 20s, Woods shows an appreciation for days gone by. She said she often tries to combine a contemporary look with an old-fashioned touch.

Soon after graduating from Michigan State University in 1979 with a degree in urban planning, Woods was hired by the Village of Wheeling as a neighborhood planner.

Her first project with the village involved rejuvenating an area of homes by Wolf Road. The area included older single family homes and newer multi-family housing.

In surveying residents in the area, Woods concluded that there was a large congregation of senior citizens living in just those few streets and nobody was really reaching out to them.

"We never before realized that more than 20 per cent of the population in that neighborhood was senior citizens," said Woods.

It was at that time, she said, that Wheeling officials were considering ways to better serve the needs of elderly citizens in the village. They recognized that senior citizens needed affordable housing, medical attention, social and recreational outlets.

Woods was named senior citizens coordinator and she was put in charge of planning Wheeling's program to meet the needs of the elderly.

Woods worked with village planner Richard Greenwood on designing a senior campus for Wheeling. It was to include an elderly housing project, hospital facilities, shopping and a senior center for social events and recreation. The senior campus would be located at Dundee and Milwaukee roads near the center of town and close to where most senior citizens already live.

"The idea for a senior campus is unique. I know of no community that has done this yet. I'm excited and can't wait for it to be ready.

"I believe it'll be great for the seniors to have their own neighborhood and have all needed services minutes away from them. It will encourage people to walk to places and visit the shops. We want to have an attractive, safe neighborhood that people will enjoy," she said.

Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines liked proposals for Wheeling's senior campus and agreed to build its proposed Ambulatory Care center as part of the campus. The Center last month celebrated its first anniversary in Wheeling.

Village officials also worked to attract Cook County to build a housing development for the elderly in Wheeling. They too, liked Wheeling's proposals for a senior campus.

Construction began last summer on Cook County's Senior Housing Development. It is now

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Julie Woods

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nearly 90 per cent completed and residents are expected to move in by the end of January.

Woods said because of the large number of senior citizens living in the Wolf to Dundee roads area, the village was eligible and received a federal block grant to build a senior center. The first phase of improvements for the proposed Senior Citizens Activity Center are already underway. Ground breaking is projected for March.

Excavation for a lake to be located behind the senior housing site began in late August and is soon to be completed. Also this fall, landscaping, lighting and the paving of First Street to the senior center site is scheduled.

Woods writes a monthly newsletter called Wheeling's Senior Spokesman which is sent to about 1,000 senior citizens in the Wheeling area.

She also works with members of the Wheeling Senior Citizens Commission, which, with Wheeling Park District, sponsors activities for senior citizens.

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# Questions shroud Boyd murder case

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## Questions, errors in Boyd case

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under arrest hours before his confession gave investigators the evidence they needed.

Police repeatedly denied the charge, but as Pinelli put it, "You're in a room with two police officers, you're 14 years old and they're telling you, 'You killed Mary Kosinski.' You tell me how a 14 year old, who doesn't know about police or courts, would know he was free to go."

This point was crucial because any evidence gathered after an illegal arrest is not admissible in court.

- Was sufficient care taken to ensure Boyd understood the "Miranda warnings" designed to inform him of his legal rights?

Three police officers and an assistant state's attorney testified they informed Boyd of his right to remain silent, to hire an attorney and to have a court-appointed lawyer if he could not afford one. But each briefing took less than 30 seconds, and Boyd's grasp of the issues was open to debate.

In addition, psychotherapist Trausch failed to read Boyd his rights before he questioned him. Trausch testified his "head wasn't in that place" — meaning he didn't think about it because he no longer is a police officer.

But Pinelli said, "Where the hell is his head? He's trying to put a kid in the penitentiary."

- Was Trausch an impartial expert summoned to help Boyd overcome a memory loss, as police claimed, or an "agent" helping his former colleagues in the Wheeling Police Department crack the case?

Defense attorneys contended Trausch's seven years as a Wheeling juvenile officer in the late '60s and early '70s cast suspicion on his role in the case, as did his \$480 bill to the village for his services.

Prosecutor Joel Greenberg denied defense charges. He characterized Boyd as "an individual who comes voluntarily to the police station and wants to use the help he is given to find the truth. There is no evidence that he couldn't understand the warnings."

But Pinelli summed up: "They used fear, they used hypnosis, they used whatever they could to break him and get a confession because they needed to solve this case."

POMARO DECLINED to go that far, instead praising Wheeling police and Trausch for their efforts. But he agreed police held Boyd in custody illegally and failed to adequately warn him about his legal rights, as well as subjecting him to possible hypnosis. "Under these circumstances," the judge said, "that statement (confession) was not given voluntarily."

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger declined comment, saying he had not reviewed the case, which occurred before he joined the department.

"I don't think I would publicly Monday-morning-quarterback my personnel," he said after Pomaro's decision. "It's one of those situations where you had to be there. I think it's safe to say I will go back and look at the case."

The slaying that put Wheeling police

on the firing line took place after a night of partying that involved beer-drinking, a strip poker game and what police have called "sex play."

Mary Kosinski, a recent graduate of St. Joseph the Worker school in Wheeling, had planned to spend the night with Barbara Boyd, the suspect's sister who was then 12 years old. The two girls lived a few blocks apart — Kosinski at 199 Jeffery Ave., Boyd at 408 Sunset Lane. The girls' parents were friends.

BUT SOMETIME after midnight, according to testimony, Mary, the Boyds and another 14-year-old boy began playing strip poker in the shed behind the Boyd home. When the two girls began a sex game with the other boy, Boyd tried to touch Mary but she pushed him away. Later, he ushered the boy out the gate that encloses the Boyds' back yard and went to bed, leaving Mary sleeping in the shed. Barbara Boyd discovered her body there the next morning.

Boyd himself was an unlikely suspect. A Wheeling High School freshman and football player who earned average grades but was regarded as bright, he had no blemishes on his record except a school suspension for fighting. His freshman football coach, shocked to learn of the murder charge, said Boyd was "one of my best kids."

But when investigators arrived at the scene, Officer Michael Rompala said the youth seemed frightened and uneasy when asked whether he had locked the backyard gate the night before. Rompala read him his Miranda rights and asked the family to come to the station for questioning.

The Boyds arrived at the police station around 2 p.m. Barbara and Mrs. Boyd were interviewed first. About 3 p.m., Investigator John Stone began questioning Boyd and was later joined by Hoos.

During that session, which lasted until 6:45 p.m., Boyd said he got up in the middle of the night to get some lemonade and stood at the kitchen window looking at the shed where Kosinski was sleeping, but he could not remember what happened next. After further questioning, Boyd said, "I think I did it, but I cannot remember."

IT WAS AT THAT point, with Mrs. Boyd's consent, that investigators decided to seek Trausch's assistance.

Trausch, a student of Gestalt therapy and biofeedback who runs the Institute for Metaphysical Research in Des Plaines, entered a room alone with Boyd at 8:50 p.m. He testified he did not hypnotize the youth but instead used a technique called "guided relaxation," telling Boyd to lie down, close his eyes, breathe deeply and visualize where he was before he lost his memory.

A few 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.

Boyd and Trausch emerged from the room at 9:10 p.m. The teenager told his story to police, then an assistant state's

attorney. At 3:20 a.m., he signed a confession.

HAD BOYD BEEN tried and convicted as a juvenile, he would have been released no later than his 21st birthday and possibly much earlier. But three weeks after the slaying, former Judge Jose R. Vazquez ordered the 14-year-old youth tried as an adult. If convicted, he would face 10 to 40 years in prison — growing from adolescence to adulthood behind bars.

Last week's decision by Pomaro makes that incarceration unlikely. Prosecutors have until March 28 to decide whether to appeal the decision.

Pomaro expressed confidence his ruling would be upheld if appealed. Defense attorneys cited a series of court precedents for the decision.

WITHOUT BOYD'S confession, prosecutors have little evidence linking him to the crime. There is a good chance that Boyd, free on \$100,000 bond since shortly after the slaying, will never go to trial. And if he does, defense attorneys have at least four grounds on which to raise questions of "reasonable doubt" about his guilt. They include:

- The mode of death. Boyd's story of suffocating Kosinski with a pillow does not jibe with the coroner's ruling the girl was strangled with a "ligature," possibly a cord or a rope.

- The bite marks on Kosinski's breast and face. Shortly after the slaying, a dental expert working for the Cook County Medical Examiner concluded the wounds were "consistent with" Boyd's dental impressions, but another expert is prepared to testify the marks could not have been made by Boyd.

- The absence of fingerprints, bloody clothes or other physical evidence linking Boyd to the slaying. The only suggestion of such evidence during last month's hearings came from investigator Hoos, who said he noticed a fresh two-inch scratch on the boy's left forearm the morning after the slaying.

- The apparently unlocked gate in the Boyds' back yard, which could have given anyone access to the shed — the other 14-year-old boy involved in the strip poker game, another friend who visited during the card game or even a stranger walking in the large open field that abuts the rear of the Boyd home.

EVEN IF criminal charges are dropped, the problems won't end for Wheeling police. Defense attorneys have notified Wheeling officials they intend to file a lawsuit against the village, four police officers and Trausch, seeking damages for violation of Boyd's constitutional rights.

A gag order imposed on the case five weeks after the slaying prevents attorneys, the Kosinskis or the Boyds from commenting. But Bill Boyd, now 16, smiled when Pomaro read his decision. And the medallion Boyd wore around his neck throughout last month's hearings might have said it all.

It was a silver eagle, wings spread for flight. A symbol of freedom. A privilege Bill Boyd has come very close to losing.

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by Rena Wish Cohen  
and Pat Doyle

Herald staff writers

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# Village's failing fire truck to be repaired for \$58,800

*Herald 3/9/83 both sides*

by Kathy Waugh  
Herald staff writer

The village's only aerial tower fire truck, which has failed to reach its destination at least six times in the last year, will be out of commission for three months for repairs, Wheeling trustees decided this week.

The repair work, requested by Fire Chief B.O. Koeppen, will sideline one of the village's 12 rolling vehicles, leaving the department with three fire engines, three ambulances and five cars used by the chief and other fire department officials.

The department will rely on fire protection help from neighboring communities including Buffalo Grove and the Vernon Fire Protection Unit, both which have been involved in a mutual aid agreement with Wheeling organized about 12 years ago.

During the three months the engine is out for repairs, automatic dispatch from Buffalo Grove and the Vernon will occur whenever there is a building taller than four stories, Koeppen said. The village's remaining three engines do not have

equipment to handle fires in buildings that tall.

HE ADDED that the common practice of exchanging services would cause only minor delays in response time. There will be no charge to Wheeling from the other two departments for answering the calls, he said.

"Our trucks will leave right from our station and we can take care of the initial attack," he said. "By the time we are in there swinging ladders, they are going to be right behind us."

Board members approved \$58,800 worth of work on the 13-year-old truck instead of purchasing a new unit at an estimated cost of \$400,000.

"I feel it has to be brought up to standards and right now, it is not," Koeppen told the board.

The truck has failed to reach the scene of a fire six to eight times in the last year, he added. Last week it "crawled" to a fire off Dundee Road and another unit had to be called to assure proper fire coverage, he said. At present, the truck is unable to cruise at the required speed of 52 mph, topping out at 46 mph, he said.

AT THIS POINT, he added, the

truck is not reliable enough to guarantee that it will always get to a fire.

A department spokesman said the truck would be sent away "as soon as possible" with hopes of it returning in time for the village's Fourth of July celebration.

The village purchased the Supthen Aerial Tower in 1969 at a cost of \$84,000. The tower can reach 85 feet or up to the eighth floor in a building.

He estimated that 70 to 75 percent of the village's buildings are three stories or smaller and can be served by the remaining engines.

Included in the extensive work is metal replacement and the installment of a diesel engine for a gasoline engine. A Wisconsin firm, Inland Diesel Inc., was awarded the repowering bid for \$44,900. J. B. Helmuth of Arcola was awarded the refurbishing bid for \$13,800.

Trustee Charles Kerr voted against the installation of the diesel engine, which will be paid for with \$75,000 of last year's revenue sharing budget.

"I just don't think that kind of taxpayer money should be spent on a 13-year-old vehicle," Kerr said.

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# Buffalo Grove panel OKs annexation of 52 acres

by Jim Davis  
Herald staff writer

*3/5/83 Herald*

The Buffalo Grove Plan Commission has recommended that the village annex a 52-acre parcel near Lake-Cook Road and the Soo Line Ry., part of a larger tract that has long been sought by the village and neighboring Wheeling.

But still unresolved is whether the village can force landowner William Johnson to annex his property to the Buffalo Grove Park District. Wheeling park officials, citing a five-year-old agreement that was tied to their purchase of Chevy Chase Golf Course, officially annexed the property in January.

Buffalo Grove Park Board President William O'Reilly said he thinks the Wheeling park annexation can be challenged because the agreement called for Johnson to submit an annexation request for the 250 acres that surround the golf course within two years.

Although the plan commission said the village and park annexation of the Johnson property are "two separate issues," O'Reilly said the village has the "leverage" to force Johnson, through the formal agreement, to annex his property to both districts. Such "co-terminous" annexation has been followed since the park district was formed a decade ago, he said.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT Verna Clayton said she was "very much in favor" of having the land in the village and its park district. But she said she is unsure if the village legally can force Johnson to disannex from the Wheeling Park District.

And if that is not possible, she said, "The annexation to the village should

not hinge on annexation to the park district."

The plan commission recommendation, which will be submitted to the village board on March 14, calls for the land to be zoned for industrial use. However, Johnson will have to submit a formal proposal which must be approved by the village and the plan commission before anything can be built on the property, said Village Planner James Truesdell.

Truesdell said he did not know what plans, if any, Johnson has for the 52 acres, located west of the Soo Line tracks and north of Lake-Cook Road. Johnson was unavailable for comment Thursday.

LAST YEAR, Wheeling and Buffalo Grove struck an informal compromise concerning Johnson's property. It called for the 52 acres to be annexed by Buffalo Grove, acreage the village could use for highly sought industrial land. Meanwhile, the 203 acres that surround Chevy Chase Golf Course would go to Wheeling.

In turn, Buffalo Grove has agreed to forego its "sphere of influence" agreement with other Vernon Township communities, which gives Buffalo Grove control over sewer hookups in the area. Last month, Wheeling officials formally asked Lake County to provide sewer service to Johnson's property.

Wheeling officials now are waiting for Johnson to submit an annexation petition for the 203 acres. Preliminary plans call for construction of small apartment complexes or offices east of the golf course, and stores or small office buildings south of the golf course. The land north of the golf course would be developed with small apartment buildings.

## The week ahead

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# 'Pre-application' for airport funds

The Wheeling Village Board today is expected to approve a "pre-application" for federal funds to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport.

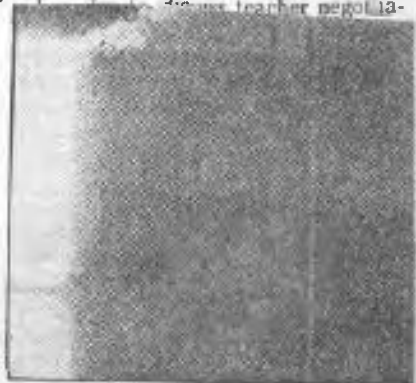
The village board meets at 8 p.m. at village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. The purchase of the airport is being studied by both Wheeling and the City of Prospect Heights.

The application goes to the state Department of Transportation and could take up to a year to be reviewed and returned. If approved, the village would be eligible to submit a full application.

A SPECIAL meeting of the High School District 214 school board will be held at 7:30 p.m. today to discuss hiring a consultant to draw up an early retirement plan for teachers and administrators.

The meeting will be in the administration building, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

Special for you



# Village Board OKs repair of ailing ladder truck

By DONALD LIEBENSON  
Correspondent

WHEELING—The Village Board Monday, March 7, approved the expenditure of \$58,000 to refurbish and repower the village's single-ladder fire engine, which contains an 85-foot aerial tower. According to Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen, the truck, in service since 1969, has broken down six to eight times this year on the way to fires.

The truck will be outfitted with a diesel engine and will be converted to automatic transmission. The present five-speed stick shift had proven difficult to operate, resulting in burnt-out clutches and gears grinding out. "We're ready to bring the truck up to date," Koeppen said. "We could get 12 to 14 more years of service out of it."

The original cost of the tower was \$85,000. If purchased today, the cost could run up to \$400,000. The truck

will be out of service approximately three months, but Wheeling will receive back-up assistance from the Vernon and Buffalo Grove fire departments.

**THE BOARD** also authorized Village Manager Thomas Markus to file a pre-application for the acquisition of Palwaukee Airport. Markus emphasized that this pre-application is not binding. It will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for review, which could take up to a year. If it receives a favorable opinion, the village will be invited to submit a formal application.

Once completed, according to Markus, the FAA will make Wheeling a grant offer and at that time, the board will be in a better position to decide on whether to "get into the airport business."

In other village business:

• April 18-24 has been designated

## SUMMARY

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**THE VILLAGE** Board Monday, March 7 voted to refurbish the village's single-ladder fire truck to help alleviate mechanical problems the Fire Department has been experiencing with it in recent months.

The \$58,000 project will, according to Fire Chief Bernard Koeppen, help keep the truck in service for another 10 to 14 years. If the village were to purchase a similar truck today, the estimated cost would be \$400,000.

The refurbishing of the truck will take three months, but if Wheeling needs assistance, Koeppen says the department can contact the Buffalo Grove or Vernon Township fire departments.

The board also approved the purchase of seven new police cars.

National Marketing Research Week. The purpose of the week is "to provide the public with information on what market research is and how it works to help people in their daily lives."

• The board also authorized Markus to purchase seven squad cars from Schaumburg Dodge. The 1983 Dodge Diplomats will cost \$59,553.90.

• Title 9 of the Wheeling Municipal Code, dealing with rules and regulations involving traffic restrictions was amended.

• The board adopted resolutions granting acceptance of the public improvements for Units I and II of the Lexington Commons Subdivision after an on-site inspection of roadways, storm sewers, sidewalks, water mains and street lighting.

# Holy Family expansion program gets state OK

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AFTER SEVERAL delays, rejections and revisions, Holy Family Hospital has finally received approval from the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to proceed with its modernization and expansion program.

The hospital obtained final approval on its certificate of need (C.O.N.) application which documents the need for the 39-bed expansion and modernization plan at the IHFPB's meeting in Springfield Friday, March 4. Originally submitted in January 1982, the modified C.O.N. application was approved by a 9-1 vote.

"We are grateful to state board members for recognizing Holy Family's need for additional beds and modernization to meet current needs and projected demands for our services," Sister Patricia Ann, hospital president, said.

"The expansion project will enable Holy Family to eliminate the three- and four-bed wards on the nursing units and the use of hallways, lounge areas and classrooms for patient beds," Sister Patricia Ann added. "There will be many benefits to our patients."

**THE APPROVED** plan uses an incremental approach to meeting current community needs through

1985. One major component includes a 39-bed addition which accounts for 14 percent of the total projected costs. Expansion and modernization of departments and service areas, including the nursing units, is planned.

The project includes the construction of a new three-story building in front of the main hospital facing River Road. Groundbreaking is scheduled in August 1983 with completion expected in August 1986.

Holy Family's total number of beds will increase upon project completion from 246 to 285 beds. There will be a reduction in the size of existing nursing units to no greater than 28-30 beds and the replacement of 76 hospital beds.

The project will result in an increase in the number of medical-surgical beds from 188 to 247. An individual 12-bed step-down telemetry unit will be established on the medical-surgical nursing floor for monitoring coronary patients. Intensive and cardiac care beds will grow from 18 to 24 beds.

In the obstetric-gynecology department, eight of the 14 rooms will be increased in size to accommodate patients in the Rooming-In Program which enables the newborn to be with the mother during the post-partum stay.

## UPDATE

**THE ILLINOIS** Health Facilities Planning Board has granted approval of the expansion program proposed by Holy Family Hospital. The approved plan calls for 39 new beds in addition to construction of a three-story wing in front of the hospital.

Holy Family had submitted a larger plan to the Cook/DuPage County Health Systems Agency and to the state more than a year ago, but the plan, calling for 92 new beds was rejected.

Construction of the new facilities is expected to begin in August, with completion of the \$31.6 million project scheduled for August 1986.

**THE PROJECT** calls for the elimination of the hospital's 26-bed Pediatric Section, however, Holy Family will continue to care for pediatric patients on the hospital's general nursing units. All pediatric beds will be converted to medical-surgical use.

Expansion is planned in areas heavily affected by present space shortages such as the surgical suite, radiology and the pharmacy as well as those affected by the 39-bed addition.

Additional changes to services include the replacement of the hospital-wide telephone system and the establishment of facilities for the Home Care Program to help foster independent living by providing post-hospital health care services for inpatients and outpatients.

In addition, new facilities will be

provided for the Ambulatory Surgery Program which is scheduled to begin serving outpatients in April 1983. The project also includes the development of a Day Care Program for infants and toddlers of hospital employees.

Total direct costs for the project are \$31,600,000, including construction and renovation of facilities, equipment and furniture. Nearly 75 percent of the total project cost will be financed through hospital equity and a fund-raising campaign; 25 percent will be through debt financing.

Holy Family, while implementing the approved expansion program, is committed to maintaining its position as a cost-effective facility while providing the high quality, personalized care it has achieved in the past.

# Voter registration to close on Monday

3/11/83 Herald

Voter registration closes Monday for residents wishing to vote in the April 12 election.

Residents of the village of Wheeling can register today and Monday at the Wheeling Municipal Building, 255 W. Dundee Road from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wheeling Township residents who need to register can do so at the Wheeling Township Office, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Monday as well as from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Registration also is

available at the Cook County clerk's office, 118 N. Clark St. Chicago, and at the Maybrook Civic Center, 1500 Maybrook Drive, Maywood.

The township will conduct in-person absentee balloting March 21-April 11 for voters who will not be available to vote on April 12.

The village will not be conducting absentee balloting but does have applications for the ballot at its office, which then can be forwarded to the Cook County clerk's office.



# Murder suspect's parents eye \$5 million lawsuit

By JOAN FLEISCHER

The parents of 16-year-old William C. Boyd Jr. will sue the Village of Wheeling and its police department for more than \$5 million, their attorney said Wednesday. They contend Wheeling police violated their son's constitutional rights when they charged him in connection with the 1981 slaying of a 14-year-old neighbor girl.

Boyd's attorneys allege his rights were violated when Wheeling police illegally held him in custody, failed to assure him of his legal rights to remain silent and seek legal counsel and placed him in a hypnotic trance to force a confession from him for a crime he never actually committed.

Attorney Michael C. Norris said he intends to file the lawsuit on or after March 28 and will seek more than \$5

million in punitive and compensatory damages from the Village of Wheeling, four police officers and a Des Plaines psychotherapist.

Today, just as many unanswered questions surround the brutal murder of Mary Kosinski as there were in the early morning hours of July 18, 1981 when the Wheeling girl's bruised and partially clad body was found strangled to death.

The most important questions remain: "Did Wheeling police force Boyd to confess to a crime he never committed?" and if so, "Who really killed Mary?"

Last week, a judge ruled to overturn Boyd's arrest and threw out a 10-page confession the boy signed 17 hours after Kosinski's body had been found in the Boyd family's backyard playhouse.

Defense attorneys representing Boyd convinced the judge that police had hypnotized the youth into believing he had committed the crime though he only fantasized it and that Wheeling police officers did not even look for any other murder suspects.

"The killer of Mary Kosinski was left free to stay on the streets because Wheeling police only concentrated their efforts on Billy," said defense attorney Anthony Pinelli during a pre-trial hearing.

Wheeling police illegally held Boyd in custody for eight hours and failed to assure him of his legal rights to remain silent and seek legal counsel, ruled Cook County Circuit Court Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro in dismissing Boyd's arrest and confession March 2.

Boyd was under duress from police investigators and evidence indicated he was placed in a hypnotic trance to force the confession from him, Pomaro said.

The judge said the extent of injuries found on the girl's body and her death by strangulation suggest Boyd's confessing that he suffocated her with a pillow was a fantasy.

The pillow fantasy may have surfaced under hypnosis because Boyd saw the body the following morning next to a bloody pillow, he said.

Pomaro continued the case to March 28 until which time state's attorneys must decide if they have enough evidence to warrant a trial. The judge's rulings prohibit state prosecutors from presenting

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Boyd's confession or dental records as evidence.

Kosinski's body was found on its back, her underwear half off and her tee shirt pulled over her face. One eye was blackened and there were bite marks on her breast and face. A dental expert with the Cook County Medical Examiner had reported the wounds were consistent with Boyd's dental impressions, but another dental expert testified the bites could not have been made by Boyd.

The Boyd and Kosinski families were close friends and their children had grown up together in the same Wheeling neighborhood near their homes on Jeffrey Avenue and Sunset Lane.

Mary Kosinski had spent the evening before her death in the Boyd backyard with William Boyd, then 14, his 12-year-old sister Barbara and another teenage boy, Tim Hintze, then 16. The Boyd children had invited the two to come to their house and swim in the family's pool.

Mary had been wearing blue jeans, a tube top and a man's shirt. Barbara loaned her a pair of jogging shorts to wear to swim.

The night air turned cool, and Mary went with Barbara to a playhouse shed and changed from her wet clothes into a dry tee-shirt.

The four teens then began playing cards. Several other friends stopped in throughout the evening, according to police reports following the slaying.

The card game turned into strip poker and the two girls began teasing and touching the other boy. Mary was said to have pulled away when Boyd tried to touch her.

At about 2 a.m. the elder Boyd shouted out his window for the children to quiet down or go home. While the others left, Mary said she wanted to sleep outside that night. The Boyd children went into their house.

Police allege Boyd sneaked back to the playhouse at about 3 a.m. and killed her during a rape attempt.

Mary died of strangulation after a brutal beating and fight with her attacker. The medical examiner said marks around her neck resulted from the use of cloth.

For the first six hours of police

interrogation, Boyd told police officers he could not remember events of the evening.

Police then suggested that a "doctor" be called in to help the boy relax and remember.

Police did not tell Boyd, nor his parents, that the doctor interviewing him was a trained hypnotist and psychologist, not a medical physician.

After a 20-minute session with Clarence Trausch, a former Wheeling police officer and now director of the Institute for Metaphysical Research in Des Plaines, Boyd confessed to suffocating the girl with a pillow.

Boyd was then arrested and charged with the murder of Mary Kosinski.

Fourteen-year-old Boyd was ordered to stand trial as an adult. If convicted as an adult, he would face from 10 to 40 years in prison.

Had he been tried and convicted as a juvenile, he would have been released by the time he turned 21.

Last week's decision by Pomaro to dismiss Boyd's confession leaves state prosecutors with little tying him to the crime. Assistant State's Attorney Dennis Walter said no decision has yet been made to appeal Pomaro's decision or drop the case against Boyd.

Boyd has been free on \$100,000 bond since August 1981 and has been attending classes at Wheeling High School.

Wheeling Police Chief Michael F. Haeger, who joined the department in February 1982, replacing former Chief Theodore Bracke, seven months after the girl's slaying, said he has never reviewed the murder investigation.

Haeger as a deputy chief with the Woodridge Police Department was instrumental in forming the DuPage County's Felony Investigation Assistance Team (FIAT), a highly specialized team of police officers trained to solve homicides within days.

He said, "Presently, the murder case is closed. However, the question of reopening the case is dependent on the action of state's attorneys on March 28."

Haeger said if state prosecutors drop criminal charges against Boyd it will be his exclusive right as chief of police to decide if the murder case should be reopened to look for other suspects.

# Agency for retarded won't expand

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling-based industrial workshop for 130 retarded adults is moving to Des Plaines in April, killing plans to provide an additional 70 jobs for the handicapped.

Palwaukee Industries, a division of the Northwest Suburban Aid for the Retarded (NSAR), will close its workshop at 995 Chaddick Drive, Wheeling, and move into a building at 1841 Busse Hwy., Des Plaines.

When the agency bought the Des

Plaines building last year, it was planning to operate two workshops and create 70 new jobs for retarded adults. But a \$200,000 state grant to operate the second workshop was revoked as part of Gov. James R. Thompson's budget cuts.

Director Michael Ventura said the agency can now afford to operate only one workshop and chose the Des Plaines building because the agency owns it and because the program had been started in Des Plaines.

BUT THE LOSS of the state grant means that there will be no new jobs

for the "couple hundred" retarded adults on a waiting list, Ventura said. "Those people that are on the waiting list to move into the new building are in limbo. They have no place else to go."

In addition, the agency lost \$15,000 in transportation funding, and its employees will now have to find their own way to work. "And there isn't one person who works for us that doesn't count on that income," Ventura said. "Now they will have to pay more for para-transit transportation."

Some people may lose their jobs be-

cause the shop is moving, he said, but most workers will find the new location more convenient.

The workshop will move sometime in mid to late April and, at the same time, change its name to Ruth W. Foster Industries in honor of the late wife of NSAR chairman Daniel Foster.

It hires retarded adults for uncomplicated assembly line jobs that have been contracted out by other area firms. Most of its workers come from Wheeling, Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Glenview, Niles, Park Ridge, Skokie, Palatine and Prospect Heights.

# Board to consider Sportmart plans Monday

The Village Board is expected to review plans for a proposed sporting goods store which will vacate the now closed Jewel Foods store on Dundee Road.

Officials from Sportmart, a company which operates a chain of sporting good stores in the Chicago area, have made presentations to the Plan Commission in an effort to open a store in Wheeling.

The Plan Commission has submitted its recommendations to the board for its consideration. According to Village Manager Thomas M. Markus, Sportmart's main concerns focus on site and sign approval.

Sportmart officials have remained quiet on their plans and were not available for comment.

## news and notes

HOLY FAMILY Hospital's Diabetic Instruction classes will meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11, 12 and 13, at Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines.

The three-day series of classes for adult diabetics and their fami-

lies provides essential information on diabetes and its management. The series covers diet, urine testing, personal care, medication and travel tips. The classes are conducted by a registered nurse, a registered pharmacist and a registered dietitian.

There is a \$10 fee for each class participant. Senior citizens 65 and older pay a reduced charge of \$5

and family members may attend free of charge.

The fee includes instruction, hand-out materials and refreshments. Call Holy Family's Educational Services Department at 297-1800, ext. 1042 to register.

THE NAVAL Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) Parents Association will sponsor a

flea market at Wheeling High School Saturday, March 19, in the school's main foyer.

Funds raised will be donated to NJROTC field trips for its members.

In addition, spaces are being sold to individuals who want to sell their own items. Persons interested in renting such space should call Barbara Czarnik at 537-9496.



# Sports store's plan goes before trustees

Wheeling village trustees tonight will discuss a sporting goods chain's plans to open a store on Dundee Road.

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

The Sportmart chain is proposing to move into a vacant Jewel food store at 240 E. Dundee Road, and is asking the village board to sponsor a low-interest loan of \$1.25 million to finance the move. The Jewel store closed its doors last December. Sportmart plans to open in the summer.

THE WHEELING Township Republican Organization Tuesday will sponsor a forum for candidates for the Wheeling village and park boards.

The forum begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Club House, 1000 N. Milwaukee Road.

Party leader Connie Peters said the Republicans will not endorse candidates during the campaign and will not be asking the questions at the candidate night. Each candidate will be given five minutes to speak and then the audience will have a chance to ask questions.

Four men are seeking three seats on the village board: incumbent Charles Kerr, Don Kirchenbreg, Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fanella. Four newcomers are running for two park board seats: Anthony W. Abruscato, Julia D. Robberson, Sonia Edelman and Rita "Trixie" Reinagle.

# Palwaukee Industries to move

It will be moving day for Palwaukee Industries in about a month. The work center for the retarded at 995 Chaddick Drive, Wheeling, will be closed and its operations continued at a new work center to be opened in Des Plaines.

Earlier this year, with \$200,000 in state grant money promised, the Northwest Suburban Aid for the Retarded (NSAR) was counting on adding about 60 new workers to its present 130 person force. A building at 1841 Busse Hwy., Des Plaines, had been purchased last year and the 190 anticipated workers were to have been divided between the two centers. NSAR employs the retarded to do simple assembly line type work for area firms.

The loss of the grant in January and tax

cuts, all part of a state budget trimming effort, meant the cancellation of most of the expansion in terms of additional workers.

Allan Litwack, executive director of NSAR, said Tuesday that since the organization owns the building in Des Plaines and leases the one in Wheeling, a decision was made to move the entire operation to the Des Plaines location.

The new work center will be called Ruth W. Foster Palwaukee Industries. NSAR has a seven-year lease on the 26,000 square foot building in which Palwaukee Industries is now operating. Litwack said NSAR is looking for someone to sub-let it when the move occurs.

# Appeal weighed on Boyd ruling

By STAN ZOLLER  
News Editor

THERE IS still no indication whether prosecuting attorneys in the Mary Kosinski murder trial will file an appeal March 28 in response to the March 1 ruling that the confession of William C. Boyd Jr. is inadmissible as evidence.

Circuit Court Judge Nicholas Pomaro ruled that the confession obtained by Wheeling police after the 14-year-old Kosinski was found slain in July 1981 cannot be used in court. Pomaro's ruling also stated that the Wheeling police acted improperly in gaining the subsequent arrest of Boyd. Boyd was also 14 at the time of his arrest.

If no appeal is filed, all charges against Boyd will be dropped and the trial will end.

Boyd is on trial for the slaying of Kosinski after her body was found in a shed behind the Boyd house. According to police reports, Boyd had attended a party with other youths in the area the night Kosinski was killed.

FOLLOWING STATEMENTS to the media by the Wheeling Police Department, Pomaro ordered a gag order placed on everyone involved

## BRIEFING

Prosecuting attorneys in the Mary Kosinski murder trial may file an appeal March 28 in response to a March 1 ruling by Circuit Court Judge Nicholas Pomaro.

Pomaro ruled that a confession by William C. Boyd obtained by Wheeling police after Kosinski was found slain in July 1981, is inadmissible as evidence. His ruling also states that the Wheeling police acted improperly in gaining the subsequent arrest of Boyd.

with the case. The order was requested by defense attorney Michael Norris, who said he plans to file a suit against the Village of Wheeling for allegedly violating his client's constitutional rights.

The suit could be filed as early as March 28 if the state decides not to appeal Pomaro's ruling.

"The kid is innocent," Norris said. "I can't imagine anything more horrible than taking someone through all of this; you just can't do this kind of thing."

Although Norris said he informed the village six months ago of his intention to file suit, Village Attorney James Rhodes said earlier this week that the first he heard of Norris' intentions was through recently published newspaper articles.

Norris indicated he does not think an appeal is likely. "I am guessing the state will not appeal," he said. "I have no idea what they are going to do, but it would surprise me if they appealed."

He called Pomaro's ruling "really clear and based on the law." Norris said he did not "see any grounds for appeal to tell you the truth, but the ball is in their (the state's) court."

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger, who became chief several months after the Kosinski murder, said he is not sure what action he will take after the matter is finalized.

"I will review it to see what we should do," Haeger said. "There are a variety of options that will be considered."

# Village seeking cleanup day aid

Wheeling village officials are asking scouting groups and other interested residents to participate in the annual Up with Wheeling Day on May 7

Designed four years ago to help clear the main roads of debris, the village cleanup day has attracted as many as 250 volunteers annually

Most workers are from scouting groups and the local high school, village coordinator Julie Woods said. Workers meet behind village hall at 9 a.m. and return for a free picnic lunch and softball and volleyball in the afternoon.

"We would really like to get more people out because I think it generates pride and makes people think twice before they throw stuff on the ground," Woods said

Sixty people showed up the first year, and the number has grown each year. Each civic group is contacted, she said, but younger people are the primary workers.

Organizations planning to participate are asked to call the village office at 459-2620 by April 15 so a lunch count can be taken

# Officer Weber promoted to sergeant post

Wheeling Police Patrolman Stephen Weber has been promoted to sergeant.

Weber, 34, joined the force in 1971 as a patrolman. Three years later he spent one year as a member of the Metropolitan Enforcement Group, an undercover group that deals with drug enforcement.

He has been the relief watch commander in the past, which will help him in his new role as a watch commander.

The promotion will provide the department with a fourth watch commander, a space left vacant while the courts settled a promotion dispute case filed by 11 officers in 1979.

# 2 new restaurants to open in village

The Wheeling Plan Commission has approved plans by two restaurants to open in the village.

Arlington Heights resident Mirko N. Nedelson is proposing a restaurant featuring ribs in the Southpoint Shopping Center, Wolf and Camp McDonald roads. He wants to convert a building that formerly was leased by a Wheeling veterinarian, but has been empty for two years.

Nedelson also said he plans to apply for a liquor license for the restaurant, which would have seating for 70 people and be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. for lunch and dinner

My Pie International, a Winnetka-based pizza restaurant chain, is planning to remodel the old Lum's Restaurant at 102 S. Milwaukee Ave. My Pie, which has 17 restaurants throughout the country, features deep-dish pizza and will also serve some pasta dishes and sandwiches. My Pie President Lawrence Aronson said he hopes to open the restaurant by June.

The plan commission's recommendation to approve the restaurants now must be approved by the village board.



Herald photos by Bob Ringham

Reaching new heights. The federally subsidized senior citizen housing complex opening this week is the tallest structure in Wheeling. Eight floors will include

nine handicap-equipped apartments, one on each floor except the second. New tenants could move in as early as Monday.

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## Seniors' housing ready and waiting

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Wheeling residents will begin moving into the new Wheeling Senior Citizen Housing at 200 N. Milwaukee Ave. this week, said project manager Patrick Zerega.

Zerega is coordinating the opening of the 100-unit apartment building subsidized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"I've talked to 14 people already, and we will be showing apartments Monday," he said. "They can move in that day or the next day if they want. We hope to have 99 percent occupancy by the end of June."

In three days, Zerega's office received "two or three hundred" applications. Of those, about 140 qualified people were chosen.

The 45 or 50 Wheeling village residents who qualified have the first priority for available apartments, he said, and will be the ones looking at the complex in the next few weeks.

**THE MOVE** marks the end of 18 months of construction on the \$3.2 million project. Cook County Housing Authority personnel took over responsibility on Friday for the building, including its community and craft rooms.

The village has plans to open a recreational building for senior citizens in 1984 on the land adjacent to the apartment complex. Holy Fami-

ly Clinic and a shopping district are also nearby.

Original plans included opening Wheeling's tallest building in February; however, building delays and paperwork postponed the date to April 1. The delay did not affect the original estimate of construction.

"In some ways, (the delay) may have been better because a lot of leases turn over on April 1 and May 1," said Victor Walchirk, executive director of the Cook County Housing Authority. He said he was not aware of any people who had trouble with housing because of the delay.

Anyone 62 years or older with an income of \$9,700 is eligible if he or she does not have assets of more than \$15,000. Couples who earn \$11,100 or less also are eligible.

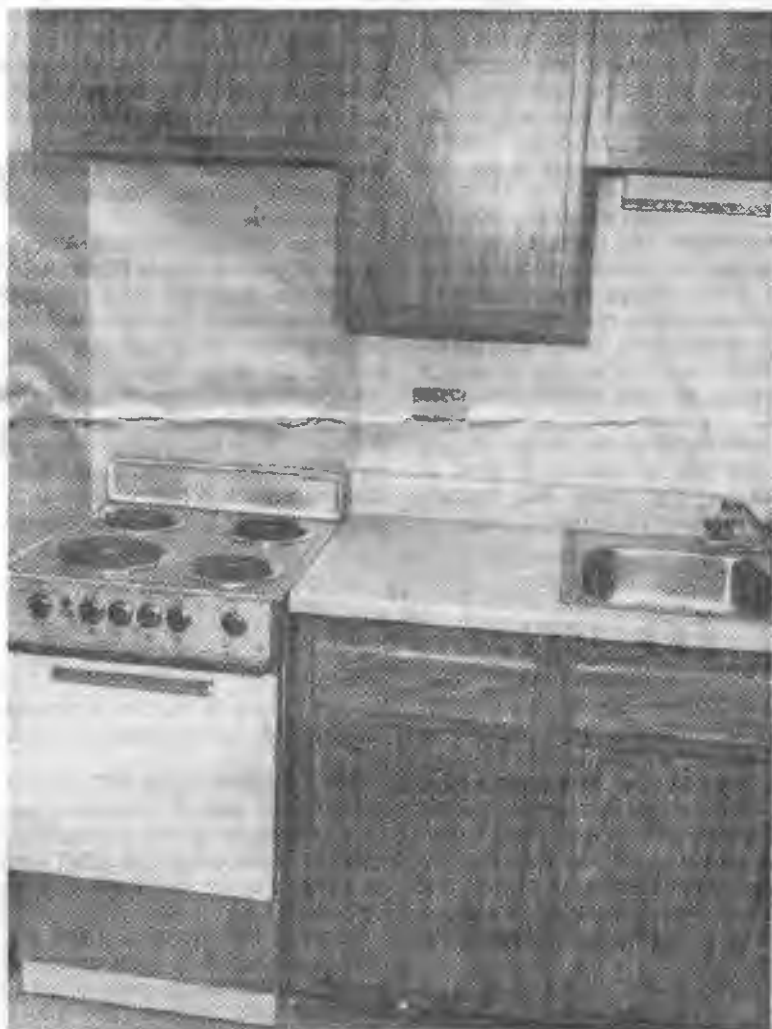
**RENT IS** based on 30 percent of the occupant's income, minus \$12 because each must pay his own electric bill.

The 100 apartments satisfy the need of the village's senior citizens, Walchirk said.

"I think we will fill the building and have a small waiting list to handle the different people that will be moving in and out," he said.

Village Board President Sheila Schultz said she is pleased by the building's opening.

"I do know people going into it," she said. "I think it's something that the village has needed all along."



Apartment includes kitchen equipment and plenty of cupboard space. The move will help people who have been living with others to help cut costs or are no longer able to pay for their current housing. Ninety-nine apartments are open for occupancy, with one reserved for a maintenance worker.



### Village board wrapup

## Village takes over roads

Wheeling village officials this week approved public improvements in the Lexington Commons subdivision, and will assume maintenance responsibilities.

Following the original agreement with the village, Lexington Commons developer Richard Piggott has completed roadways, sewer and drainage systems, roads, lighting and traffic signs in the 80-acre subdivision on McHenry Road, east of Cedar Run Drive.

A one-year maintenance period since the completion of the project has elapsed and, according to village ordinance, Piggott now can turn those improvements over to the village.

## Village to look into traffic complaint

Trustees agreed to investigate a resident's complaint that an excessive number of motorists are speeding through the Longtree subdivision, which still is under construction.

David Hatch, one of 26 homeowners in the subdivision, said patrolmen ticketed 12 drivers within a half-hour for speeding through the area. The heavy traffic on Longtree Drive is created by people trying to avoid the stop signs at the corner of Schoenbeck and Hintz roads, he said.

Because the development is not completed, the village is not responsible for the improvements, which would include erecting stop signs or speed bumps to slow traffic, trustees said. Plans for the subdivision call for more than 100 two- and three-bedroom homes.

The matter was referred to Police Chief Michael Haeger, but Village Manager Thomas Markus noted that ownership and responsibilities for the project are still being determined because the current developer, Meister Neiberg Corp., has stopped construction and appears to be looking for a buyer to finish the subdivision.

## Seven police cars to cost \$59,500

The village board agreed to purchase seven 1983 Dodge Diplomats for police squad cars at a cost of \$59,500.

Police Chief Michael Haeger said the cars, which are included in the 1983-84 budget, are part of an annual purchase of squad cars as the older ones are downgraded to other police division departments.

### Village board wrapup

## Bid OK'd for 2nd water system phase

The Wheeling Village Board awarded a \$761,000 contract to Gustafson Excavating of Waukegan for the second phase of water system improvements.

Gustafson was the lowest of nine companies that submitted bids for the work, which includes installing pipelines along Elmhurst, Dundee and Lake-Cook roads and Northgate Parkway. The first phase of the work, which was awarded to Mola Sewer and Water Construction Company of Oakbrook Terrace, already has started.

The village split the work into three sections to encourage more bids. Each phase is expected to cost around \$840,000. Mola was awarded the contract after bidding \$710,000.

The work, part of the \$7 million project to bring Lake Michigan water into the village, is expected to be completed by the summer.

## 6 towns inquire about landfill

Northwest Municipal Conference Executive Director William Grams told the village board that the conference has had six inquiries from municipalities that would be willing to house a waste disposal system, "if the price is right."

However, Grams said the conference would not release the names of those towns until the NWMC has completed its detailed plan on what the Northwest area will do when area landfills reach their capacity in the next three years. The list of interested villages and cities is expected to be cut to four in September, he said.

## Water line agreement reached

The village reached an agreement with Ekco Products and the Northwest Water Commission that allows the commission to continue burying lines to link up the village's reservoir with Lake Michigan water pipelines.

The work will be done along the company's property on Hintz Road and is not expected to block traffic. The agreement allows both the village and the commission to install water pipelines on Ekco's property.

## Personal protection

Officer Burt Kaminsky of the Wheeling Police Department will be speaking about Personal Protection Awareness from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 28, in the board room of the Indian Trails Public Library. Kaminsky will offer suggestions as to how women can protect themselves from bodily harm both outside and inside the home. The caller, the follower, the attacker, and the intruder will be discussed, as will your legal recourse of action against each. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend. Young ladies under age 18 must be accompanied by their mother. Limit: 60 participants. Registration is required.

# Preparations are underway for 4th

By JUNE STEWART

PEOPLE WHO live in Wheeling are special people—one thing is the community spirit. On July 5, last year, plans began for the July 4, 1983, Independence Day celebration.

Since then a lot of people have been working hard to make this Fourth of July a very special occasion in Wheeling. Fourth of July committee was



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formed, is in action, and plans the whollipingist Fourth the town has ever seen. Of course it takes money.

For the benefit of the Fourth of July program, the Wheeling Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on April 10, at Chevy Chase Country Club. It's from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children, and are on sale at Kotz Shoe Store, First National Bank of Wheeling, both at Lynn Plaza, and the Chamber of Commerce offices at the Village Hall from 9 a.m. to noon.

At the last meeting of the Fourth of July Committee, the Wheeling Jaycee's president John Menkin presented a check for \$1,000 from the Jaycees. There is now \$1,600 in the treasury, said Nancy Lambert, a committee member.

Another program being sponsored for the Fourth of July celebration is a Las Vegas Night, April 30, at Amvet's Post 66 Hall. It's being jointly sponsored by the Amvet's Post 66 and Auxiliary, Wheeling Lions Club and Wheeling Jaycees.

For anyone interested, the next Fourth of July Committee meeting is at 7:30 p.m. April 19, at the Village Hall.

The Citizen's Action Party is trying to raise money for its political campaign with an Art Exhibit and Sale offering art, wine, cheese, and conversation. It will

be held at 8 p.m. Friday, March 25, at 363 Maureen Drive, in Wheeling. Joanne Slahor, from Horizons Unlimited is furnishing a variety of artwork, including oils, wood burnings and lithos, in prices ranging from \$22 to \$85. In addition, there is a special higher-priced collection. Slahor donated a 12 by 16 framed oil painting to be used as a raffle. Ten percent of total sales will go to the Political party. Call Mary Ellen Westrich, 537-2150, or Doris Kerr, 541-2995 for reservations.

## Police Lt. Ralston resigns

Wheeling Police Lt. William Ralston has resigned effective April 8 to open a restaurant in Missouri.

A 14-year veteran of the department, Ralston said he and his wife will open the business in Osage Beach, where they have vacationed for 12 years.

Ralston, 46, came to Wheeling in 1969 as a patrolman and was promoted to sergeant four years later. He was promoted again in 1977 and currently is a field commander in charge of investigations, traffic and patrolmen.

"Some people go for the security in life and other for the autonomy," he said. "For my first few years this was a secure, stable part off my life, but now that our son is married and out on his own we don't need the same kind of security."

RALSTON WAS named acting chief in 1981 when Police Chief Ted Bracke was demoted and Village Manager Thomas Markus reviewed 125 applications before hiring Michael Haeger for the position.

"I didn't apply for the position because we had been thinking of this move all along," Ralston said.

Ralston's resignation leaves one lieutenant, Bracke, on the force. Haeger said he does not know whether he will hire or promote an officer to fill the vacancy because he has said he would try to eliminate the lieutenant rank by not replacing retiring officers.

## Village to sponsor loan for sports store

Wheeling trustees have agreed to sponsor a \$1.25 million low-interest loan to help a Niles-based sporting goods store move into an empty supermarket on Dundee Road.

Sanford Canton, co-founder of the Sportmart chain, said he is planning to open the new store around Labor Day. He said the store will have 55 employees.

Sportmart is proposing to move into 240 E. Dundee Road, where a Jewel food store operated until last December. The low-interest loan will help the company buy, landscape and redesign

the store.

The company is responsible for paying the loan even if it closes the store, Village Manager Thomas Markus said.

Sportmart, started by two Niles residents in 1971, now has nine stores in Illinois and California. The company specializes in self-serve sporting goods and stocks 70,000 items.

Sportmart officials have also agreed to leave an extended strip of land in front of the store, located near the corner of Dundee and Milwaukee roads, for the future expansion of Dundee Road by the village.



# Sportmart to open in summer

By DONALD LIEBENSON  
Correspondent

WHEELING—The Village Board Monday, March 21, paved the way for a Sportmart store to open this summer at 240 E. Dundee Road on the site of the former Jewel Food Store.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said Sportmart would create 55 new jobs with an annual payroll of \$500,000 and could be expected to attract customers from a larger region than did Jewel, resulting in the generation of additional sales tax. The new store also would stimulate business at adjacent stores, he said.

The board passed a resolution of intent to issue \$1.25 million in economic development bonds for Sportmart and approved a landscape and appearance site plan and the creation of a special sign district.

Village planner Richard Greenwood said the developers want to redo the facade of the old Jewel store in order to change the building's grocery-store image. There also will be additional landscaping,

including cobblestone-lined planting islands throughout the parking lots, 27 feet of green space behind the existing sidewalks and the installation of trees and evergreen shrubbery to "give the site color throughout the year."

Greenwood said the building and site are being designed to support Wheeling's downtown redevelopment plan, which calls for new street circulation and commercial development in the area north of the Jewel site.

In other business, William Grams, executive director of the Northwest Municipal Conference, said that the crucial issue now concerning municipalities is finding a place to store solid wastes. "Sixty percent goes into one facility (the Lake Landfill at Willow and Waukegan), which is closing within three years," he said. He said the conference is examining six sites and that, by September or October, these should be pared down. "We're sitting on a powderkeg," he said.

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## Officials to study ballot complaint

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

A candidate for the Wheeling Village Board has filed a complaint with the Illinois State Board of Elections charging that a village official violated state law by handing out an incomplete ballot.

An investigation into the complaint will begin immediately and a decision is due next week, a representative from the board of elections said Tuesday.

Independent candidate Donald P. Kirchenberg said he decided to file the official inquiry after Wheeling resident Jack Metzger asked Village Clerk Elizabeth Hartman for a sample ballot showing how to vote for a write-in candidate.

Metzger noticed that Kirchenberg's name was not on the sample ballot, which listed only the Citizens Action Party. Kirchenberg is running against three candidates on the Citizens Action Party slate.

"MR. METZGER called me and asked me if I was still a candidate,"

Kirchenberg said. "How many of these have been handed out with only one group on them?"

In a letter to Illinois Elections Board, Kirchenberg requested the investigation saying distribution of a partial ballot by the clerk's office is "improperly and illegally instructing voters how to vote" and "illegally using village resources to promote a political party."

Normally sample ballots are handed out by the county, not local offices, but Hartman said she had received a copy

of the official ballot in the mail to proofread. And when Metzger asked for a sample, she made a copy of the ballot as a convenience to him and inadvertently left off the bottom portion of the it.

"It was an oversight that the bottom portion of the ballot was left off the paper," Hartman said. "That was the only copy of the ballot given out."

Village President Shelia Schultz apologized to Kirchenberg for any problem it might have caused and instructed the village to return the 25 cents Metzger paid for the copy.

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## Officials want bridge removed

Wheeling village officials have asked the Illinois Department of Transportation for permission to remove an old footbridge over the Wheeling Drainage Ditch, south of Jeffery Avenue.

The base of the bridge is smaller than the width of the ditch and has been identified as one of the many causes for flooding near the Wheeling catch basin. Officials say tearing out the bridge is expected to cost "a few thousand dollars."

The bridge has not been used since the Jeffery Avenue bridge was installed, said Village Engineer Mike Klitzke. No sidewalks lead to it.

The transportation department will issue the permit unless complaints are heard before April 4, a department spokesman said.

To date, there have been no complaints.

Bob Gray, village director of operations and maintenance, said the bridge

was put in around the same time as the drainage ditch in 1907 to help farmers traveling through the area. Several other bridges downstream were removed in the 1960s.

Eliminating the bridge may also help with complaints the village and police department have received of snowmobilers and minibike riders using the bridge as a shortcut.

Now riders will have to travel along Jeffery Avenue making police patrol easier, Gray said.

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# Few citizens or candidates at village forum

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

About 30 people, mostly friends and relatives, attended a Wheeling candidates forum at Chevy Chase Club House Tuesday night and mustered just a half-dozen questions for the five village and park board candidates present.

"We have a large group of interested

citizens, not indicated by the numbers tonight," Wheeling Village Board candidate Nicholas Fanella said. "I wish they were here."

Fanella and independent candidate Donald P. Kirchenberg were the only two village candidates present. Incumbent Charles M. Kerr, running with the other two candidates on a Citizens Action Party slate, is in the hospital for minor surgery and expected to be re-

leased Wednesday. A fourth candidate looking for the three available village seats, Anthony Altieri, was called away on family business and did not attend.

Citizens asked village candidates about the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport and the progress on ending the village's flooding troubles.

WHILE BOTH Fanella and Kirchenberg said they would support the deci-

sion of a citizens vote on a referendum, Fanella added that he would like to see the size of the airport stay the same.

But the two disagreed about how quickly Wheeling's flooding problems can be resolved.

"The roadblock is the people because the 1975 flood relief plan is not scheduled to be completed until 1985," Kirchenberg said. "I think that's too late."

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# More storage space sought for senior center donations

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Wheeling officials have collected donations of furniture and equipment for the new senior center, but have no place to store them until the center opens sometime next year.

Senior citizens coordinator Julie Woods said the village hall doesn't have enough room for storing the tables, chairs, lamps, photo copier and various other items donated. And unless some space is found soon, the village may have to stop accepting donations, she said.

"We were hoping to get a donation of

a room or vacant office space from one of the industrial companies around here, but so far we haven't heard anything," Woods said.

**THE BIGGEST** stumbling block seems to be that the \$1.2 million senior center is not scheduled to open until some time in 1984 — a long time to commit vacant office space.

"A vacant unit in a warehouse would be an ideal spot, but the more immediate problem is that we have been told to slow down our acceptance of materials because there is no place to store

it," Woods said. Village officials were planning to accept the donations after the center opened near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Strong Street, but instead the donations have been a "now-or-never offer," she said.

Progress on the center has been slowed because village officials and architects are reviewing plans to scale down the original design to meet funding restrictions. The project is being funded with a federal Community Development Block Grant.

# Just 1 youth agency may get funding

3/28/83 Herald

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Three youth agencies are asking for a total of \$60,400 from the Village of Wheeling for next year, but Village Manager Thomas Markus is recommending that only one be funded.

Shelter Inc. is asking for \$4,400, Omni House is requesting \$44,000 and Blare House says it needs \$12,000.

"Money is in the budget for Omni House but we're not recommending funding for any new agencies," Markus said. Shelter Inc. was denied funds last year.

Omni House, a youth and family

counseling center based in Wheeling with four locations, estimates that 324 Wheeling people were counseled in 1982. The \$44,000 is a 10 percent increase over last year's \$40,000 allocation.

OMNI HOUSE offers outpatient drug treatment, is a licensed Child Welfare Agency and works with family counseling.

The Arlington Heights agency, Shelter Inc., provides emergency housing for children in the Northwest suburbs.

"We have taken care of 56 Wheeling children in the past and have not received money from the village," Executive Director Patricia Beck, said.

The request is not based on the number of Wheeling residents served by the home, she said, but rather a figure offered to all surrounding municipalities from which money has been requested.

A girls' home that Shelter Inc. recently opened in Schaumburg, called Jennings Home, should increase the number of Wheeling youth served from an average of seven a year to 10.

MONEY WILL go for food, clothing, shelter and transporting students to their home school district, regardless of where he or she is living.

Citing her group's need, Blare House

President Francine Bernstein said that two residential homes for eight autistic adults need \$12,000 in renovation work before they can be opened. At least two of the eight residents probably will come from Wheeling.

Bernstein was instrumental in opening three homes for autistic adults in surrounding suburbs. The \$12,000 is needed, she said, to renovate two homes at 940 Pebble Drive in Wheeling and 934 Parker Drive in Schaumburg.

Schaumburg Township did not grant any money to Blare House but Bernstein is requesting funds from the Village of Schaumburg.

## The week ahead

# Land to be bought for water storage

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The Wheeling Village Board today is expected to approve the purchase of two pieces of land for new water tanks.

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

Village Manager Thomas Markus is asking for board authorization to buy land on Lake-Cook and McHenry roads needed for tanks to store water from a Lake Michigan pipeline.

One site, owned by William Johnson, is south of Lake-Cook Road and adjacent to the Soo Line Ry. The other, owned by Michael Horcher, is south of McHenry Road and adjacent to the Fairway Greens Apartments.

WHEELING TOWNSHIP officials have scheduled a hearing Tuesday on Highway Commissioner Thomas Gillis's request for a \$101,000 budget next year, an increase of \$6,500 over 1982-83.

The hearing begins at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.

Township officials approved a \$171,000 budget for the highway department last year, but the actual spending totaled only \$95,000.

# Boyd's lawyer threatens cops with \$5 million suit

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Boyd's backyard. His sister, Mary and the other boy allegedly joined in a sex game. But when Boyd tried to touch Kosinski, she pushed him away.

When the party broke up, Mary decided to sleep in the shed. Boyd, Barbara and the other boy left.

The next morning, Barbara found Mary's body.

Police began questioning Boyd at the station later that day. They allegedly accused him of sneaking back into the shed about 2 a.m. and killing Kosinski during a rape attempt.

He said he could not remember doing it for the first six hours of questioning. So police called in psychotherapist Clarence Trausch, a former Wheeling policeman, who used what he described as relaxation techniques on Boyd. Boyd then confessed he suffocated Mary with a pillow.

Based on testimony from a national-

ly known expert on hypnosis, Pomaro ruled Boyd probably slipped into a hypnotic state. His confession could have been a fantasy, he said.

POMARO ALSO said police held Boyd illegally and failed to inform him adequately about his rights to remain silent or to consult an attorney.

Trausch, the police department and the village of Wheeling will be named in the civil rights suit, Norris said.

"You've got to stop this," he said. "The police tried him in the papers before the court case. They called him vicious and an animal... His life will never be right again. He goes to school and goes home and doesn't go outside his house. He has trouble sleeping."

While Wolter stopped short of criticizing Wheeling police, he said, "An unfortunate procedure was followed here — one in which we were not consulted."



# Murder charge against Boyd d Weather

by Debbe Nelson

Herald staff writer

Prosecutors dropped murder charges Monday against William C. Boyd Jr., three weeks after a Cook County judge threw out the 16-year-old Wheeling boy's confession and arrest.

However, an attorney for Boyd said he will not let the case rest, promising to file a \$5 million civil rights suit against Wheeling police for the way they handled the boy's arrest.

"We can't believe it," his father William Boyd Sr. said afterwards. "We've

been going through hell."

Attorney Michael Norris whisked the younger Boyd out of the Skokie courtroom, 20 months after he was charged with strangling childhood friend Mary Kosinski because she rejected his sexual advances. He was being prosecuted as an adult.

"The kid is innocent," Norris said. "But his life is ruined... He's always going to be screwed up by this. You just can't do this to people."

NORRIS HAD ACCUSED Wheeling police of illegally holding Boyd and hypnotizing him to elicit a confession.

Those allegations led Circuit Court Associate Judge Nicholas Pomaro to invalidate the arrest.

Prosecutors decided not to appeal the court's ruling, choosing to withdraw the charges instead.

Without the confession and arrest, Assistant State's Attorney Dennis Wolter said, "We would have been left with a case in which we had no statement and no scientific evidence, which is no case. We had no alternative but to dismiss the case."

Prosecutors were confident a trial

would have proven Boyd guilty, said.

"But we'll never get to that point probably," he said, noting police not likely to uncover any new evidence to reopen the case.

Norris insisted Boyd is innocent and said a civil rights suit will show police illegally coerced a confession from the boy.

ACCORDING TO testimony, Boyd his then 12-year-old sister Barbara Mary and another 14-year-old boy were playing strip poker in a shed

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heville	sy
hanta	sy
altimore	sy
llings, Mont.	pc
irmingham	f
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ose	sh
oston	w
uffalo	pc
harleston, S.C.	sy
harlotte, N.C.	sy
hicago	pc
incinnati	sy
leveland	pc
olumbus	pc
allas	pc
enver	cy
as Moines	cy
etroit	sy
luth	pc
Paso	f
irrford	w
lena	pc
nolulu	sy
uston	pc
hanapolis	pc



# Wheeling bid for land called 'joke'

Wheeling Village officials have agreed to pay \$69,400 for 3.9 acres of land where they plan to build two new water tanks, but one of the owners called the village's offer "a joke."

The village wants to buy two lots on the northwest side of town for new storage tanks as part of a \$7 million construction project to adapt the vil-

lage's water system to a Lake Michigan pipeline.

The village board has offered \$54,000 to William Johnson for 2.5 acres south of Lake-Cook Road and adjacent to the Soo Line Railway and \$15,400 to Michael Horcher for 1.4 acres south of McHenry Road and adjacent to the Fairway Greens Apartments.

But Horcher said he will not accept the offer and will instead hire his own appraiser. Horcher's family has owned the land for six generations, and he said his mother sold an adjacent lot for the same price about 15 years ago.

Johnson could not be reached for comment.

If the village and Horcher can not

agree on a price, said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski, the village will go into court to have the land condemned. In court, a judge would set the price of the land.

Fialkowski said the village offered more for Johnson's land because it is zoned for industry but Horcher's land is residentially zoned.

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## Wheeling considers bond offer for new sporting goods store

*Reminder 3/31/83*

Wheeling officials paved the way for approval of a \$1.25 million industrial revenue bond for Sportmart, Inc., a large sport store chain with gross sales of \$41 million.

A new Sportmart is expected to open this June in the former Jewel location at Dundee and Milwaukee roads.

Sportmart, Inc., is one of the largest sporting goods dealers in the Midwest. Each store stocks more than 70,000 sporting goods items, including cross-country skis, hunting, camping, tennis and golf equipment.

Wheeling trustees, upon village staff recommendation, agreed to offer a \$1.25 million industrial revenue bond to the sport store company.

An industrial revenue bond does not cost the village any money. The money for the bond will be secured from the American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago. The Village of Wheeling in approving the industrial revenue bond lends its name and tax exempt status to the business.

In this way, the bond is not subject to federal income tax and the bank offers a

lower than market interest rate to the business.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said this is the first time Wheeling has offered an industrial revenue bond for a commercial venture.

"We examined the company and its financial stability before recommending that we offer it a bond. We're excited about Sportmart coming to Wheeling because it will attract shoppers to our area. It will generate sales revenue for the village and bring employment to the area," Markus said.

The village will earn one per cent on all gross sales generated at the Wheeling store.

Store officials said they will employ about 55 people and expect to draw about 700 customers daily. Annual gross sales are projected at between \$5 to \$7 million.

The Wheeling location will be the company's ninth since opening its first store in 1971 in Niles. Other stores are in the Chicago area and California.

Sportmart is headed by Larry J. Hochberg, who also co-founded the Toys R Us toy store chain.



WOODLAND CREEK deluxe rental apartments in Wheeling.

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## Deluxe rentals in Wheeling

SOON, Woodland Creek apartments, in Wheeling, will be renting 1- and 2-bedroom luxury apartments, with dens. The models are scheduled to open around April 1st.

Built on a 40-acre wooded site, Woodland Creek is located near the Randhurst shopping center at the intersection of Palatine and Wheeling Roads. On the outer reaches of a 27-acre wildlife sanctuary with an 8-acre lake are five rustic 5-story elevator buildings.

THE DEVELOPER of Woodland Creek is Finger Enterprises, a Houston based company that specializes in rental properties for people who love outdoor activities and nature.

Rents at Woodland Creek for 1-bedrooms start at \$670 a month. "It's designed for professionals, empty nesters and people who like 'the best,' but don't want to be owners," said Alan Huvard, associate partner in Finger Enterprises. "We're offering more than just an apartment," he continued. Woodland Creek provides a private club environment with two swimming pools, jogging paths, boat docks and boats, lighted tennis courts, a clubhouse with exercise rooms and saunas, a stocked lake for fishing and picnic areas on the grounds.

AMENITIES include private terraces or patios, security systems, heated garages, kitchen appliances, some wood-burning fireplaces.

Studies reported that thousands of people come to the Chicago area to spend 3 or 4 years in executive jobs and then move on. "Such individuals don't want to be encumbered with property to sell when it is time for them to leave," said Huvard. "Woodland Creek is also ideal for empty nesters, no longer looking to build equity anymore."

"WE ARE a service oriented management company and believe in meeting every need of our/rentors," said Sandra Schnarr, rental agent.

According to her, the first building will be available for rental July 1st, and the entire complex, including swimming pools and tennis courts will be ready in the fall.

## 3 trustee posts to be filled in village election April 12

*3/21/83 Reminder*

Three trustee terms on the village board are to be filled in the Tuesday, April 12 election. Four candidates are running to fill these three positions:

- Charles M. Kerr, a two term incumbent;
- Nickolas R. Fanella, former vice president of the First National Bank of Wheeling;
- Anthony Altieri Jr., former chairman of the Wheeling Plan Commission.

These three independents have formed the Citizens Action Party - CAP.

The fourth candidate is Donald P. Kirchberger, Independent, and president of the Cedar Run Homeowners Association.

## Wheeling's budget up 140 per cent, but no tax increase

*Reminder 3/31/83*

By JOAN FLEISCHER

A public hearing will be held Monday night at 8 p.m. on the Village of Wheeling's proposed \$20 million 1983-84 fiscal year budget. Although the budget reflects a 140 per cent increase from last year's budget of \$8.8 million, there will be no additional increases in property taxes or village fees.

Earlier this year, the village board approved a property tax rate of \$1.19 per \$100 equalized assessed valuation, a 39 cent or 67 per cent increase. The tax rate was increased to cover the village's share of costs in the Northwest Water Commission's pipeline construction for Lake Michigan water.

The reason for the near tripling of the village budget is that \$11.1 million is sought for capital improvement and debt service expenditures needed to bring in

Lake Michigan water, said Village Manager Thomas Markus.

Costs for water system improvements comprise 56 per cent of the total proposed budget or approximately four times more than the village budgeted for all capital improvements in the preceding year.

The major improvements scheduled this year include the installation of about 52,000 feet of watermain, two 2.5 million gallon water reservoirs and two elevated water towers with approximately 1.5 million gallons of capacity.

The money for the water improvements will be financed by the two 15-year bond issues totaling \$12 million approved by the board last year.

Wheeling will also be embarking on the first year of a five-year street improvement project which includes curb

and gutter repairs, storm sewer extensions and several street improvements throughout the village. The \$1.1 million cost of street improvements will be paid for with available motor fuel funds.

The other major improvement scheduled for this year includes \$750,000 for construction of a center for senior citizens' social and recreational services. The center is planned adjacent to the new Cook County senior housing facility at Dundee and Milwaukee roads. Funds for constructing the senior center will come from a Community Development Block

Grant and Federal Revenue Sharing money

Markus, in recommending next year's fiscal budget, said, "Without the large expenditures for the village's major capital improvements, the 1983-84 budget would not be unlike the previous year's budget."

He said the general fund, which makes up 50 per cent of the remaining budget and which includes village administration, police, fire, building and maintenance departments, is only increasing by 3.6 per cent.

# 3 engines respond Hintz house fire

*Reminder 3-31-83*  
 Three engines with 17 firefighters and two other vehicles went to a house fire at 260 W. Hintz Road March 20. The house was described as abandoned by Wheeling police. Investigators found three separate points of ignition, though they were not able to find an accelerant. They also noted large amounts of rubbish, garbage, old furniture, car parts and paint cans in the house. The owner of the house, a Hawthorne Woods man, said he had contacted the village several days earlier about the possibility of donating the house for a practice burn.

# Grand re-opening May 1 for students

The Wheeling Historical Society and the Wheeling Park District invites everyone to the grand re-opening of the Wheeling Historical Museum, located at 251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, from noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, May 1. The museum is newly renovated after Phase I in the renovation process and is filled with new displays and ideas. This promises to be an afternoon filled with interesting displays, musical entertainment and refreshments and am-

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ple parking. Everything is free, so bring the whole family. For information, call Al Fantl at 537-3119 or Monica Woodward at 537-2222.

**Drop in for volleyball**  
 The Wheeling Park District is now offering

Drop-in Volleyball Night for Women on day evenings, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Rd. This night open to all women ages 18 and older. For more information, call the park district at 537-2222.

**Adult yoga to begin**  
 A spring session of Adult Yoga class

Nine Wheeling High School students attended the Fifth Annual Ship Experience in Spring. Participants included: Kathy Hardy, Anne Kelly and seniors; Liana DaSilva, Patricia Reading, Jerry Rigatos, John and Kathy Stanton, son. The convention, which was sponsored by District 214, was from March 13 through 15. During the week, students

# Pair nabbed in burglary at Childerly Park

*Reminder 3-31-83*  
 Two young Wheeling men were caught climbing out a window at Childerly Park by Wheeling police just after midnight March 25, according to the report. Alarmed by a burglar alarm, the officers said they arrived as the first offender was climbing out. The second one followed. Tracy Walker, 20, 129 Coral Ln., and Edward Kleinschmidt, 19, 593 Lakeside Circle Dr., were charged with burglary. Officers recovered one box of raisins, one bag of raisins, one bag of pretzels and two oranges. There was also \$50 damage to the window, according to the report.

## Court clears Boyd

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**By JOAN FLEISCHER**  
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# Kirchenberg urges tight village budget

*3-31-83*  
 WHEELING — Don Kirchenberg, an independent candidate for Wheeling village trustee, is calling for the village to adopt an austerity budget. At a recent board meeting, he noted planned expenditures for thousands of dollars for the village manager and chief of police to attend international association meetings.

Also, he asked about the value of the village paying membership dues to the following organizations at an additional cost of hundreds of dollars.

The organizations Kirchenberg questioned are: the International City Management Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and International Association of Electrical Inspectors.

Kirchenberg said money spent at these international association meetings could be better spent in the village.

In the area of the Police Department budget, Kirchenberg is questioning planned expenditure of approximately \$5,900 for cosmetic changes such as new police badges, newly designed shoulder patches, and "fuel efficient" lights and sirens for the patrol cars.

Kirchenberg said during tough economic times the village should defer expenses for aesthetic reasons in all areas and these purchases should definitely be cut.

## Chief —

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 former Chief Theodore Bracke, seven months after the girl's slaying, said Monday he was reviewing the murder investigation for the first time.

"I will be reviewing all police reports and talking to the investigating officers. This case has had a lot of publicity and a number of questions have been raised on whether the Wheeling police did appropriate things. I have some real concern on whether we did the best

possible work on the case," said Haeger.

"This homicide has had a traumatic effect in the community and in the police department. Questions have surfaced as to the murderer still being out there. That is very difficult to answer. If I find substance to the case, it will be reopened. If we made mistakes with procedures, our investigators will be retrained," he said. "Some mistakes, however, can't be undone," he said.

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The pillow fantasy may have surfaced under hypnosis because Boyd saw the body the following morning next to a bloody pillow, the judge said.

For the first six hours of police questioning, Boyd said he could not remember events of the evening.

Police then suggested that a "doctor" be called in to help the boy relax and remember.

Police did not tell Boyd, nor his parents, that the doctor interviewing him was a trained hypnotist and psychologist, not a medical physician.

After a 20-minute session with Clarence Trausch, a former Wheeling police officer and now director of the Institute for Metaphysical Research in Des Plaines, Boyd confessed to suffocating the girl with a pillow.

The prosecution's decision to drop all charges against Boyd because it did not have enough evidence to warrant a trial has left Wheeling's police chief with the task of deciding whether the right murder suspect was apprehended. It is Haeger's exclusive right to decide if the murder case should be reopened to look for other suspects.

Haeger, who joined the Wheeling Police Department in February 1982, replacing

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# No appeal; Boyd cleared of charges

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By BARBARA YOUNG  
Staff Writer

THE TRIAL is over and murder charges have been dropped against William C. Boyd Jr., accused of killing 14-year-old Mary Kosinski in July 1981.

Prosecuting attorneys in the case did not appeal a Cook County Circuit Court judge's March 1 ruling that blocked the use of a confession obtained by Wheeling police as well as impressions of Boyd's teeth as evidence in the trial. March 28 was the appeal deadline.

"We have no case," said Dennis Wolter, assistant state's attorney explaining why the decision was not challenged. "It's hard to convict someone beyond a doubt when you have no evidence."

Had the court ruled that the dental impression was given voluntarily, Wolter said the state would have proceeded with the trial.

AT ISSUE was Judge Nicholas Pomaro's ruling that the confession obtained by Wheeling police after Kosinski was found slain was inadmissible because Boyd confessed under hypnosis.

Pomaro determined that Boyd's statements under those conditions were "confabulated," according to Wolter, who added, "in other words he made it up."

The judge also threw out impressions of Boyd's teeth prosecuting attorneys hoped to use as proof that Boyd's teeth made the bite marks

on Kosinski's breast and lip, Wolter said.

He is disappointed about the ruling, but Wolter respects the court ruling because "the court has an obligation to follow the law."

Michael Norris, Boyd's attorney, had said all along there were no grounds for an appeal and said he was not surprised when it didn't happen.

"They (state's attorneys) had no leg to stand on," Norris said. "They needed to be able to say the judge's ruling was wrong and they couldn't, because it was absolutely clear and based on the law."

Claiming Boyd's innocence, Norris charged that the "conduct of the Wheeling police was immoral" and that's why there were no grounds for an appeal.

"It was a horrible violation," Norris said of the way Boyd's confession was obtained.

Boyd was on trial for slaying Kosinski after her body was found in a shed behind the Boyd house. According to police reports, Boyd, also 14 at the time of his arrest, had attended a party with other youths in the area the night Kosinski was killed.

Following statements to the media by the Wheeling Police Department, Pomaro imposed a gag order on everyone involved with the case.

Norris, who requested the order, said he plans to file a suit against the police department for allegedly violating his client's constitutional rights.



## Off the cuff?

JOANN ROSS (LEFT) checks Jo Bober's blood pressure as part of screening program at Wheeling Indian Trails Library. (Photo by Steve Donisc)



**Blood drive successful**

One-hundred thirty-one units of blood were collected from 150 donor/participants during the March 9 Wheeling Community Blood Drive. This was the most successful Community Blood Drive since the event has been co-sponsored by the Village of Wheeling Board of Health and The Blood Center of Northern Illinois.

The Village of Wheeling and The Blood Center of Northern Illinois would like to extend thanks to all 150 persons who participated. The village and the blood center also extend thanks and a hardy well done to Grace Lazar, board of health blood drive chairman, for her work and organization. Thanks and a hardy well done to the volunteers, Ardell Lipowsky, Doris Savage, Marge Rannie and Board of Health members, Ida O'Reilly, Sue Castle, Myrna Myers, Muriel Lischett, and Mary Ellen Westrich, for their hard work and long hours which resulted in the success of this blood drive.

The March 9 Wheeling Community Blood Drive is the first of three to be held this year. The next two will be held on July 13 and Nov. 9. The community drives are co-sponsored by the Wheeling Board of Health and The Blood Center of Northern Illinois.

The Blood Center of Northern Illinois is the merger of the North Suburban Blood Center, Wheeling's previous co-sponsor, and the Michael Reese Foundation Blood Center. The two previously independent blood centers have merged and are now in a stronger position to provide the blood needs of the 25 Chicago area hospitals in the service area. The high level of donor services experienced under The North Suburban Blood Center will be maintained.

Again, the Blood Center of Northern Illinois and the Village of Wheeling extend their appreciation to the donor participants and the blood drive volunteers and Board of Health members for their part in this successful blood drive.

# Senior building cost twice as high as village expected

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

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## WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY

Selected decisions from the village board meetings of March 7 and 21.

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To authorize filing of a pre-application for federal assistance for the purchase and development of Pal-Waukee Airport. (Passed 6-0)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
To sponsor a \$1.25 million low-interest loan for Sportmart of Niles, which plans to open a store on Dundee Road at Milwaukee Avenue in the former Jewel building. (Passed 6-0)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
To purchase seven police squad cars from Schaumburg Dodge for \$59,789. (Passed 6-0)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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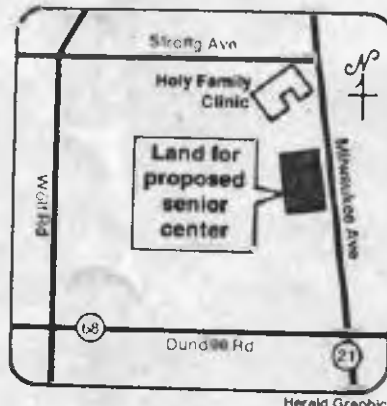
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## Mid-April is gardening target date

Wheeling gardeners should be able to start digging by the middle of April, Parks Director David Phillips said.

Gardening possibilities had looked slight after Wheeling Village officials told Phillips that the 250 plots on Commonwealth Edison property at 351 E. Dundee Road would be right next to construction work for a Lake Michigan pipeline and probably would have trucks driving over the property.

But Phillips said after talking with EKCO Products Inc., 777 S. Wheeling Road, and a developer who owns land at Hintz and Wolf roads, he received initial approval for garden plots on that land. The property should be able to handle the 250 applications for garden plots the park district already has, Phillips said.

"Right now we are looking for the ideal site without having to put the gardeners on two or three spots," Phil-

lips said. "But we will always have those sites to fall back on."

The park board had planned to put the garden plots in Horizon Park, 375 Schoenbeck Road. But, the 10 acres of undeveloped land also includes hills and water pockets that would leave few good spots for gardening, Phillips said.

The park offers 20-by-30-foot plots at no cost.

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## The week ahead

# 2 new restaurants planning to open

The Wheeling Village board tonight is expected to approve variations in village codes that will enable two new restaurants open.

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

My Pie International, a Winnetka-based pizza chain, is planning to remodel the old Lum's Restaurant at 102 S. Milwaukee Ave. An Arlington Heights man, Mirko N. Nedelson, is planning on opening a ribs restaurant in the Southpoint Shopping Center, Wolf and Camp McDonald roads.

**THE WHEELING** Park Board will meet Thursday to discuss a proposal to offer recreation classes in the Cedar Run Condominium complex.

The board meets at 7 p.m. in the Chevy Chase Club House, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Park Director David Phillips is working with condominium representatives to find ways to offer more park classes on the northwest side of the district. Most of the district's park land and facilities are in the center or east side of the district.

Tahoe Village Condominium representatives have already agreed to hold park classes in their clubhouse, starting this summer.

# Village budget doubles; approval seen tonight

4/4/83 Herald  
Wheeling Village officials tonight are expected to approve a \$20 million budget for 1983-84, more than doubling last year's spending.

Most of the new spending, \$11.1 million, reflects Wheeling's share of the cost of a Lake Michigan water pipeline. The village's operating budget is up only 4 percent.

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

As it now stands, the budget includes no pay raises for the 137 village employees except for 3 percent salary hikes for 31 firefighters and paramedics, who negotiated a two-year contract last year.

Village Manager Thomas Markus said he will recommend pay raises for the other employees. "but I haven't decided how much." The budget includes \$210,000 in "contingency" funds that could be used for raises, he said. That

is enough for pay raises averaging 7 percent.

Markus said he must first meet with three officers representing 30 rank-and-file policemen. Representatives from the Public Works Department can also elect a representative for contract talks, he said, but have not done so yet.

Schultz said she would support a salary increase request from Markus "if he justifies it to the board. We want to keep our salaries in line with the market place," she said.

The budget also includes \$305,000 to build a recreation center for senior citizens, \$60,000 to replace a fire department rescue truck, \$52,000 to buy three used dump trucks from Wheeling Township, \$61,000 for seven new police cars and \$59,000 money to refurbish the fire department's aerial tower truck.

# Clerk cleared by election board

4/7/83  
Wheeling Village Clerk Elizabeth Hartman has been cleared of any wrongdoing by the State Board of Elections in connection with a complaint filed by a candidate for trustee that she was improperly instructing voters how to vote.

Don Schultz, director of operations for the State of Board of Elections in Springfield, said Wednesday, "Basically, it doesn't appear that there was any willful violation of the law or a willful intent to instruct voters to vote for certain candidates."

Schultz said that Hartman should not have been using an official ballot, but a demonstration ballot in giving out voter

information.

The State Board of Elections had investigated a complaint filed by Donald P. Kirchenberg, an independent candidate for Wheeling trustee.

Kirchenberg said the village clerk violated election law when she photocopied the front page of the official April 12 ballot. In photocopying voter instructions, she included the name of his opponents, the Citizens Action Party, a slate of three candidates running under a straight party ticket.

Hartman confirmed Kirchenberg's account of the incident and apologized for using an official ballot. She said only one person received a copy of the voters instructions.

# Village budget protested, OK'd

4-6-83 Herald  
The Wheeling village board has approved a 1983-84 budget of \$20 million, over the objections of a trustee candidate who says the village should not be spending \$2,100 to send administrators to conventions.

Donald Kirchenberg, who is running as an independent in Tuesday's election, told the board that money budgeted to send Village Manager Thomas Markus and Police Chief Michael Haeger to conferences would be better spent on flood control.

"During tough economic times, these monies could be better spent in the village than on international organizations," he said.

The budget includes \$1,325 to send Markus to conferences in Kansas City and Lake Geneva, Wis., and \$724 to send Haeger to a conference in Detroit.

Trustee Charles Kerr, who is run-

ning for re-election Tuesday, pointed out that Markus' contract says the village must pick up the costs for the annual International City Management Association conferences.

Board President Sheila Schultz agreed with Kerr, saying board members agreed the conferences were well worth the costs.

**THE BUDGET** more than doubles last year's spending of \$8.89 million. Most of the new spending is for \$11.1 million worth of new water mains and storage tanks and to pay for the village's share of a Lake Michigan water pipeline.

The new budget includes \$1.5 million in property taxes for the first payments on loans totaling \$12 million to finance the water system construction. To repay the loans, the village board raised property taxes by 67 percent and more than doubled water rates.

# Remember to extinguish patient fire, too

4-7-83  
What's a patient fire? That's a fire that smolders at an undetectably low level ... a fire you can walk right past, or sit on, without ever knowing it's there. A fire that, in strict accordance with Murphy's Law, patiently waits until the whole house is asleep before belching flame and toxic gases.

Like anything else, in order to be that patient, the fire must be pretty comfortable, which is why "patient fires" are generally found in your best upholstered furniture.

It all begins when a burning match or cigarette is dropped between the cushions of a couch or, perhaps, when an extension cord failure touches a spark to carpeting or furniture. Perhaps the cigarette isn't immediately recovered. Or maybe a small fire starts at once, the homeowner stamps it out or puts water on it and disconsolately writes himself a note to call the upholsterer in the morning.

Carpeting and upholstery can store enough heat to rekindle a once extinguished fire — or to smolder at a level so low that no detectable heat or smoke is produced for a couple of hours. Ultimately, heat builds up enough for combustion to begin. Sometimes there's never a real fire at all. There are documented cases where, without ever bursting into flame, upholstery combustion generated enough smoke to kill entire families in their sleep.

**HOW CAN THE** fire-wise family respond to this threat? By assuming an extinguished upholstery fire is not out. Too often, burning car-

## Public service

pet or upholstery receives the exact minimum of attention necessary to drive flames out of sight. The idea, of course, is to limit the damage — why add insult to injury by throwing water on a burning cushion instead of just stamping out the flames? To keep your house from burning down, that's why.

If a match or cigarette drops into the

cushions, drop everything and get it out. If there's a small fire, drown it with copious quantities of water. Don't just drown the fire — use enough water to thoroughly cool residual heat in the stuffing. Even if there's no fire, if the cigarette, match or spark touched the fabric for more than an instant, cool the spot with water.

And in case of doubt, play it safe. Stay up an extra hour to keep an eye on things. Put the

offending cushion (or piece of furniture) outside overnight — better to have it stolen than for it to rekindle in your home. If a large area of cloth burned, call the fire department, even if you think you've put the fire out.

If you do everything right and the fire still rekindles, sleep easy. Your smoke detector will alert you before dangerous levels of toxic gases can build in your home.

# It's Kirchenberg vs. slate Tuesday

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By DONALD LIEBENSON  
Correspondent

FOUR CANDIDATES are seeking re-election to the Wheeling Village Board. Three of the candidates, Charles Kerr, Nick Fanella and Anthony Altieri are running as a slate under the banner of the Citizen's Action Party. Don Kirchenberg is running as an independent.

Kerr is completing his eighth year on the board. A Wheeling resident since 1972, Kerr helped run a training school for police officers at Northwestern University. "I enjoy the challenge of being on the board," he says, "and my job is such that I can spend the time needed to be a trustee."

According to Kerr, three major issues the board will be concerning itself with in the future are the purchase of Palwaukee Airport, the bringing in of Lake Michigan water, and the flooding problem. "Wheeling has seen more professional village government since 1975," he says. "It has been an open administration, which has not always been Wheeling's reputation. I would like to stay in another term to try and keep good, honest government permanent."

Nick Fanella says it may sound corny, but "I'm really sincere about the village. When I first moved here in 1977, I helped construct a new bank and I got a chance to spend time talking to the people and getting an idea of what their needs in government were."

AN EMPLOYEE of the Dartmouth Plan, a finance company,

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Fanella feels his expertise in finance would be an asset to the board. "Each trustee brings his own background to the board," he says. Fanella was the president of the Chamber of Commerce for two years and was Lerner-LIFE'S Citizen of the Month in August 1982.

Twenty-year Wheeling resident Anthony Altieri first became involved with village government through his work with the Jaycees and went on to serve on the Plan Commission, where he was chairperson for seven of the nine years he was a member.

"I feel I was instrumental in legislation that improved the general conditions of Wheeling, like the downtown re-development project and providing more parking in multi-resident areas," he says. He, too, lists the airport, lake water and flooding problem as major concerns, but would also like to see a more active campaign to upgrade Wheeling's image.

"I'm very concerned with redevelopment," he says. "Wheeling is a fantastic town and I am disappointed that outsiders I know have this bad impression of it. The momentum is there. The Riverside

Shopping Center for example, replaced run-down buildings. If we can instill pride in the community, we can attract new residents and new businesses."

#### INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

Don Kirchenberg says one of his main concerns is the need on the board for better representation for the community as a whole.

Other things he will be working for if elected include a swift solution to the flooding problem along Buffalo Creek, the Wheeling drainage ditch and the areas where retention and detention systems cannot handle the flood water; more citizen input to the board; control of utility rate hikes; the availability of low interest monies for residential improvements; business expansion to help reduce the property tax burden on Wheeling residents and also provide more jobs; and no increase in the village property taxes.

A five-year Wheeling resident, Kirchenberg has been active with the Cedar Run Homeowner's Association and was recently appointed to the Cook County Board of Appeals Taxpayer Advisory Board.

## 14 car burglaries investigated by cops

Wheeling police are investigating approximately 14 burglaries to autos in the Hollywood Ridge Subdivision, which took place the night of March 26.

A variety of valuables were stolen: a transistor radio, a television audio receiver, a citizens' band radio, a stereo equalizer, five gallons of gas, sunglasses and cassette tapes.

Several of the incidents were called in but no formal report was made.

In another auto burglary that may be connected to other cases, a tool bag with assorted tools valued at \$230 was stolen from the floor of an unlocked vehicle parked in the condominium parking lot in the 800 block of Valley Stream Drive March 29.

#### Eatery window damaged

A \$600 plate glass window at Brown's Fried Chicken was damaged, probably by a pellet or bb gun. The damage was reported March 26.

#### \$12,500 Corvette stolen

A 1980 burgundy Corvette parked at the Mobil Station at Hintz and Buffalo Grove roads was reported stolen March 26. The Corvette, valued at \$12,500, had a "for sale" sign on it.

#### School burglarized

The loot from a March 26 burglary at Jack

#### Police beat

London School included about 30 bags of candy, six boxes of Cracker Jack and pop. Two juveniles were apprehended.

#### Apartment ransacked

The front door of an apartment on the 200 block of 7th Street was pried open March 28 and the inside ransacked.

A cassette recorder, a portable sewing machine, two men's car coats and two suitcases valued at a total of \$634 were stolen.

#### Vehicles damaged

Two vehicles left for repair at Certified Auto Repair were reported damaged March 31. Two windows in a 1979 Dodge van and in a 1972 Buick LeSabre were hit by bb's found in the vehicles, which caused \$300 damage to each of them.

#### Burglary suspects caught

Two of the three suspects in five burglary-to-auto felonies March 28 have been arrested by Wheeling police. Bond has been set at \$20,000. The third is still at large.

One of the three was caught by Buffalo Grove police who discovered the three going

through a car. The second was caught later.

Lance Allison, 20, of St. Charles and Ricky Ed Adkerson, 21, of Glen Ellyn, were arrested. Four of the five vehicles were damaged

from \$75 to \$300 each. Three cassette players worth between \$200 and \$230 were stolen as well as \$15 in change and a CB radio of unknown value.



# Bare bone

## Village budget lean for '83-84

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

A "BARE-BONE" budget of \$20.1 million for the fiscal year beginning May 1 was adopted unanimously Monday, April 4, by the Wheeling Village Board, following a cutback of \$4,000 from the allocation for Omni-House, a social service organization.

The vote to pare the Omni-House amount from \$44,000, as the agency requested for the 1983-84 year, to \$40,000 was very close, with trustees Charles Kerr, William Rogers and Joseph Ratajczak favoring the cut and trustees James Goetch and John Cole voting against. Trustee Roger Powers was absent.

Kerr, who proposed the cut, said the rest of the budget was "bare-bone" and all other departments in the village had been cut back because of the current economic conditions in the country, so the Omni-House funds should remain at the 1982-83 level.

Dennis Depcik, Omni-House associate director, pleaded with the board not to make the cutback. He said the organization will lose \$30,000 in state and federal funds, plus an additional \$16,000 when new Social Security regulations go into effect in January 1984.

DEPICK SAID the \$44,000 would amount to 13 percent of Omni-House's operating funds, although the village of Wheeling uses 37 percent of the organization's services. "For every dollar the village is providing, we provide three dollars

in services," he said.

Village President Sheila Schultz pointed out that the request for Omni-House funds was placed under the Police Department, giving it importance, because the Police Department relies on the agency in many situations. "I feel very strongly that Omni-House deserves the support of the community," she said.

Despite all arguments for the additional \$4,000, the cutback was approved.

The new budget is approximately \$11.3 million higher than the 1982-83 budget of \$8.8 million, approved last April. Finance Director Gregory Peters said most of the increased expenditures will be used to cover the interest to be repaid on the two bond issues for the construction of the Lake Michigan water pipelines, as well as water and sewer construction within the village to bring village lines into shape.

THE BUDGET also includes the spending of \$1 million in motor-fuel tax funds for street improvements as the first year of a planned five-year program, plus \$609,000 in revenue sharing funds, an increase of about \$350,000 more in revenue sharing than the previous budget.

Property taxes are expected to make up \$3.2 million of the total revenues, with the remaining revenues to be collected from state sales and income taxes, the rural fire district, licenses, permits, inspection fees and water and sewer sales, among other sources.

Peters estimated the village's property tax rate will be "around \$1.15 to \$1.18" per \$100 of assessed valuation this year as compared with .72 per \$100 last year.

### HOUSING BID REJECTED

Of the \$609,000 in federal revenue sharing funds, \$131,000 has been earmarked for the Senior Citizens Center. Construction is planned to begin this year; however, all construction bids received in March for the project were rejected by the Village Board because all were higher than the architect's and engineer's estimate of \$661,000 for the entire project.

The lowest bidder offered a bid about 20 percent higher than the estimate, but he failed to supply a bid bond, thus disqualifying his bid from consideration.

IN ADDITION to the revenue sharing funds, the village has \$530,000 in federal block grant funds available for the project. Had the board accepted the lowest qualified bid of \$879,000 from J.W. Halm Construction Company, the village would have had to pick up the remaining \$218,000.

Village Manager Tom Markus said he was pleased with the way things were handled during the weekend rain, April 2 and 3. Volunteers distributed close to 450 advance flood warning notices, he said. "People took action this time that they hadn't in the past, such as sandbagging low areas."

Markus said there were no sanitary sewer backups following the 2.6-inch drenching.

## Four seek 3 village seats in low-key election

by Kathy Waugh  
Herald staff writer

where the candidates have adopted similar positions on most of the major issues.

homeowners association.

The real significance of the CAP position is its departure from the current board's approach of seeking federal money to buy the airport while delaying a final decision of whether to go through with the purchase.

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voters turned out for the local elections two years ago.

"NOW THERE just aren't issues and controversies like before," said Village President Sheila Schultz. "With each election things stabilize a little more."

The low-key campaign is in marked contrast to the heated campaigns that have marked Wheeling politics since 1975.

That was when the village was shocked by a zoning scandal that saw six local and county officials convicted to shaking down developers, and a "reform" slate of four trustees swept the election, establishing a new political majority on the village board.

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Probably the most remarkable aspect of Tuesday's Wheeling Village Board election is not the four names that are on the ballot but the one that is not: William Hein.

VOTERS WILL select three trustees from a field of four candidates: Three of the hopefuls — incumbent Charles Kerr, Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fanella — have banded together as the Citizens Action Party against independent Donald Kirchenberg.

Kerr has served on the board since 1975. Altieri is a member of the Wheeling Plan Commission, and Fanella is the former president of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce. Kirchenberg first got involved in local politics by campaigning for lower speed limits near the Cedar Run condominium complex, where he is president of

THEY DO DIFFER slightly on the issue of whether the village should buy Palwaukee Airport: CAP candidates have said they oppose the \$36 million purchase unless the airport is in danger of being closed, but Kirchenberg does not commit himself, saying he wants voters to settle the issue in a referendum.

Kerr and his runningmates point out that the whole issue of purchasing the airport came about when owner George Priester thought he might lose everything in estate taxes when he died and passed the business on to his son. But estate tax laws have changed since then, Kerr said, and the threat of losing the airport is not there.

Village Clerk Elizabeth Hartman expects a light turnout of about 18 percent of the village's 11,720 registered voters. In contrast, 27 percent of the

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"reformers" was under indictment for a similar shakedown scheme and Hein, who had been biding his time as a trustee, won the mayoral race and installed his allies in a majority of the village board seats.

IN 1979, THE pendulum swung again when a ticket headed by Schultz won all three available seats on the village board. Finally, in 1981, Schultz ousted Hein as village president and firmed up her village board coalition in the trustee races.

This year, there's only a tenuous connection between Kirchenberg and Hein to indicate that the former mayor may not have entirely lost his taste for local politics: Kirchenberg's nominating petitions were picked up by Ricky Ament, a local attorney who was part of Hein's defeated slate in 1981. But both Hein and Kirchenberg say they have no political connections, and even the CAP slate has refrained from making it an issue.

In other races, four candidates are running for two seats on the Wheeling Park Board. The campaign has centered on whether the district is spending too much on the Chevy Chase golf course.

Candidates Sonia Edelman and Rita "Trixie" Reinagle both say the park board is putting too much money into the golf course and clubhouse at the expense of neighborhood parks and recreation programs. But candidates Anthony Abruscato and Julia D. Robberson agree with the current park board that the remodeling jobs at Chevy Chase are investments that will pay off in the future.

In the Indian Trails library district, one four-year board seat will be filled by a write-in candidate, since no one filed. While as many as 12 residents have expressed interest in the post, three candidates are waging active campaigns. They are Wheeling residents Len Renquin and Norman Roth, and Russell Lee of Arlington Heights.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Senior housing center opens

Moving day was yesterday for the first residents of the new Wheeling Senior Citizen Housing Complex at Milwaukee and Dundee roads which opened Monday.

The \$3.2 million eight-story housing project subsidized by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department is now the tallest structure in Wheeling.

Patrick Zerega, area manager of the Cook County Housing Authority, is coordinating the opening days of the housing complex.

He said the residents began moving in

yesterday morning, with more expected throughout the week. Full occupancy is not expected until June.

Wheeling residents have been given first priority and will be living in about half of the 100-units in the building, he said.

Zerega said a waiting list will be maintained of eligible residents for the complex. Requirements include age 62 or older with an income less than \$9,700, or a combined income of \$11,100.

Rent is based on 30 per cent of the occupant's income.



Herald photo by Dave Tonge

**MOVING IN.** Trudy Wolf, a Wheeling resident for the past 18 years, hoists a couple of chairs into her new home. The 69-year-old woman Wednesday became

the first inhabitant of Wheeling's new rent-assisted housing complex for senior citizens, located at 200 N. Milwaukee Ave.

## Senior tenant likes looks of place

4/7/83 Herald

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Trudy Wolf entered her new apartment Wednesday carrying a small cardboard box containing milk, butter, salt, bread and a candle.

It's an old German tradition to bring some of life's necessities into a new dwelling. So with family members lending a hand with heavier items, Wolf became the first inhabitant of Wheeling's first low-income housing complex.

The eight-story building, 200 N. Milwaukee Ave., was built with a \$3.2 million federal grant and is a key element in the village's downtown redevelopment efforts. A walk-in emergency clinic opened more than a year ago at the corner of Strong and Milwaukee avenues, and a senior citizens center to be built later this year will complete the project.

PEOPLE AT least 62 years old with an annual income of no more than \$9,700 qualify for the 99 one-bedroom apartments. Nine of the units are reserved for the handicapped.

About 140 seniors — less than half of them Wheeling residents — have applied to live in the new building, said Patrick Zerega, area manager for the Cook County Housing Authority, which manages the building.

Rents are based on 30 percent of a senior's income, which means Wolf's monthly rent will be just about cut in half. The \$300-a-month apartment she leaves behind in Wheeling was rapidly becoming unaffordable, although her landlord had knocked about \$25 off the rent in exchange for Wolf's cleaning the hallways.

The janitorial duties might seem unlikely for a 69-year-old woman who stands 4 feet 10 inches tall. But she's

used to hard work. Widowed in the early days of World War II, she lived near the East German-Polish border, which was dominated by Russians after the war.

WOLF AND HER daughter, Renate, fled the country and ended up in a basement apartment on Chicago's North Side. They moved to Wheeling almost 20 years ago, where Wolf supported her family by welding airplane parts in a local factory. When the plant closed during a labor dispute, she took a janitorial job at Holmes Junior High School.

Wolf retired four years ago, living on a pension and social security.

And even though her new apartment is a financial godsend, it's not the only reason she's excited about her new home.

"I want to be with people my own age."



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# Cable TV firm eyes August target date

by Kathy Waugh  
Herald staff writer

Wheeling's new cable television system is approximately 26 percent complete and the rest of construction work is scheduled to be finished by August.

"The company is hooking them up as fast as it can," said Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski. Cable programming is now available to about 2,500 of the village's 9,600 households. Cables for an additional 3,200 homes have been installed but are not yet capable of carrying television signals.

Overall, Cablenet Inc., has completed about 29 percent of its construction work in its 10-town Northwest suburban system. It's franchise agreements with each village and city requires that each town be completely wired by Aug. 1.

**UNFINISHED WORK** in Wheeling is in the newer developments where colder weather stopped construction on underground cables until March, Fialkowski said.

Frank Schuske, Cablenet's vice president for operations, said he is confident that his construction crews will be able to lay the remaining underground cable by mid-June, giving Cablenet another six weeks to activate the entire system and meet the Aug. 1 deadline.

But Eric Anderson, Northwest Municipal Conference cable coordinator, said Cablenet will have to work faster than it did last summer if it is to complete the system in time.

"We haven't seen how fast their underground crews have worked during the summer," Anderson said. "It remains to be seen whether or not they can make the pace."

**THE COMPANY** has sold 1,380 subscriptions in Wheeling, only about 14 percent of the total households but 55 percent of those where cable is available. Systemwide, Cablenet has sold subscriptions so far to 32 percent of the homes in the "activated" area and expects to reach 47 to 50 percent by the time construction and marketing is

completed.

"The number of subscriptions is low here because they are working in other towns and have not laid that ground cable," Fialkowski said. "For the people we have connected though, we have one of the highest percentage of subscribers."

Joe Batson, Cablenet's vice president of sales and marketing, said the company is getting its best penetration, up to 65 to 70 percent, in "very middle income" communities, where television watching is more popular. In more affluent towns, the company is selling to slightly more than 40 percent of the homes.

More subscribers means more revenue for the village since Cablenet must give each town, including Wheeling, 5 percent of the revenue from local hookups. The village budgeted \$50,000 in revenue for 1983-84 based on the pace of current sales.

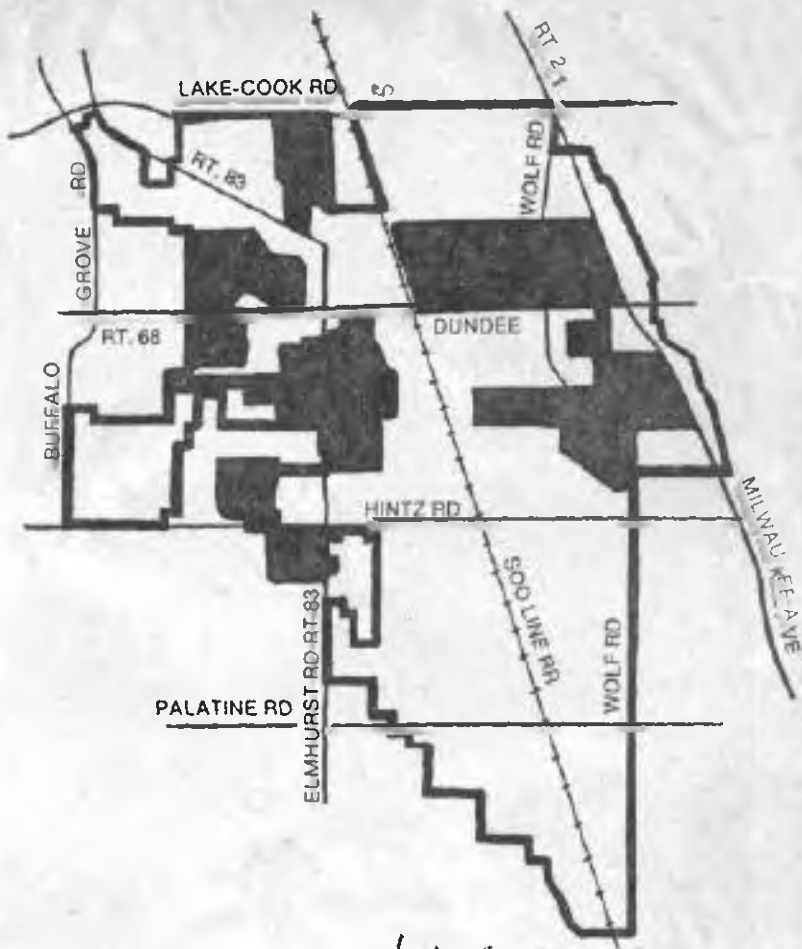
**BASIC CABLE** service costs \$5.95 per month, but Batson said the subscribers are taking cable packages costing an average of about \$30 per month for "premium" channels, like Home Box Office, Cinemax and The Movie Channel.

Fialkowski said progress on the installation has gone smoothly with no complaints since a group of approximately 50 residents met with the village board in January to complain about slow service and interrupted reception.

Anderson said the company's installation crews had problems keeping up with the salesmen last December but never actually violated a franchise requirement that new subscribers be hooked up within 30 days after they place their orders. Anderson said the waiting period got as long as 25 days, and some subscribers complained that the installers were not keeping appointments.

"People just weren't getting installed," he said. "There were a number of situations where people took a day off from work, sat home all day, and got a no-show."

## Cable TV areas completed Wheeling



Schuske said the company was scheduling about 200 installations a day in December, but the installers were only doing about 150. He said part of the problem was that the company was concentrated on hiring local people even though few of them have worked in the field before. Waiting times are now down to five to 14 days, he said.

Confusion about sales pitches and new hookups has also been a frequent problem, Anderson said. In areas where cable is strung but not activated, some residents have complained because they can't get service. In newly activated areas, some residents call immediately for a hookup and then get upset later when salesmen go door-to-door offering special discounts.

# Slate sweeps contest for Village Board seats

By DONALD LIEBENSON  
Correspondent

**THE CITIZENS ACTION** party slate was elected Tuesday to the Wheeling Village Board and Anthony Abruscato, 19, became the youngest member ever elected to the Wheeling Park Board.

CAP candidate Nicholas Fanella captured 1,250 votes while incumbent trustee Charles Kerr got 1,185 and Anthony Altieri received 1,115.

Independent candidate Don Kirchenberg garnered 1,024.

"Four more years," smiled Kerr, "I feel fine about that because it gives me the opportunity to carry on the things that we got started, and I thank the people of Wheeling for giving me that opportunity."

Among his priorities are, as stated in the party's platform, include "holding down spending and to to bring in the lake water without too much additional tax burden. I'm going to be conservative for a while." He added "I'm happy about the village government; it is professional, everything is above board and I don't want that to change."

**FANELLA, WHO,** laughed Kerr, "came in as an amateur and took the whole thing," attributed part of his success to being a newcomer. Newcomer in that "I didn't have a record to be judged against."

"I have always been a student," he said. "My first step will be to review a stack of papers and get some background on the board's day-to-day activities, and hopefully, after about three meetings I will be a productive board member. We gave our platform a lot of thought, sometimes our so-called united board isn't. I feel this is a sign of independence, we don't go in as a block, that's something we discussed before I agreed to run."

Altieri said that he will would take some time to acclimate himself to the daily business before the board. "It was a very close election," he said. "And that keeps you humble. My priorities are to accelerate implementation of flood-control plans, but there are still a lot of day-to-day things I am not familiar with."

**ALTIERI ADDED** that the "new budget may pass before we are sworn in, but we did have the opportunity to have input."

The three will be sworn in at the first regular board meeting after May 1.

Kirchenberg congratulated the three winners but said "I have to say I did pretty well. I thank the independent voters, the volunteers and my wife for all of their help. We challenged a political party, but we weren't running against a party,

## SUMMARY

**WHEELING VOTERS** Tuesday elected the Citizens Action Party slate to the Village Board. Winners from the party include incumbent Charles Kerr and newcomers Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fanella.

In the race for Park Board, Anthony Abruscato, at age 19, became the youngest person ever elected to the Park Board. Also elected to the Park Board was Julia Robberson.

The race for Indian Trails Library Board saw three people, Diane Pannel, Diane Nicholson and Isabelle Rice run for four positions. The fourth position will be filled by a write-in candidate.

we were in favor of an independent trustee. Apparently a lot of voters agreed."

Kirchenberg said he plans to remain active and participate in village government.

### ABRUSCATO, ROBBERSON WIN PARK SEATS

Unofficial results of the Park Board race show Julia Robberson with 979 votes and Abruscato with 933. Sonia Edelman received 834 votes while Rita (Trixie) Reinagle tallied 546 votes.

"The Park District won't be disappointed," said Abruscato. "I'm kind of in awe right now. I didn't plan on losing when I started, but this still comes as quite a thrill."

"I'M KIND of speechless at this point," Robberson said. "I feel very honored. I will do a lot of work for all the people and I hope I don't let

them down."

Both said they wanted to get caught up to date before setting any priorities. In the uncontested race for seats on the Indian Trails Library Board, Diane Pannel had 2,390 votes, Diane Nicholson had 2,432 and Isabelle Rice had 2,383 with the Lake County precincts unreported.

Final determination of a fourth seat was delayed because there was no announced candidate. According to one county official, there was a "slew of write-ins."

Despite the "slew" of write-in votes, as of Wednesday, April 13, Cook County results showed Leonard Renquin with 20 write-in votes, Russell Lee with 19 and Norman Rot with six. There were also five write-in votes for Leonard Renquist which may be added to Renquin's total.

# Pal-Waukeee purchase less likely after vote

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

While plans by Wheeling and Prospect Heights to purchase Pal-Waukeee Airport continue in limbo, Tuesday's election brought one thing into focus: The two town boards are stacked perhaps more heavily than ever with officials who are extremely hesitant to buy the airport.

In Wheeling, the Citizens Action Party, led by Trustee Charles Kerr, captured three seats on the village board.

Although Pal-Waukeee wasn't much of a campaign issue, Kerr said during his re-election bid that Pal-Waukeee should remain a private airport, pointing out that laws affecting airport owner George Priester have changed favorably for Priester since the towns first began considering the proposal more than four years ago.

And in Prospect Heights, three of the four aldermanic candidates — none of them incumbents — were endorsed by a group that opposes public purchase of Pal-Waukeee and won seats on the

city council. The candidates themselves said Wednesday the impact of the endorsement by the Citizens Airport Activity Group was either minimal or impossible to gauge.

However, two of those candidates reaffirmed Wednesday their reluctance for the city to get into the airport business.

"I'M NOT against the airport per se, I'm against the city purchasing it," said Mandel Forester, the victor in the city's 2nd Ward. Added Wayne Gangler, the new 3rd Ward alderman, "Ev-

erything that I've seen is a negative. I'm still willing to listen to all the arguments, but until it's proven otherwise, I'm against it."

Warren Sunde, a leader of the airport group, said it would be "difficult" to measure the effect of his group's endorsements on the election outcome. He added, however, that he is "pretty optimistic" that the newly elected candidates are likely to support the airport group's position, especially when it issues a long-overdue report documenting claims that it's unwise to buy

the airport. That report is to be released within a month.

Kerr said his running mates, Nicholas Fanella and Anthony Altieri, should not be labeled as airport foes, but he said they probably will be less sympathetic to the airport problems than one of the men they replace, Trustee John Cole, a former Navy pilot.

One prominent exception to the talk against buying the airport comes from Prospect Heights Mayor-elect John Gilligan, who last year chaired a special committee that recommended the

city buy the airport if a number of conditions could be met.

NOW THE two towns are in a bureaucratic holding pattern, while they wait perhaps as long as a year for the federal government to indicate whether it will even consider putting up \$32 million, or the bulk of the airport's purchase price. Pending a favorable review, the towns then formally apply for the money, a process which could take years.

Gilligan, however, says the towns (Continued on Page 3)

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## Kirchenberg comes close, but party slate takes Wheeling

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By GAY BAKER

Don Kirchenberg came close, but in Wheeling, the Citizen's Action Party carried on the tradition of winning slates.

Incumbent Trustee Charles Kerr and his running mates Nicholas Fanella and Anthony Altieri were elected to the village board with only about a 12 per cent voter turnout.

Kirchenberg, running as an independent candidate, put up a strong fight for election and unofficially netted 1,024 votes. Predictably, his strongest showing was in the precincts with housing developments, such as Whippetree Village, Lakeside Villa, Cedar Run, in which he lives, Chelsea Cove and Tahoe Village. He received the most votes in each of these five precincts.

Fanella was the top Citizen's Action Party vote-getter, with 1,250. Kerr and Altieri got 1,185 and 1,115 unofficial votes, respectively.

Kirchenberg said Tuesday night that he thought he had a pretty good chance of winning. He had hoped there would be enough split votes to be elected. Though he was disappointed, he said he hopes his strong showing will encourage more candidates to run as independents.

"I challenged the political party and think my campaign was successful

enough to encourage others to do the same," he said.

Fanella said Kirchenberg's campaign was good for the community and provided a needed forum for discussion of the issues. He expects to serve a period of apprenticeship on the board, he said.

Kerr has been elected to his third term as trustee. As head of the party formed for the election, he sees much work ahead for the board of trustees, emphasizing water, the airport and flooding as immediate concerns. He said running as a party has been a tradition in the village, recalling that Kirchenberg is only the second person in the past 12 years to run as an independent.

All the candidates and Village President Sheila Schultz were disappointed in the lack of voter interest as shown by the meager vote.

But, Schultz said, there were not a great number of issues in the campaign. She said she got the feeling that residents of the village like what is happening there.

She said she thinks of candidates running as a party as independents banding together for election purposes.

People who live in multiple family areas, such as Cedar Run, should know they are well represented on the many

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(Continued from page 3) boards and commissions which report to the board of trustees, said Schultz.

Don Kirchenberg's strong showing points out there is an interest in the village in the developments. Many of the people who live in multi-family areas volunteer to serve on the commissions. That is where they gain experience," she said.

She pointed out that the village board holds its meetings in the developments for this reason.

She said she is happy to see Kerr re-elected and to see Fanella and Altieri elected with him.

"They all have wide experience in and a good feel for the community. We've been stressing better communication within the village and Charlie Kerr did a lot to bring this about. We have some momentum and want to keep it up," said Schultz.

Ahead for Wheeling, she said, is some hard work on such things as capital improvements in the areas of water and sidewalks, the "ever present" airport question and solutions to flooding problems.

## 2 new town boards make Pal-Waukeee buy unlikely

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should end the waiting game by meeting with FAA officials, at both the regional and national level, to "find out if there's even a chance of buying the airport on our terms." That's doubly important now because federal officials are in the process of rewriting the guidelines that cover the return of federal taxes that support airport-related activities to public, and now private, airports.

Even though airport owner George Priester now qualifies for federal aid to make airport improvements, Gilligan noted that Priester will be required to meet federal safety standards, which require greater clear space around the runways — something Priester is powerless to control.

But Kerr said he is concerned that

the towns have taken so many "non-binding," but tentative steps toward buying the airport, such as authorizing a three-year study and "pre-applying" for the federal aid, that it may be painting itself into a corner to buy the airport when the time comes to make a final decision.

"It's like when you're building something for yourself and you're adding a little bit at a time," he said. "Pretty soon the thing's over with and you've got it whether you want it or not."



## High-class units for the wealthy

→ **WOODLAND CREEK** apartments under construction in Wheeling include five buildings, an eight-acre lake and small creek that travels across the 40 wooded acres.



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# Luxurious apartment living comes to suburbs

by Deborah Donovan  
*Herald real estate writer*

New apartment construction has been very scarce in the Chicago area in the last three or four years, but now the Northwest suburbs have two large projects under way with at least one more on the horizon.

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"We don't think there has been any new apartment construction in the suburbs of Chicago for at least four years — maybe 12 or 24 flats but not a major complex," said Alan Huvad, a partner in Finger Enterprises, the Houston-based firm that is building both complexes.

The most impressive development is Woodland Creek at Wheeling and Palatine roads in Wheeling, a completely new complex of 400 one-, two- and three-bedroom units packed with amenities and luxuries. The second is the addition of 480 apartments to the 272-unit Treehouse Apartments in Schaumburg. In Rolling Meadows, details of 138 additional units planned for the Saratoga Apartments are expected to be finalized soon.

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**RENTS RANGE** from \$660 a month for the 735-square-foot apartment with one bedroom to \$975 for 1,250 square feet with two bedrooms, a den or third bedroom, a fireplace and a view from the fifth floor.

And who is going to pay this kind of rent? Huvad suggests his clients will include empty nesters who want to be close to offspring living in the North or Northwest suburbs, executives and others working in the Wheeling Indus-

trial Park, on Lake-Cook Road and maybe in Vernon Hills.

Woodland Creek will open July 15, with the last building scheduled to be occupied Aug. 15.

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272 existing units and 480 new ones are being built. They are expected to be completed in about a year and rents will range from \$575 for one bedroom to \$850 for two bedrooms, a den and two baths.



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"Wheeling is a good location because it is contiguous to affluent areas, close to shopping, transportation arteries and national headquarters of several companies," Huvard said.

WOODLAND CREEK was in the planning stages before the housing market went sour four years ago. One key to making the projects financially feasible was below-market interest rates from the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Housing Administration and industrial revenue bonds issued by the villages. The revenue bonds mean that 20 percent of the units must be reserved for low-income or senior citizens.

Huvard insists the premium rents the projects will draw are also essential for new apartment complexes in this economy.

"The rents are higher obviously, but the rent would be higher with new construction anyway. We tried to fill a gap that we think exists between downtown (Chicago) and properties in the suburbs. If you want a luxury rental apartment, where else could you find it but the Gold Coast?"

Woodland Creek bills itself as resort living, and perhaps its most impressive assets are outside the walls of its five five-story buildings.

In the center of the 40 acres is an 8-acre man-made lake that sports a fountain and will be home to fish, canoes, sailboats and ice skaters. The lake is surrounded by an asphalted and lighted jogging and cycling path that is more than a mile long.

Other natural assets include almost 2,000 trees that were moved from the construction sites to other spots in the landscaping and a creek that ripples through the complex. Picnic tables and barbecue pits are spotted along the jogging path.

BESIDES THE two outdoor swimming pools there is a clubhouse with party room, exercise room, saunas and whirlpools and a cedar deck that reaches out over the water. Other recreational areas include four outdoor lighted tennis courts, outdoor space for volleyball, softball, soccer and basketball.

The 400 units are in five buildings constructed of steel and concrete and sided with brick and cedar. Each has two elevators, an underground heated parking garage, a security system that allows residents to view visitors in the lobby on their television screens and a party suite complete with kitchenette.

Woodland Creek has 12 available floor plans and two decorated models. Half of the units feature views of the lake, those on the fifth floor have wood-burning fireplaces and the two-bedroom apartments also have two bathrooms. The small working kitchens have mi-

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# Liquor unit out of commission

By ELAINE LAMPERT  
Correspondent

WHEELING'S LIQUOR commission composed of the village president and six trustees, has been dissolved by a recent Circuit Court ruling.

Village Attorney James Rhodes announced Monday night, April 18, that Circuit Court Judge James C. Murray ruled in favor of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission in their case against the village.

Rhodes said Wheeling will not appeal the decision, but will operate under the state statute until a new village ordinance is passed. The new ordinance will conform to the state ruling, and Rhodes said it will be ready for approval by the May 2 meeting.

UNDER STATE law, a village must have a liquor commissioner, who may be the mayor or village president, but it cannot have a liquor commission.

"The judge held that the state had pre-empted the field in the area of procedures governing liquor control," Rhodes said. "In effect, he told us you can't change the system without a referendum."

Renewal of existing liquor licenses held by taverns and restaurants in the village had been scheduled for discussion April 25 by the now-defunct Liquor Commission.

Liquor licenses are renewed annually by the village. They will now

be handled by Village President and Liquor Commissioner Sheila Schultz as they come up for renewal.

"We simply go back to the old way of doing things," Rhodes said.

IN OTHER business, the Village Board:

- Gave Village Manager Thomas Markus approval to submit an application for \$495,000 in federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program. Some \$200,000 would be used to acquire seven parcels of land for diversionary channel easements, which will help ease flooding conditions in the Old Wheeling area, as well as downstream.

Another \$230,000 is expected to be used to install sewer and water lines in the Strong Street area. The remaining \$65,000 would be used for additional planning, according to Richard Greenwood, village planner.

- Canvassed the votes from the April 12 general election. The official results for the Village Board election are: Charles Kerr, 1,179; Nicholas Fanella, 1,244; Anthony Altieri, 1,109 and Don Kirchenberg, 981.

Kerr, Fanella and Altieri will be sworn in at the May 2 meeting. Outgoing trustees James Goetch and John Cole will receive plaques thanking them for their service as board members.

## Canvass confirms village vote results

Official canvassing of the Wheeling Village elections showed only slight changes from unofficial results released election night and did not change the outcome.

Elected to fill the three four-year terms were Citizens Action Party candidates incumbent Charles Kerr with 1,179 votes, Nicholas Fanella with 1,244 votes and Anthony Altieri with 1,109 votes.

Running on an independent ticket, Donald Kirchenberg received 981 votes.

# Bankers seek developers to finish Longtree area

Two Chicago financial institutions have taken over a Wheeling subdivision where construction came to a halt three years ago with only 24 of 157 houses built.

Tallman Home Investment Corporation and First Federal Savings and Loan are negotiating with developers to complete the 45-acre Longtree subdivision at Hintz and Schoenbeck roads.

Meister-Neiberg Builders of Schaumburg started construction in 1978 but built only 24 houses before the two financial institutions "called in" the construction loans, said Tallman Home Vice President Jay Fitts.

Fitts said Tallman Home and First Federal may sell the land to two or more developers, including Meister-Neiberg, and construction could resume within two months.

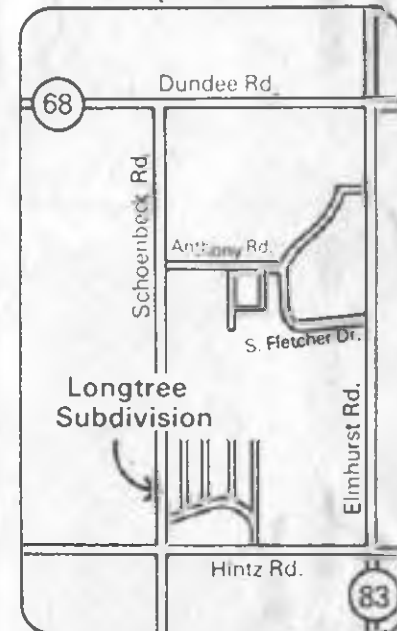
"WE HAVE had discussions with the village and are taking care of the public improvements that need to be done. We have had several inquiries from developers, so after the initial work is done, construction can start," Fitts said. Water, sewer pipes and curbs already are in place, but sidewalks and street lights still need to be put in stalled in many areas.

Single-family houses "along the

same lines" as the existing three- and four-bedroom homes will be built, Fitts said. He said the new houses probably will sell for between \$80,000 and \$100,000, about the same price as the original models.

Jerome Meister, an attorney for Meister-Neiberg, said the original failure was caused by high interest rates that left the housing market nearly idle.

"I think there's a good chance for sales now," he said. "The economic climate has changed sufficiently now that the interest rates have gone down and people are more willing to buy."



# 'Litter creature' eating away at town

## Public service

An uncontrolled creature is eating away the character and environment of Wheeling. The creature, identified by the Operations and Maintenance Department as some form of the genius "litter," was last seen blowing across streets and properties leaving an unsightly appearance.

The village board quickly took action by establishing Saturday, May 7, 1983 as D-Day for litter. Under the code name "Up With Wheeling," the townspeople are requested to come out in masses to attack the ugly creature. Village personnel will provide all materials and instruct participants on the safe way to handle the litter creature.

All paramilitary troops have been called on including Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Explorer

Troops and schools to help stabilize the situation. Local businesses have been alerted and are asked to arm themselves with rakes, shovels, etc. to keep the creature from destroying their establishments. All residents and civic organizations are now being called on to join the force to clean up Wheeling and destroy the litter creature.

All troops and concerned citizens should meet behind village hall, 255 W. Dundee Rd. at 0900 hours. Be prepared for the battle on litter which must be destroyed by 11:30 a.m. Mess tents will be set up to feed the troops immediately

following the attack. For more information on code "Up With Wheeling," call 459-2620. Help fight the litter battle now!

## Museum's re-birth

The Wheeling Historical Museum welcomes residents to see the re-birth and to watch the growth of the biggest small museum around. This will help to bring back a touch of yesterday. The Grand Opening will include not only an open house to view exhibits, but entertainment and refreshments as well. For additional information call: 537-3119 or 537-2930.

## Village animal tags go on sale May 2

Animal tags required by the Village of Wheeling will go on sale May 2 for 1983-84. Tags may be purchased for \$5 at the village hall, 255 W. Dundee Road.

All village dogs and cats must be registered by June 1. Dog owners must show a current rabies certificate. For further information, contact the village hall at 459-2600.



# Village asks for \$500,000

4/28/83 *Life*

THE WHEELING Village Board has approved a request by Village Manager Thomas M. Markus to submit an application for nearly \$500,000 in federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant program.

The amount, \$495,000, would be used for a variety of projects in the village. Nearly \$200,000 would be used to acquire land for diversionary channel easements in the Old Wheeling area.

The installation of sewer and water lines in the Strong Street area would require \$230,000 of the funds with the remaining \$65,000 to be used for additional planning projects.

Markus presented to the board petitions from residents of Lakeside Villas asking the village to create a special service district for storm-water drainage. Creation of a district would allow the village to sell bonds and use the money to dredge the development's lake and restore it to the level it was originally designed for.

The bonds would be retired by

taxes assessed to the owners of the Lakeside Villas condominiums.

One problem, Markus explained, is that the lake is a private lake and "for bonds to be used, it has to be a public lake," so there would have to be a transfer of ownership.

HE NOTED that the petitions from the residents were "pretty positive on their part," with the 223 signatures representing 193 out of 245 units.

In the past, the village has recognized a problem with the Lakeside Villas lake, since it is at the bottom of a chain of six other developments whose lakes and retention basins flow into it. This summer the village plans to install an outfall sewer to help lower the level of the lake.

But that step is not expected to solve all of the flooding problems. It is hoped, Markus said, that the sewer will enable the lake to provide better storm water retention and shore up the banks to help prevent erosion.

"We're being forced to take this water in from six other developments and then make sure it moves on," Shelly Pestine, president of the Lakeside Villas Homeowners Association told the board. "If the system fails, it is failing at the bottom of the line. It's not just a private lake."

PESTINE SAID that according to an engineering study the homeowners had commissioned, time to correct the problem is running short. "Anything past 18 months will put several of the homes in serious jeopardy," he added.

Markus pointed out that the lake is not working as it was originally

designed to work. The village doesn't want to get into private basin maintenance and set any precedents, he said, but on the other hand, "It's been our feeling the board wanted us to work with homeowners' groups. The easiest thing would have been to say 'It's not our problem. Go away!'"

Trustee Charles Kerr was concerned the project would consume a lot of man-hours of village employees and suggested the cost be researched.

Markus said the village attorney has been directed to discuss with the village bond counsel whether any problems would be encountered with a bonds sale as proposed.

# Home-building industry waking up in Wheeling

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by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Thanks to steadying interest rates, Wheeling's home-building industry is starting to show signs of life after three years of little activity.

In the past few years, construction on three single-family subdivisions surrounding Wheeling High School stopped because developers couldn't sell their products. But now construction is starting again and other developers are inquiring about two other housing projects that went sour.

Interest rates are the key, village officials and property owners agree. In the past three years, high rates put houses out of reach for most. Now that the interest rate is settling at around 12 percent, people are out looking for homes again.

"We're happy to reactivate and think there won't be a problem selling houses as people get more confident in the 12 percent interest rate," said Jay Fitts, senior vice president of Talman Home Investment Corp.

LAST WEEK, Talman and First Federal Savings and Loan, both of Chicago, announced they were negotiating with developers to complete the 45-acre Longtree subdivision at Hintz and Schoenbeck roads.

"There's an active market out there that just wasn't there three years ago," said Fitts. "We have had several inquires about much of our property."

The revival started in October when C.A. Hemphill and Associates, a Northfield construction firm, announced it would finish the 60-acre Woodcrest subdivision where only 27 of 224 houses were built. Located at the corner of Wheeling and Hintz roads, construction on one- and two-story houses came to a stop in 1981.

Earlier in the month, Midway Construction and Engineering Co. of Long Grove announced it would

take over construction of 19 homes on five acres along Kristy Lane near Wheeling High School. The two-story, two-bedroom houses will be offered from \$77,000 to \$85,000, similar to the anticipated cost of the Longtree houses.

Like the original developer at Longtree, El-Cee Builders of Park Ridge could not find interested house buyers. It handed the property over to the bank in 1981 after building only one of the planned 20 houses.

VILLAGE HOUSING Director Thomas Fennell said several other developers have expressed interest in the two remaining subdivisions still idle in the village. The 40-house Dougherty-Shamrock subdivision at Manchester Street and Wolf Road and the 45-house Candlewood Creek

project at Mayer and Fifth streets are both idle with only half of the homes built.

"This is a turnaround for the village's house construction," Fennell said. "Now they know they can sell their product. We are happy to see things get started again because for the village, naturally, it brings in more tax revenue."

Just how much is hard to say, Village Finance Director Greg Peters said. But, an additional 350 homes in the three resurrected subdivisions would add \$9 million to the village tax rolls if they were sold for \$80,000 each.

Village housing construction has not suffered completely, Fennell said, because although multifamily housing work slowed, it did not stop.



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## LIFE in Wheeling

### Museum set to reopen Sunday

By JUNE STEWART

You are in for a delightful surprise when you attend the Grand reopening of the Wheeling Historical Museum to be held from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday afternoon, May 1. Museum Curator, Al Fantl,

has done exciting things with the artifacts and displays.

Models of days gone by enhance the new arrangement and new exhibit cases built by Fantl.

These miniature models are well executed by artist Lawan Fantl and depict scenes of old Wheeling from the lightning flashing on the old church steeple to the old general store.

Some artifacts in the Wheeling Museum could go back to Betsy Ross days because the settlers or travelers headed west passed through the area. Even the culture of the Potowatomi Indians who lived in the territory are to be included, Fantl said.

Existing artifacts are part of Phase I of the Museum opening, Fantl said. Phase II, the old fire engine, will feature life-size figures, animate and illuminated. These mannequins are still in the making. But remember, the original museum building was the old village hall and the old jail. A new addition to the building has the archives and reference section. While there is still a lot of work to be done, including an exhibit of historical aircraft at Palwaukee, the changes already completed make this a fascinating study of old Wheeling, executed with a high degree of professionalism. The important thing is "taking time to do it so that it is done properly," said Fantl.

He estimates it will take another six to 12 months for the cataloging and setting up of the archives. Fantl, who has been combination curator, decorator, painter, carpenter and electrician, came to Wheeling with experience at the Museum of Science and Industry; experience in exposition display design; experience in reproducing buildings, old and new; sculpture, pointing and design. He is certainly to be commended for his



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work at the Wheeling Historical Museum.

The museum is a joint venture between the Wheeling Historical Society and the Wheeling Park District.

Shirley Mueller, of the historical society, has been busy at the Museum. She and hubby Edward plan to move to Colorado where sons William and Edward and daughter, Dale Dahm live. Dale is the wife of Greg Dahm. Glen and Debbie Mueller are still at home.

April 30 is the First Annual Fourth of July Las Vegas Night at Amvets Hall, 700 Old McHenry Road. Proceeds will benefit the Fourth of July celebration. Sponsors are Phillip Carpenter Post 66 Amvets and Auxiliary; Wheeling Jaycees; Wheeling Lions; and Wheeling VFW. Donation is \$5 for \$2,000 worth of funny money. Games start at 7:30 p.m. and will continue until midnight. From midnight until 1:30 a.m. is the auction, a chance to spend your winnings on great prizes.

For more information about the First Annual Fourth of July Las Vegas Night call John Menkel, 459-4336.

The Fourth of July Committee is holding a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 4, at the Wheeling Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

Nancy Lambert and Nancy Perry are coaches with the Park District youth baseball program and soccer teams this year. Congratulations gals.

What happened to the kids in School District 21? No one participated in the Americanism essay contest sponsored by the Amvet's Auxiliary.

The 28th Annual Tots King and Queen Contest deadline is May 14. The youngsters must live in Wheeling or Buffalo Grove, or be children or grandchildren of members of the Amvets. Youngsters 2 to 5 years old are eligible to participate in the contest. Winners and runners-up will participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Send your youngster's photographs to Marge Rannie, c/o Post 66 Amvet's Auxiliary, 3200 Saulk Road, Arlington Heights, 60004. Photos will not be returned.

# Fingerprints: ID for kids

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By DONALD LIEBENSON  
Correspondent

ON THE playground of Wheeling's St. Joseph the Worker school, several second-grade students played baseball while they waited to be fingerprinted.

Most of the kids were not quite sure what was going on. "I've never been fingerprinted before," said one. "I have," said another, and everyone stopped to look at him. "My uncle is a policeman," he explained.

The voluntary child-safety fingerprinting program is being sponsored by the Wheeling Police, Jaycees, Jaycee Jills, and the PTO. It got under way Monday, April 25 with the fingerprinting of more than 100 children from ages 6 to 14. Though the younger kids enjoyed sticking their fingers in the inkpads and the older ones looked on the process as a nice way to get out of classes for awhile, the program was designed to help combat a subject of increasing concern to parents: the identification of lost or possibly, kidnapped children.

AN ESTIMATED 150,000 children and teen-agers are reported missing in the United States yearly, either victims of abduction by parents involved in custody battles or by strangers. Some are runaways.

For years, local police representatives have visited schools to give children personal safety tips, such as refusing rides from strangers.

Wheeling Crime Prevention Officer Burt Kaminsky said the program was developed concurrently with the Missing Children's Act law which was signed by President Reagan last October. The law established a central depository, the FBI's National Criminal Information Center computer, to be used for information about missing children.

The child is fingerprinted on a personal identification card which is kept by the parents for identification purposes in case their child has disappeared. Unlike some cities, where fingerprinting is done by appointment at the station, this program takes place at the school.

THE PROGRAM was offered to the schools by the Jaycees who also

donated the fingerprinting kits. Becky Hamm of the Jaycee Jills said volunteer parents were trained last week on how to roll the fingers correctly, but, on Monday they were aided by two off-duty Highland Park policemen whose children attended the school.

The children were given notes to bring home to their parents along with a permission slip. It was not discussed by teachers in class. "An explanation could be frightening," explained Marilyn Olson, chairwoman of the St. Joseph of the Worker Parents Club.

For these very young, fingerprinting was presented as exciting, like going to the zoo. "Are we going to be fingerprinted today?" asked one volunteer cheerfully to a group of kindergartners.

Most simply went along with the process, but the policemen offered matter-of-fact explanations for those with questions. "Let's say you're kidnapped and taken to Florida," explained Tod Rottman to one boy. "If you have amnesia and Florida police send your fingerprints to the FBI, they would have copies sent by your parents and they would know who you are. Otherwise, Florida police would walk around with little Jeffrey on their hands and wouldn't know what to do with you."

For some parents, the program is unsettling and many have complained about fingerprinting children as if they were criminals or that the process would instill them with fear.

Many students thought the whole thing unnecessary. "Who's going to get kidnapped in Wheeling," said Rick Weden, 13. "It's a small town. Nothing happens here."

Another 10-year-old girl said boldly, "I won't be kidnapped. I take too good care of myself. I'd give them a punch or walk with my brother. He's ugly enough to scare them away."

STILL, OTHERS said they felt safer knowing their parents had the means to identify them in case of emergency. "It's a good idea in case we're lost or kidnapped," said Jim Maloney, 11. "But I'm not going to get kidnapped. I think there's a 0 to 1 chance."



# Fantl museum dream comes to life Sunday

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Al Fantl dreams of guided tours through Wheeling, displays in every public building and a large new museum. Those dreams are part of his work as director of the village's Historical Museum in Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road.

"The whole village of Wheeling will become a museum itself," Fantl said. "I can see the day when we have exhibits that travel all over to show students, people in industry and the general public historical exhibits."

In the well-lit back room of the Chamber Park museum, Fantl stands beside a blownup map of Wheeling and the surrounding villages. Soon it will be filled with colored models, built to scale, that show all the public landmarks in town. His discussion centers on lofty plans for Wheeling's future but he admits they can be executed only "when people are convinced how important history is."

FROM THE outside, Fantl's dream resembles a two-car garage without the extending driveway. The description is one he uses to inspire viewers that a lot can be done with whatever space is available.

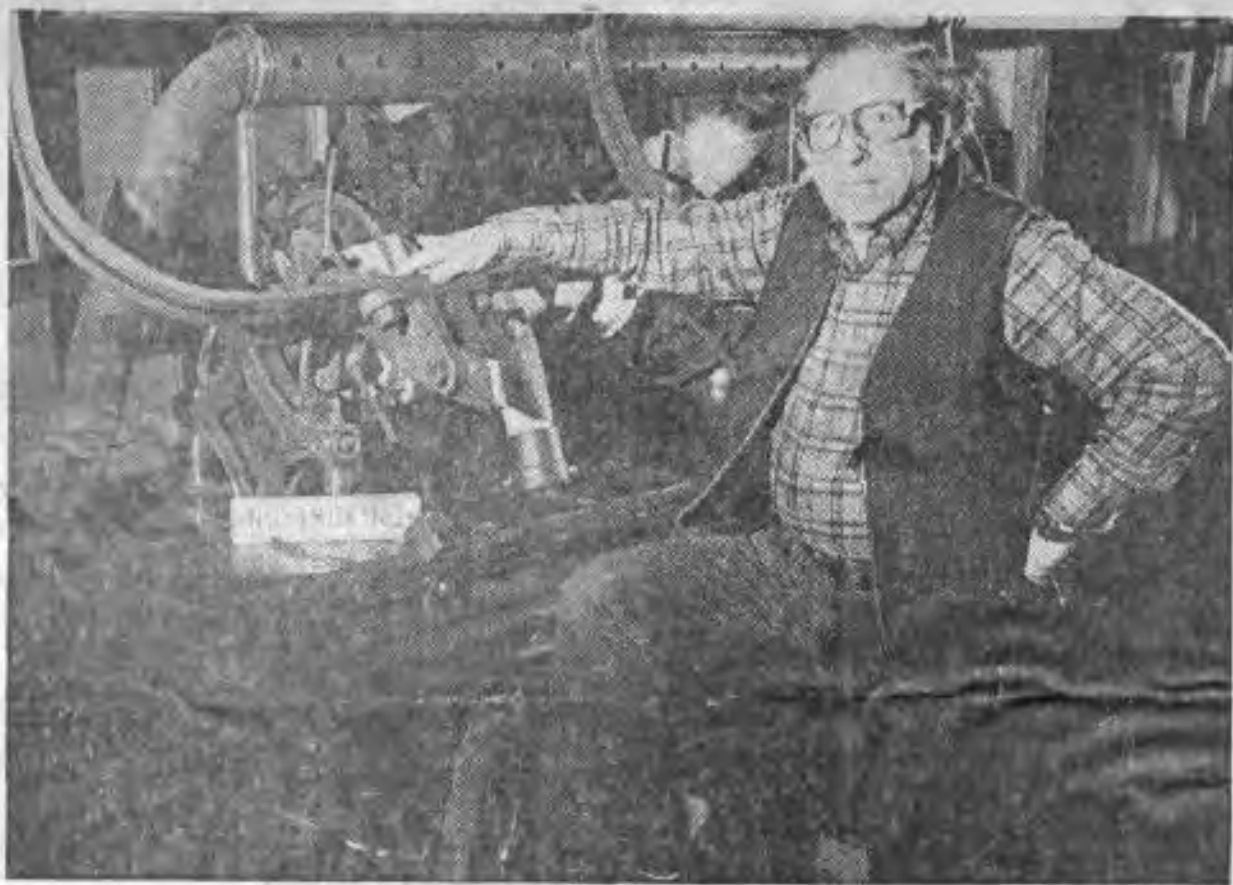
The small museum that served as the village's first town hall, however, is deceiving. Within the small main exhibit room, typical museum artifacts like circa 1900 bottles, tin plates and 90-year-old reading glasses are surrounded by some very "Wheeling" pieces of history.

Fantl and his artist wife Lawan have created eight miniature showcases that bring three dimensional life to specific historical times in Wheeling. Painstaking detail, down to the barn wood texture, is given to what is believed to be Wheeling's first blacksmith shop owned by a family named Shepard.

Other scenes depict life on Milwaukee Avenue before horse carts had to battle with motorized vehicles for the right of way. Another view recreates the warm summer evening when a German Presbyterian Church at the northwest corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee was struck by lightning and fell sometime around 1935.

HAND-BUILT showcases widen the small room giving ample space to display other donated items including a 1904 speed limit sign warning drivers to keep it under 12 mph. Also in sight is a once-common sign that warned travelers too keep away from the house and not even dare touch the door handle: Diphtheria.

Many of Fantl's dreams won't be in



Herald photo by Bob Ringham

STANDING NEXT TO a 1904 fire truck, Wheeling's Museum director Al Fantl discusses his hopes for the historical future of the village. The museum

opens Sunday with exhibits, a look at Wheeling's past and the fire truck that in its day cost \$500.

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effect Sunday for the opening of the museum between noon and 6 p.m. But many will be created with time, he says and each display will come alive to merge the viewer of today with yesterday's man.

The one dream that will come to life in time for Sunday's opening is the main exhibit featuring a 1904 fire truck purchased for \$500. "It would cost \$500,000 to reproduce that today," Fantl said. To date, Fantl has spent \$10,000 — primarily from the Wheeling Park District — to make improvements.

The main display will feature animated firemen standing in the mud and spoils of a house fire, complete with burned toys and furniture. Dressed in period clothing, they will show by expression and movements, the exhaustion and despair fires cause.

"WHY WHEELING?" one might ask for a director who has worked for such places as Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry and the Smithsonian Institution.

"Where I worked before you were always restricted because the plans were directed by so many people," he said. "I started in Wheeling because I always wanted to work someplace that was a huge challenge and also have a free-enough hand to be able to create."

And creating he is, everytime he dreams.

## Water bonds up for sale Thursday

*5/4/83 Herald*

The Northwest Water Commission will sell \$38.2 million in revenue bonds Thursday to finance construction of a Lake Michigan water pipeline.

Commission executive director Jim Holzart said the four-village consortium will pay interest rates ranging from 7 percent to 9.25 percent over the 25-year period when bonds come due. The average interest rate will be approximately 9.15 percent.

The bonds will be sold Thursday, but the commission already has received enough commitments to purchase all the bonds, Holzart said. The revenue bonds will be backed by water fees paid by residents of Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Palatine and Wheeling, the four towns that make up the water commission.

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION cost of the huge, 44-mile pipeline from Evanston to the four suburbs will be approximately \$54.1 million, but interest costs will add another \$105 million to that figure.

The pipeline already is nearly 70 percent complete and the pace of construction should accelerate as the weather improves, said John Callan, of PRC Consoer Townsend, consulting engineers for the commission.

Work will begin either later this week or early next week on the final three sections of pipeline that have not already been started, Callan said. Approximately 31 miles of line already are in the ground and work is being done on two pumping stations that will deliver the water.

## Liquor commissioner must be named

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

The Illinois State Liquor Commission has ordered the Village of Wheeling to abandon its two-year-old practice of allowing the entire village board, rather than only the village president, to issue and suspend liquor licenses.

The village board tonight is expected to approve a new law appointing Village President Sheila Schultz as the liquor commissioner, but Trustee Charles Kerr said he "wouldn't be

surprised" if the board schedules a referendum to reinstate the liquor commission system later.

"There was a good feeling two years ago when we moved to a commission," Kerr said. "I think everyone felt it was a better way to issue licenses than with a commissioner."

Control over liquor licenses was a controversial issue during William Hein's eight-year reign as village president because his parents own two local taverns.

SHORTLY BEFORE Hein was unseated by Schultz in the 1981 election, the village board took away his

liquor licensing power. In one of their first meetings as the liquor commission, the trustees heard charges that minors had been caught buying beer at Hein's Pub and learned that Hein himself had handled two previous complaints by calling his mother and recommending that a clerk be fired.

But Bell Liquor, 767 W. Dundee Road, appealed a June 1982 license suspension for selling to a minor, arguing that the village could not create a liquor commission without going to the people with a referendum. Bell's license was reinstated, and the village

ordered to return to having a single liquor commissioner.

Schultz said she still supports the idea of having the entire village board oversee liquor licenses and has asked the village attorney to check the legality of holding a referendum, perhaps in November.

"In the meantime, though, I'll be more comfortable with things as they are now," she said. "All the members of the previous (Hein's) board did not receive reports on any of the complaints that he investigated. Our board gets informational reports on all inquiries."

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# Restaurant and bar planned for Cheetah II location 4/30/83 Herald

by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

The final chapter in the brief stay of the Cheetah II striptease lounge near Wheeling should be written in the next few weeks when the new owner of the building applies for a minor zoning permit for a bar and restaurant.

Doris Ashe several weeks ago relocated her bar and restaurant, Doris' Treetop Inn, in the building on south Milwaukee Avenue, north of Hintz Road. She had owned a tavern a few

blocks north of the new location, which was demolished by the developer of a small office complex.

Ashe bought the Cheetah property and several weeks ago was granted a temporary occupancy permit that enabled her to open for business, said Cook County Building Commissioner William Harris.

**SHE NOW NEEDS** a special-use permit that would allow two apartments on the second floor of the building. Residences normally are not al-

lowed in a commercial zoning district, but Harris said that building was constructed long before the 1976 zoning law was written.

A hearing is scheduled before the county zoning board of appeals at 3 p.m. on May 13 in the Gary Morava Center, 110 W. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights.

As adjacent municipalities, Wheeling and Prospect Heights can file objections to Ashe's zoning request, which would require a vote of a three-fifths majority of the Cook County

Board. Prospect Heights City Administrator Stephen Sturgell expressed some disappointment that "another bar" was opening on Milwaukee Avenue, which could lead to additional police calls.

"**WE'LL DEFINITELY** attend the hearing," Sturgell said, adding that he did not know if the city would file an objection.

Robert Fialkowski, Wheeling assistant village manager, said he did not know if the village would take any action.

Lt. Errol Levy, commander of the Prospect Heights detail of the Cook County Sheriff's Police, said the Treetop Inn has been run quietly, causing no problems for police. He says he remembers making about a "couple of dozen" calls during the Cheetah's one-year stay on Milwaukee Avenue.

The club, which featured nude female dancers, was moved to the Wheeling area in July 1981 from its location in Half Day, where the club had received bomb threats.

The club closed last August after two employees were arrested on prostitution charges. Earlier that year, the club was damaged by a fire that officials said was the work of an arsonist. It reopened in another portion of the building, but came under the scrutiny of a then-new county law requiring a special permit to operate an "adult entertainment cabaret."

Club operators applied for the permit, but withdrew their request last September before county officials had a chance to act.

# Liquor licenses back in village president's control 5/3/83 Herald

The Wheeling village president is once again in control of the suspending and issuing liquor licenses, but that should change in November, Village President Sheila Schultz said.

Wheeling shifted from a liquor commissioner to an all-board commission two years ago but a recent court decision forced the village to revert.

The Illinois State Liquor Commission ordered the village to "come in line" with state statutes while investigating an appeal by Bell Liquor, 767 W. Dundee Road. Bell's license was suspended for selling liquor to a minor but Bell argued that the village couldn't shift to a commission without a referendum. Bell's license was even-

tually reinstated.

"The commission has been very successful," Trustee Charles Kerr said. "I think everyone feels it's the best way to go."

Kerr said he was concerned about a challenge to the village's legal right to return to a commission and did not want to spend the money on a referen-

dum until village attorney James Rhodes was sure it was legal.

Rhodes said no "steadfast rule" is available that says the board may return to a liquor commission, but added that previous Illinois court cases give him sufficient confidence to support the referendum move.

Schultz said the board will meet to

discuss a referendum within the month. Rhodes said he can have the legal work done in time for the November election. Board members — including newly sworn in trustees Anthony Altieri Jr. and Nicholas Fanella — say they'll support the referendum.

In 1981, the board stripped then-village president William Hein of his

commissioner title because his parents owned two taverns. A trustee at the time, Schultz fought for the change to a commission saying Hein had a serious conflict of interest.

For the past two years board members have heard all complaints. Schultz said board members will continue to receive copies of all reports she handles as the liquor commissioner.

# Lower lake water work costs don't mean tax cut 5/4/83 Herald

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

Construction contracts to adapt Wheeling's water system for Lake Michigan water are running about 14 percent under the village's estimates, but Village President Sheila Schultz said the savings probably won't result in lower water rates or property taxes.

"I think everyone is holding their breath until it's over but it certainly looks as if the village will be saving a

good deal of money," Schultz said. "It would be premature to make a guess at what kind of a savings we will see, but more than likely the return to the residents would be through funding projects that have been deferred."

One project that comes to mind immediately, she said, is a plan to complete the village sidewalk system. A rebate is always a possibility but lowering property taxes or water rates just to have to raise them a year later

is "ridiculous," she said.

Thus far, the village has awarded contracts totaling \$2.1 million for water main construction to handle water from a Lake Michigan pipeline that is expected to be finished next year. The village had expected to pay \$2.5 million, but Ya Tia Lin, a partner with the village's engineering company, said "good competition" among contractors has kept the price down.

**THE VILLAGE** has yet to sign a

contract for four water tanks, estimated at \$4 million to \$4.5 million, but Lin said those bids also should come in below the estimate.

In addition, construction contracts for the main pipeline itself came in at 21 percent below estimates. Wheeling is sharing the cost of that \$54 million project with Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove and Palatine.

To pay for lake water, the village board last year doubled water rates

and raised property taxes by 67 percent. For a typical homeowner, that translated into \$131 more on water and tax bills.

The village board Monday awarded a \$695,000 contract to Guerra Construction of Chicago for the final phase of water pipeline improvements, \$145,000 below the original estimate of \$840,000. The company will install pipelines along Strong Street, Milwaukee Avenue and Wolf Road.

"It's an attractive price when compared to the engineer's estimate and we did receive two bids that were that low, so this wasn't just a fluke," Village Assistant Manager Robert Fialkowski said. Bids varied as much as \$200,000.

Earlier in the year, the village awarded similar contracts for \$710,000 to Mola Sewer and Water Construction Company of Oakbrook Terrace and \$761,000 to Gustafson Excavating of Waukegan.



## NORTHWEST WHEEL

Local control  
of cable TV cost  
only goes so far

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by Jim Davis

Herald staff writer

Among all the rules and regulations governing the Northwest suburbs new cable television system, one is conspicuously absent — control over the cost of the lion's share of the monthly bill.

The two cable companies in the Northwest suburbs have agreed to a three-year freeze on the cost of installing cable TV and the price of basic monthly service. After that freeze expires in 1985, the franchisees require that the cable companies submit rate-increase requests to the local village boards and city councils.

But each company's basic monthly fee comprises only about one-third or less of the total bill for most cable subscribers. Customers of both Warner-Amex Cable Co. and Cablenet Inc. can get basic service for less than \$6 per month, but most end up paying between \$20 to \$30 for cable "premiums," usually the all-movie channels like Home Box Office and The Movie Channel.

In Cablenet's system — Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Schaumburg, Wheeling, Des Plaines, Bartlett, Streamwood and Hanover Park — there is no municipal control at all over the premium rates. The Warner-Amex towns — Palatine, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Rolling Meadows and Hoffman Estates — have agreements that call for a three-year freeze on some premium packages. But once that period passes, the company is free to set its own premium rates.

AND A PROPOSED federal law would virtually strip away the limited local control over cable television rates. Several major cities, and perhaps soon most of the Northwest suburbs, are opposing the law, introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

Local officials argue that it would interfere with their ability to control future rate increases, set minimum technical standards, establish fair fees for the use of public property and infringe on the agreements already established between local communities and their cable companies.

However, even without a federal law, it's questionable how binding the agreements between municipalities and the cable companies really are. Officials of both Warner-Amex and Cablenet officials have promised to abide by their agreements to freeze prices for the first three years, but four towns in Lake County already are in court with their cable firm.

In Lake County, Cox Cable raised some of its premium rates by as much as \$3 a month only six months after the cable system opened for business. The four towns charge that the rate increase is contrary to the franchise agreement, which calls for those rates to be frozen for three years, but Cox cites a 50-year-old law that empowers the Federal Communications Commission to set rates. It supersedes any agreement between the cable company and the town it serves, the company contends.

FLORA STEWART, a public service specialist for the FCC, agreed with Cox's argument. However, she acknowledged there have been few legal decisions on the regulation of cable television and said the Lake County

lawsuit might be one of the first test cases on the matter.

Regulation of cable TV is an issue that state and federal agencies have skirted in the past. Even though the 50-year-old federal Communications Act empowers the FCC to regulate the cable business, the agency "elects not to," Stewart said.

"The commission really has jurisdiction in that area, but chooses not to use it," she added. "I think that's primarily because the whole policy has been to let the marketplace determine rates."

Officials of the Illinois Commerce Commission say the courts have thwarted its attempts to regulate cable TV in the early 1970s. The commission evoked the Public Utilities Act as its authority when it tried to intervene in rate cases in two downstate communities, only to be told by the Illinois Supreme Court that it had no authority to get involved in the setting of cable television rates, said ICC spokesman Margo Phillips.

Now the only authority the ICC has in cable television matters is a pending order that would allow the commission to determine rates in the rental fees imposed on utility poles for cable television, Phillips said.

MANY ARGUE, though, that it's not necessarily a bad thing that there is little control over pay TV rates. Eric Anderson, the cable television coordinator for the Northwest Municipal Conference, said there is enough competition among the independently owned home movie companies to keep rates down.

Also, there is competition with movie theater houses, commercial television and other entertainment media. If subscribers get fed up with the cost of cable TV, they simply can pull the plug on it, he said.

Palatine Trustee Richard Fonte, his village's cable television liaison, agreed, and questioned how strenuously the village should fight to make the cable company tow the line on any future requests for rate hikes.

But Anderson and other cable television watchdogs say there is a lot more to cable TV than movies and sport shows. And it's the loss of local control in other areas, which they say would come under Goldwater's new law, that concerns them.

Under the Goldwater bill, municipalities would lose the power to control the cost on some of the "non-entertainment" cable features — like home security systems and fire alarms. Anderson also said he fears there will be a loss of local control over the technical standards for those systems.

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However, even without a federal law, it's questionable how binding the agreements between municipalities and the cable companies really are. Officials of both Warner-Amex and Cablenet officials have promised to abide by their agreements to freeze prices for the first three years, but four towns in Lake County already are in court with their cable firm.

In Lake County, Cox Cable raised some of its premium rates by as much as \$3 a month only six months after the cable system opened for business. The four towns charge that the rate increase is contrary to the franchise agreement, which calls for those rates to be frozen for three years, but Cox cites a 50-year-old law that empowers the Federal Communications Commission to set rates. It supersedes any agreement between the cable company and the town it serves, the company contends.

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## All aboard

New Trustees Nicholas Fanella, left, and Anthony Altieri, center stand beside Wheeling Village Trustee Charles Kerr as they are sworn into office. The three, members of the Citizens Action Party, swept the April

12 election, beat independent candidate Donald P. Kirchenberg. Kerr's party received the backing of the current board led by President Sheila Schultz.

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## Wheeling liquor control given to Schultz only

5/5/83 Reminder

After being ordered by the state liquor commission to comply with state law, Wheeling's village board Monday night agreed to name Village President Sheila Schultz as liquor control commissioner and thereby disband the entire village board from serving in that role.

Two years ago, the village voted to go with a liquor control commission comprised of all board members. The action was taken to strip former Village President William Hein of his power as

liquor commissioner because of reported conflict of interest with his family's two taverns in the village.

Since that time, the entire village board has served as a liquor commission in control of issuing and suspending liquor licenses and hearing all complaints.

The matter came up again this year when the Illinois State Liquor Commission recently ordered the village to comply with state statute while reviewing an appeal by Bell Liquors, 767 W. Dundee

Road.

Bell Liquors had its liquor license suspended in June, 1982, for selling liquor to a minor. The license was reinstated within several days. Bell's attorney argued to the state board that the village board was in violation because it had never held a voter's referendum before switching from a liquor commissioner to a liquor commission.

Wheeling's new ordinance, passed by the  
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WHEELING VILLAGE BOARD VOTE SUMMARY						
	Cole	Goetch	Kerr	Powers	Ratajczak	Rogers
Selected decisions from the village board meetings of April 4, 18 and 27.						
To adopt a \$20 million budget for 1983-84. (Passed 5-0).	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	YES
To borrow \$7.4 million at 8.3 percent interest to pay off a \$6.4 million loan at 12 percent obtained in 1982 to pay for Lake Michigan water pipeline construction. (Passed 4-0).	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES
To apply for \$495,000 in federal funds, of which \$230,000 would be used to connect Strong Street residents to the main water system. (Passed 6-0).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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board, delegates exclusive authority to regulate and license as liquor control commissioner to the village president.

Schultz said because the liquor control commission with the entire village board has been so successful, village trustees should consider putting the matter before the voters in a referendum in November.

Trustee Charles Kerr said he agreed the commission was very successful and well-received by the community, but cautioned against calling for a referendum before the village attorney assures them it is legal.

Attorney William Rhodes said he believed previous court rulings suggest that a referendum would allow the village to switch back to a liquor control commission.

## Group hopes to bury airport purchase

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by Jim Davis  
Herald staff writer

Hoping it will be the "final nail in the coffin" of plans by Wheeling and Prospect Heights to buy Pal-Waukee Airport, a citizens group that opposes those plans has released a report documenting its claims that public purchase of the controversial airport is unwise.

Although the 82-page report delves into questions of airport safety, affordability, local control and the environmental impact of a public Pal-Waukee, its main argument against a public takeover involves recent changes in laws that would favorably affect airport owner George Priester.

The report, prepared by volunteers who comprise the Citizens Airport Activity Group, also cites the "forcefulness" of recent statements by Priester's son, Charles, who manages the airport, that the family intends to try to keep the airport operating regardless of the decision of the two towns. Previous studies now are "obsolete," the report says, because they assume the airport will close if the towns don't buy it.

WHEELING AND Prospect Heights more than four years ago began studying purchasing the airport and commissioned a \$120,000, mostly federally funded, study. They now are awaiting a response from the federal government on how willing it is to put up \$32 mil-

lion, or 90 percent, of the cost of buying 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.

But since that consulting work was ordered, the state inheritance tax has been abolished, which should enable Priester to pass the airport on to his heirs without forcing them to pay unaffordable taxes on the property. Also, a new law allows private operators to apply for federal airport aid, and about a month ago month Priester applied for more than \$7.2 million in state and federal assistance to repave the airport's main runway, acquire land for additional aircraft storage

space and make other improvements.

THAT MOVE, said Warren Sunde, a leader of the airport group, "is the first part of what we'd like to see happening at Pal-Waukee." The group also suggests limiting the future growth of the airport and the report resurrects a plan to move some of Pal-Waukee's air traffic to nearby Glenview Naval Air Base. That idea has been vigorously opposed by the Navy and officials from Glenview.

The report also concludes that the final cost of the airport will balloon to at least \$79 million. That figure was initially cited by the airport consultant to accommodate an increase in air traffic at Pal-Waukee over the next two decades.



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## Board starts hunt to fill vacant posts

The Wheeling Village Board meets tonight to begin interviewing for approximately 20 seats on the nine boards and commissions under board jurisdiction.

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

Board members will interview applicants for the spots where terms expire May 30 for commission members in planning, police and fire, youth, senior citizens, appearance, zoning board of appeals, board of health, municipal relations and police pension board.

People still interested in applying for an opening can fill out an application at village hall. President Sheila Schultz said. Anyone who has already applied for a position or has interviewed in the past will automatically be considered.

## Museum reopening packs in visitors despite rain

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"This could be the start of something big... Despite horrendous rain showers and dark and muggy skies, the Wheeling Historical Museum packed them in like sardines at its Grand Reopening ceremonies 11 days ago. Displays of Wheeling Past enchanted the citizens of Wheeling Present; a slide presentation, speeches, better-than-grandma's homemade cookies, and musical entertainment kept us content all through the afternoon. And according to Al Fantl, museum curator and director, this is only the beginning. Congratulations to the Historical Society and all of those who volunteered (and continue to give) their time and efforts to support our museum and history, and who made this Grand Reopening a successful and enjoyable event.

## Door-to-door drive to save 4th

Wheeling's Fourth of July fireworks and parade will depend on business donations and a door-to-door collection drive planned for mid-June, committee members say.

"It's one thin quarter for each house to pay for the fireworks in July," drive chairman Judy Abruscato said. "If people realize we would be coming and

asking for maybe just a quarter we might get 90 percent of the people to donate money."

Approximately 30 walkers collected \$2,200 last year to pay for the \$6,000 evening display. Committee members also plan to fund a \$6,000 parade, canceled last year because of a lack of funding.

Committee members are seeking volunteers to travel door-to-door June 15 through 22. "It we can just get people to call and offer to do their block that will help," committee publicist Nancy Lambert said. Volunteers can call Abruscato to sign up at 459-4000 or 541-8788. Committee members ask that all volunteers be adults or youngsters who plan to walk with an adult.

# Area suburbs' operating costs vary greatly

## 1983-84 municipal spending in the Northwest suburbs

Total spending			Operating costs		
	Budget (millions)	Per capita		Budget (millions)	Per capita
Wheeling	\$20.0	\$858	Elk Grove Village	\$12.7	\$440
Palatine	\$25.8	\$798	Schaumburg	\$20.0	\$382
Buffalo Grove	\$17.0	\$723	Des Plaines	\$19.1 <sup>2</sup>	\$345
Arlington Heights	\$35.3	\$534	Rolling Meadows	\$ 6.4 <sup>2</sup>	\$320
Hanover Park	\$15.3	\$529	Palatine	\$10.1	\$312
Elk Grove Village	\$15.1	\$523	Arlington Heights	\$20.5 <sup>3</sup>	\$310
Rolling Meadows	\$ 9.6	\$474	Buffalo Grove	\$ 7.0 <sup>4</sup>	\$298
Bartlett	\$ 6.4	\$492	Bartlett	\$ 3.9 <sup>1</sup>	\$296
Streamwood	\$11.0	\$468	Hanover Park	\$ 8.2 <sup>1</sup>	\$286
Schaumburg	\$25.1	\$455	Wheeling	\$ 6.5	\$280
Des Plaines	\$24.0	\$433	Mount Prospect	\$14.5 <sup>2</sup>	\$275
Mount Prospect	\$18.2	\$346	Hoffman Estates	\$ 9.9	\$265
Hoffman Estates	\$12.7	\$340	Streamwood	\$ 5.7	\$243
Prospect Heights	\$ 1.3	\$112	Prospect Heights	\$ 1.8 <sup>1</sup>	\$147

<sup>1</sup> Plus share of fire district budget. <sup>2</sup> Excluding library and garbage collection. <sup>3</sup> Excluding library. <sup>4</sup> Excluding garbage collection.

by Jim Davis

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As the Northwest suburbs approved their 1983-84 budgets within the past month or so, many of them were recording staggering spending increases, mainly because of the high cost of obtaining Lake Michigan water.

The towns that have made the most progress toward obtaining lake water or have decided this year to tackle other major local public works improvements head the list of big spenders, but a comparison of each town's day-to-day operating costs tells a different story.

Heading the list of high operating costs are the towns like Elk Grove Village, Schaumburg and Des Plaines — towns with substantial commercial and industrial bases. Appearing near the bottom are the "bedroom" com-

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munities like Prospect Heights, Hoffman Estates and Streamwood.

The "operating" costs do not include one-time capital improvements — expenses that can range from adding a car to the police fleet to building new water mains and storage tanks for lake water — or each town's debt payments on big projects of past years. For comparative purposes, the Daily Herald also deducted budget items for libraries, golf courses and garbage collection because all towns do not include those expenses in their budgets. Similarly, towns not supporting a municipal fire department were assessed an additional cost based on their proportionate share of the budgets of their fire districts.

WHEELING, WITH a population of 22,300, had the highest per capita total budget in the Northwest suburbs, \$858.

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# Survey reveals suburbs' spending varies greatly

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But nearly half, \$9.2 million, of its \$20 million spending is related to Lake Michigan water. In addition, the village this year is starting a \$1 million program to repave its streets.

"We're sort of loading up this year," said Assistant Village Manager Robert Fialkowski. "Obviously that's going to level off a lot next year."

Lake costs were primarily responsible for a 48 percent budget increase in Buffalo Grove, and capital projects accounted for more than one-third of the total costs in Hanover Park and Streamwood, where budgets increased 66 and 82 percent respectively.

When lake costs and other capital expenses are deducted, all of those towns show up in the middle of the pack in terms of operating costs.

Heading that list is Elk Grove Village, where it costs \$440 per resident to meet the day-to-day expenses incurred in the village. That's \$58 more than the next-closest town, Schaumburg.

ELK GROVE Village's costs are high because 45 percent of the town is occupied by industrial parks and, in addition to its own residents, the village must provide services to the 40,000 or so workers who enter those areas each day.

"Every department is larger than what you'll normally find in a community of 29,000," said Village Manager Charles Willis. Its fire department, for example, is nearly the same size as those in Arlington Heights and Des Plaines.

Elk Grove Village officials are quick to point out that there's no correlation between a high per capita cost and a hefty property tax bill for residents. Since industrial property is assessed at a higher rate than residential property, it picks up a greater share of the tax burden. As a result, Elk Grove residents have one of the lowest tax bills in the Northwest suburbs.

The same thing is true in two other towns with ample industrial and commercial bases. Schaumburg, relying mainly on sales tax revenues from Woodfield shopping center, doesn't levy a property tax. Residents in Des Plaines, which has one of the highest sales tax incomes in the state, pay a relatively low city tax bill.

AT THE OTHER end of the spectrum is the city of Prospect Heights. With only seven full-time employees, a three-man public works crew and no municipal fire or police department, the city is the epitome of operating on a shoestring.

The city's per capita expenses are one-eighth that of its neighbor to the north, Wheeling, and its operating costs fall nearly \$100 per resident below that of the next-cheapest town, Streamwood. Despite the low-cost method of providing services, City Administrator Stephen Sturgell added, "I'd like to think we're efficient, too."

But to balance this year's budget, Sturgell has recommended postponing any major roadwork. The city isn't making much of an effort to secure Lake Michigan water, either, and probably won't do so without first conducting a referendum, he added.

A minimum of services at low cost is probably what residents want, Sturgell noted. They recently were polled and said they weren't willing to pay for extra police protection or road repairs.

There's no correlation between a low per capita cost and property taxes again. Prospect Heights doesn't levy a property tax, but residents in Streamwood and Hoffman Estates, towns that finish near the bottom of the operating cost list, pay hefty village tax bills. And Mount Prospect, which finishes just above those two towns, has a low-to-middle-range tax rate.

# Community service officers 'clean up'

by Sherry Boemmel  
Herald correspondent

Up With Wheeling Day, the annual village volunteer clean-up day, comes once a year, but six community service officers work to keep the village clean every day of the year.

"We try to keep Wheeling looking good," says Theresa Poulos, who has worked for the village 18 years, 17 in her current position.

"Wheeling used to have a bad reputation," Poulos said. "It used to aggravate me. People were so small-minded, they'd think there was still corruption.

"One thing I was going to do was to keep Wheeling clean, so they could see what good people lived here. It has quieted down the last couple of years," Poulos said.

POULOS WORKS WITH Richard Herdus, an 11-year veteran, and four part-time service officers, who all are going to school to study law enforcement. Their boss, Sgt. Jack Kimsey, plan the work of Bob Pakaski, Tom Miller, Laura Kappler and Mike Bartels around their classes.

Though all of the service officer have the same job description, in practice there is some difference in their. Since Hertus usually drives the equipment carrying police van and has the most experience, he handles most of the animal calls.

Hertus said most of the calls are for loose dogs, which he said are usually claimed or

adopted later from The Orphans of the Storm, an animal shelter.

Hertus said he gets occasional calls for raccoons in garages and once he handled a call about an owl was in a heater. A deer and a rattlesnake were the most exotic game Hertus has dealt with.

"We yanked a deer out of the river one winter when it got stuck in the ice and couldn't get out," he said. "We put a rope on it and pulled it out.

"We have rattlesnakes along the Des Plaines River," he said. "I got a call about one in someone's yard."

What happened to the snake?

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# Subdivision seeks flood work loan

Residents of Wheeling's Lakeside Villa subdivision are asking the village to lend them an undetermined amount of money to dredge their private lake to help solve flooding problems.

Shelly Pestine, president of Lakeside's homeowners association, said the five-acre lake needs to be dredged to remove silt that has built up since the subdivision was built 10 years ago off Hintz Road east of Buffalo Grove Road. He and Village Manager Thomas Markus could not estimate how

much the project would cost.

Pestine said owners of 194 of the subdivision's 245 homes have signed a petition saying they would be willing to pay a special assessment to dredge the lake but need the village to loan them the money so the work could be done immediately. The village would recover its loan through taxes over the next 10 to 20 years.

WATER FROM THE Cambridge, Tahoe and Mallard developments dumps into the lake, Pestine said, and

the rising water has flooded some yards.

"On one side we are being forced to take the water in," Pestine said. "But on the other side of the coin we are being forced to send the water through our lake at a regulated rate."

Lakeside residents signed the petition asking for village help after Markus said the village would not consider doing any work on private property if the people were not in favor of it.

"All we are doing at this point is

studying the possibilities we have," Markus said, adding that the village lawyers are still checking if it's legal for the village to work on a private lake.

The village already has plans to spend \$40,000 to pipe water from the lake to a storm sewer. Construction is expected to be completed this summer, Markus said.

# Omni House trying again for funding hike

Representatives from an area youth service agency are counting on two new trustees on the Wheeling Village Board to add \$4,000 to a \$40,000 grant the board approved in April.

Omni House Executive Director Harry Wells said he is hoping for support from Trustee Roger Powers, absent when the board voted 3-2 to keep spending at last year's level, and new trustees Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fanella.

"We are just asking the new board to reconsider it," he said. "Sheila (Schultz) didn't vote because she only votes on ties and I know if the vote was tied this time she would support the increase."

But Village President Schultz said she still isn't sure how she will vote at Monday's board meeting. And Trustee Joseph Ratajczak, who joined with William Rogers and Charles Kerr to carry the original vote, said he has not

changed his mind. "I understand that they are in a financial bind, but I feel everyone is cutting back a little and what's good for the goose is good for the gander," he said.

OMNI HOUSE, A Wheeling-based agency that provides crisis help and counseling to youths in three townships, needs the additional money to cover the costs of paying Social Security taxes for its employees, Wells said.

"This is hardly the year to give

Omni House no increase from our own hometown," he said.

Omni House has 32 full-time staff workers with offices in Arlington Heights, Wheeling, Prairie View and Lake Zurich. Neighboring Buffalo Grove approved \$45,500, an 8.3 percent increase from last year, to offset the cost of approximate 350 village residents helped by the agency. About the same number of Wheeling residents are counseled by Omni House.

## Closeup

### She set out to reform town image

Tired of the bad reputation that has followed Wheeling after past political scandals, Mary Ellen Westrich decided she had to do something to restore her community's good name. But not the type to grab the limelight and run for office herself, Westrich chose what she calls the "back-door entry"

into political life, working behind the scenes for reform candidates she felt could restore a good reputation to Wheeling. "I was always interested and working," said Westrich, who first got involved 10 years ago by circulating nominating petitions, hosting candidate coffees and serving as an election judge. "I was so strong in my feelings and wanted to see Wheeling get a good name.

I didn't like the snickering when I said I lived in Wheeling. I just didn't like living in a community that was thought of in a scandalous light. There are a lot nicer people here than we're given credit for."

Westrich claims she "surfaces every two years and attends two board meetings inbetween," but her quiet entry into politics blossomed and four years ago she served as campaign chairman for village trustee candidates John Cole, Charles Kerr and Sheila Schultz. "It was mostly a social thing. I'd introduce them at coffees. There was not a great



MARY ELLEN WESTRICH

deal of responsibility," she said. But all three candidates were elected to the board and Westrich's own political career was launched. Two years ago, Westrich served as campaign manager for Schultz, during her successful bid for village president. Westrich attributes much of her own political savvy to Schultz and Doris Kerr, wife of the village trustee. This year, Westrich managed the victorious Citizens Action Party ticket including incumbent Kerr, and newly elected trustees Anthony Altieri and Nicholas Fanella. She said her work ranged from the day-to-day operations of a campaign to securing campaign tokens. "Each time I got involved, I didn't know my blood ran that fast," said Westrich. "You don't really know who is going to win, and it's exciting. It's hard work sometimes and fun other times, but it always leaves me with a feeling of pride in the community. I always remember the excitement."

— Elida Witthoef



# Chief detective in Boyd case quits Wheeling force

by Kathy Waugh

Herald staff writer

A Wheeling police officer, stripped of his investigative duties shortly after a judge ruled that police had violated the constitutional rights of a 16-year-old murder suspect, has resigned from the department.

William Hoos was the chief investigator in the 1981 strangulation slaying of Mary Kosinski, 14, whose body was

found in a shed behind the suspect's home.

Police charged William C. Boyd Jr., 408 Sunset Lane, Wheeling, with murder in the case, but Cook County Associate Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro later dismissed Boyd's confession and arrest, citing a string of actions by the Wheeling Police Department that violated his constitutional rights — including evidence that investigators forced the confession by having the

youth placed in a hypnotic trance.

Boyd's attorneys also accused Hoos of deliberately isolating the youth from his parents and leading him to believe that he could not leave the police station although he had not been placed under arrest.

**THE ARREST** was invalidated March 1. On March 21 Hoos was relieved of his investigative duties and shifted to the position of patrol officer. County state's attorneys dropped mur-

der charges against Boyd March 28.

Police Chief Michael Haeger said, however, that the Boyd case was not the reason Hoos was shifted from his investigative post.

"I can transfer people whenever I need to and we are going through some shifting here right now," Haeger said. "He's not the only one I moved. I don't move people because of the actions they might take on one case. I just

thought he could be better used elsewhere."

Hoos submitted his hand-written resignation on a sheet of white paper, notifying the village board and Haeger that it should be taken as a formal letter of resignation.

Hoos told The Daily Herald the resignation was a "personal matter" and refused to comment further.

Hoos testified in mid-February that

he failed to tell Boyd or his parents that the "doctor" interviewing him was a hypnotist, not a medical doctor, and that during one two-and-a-half-hour interrogation, he told the youth "Billy, you did it," four or five times.

Hoos joined the Wheeling police in 1967, but resigned in 1972, also after he was taken off investigative duties. He returned to the police force in 1974 and was made a division investigator in 1980, Haeger said.

## Community service officers 'clean up'

by Sherry Boemmel

Herald correspondent

Up With Wheeling Day, the annual village volunteer clean-up day, comes once a year, but six community service officers work to keep the village clean every day of the year.

"We try to keep Wheeling looking good," says Theresa Poulos, who has worked for the village 18 years, 17 in her current position.

"Wheeling used to have a bad reputation," Poulos said. "It used to aggravate me. People were so small-minded, they'd think there was still corruption."

"One thing I was going to do was to keep Wheeling clean, so they could see what good people lived here. It has quieted down the last couple of years," Poulos said.

**POULOS WORKS WITH** Richard Herdus, an 11-year veteran, and four part-time service officers, who all are going to school to study law enforcement. Their boss, Sgt. Jack Kimsey, plan the work of Bob Pakaski, Tom Miller, Laura Kappler and Mike Bartels around their classes.

Though all of the service officer have the same job description, in practice there is some difference in their. Since Hertus usually drives the equipment carrying police van and has the most experience, he handles most of the animal calls.

Hertus said most of the calls are for loose dogs, which he said are usually claimed or

adopted later from The Orphans of the Storm, an animal shelter.

Hertus said he gets occasional calls for raccoons in garages and once he handled a call about an owl was in a heater. A deer and a rattlesnake were the most exotic game Hertus has dealt with.

"We yanked a deer out of the river one winter when it got stuck in the ice and couldn't get out," he said. "We put a rope on it and pulled it out."

"We have rattlesnakes along the Des Plaines River," he said. "I got a call about one in someone's yard."

What happened to the snake?

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## Village board wrapup

# Flooding control funds to be sought

The village of Wheeling will seek \$495,000 in federal funds to add sewer lines on Strong Street and purchase seven pieces of land needed for a channel to help stop flooding, board members have decided.

The village is seeking \$230,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to install water and sewer lines that will connect homes on Strong Street to the main water system. Some money, Village Planner Richard Greenwood said, could also be used to connect lines for residents who cannot afford to have the work done themselves.

The \$200,000 land purchase is part of an overall plan to end flooding, Village Manager Thomas Markus said. The village currently owns or has easement rights to 60 percent of the land need to build a channel that will take floodwater from the village and dump it further downstream in the Des Plaines River.

The additional land purchase will give the village a third of the land still needed. Construction on the channel is not scheduled to begin until 1984 or 1985.

The village is also asking for \$65,000 to study commercial and economic redevelopment in Wheeling.

## Demolition work to cost \$4,600

Board members voted to contract with Cuyahoga Wrecking Corp. of Chicago for the demolition of a farm bridge, south of the Jeffrey Avenue bridge, and a 300,000-gallon water reservoir.

Cuyahoga bid \$4,600 to demolish both structures.

The farm bridge, used by mini-bikers and snowmobilers, stands over the Wheeling Drainage Ditch and slows the flow of water at that point, Village Manager Thomas Markus said.

The water tank is in the Dunhurt Subdivision near Wheeling Road and East Wayne Place. Built in 1956, the reservoir has deteriorated beyond use, Markus said.

## Fire engine, items OK'd for auction

Three items from the fire department will be put on auction blocks May 21 after the board approved the sale of a 1954 fire engine, a 1976 cab and chassis and an air compressor.

Minimum bids totaling \$1,225, recommended by Fire Chief Bernie Koepen, must be met for the items to be sold at the 11 a.m. auction, 255 W. Dundee Road in the Wheeling Public Works Complex.



## Panel moves to restructure cop, fire rank

*Life 5/18/82*  
 The Wheeling Fire and Police Commission took the first step Tuesday to give the village police and fire chiefs authority to hire top-ranking officers, despite heavy opposition from the rank and file.

The commission now is responsible for hiring police lieutenants and fire captains, which limits the discretion of Police Chief Michael Haeger and Fire Chief Bernie Koeppen in naming their top management.

But the panel voted Tuesday to eliminate the ranks of police lieutenant and fire captain and replace them with deputy chief positions, which would not be under commission jurisdiction.

**THE POLICE** department currently has two vacancies for lieutenant and the fire department has two vacant captain positions. The chiefs want to rename the jobs so the new officers will be "exempt" from hiring, firing and discipline by the commission. As deputy chiefs, the officers would be appointed by Haeger or Koeppen.

The restructuring still has to go before the village manager and then the village board. But Trustee Roger Powers said he still has a lot of unanswered questions and will not approve the new positions as they are now proposed.

In a unique move since Haeger took his position and prohibited all but Sgt. Jack Kimsey and himself to talk to the press, department personnel made a public statement in the form of a petition against any exempt positions besides Haeger's.

The petition was signed by all 18 fire department employees and 34 police personnel except Kimsey and Officer William Hubner.

**"THE POTENTIAL** for political abuse is maximized when the inherent safeguards of the police and fire commission are eliminated," the petition read. "In the best interest of the citizens of Wheeling and the Wheeling Police Department, we feel that all positions, with exception to the chief, should remain under the jurisdiction of the police and fire commission."

Fay Moroz, a Tahoe Village resident, was applauded after she read a prepared statement supporting the police officers. Three years ago, Moroz submitted a petition signed by 1,000 people against the village manager's request to allow the police chief to create an exempt rank.

"I'm here to remind you tonight not only of that petition but of the referendum that was passed by the residents, which established the fire and police commission."

Voting against the move, Commissioner Jerry Vesecky said, "I cannot see why it should be eliminated and I don't think we have come up with answers to prove that it should be."

**HAEGER SAID** he wants the best possible employee for the "critical management position" and doesn't know if that can be obtained within the department.

But Police Lt. Tad Leach summed up the officers' feelings.

"You're creating a problem of morale within the department with a new kind of testing when you haven't already tested to find the qualified people within the department."

Several officers said they hadn't given up and would return when the proposal comes to the village board.

## Residents can help support the Fourth

*Life 5/19/83*  
 By JUNE STEWART

What can you get for a quarter these days? Maybe a candy bar. But if every Wheeling resident will donate a quarter—that's right, 25 cents—Wheeling will have fireworks on the Fourth of July. This is the premise of the Fourth of July Committee.

June 15 to June 22 has been set as collection week for the door-to-door collection of a quarter or more from each Wheeling resident. Meanwhile, volunteers are needed to do the walking and collecting. The committee is asking that each volunteer take one block. Not bad, is it? It's a good way to get out and meet your neighbors. Volunteers are asked to contact Judy Abruscato, at the First National Bank of Wheeling before May 25. The telephone number is 459-4000.

Collections for the Fourth of July Fireworks are also being made by the Village on the back of the water bill. When you make payment of your water bill, you can make out the check for a couple of extra dollars, mark the box on the back of the bill and mail in your contribution.

The Wheeling Rotary Club donated \$400 to the Fourth of July Fireworks Fund, according to Nancy Lambert, publicity chairperson for the committee.

Remember — call July as soon as possible so she can coordinate the maps for volunteer marchers.



STEWART

## Sheila Schultz wins top women's awards

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 Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz has been cited by two local women's organizations for dedication to the village and surrounding area.

Schultz was the unanimous choice for Woman of the Year in the Wheeling and Buffalo Grove chapter of American Association of University Women and received the President's Award from the northwest suburban chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women.

"It's very gratifying to receive two honors from groups of such high caliber," Schultz said. "I know that there are women who do things just as deserving of honor as I have, but I'm grateful for the recognition."

**WHEELING'S VILLAGE** President for three years and a board member for five, Schultz is the head of circula-

tion at Indian Trails Library, where she has worked for nine years.

The Woman of the Year award is in recognition for her political, charitable and religious dedication to the village, club member Elizabeth Hartman said, and because she is a good role model for other women.

Schultz and Buffalo Grove President Verna Clayton were both honored with Presidents Award from the National Suburban Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

"In the past two years they have given us immense support for two safety projects conducted in the area," spokesman Marla Wolf said. Both have supported a drive to install medical information packets for paramedics in each home and a program called Safety Town to help teach safety to children.

## Village hikes donation to counseling agency

*Life 5/19/83*  
 By DONALD LIEBENSON  
 Correspondent

**WHEELING**—The Village Board Monday, May 16, voted 3-2 to provide an additional \$4,000 to the youth services agency, Omni House for the coming year.

Executive Director Harry Wells asked the board to reconsider a previous vote to keep the agency's funding at last year's level of \$40,000. The two new trustees, Nicholas Fanella and Anthony Altieri, and Trustee Roger Powers, who was absent when the first vote was taken, supported the request.

Based in Wheeling, Omni House is a youth- and family-counseling center. It was established in 1972 and now has four offices serving Wheeling, Ela, and Vernon townships. In the first four months of 1983, Wells said, crisis intervention calls were up 67 percent over the same period last year and police referrals were up 35 percent.

**"WE UNDERSTAND** these are not the best of times," he told the board. "But a bad economy causes

stress in the home. There are more unsupervised kids. When the economy goes down, our services go up."

Wells cited several factors in his request to the board, including a percent change in the Juvenile Court Act, which compels police officers to make use of local youth agencies within a 21-day period. He also cited the loss of \$20,000 in federal funds, the danger of cut-backs in state support for human services, and a new Social Security Reform Act, which, for the first time in a decade, will require Omni House to pay FICA taxes. Wells estimated these to be more than \$18,000.

Trustee William Rogers tried to table the vote until the full board was present (trustee Charles Kerr was absent), but the request was voted down. After the vote was taken, Rogers warned the board that they were setting a precedent "that will come back to haunt us."

**"I'M NOT** against Omni House," he said. "But the village is con-

stantly picking up the tab for an agency which has trouble collecting from the state and federal governments. We're being contradictory. What do we tell the other agencies that we turned down?"

President Sheila Schultz noted that the \$4,000 would come out of the village's contingency fund and was not an increase.

In response to a question from Fanella about the agency's efforts at fund-raising, Wells noted that they were leaving "no stone unturned."

"We are working within a changing community," he said. "There are 20 to 30 percent less PTAs to collect from because there are less schools in the area." He added that the agency was not just trying to raise money, but was trying to control its expenditures as well.

In other business, the board gave preliminary approval to three federally funded projects to improve two intersections and widen Wheeling Road from Hintz to Palatine roads.