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Incorporated as a municipality in 1894, Wheeling's first settlers arrived in 1833 and began to farm the fertile prairie soil. Soon after, in 1836, the first stage coach route was established along what is still today Milwaukee Avenue.
Industry began in 1859, but it wasn't until the twentieth century that Wheeling switched from a rural community to one concerned mostly with industry. Between 1960 and 1970 Wheeling saw a great rise in population that brought along with it many opportunities for growth. Wheeling developed into a suburb offering many fine school systems, a wide range of housing alternatives, and numerous cultural and recreational activities.

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A Message from the Village President of Wheeling

Welcome to the Village of Wheeling, a home rule community of 30,000, incorporated in 1894. We are governed by a Village President and six trustees, with a Village Manager as our administrator.

Wheeling is a diverse municipality with a strong sense of community offering a wide range of housing, excellent education through School Districts #21, #23 and #214, and village services provided by a staff of 187. Water is supplied through a Lake Michigan pipeline, with over 9 million gallons of storage in nine facilities. We are protected by a nationally accredited police department and a highly rated fire department.

The village is in sound financial condition, and has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence for Financial Reporting for the past 14 years. Our economic base is diverse and growing, with a large industrial component including over 20 industrial parks and significant commercial activity. We are proud of our many fine restaurants, including the internationally known Le Francais, Bob Chinn's, and the legendary Don Roth's.

In addition to the Forest Preserves immediately adjacent, you can enjoy recreational activities on 16 park sites owned and maintained by the Wheeling Park District, including the exciting new aquatic and recreational centers, and the landmark Chevy Chase Golf Course and Club House.

The Indian Trails Public Library District building in Wheeling houses almost 200,000 books, and is embarking on a major building expansion to accommodate their growing collections and technical facilities.

Located 26 miles north of Chicago's loop, we can be reached by driving on one of several major roads, riding the new North Central Commuter Line, or flying into Palwaukee Municipal Airport, the third busiest airport in Illinois, co-owned with our neighbor, Prospect Heights. However you come, come soon, and visit the village of Wheeling.

*Wheeling Village President
Sheila Schultz*

Mayor's Letter

City of Prospect Heights

It's my pleasure to introduce you to all the exciting prospects just waiting to be discovered in Prospect Heights. Warm, friendly people and renowned Midwestern hospitality will greet you when you visit our area.

Incorporated in 1976 to gain more control over land use and development, Prospect Heights celebrated its 20th Anniversary in January 1996. This rural atmosphere with city conveniences hosts the first planned "drive-in" one stop shopping center built in the Midwest. This large, distinctive, colonial building at the northeast corner of Camp McDonald and Elmhurst Roads now houses City Hall and several small businesses including the Prospect Heights Convention & Visitors Bureau.

This young charming city has rapidly matured into a vital force in Northwest Suburban Chicagoland. Our 1/2 acre single-family country living and multi-family housing, reflect a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Excellent schools, great shopping, convenience to Chicago, and easy access to major roads keep home values high. With a population of nearly 16,000 in Prospect Heights, the city boasts the award-winning Rob Roy Country Club Village Condominium.

The City of Prospect Heights public works, police and fire services offer a commitment to consistently improving the quality of life and growing sense of community spirit.

Prospect Heights is proud to be part owner of the third busiest airport in Illinois, Palwaukee Municipal Airport. The activity generated at this airport flows into supporting industries such as our fine hotels, restaurants, car rental businesses and surrounding shopping centers.

Discover our good nature with an abundance of wildlife encompassing the Prospect Heights area. When was the last time you visited one of the last undisturbed prairie groves or walked down a trail that took you back in time when Native Americans paddled their canoes along a river, while hunting bear, deer and elk? It's all right here at The Grove or the River Trail Nature Center, where you can hike, bike or picnic. Shop at the world's largest retail mall or quaint village boutiques. Enjoy a day at the Arlington International Racecourse, Six Flags Amusement Park or Ravinia Music Festival. Prospect Heights is within minutes of all the excitement. Taste the varied flavors of world-class restaurants and eclectic cafes, or see the dazzling sights of Chicago-just around the corner!

Our central location in Chicago's northwest suburbs puts you in convenient proximity to an abundance of fun-filled attractions, recreational activities, superb dining and lots more right here and throughout Chicagoland. Combined with the city's own unique features, all of this is what makes Prospect Heights such an "exciting prospect." Prospect Heights is exciting from every point of view. We have something for everyone!

Edward P. Rotchford

Mayor, City of Prospect Heights

The History Of....

Wheeling

Long before Wheeling was incorporated in 1894, the Potawatomi Indian tribe first occupied the Wheeling area by establishing their camps along the banks of the Des Plaines River. The first "white man," simply known as 'Mr. Sweet', settled in the Wheeling area in 1833.

After ratification of the treaties which ordered the Indians out of the state, great numbers of settlers began to arrive in the area. In 1836, a stage route was established along Milwaukee Avenue, which was the main road from Chicago.

In 1837, after seeing a need to provide a service for these early travelers, Joseph Filkin built Wheeling's first commercial enterprise, a tavern-hotel. This establishment became a coach stop, ultimately leading to the growth of "Restaurant Row" along Milwaukee Avenue.

Industry began in 1850 with the establishment of the Periolat Brewery. Serving the rural community as well as Chicagoans, the Periolat family helped to put Wheeling on the map by encouraging the development of hostelrys and taverns in which to serve the golden ale. By the nineties "Restaurant Row" was well established in serving the traveling public, a reputation still carried on today.

Prospect Heights

In 1935, two young developers, Carlton Smith and Allen Dawson built their first homes on farmland along Elmhurst Road as the start of a well-planned community to meet the dreams of depression-weary families. The first family moved in during January, 1936 and by the end of the year there were six low-cost homes in this pleasant rural area to be called Prospect Heights.

The development firm worked with the resilient, caring families to create and maintain a responsible community in which they could raise their children with pride. In 1938, they formed the Prospect Heights Improvement Association (PHIA). It served as a virtual government of the community for 38 years, albeit without legal authority because Prospect Heights was an unincorporated area in Cook County. By 1955, there were almost 600 homes in Prospect Heights. During the 1960s, the boom in developments began to cause real problems. Local residents had no control over this growth, and the PHIA decided that incorporation was the only solution. Over 50% of the residents voted three to one in favor of incorporation.

Thus, on January 31, 1976, exactly 40 years after the first family moved in, the City of Prospect Heights was born. It was the first new city in Illinois during the nation's Bicentennial year.

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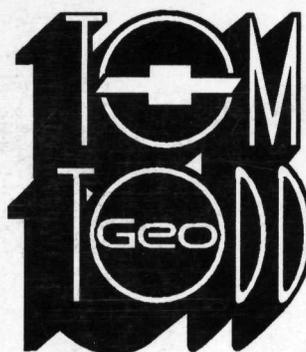
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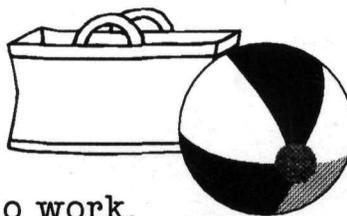
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