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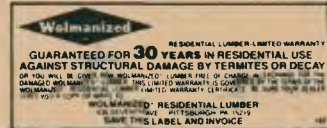
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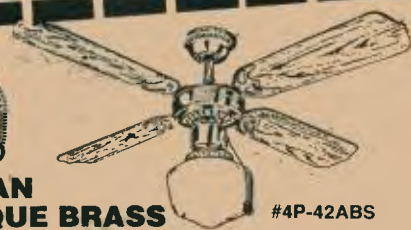
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A great share of growth comes from 2 towns working together

By Patricia Tennison

Like siblings who have grown together, the neighboring towns of Wheeling and Buffalo Grove are different—yet the same.

When well-scrubbed 5-year-olds from either town prepare for their first tour of the local library and a "goody bag" to take home, they're heading to the same place, the \$1.5 million Indian Trails Library, 355 S. Schoenbeck Rd., Wheeling.

When families head to church or synagogue, their clergy likely are members of the same Ministerial Association, a local ecumenical board of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant clergy.

For the holidays, many residents from both towns plan on celebrating at least part of the 4th of July in Wheeling. Familyfest there drew 110,000 people last year, and this year even more are expected. The town is completing plans that include rides on a hot air balloon, helicopter or elephant, food offered by local merchants, and entertainment from German, Polish, Italian, Irish and Hispanic vocal and dance groups.

Labor Day means celebrating in Buffalo Grove. The three-day Family Days event was started 27 years ago as an enticement to keep people in the village over the long holiday weekend. The format has changed from rodeos and old-fashioned steering contests to popular Friday night bingo, Saturday firefighters' competitions and the big Sunday afternoon parade. About 10,000 people, most from Buffalo Grove



Tribune photo by John Bartley

Wheeling takes pride in its ethnic mix, its Milwaukee Avenue "restaurant row" and its hundreds of other industries that support residents.

and Wheeling, are expected to line the streets in September to cheer on units from local high school bands and a new entry,

the Chicago Royal Scots, with its bagpipes moaning high.

The towns also share in more serious fare. The two police departments participate in shared training projects and are contemplating joint investigative units. In February, Buffalo Grove, Wheeling, Arlington Heights and Palatine started to receive Lake Michigan water through a \$78 million, 44-mile underground pipeline from Evanston.

Even the U.S. government has linked the two towns. Since the early 1970s, residents of both towns have shared the same ZIP code: 60090. However, much to the pleasure of Buffalo Grove residents, that's expected to change this year when 60089 likely will become its own.

Like true siblings, there are differences that each town cherishes. Joseph Filkin, one of Wheeling's founders, set a pattern in 1837 when he built his tavern-hotel on Milwaukee Avenue. Wheeling was then a half-day's journey from Chicago, and the coach stop—with its 25-cent meals—became a convenient stopping place.

Numerous other roadhouses at which travelers could rest and buy a good home-cooked meal sprang up and helped put Wheeling on the map. By the 1930s, Wheeling had a population of 300—and 17 liquor licenses.

A steady stream of German immigrants settled in Wheeling, and it was still a small country village for several years after World War II. The first planned development was constructed in 1956, followed by light industry. The town may have thought it was bursting at the seams when the population hit 13,865 in 1970, but a tremendous growth of multifamily housing soon pushed that figure to more than 24,000.

Today, Wheeling takes pride in its core of blue-collar workers, an ethnic mix of Hispanics, Greeks and Germans; its Milwaukee Avenue "restaurant row," which ranges from country Western to world-class French; and its hundreds of other industries that support the residents.

The Wheeling Park District was a 1978 recipient of the National Gold Medal Award sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, based on its activities and community programs, its master planning and the support garnered from village agencies and businesses.

In 1985, the park district's commitment to the community continues. Horizon Park will open soon, complete with baseball, softball, soccer, ice skating and picnic facilities. Among the programs the district offers this year are swimming classes for infants, open gym for teenagers, and a Foods Around the World cooking class, ceramics, and health fitness program for senior citizens.

More changes in Wheeling are just around the corner. A controversial \$5.7 million redevelopment plan is under consideration for Milwaukee Avenue between

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Tribune photo by John Bartley

Buffalo Grove Village Planner Jim Truesdell: "Industrial growth will make the village a balanced community with a balanced tax base. Along with our range of housing, it rounds out the community." Below, youngsters enjoy some of the goodies and check out the many activities at a recent Familyfest in Wheeling, a 4th of July celebration that is expected to draw more than 110,000 people this year.

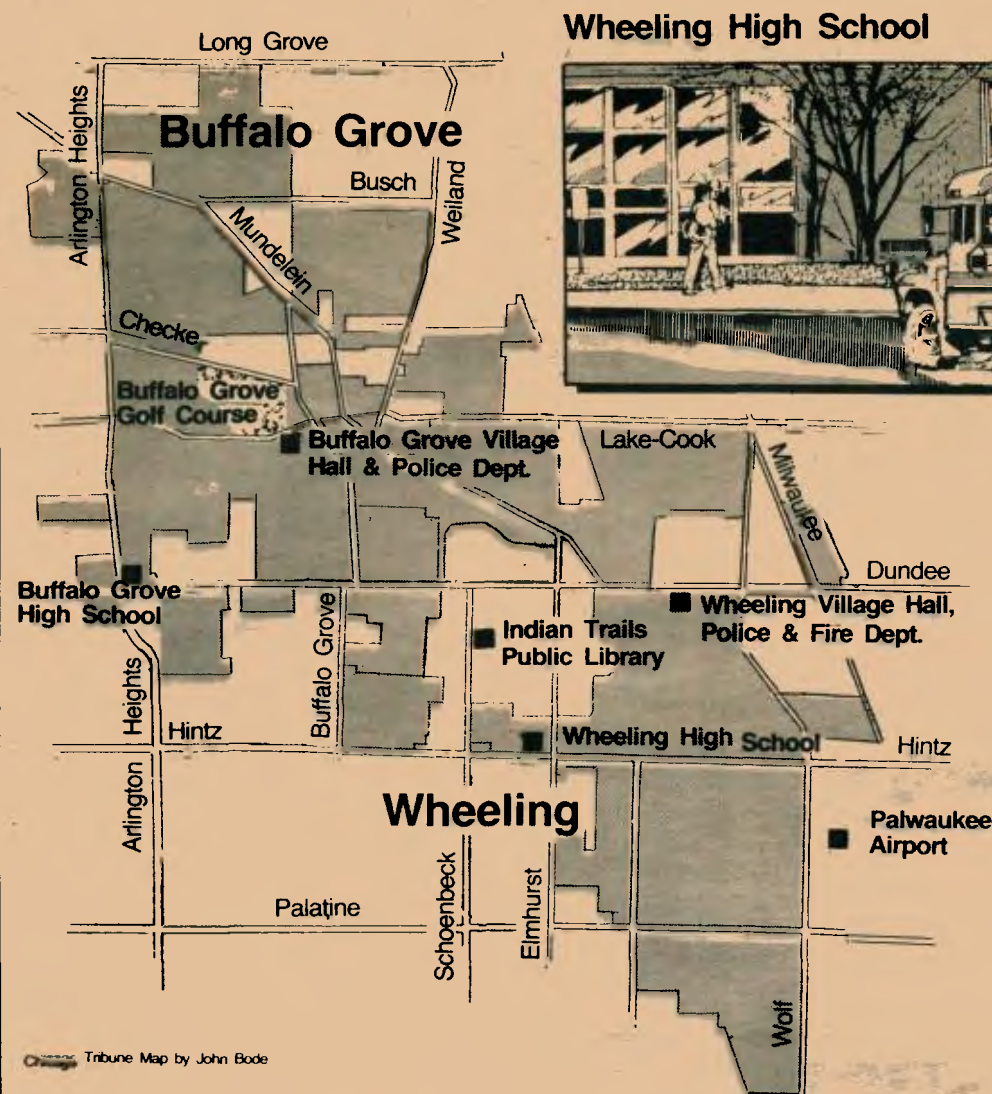


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St. Mary's Catholic Church is a landmark in Buffalo Grove. German settlers began to build the spiraling Gothic-style structure in 1897.



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Industrial future developing nicely

By Bonnie McGrath

The growth of Buffalo Grove has revolved around the 3 Ds. Early in this century dairy farming supplied the Chicago area with milk and cream.

Then Dundee Road, the first concrete road built by the state in northern Illinois, brought the automobile and new settlers to Buffalo Grove in the early 1930s.

And today the word in Buffalo Grove is development—industrial development.

This may conjure images of smokestacks and polluted waterways, but industrial growth

● Buffalo Grove's master plan calls for a downtown. Page 6.

in Buffalo Grove is being closely monitored, well planned and apparently quite orderly.

Why industrial growth? Well, that has to do with a set of 3 Rs—real estate, revenues and reality.

"We can't survive as a bedroom suburb with no tax base," says Lanny Levin of the Ridgewood Single Family Homeowners Association, who sums up the sentiment of village officials and residents.

"Industrial growth will make the village a balanced community with a balanced tax base," says Jim Truesdell, Buffalo Grove's village planner. "Along with our range of housing, it rounds out the community."

Industrial development provides needed revenue, and around Buffalo Grove there is land for such development. And so, while residential and commercial development continues,

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Tribune photo by John Bartley

John Seyller, general manager of Waco Electric Corp., cites Lake County's lower taxes as one reason the firm moved to the Buffalo Grove Commerce Center from Northbrook.

Wheeling pays a price for rich past

By Anne Little

Wheeling's business district dates from the days when travelers in horse-drawn carriages and wagons stopped for food and lodging between Chicago and Milwaukee.

A small community grew along about a mile of Milwaukee Avenue, the main route between Chicago and Milwaukee, around the Dundee Road intersection.

The growth of that community during the early part of this century is evident in the mix of small businesses and older homes. Before zoning laws and community planning, a store was built where a home had stood or a business owner might build his home next door.

Some of the relics of those days remain—the old Union Hotel, now Billy and Company restaurant, 124 S. Milwaukee, and a home built around 1880, now Don Roth's Restaurant, 61

● Wheeling has long been a place to get a good meal. Page 20.

N. Milwaukee.

"Some of the landmark buildings are interspersed in the commercial area," said Jackie Pollack, executive manager of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce.

Though such a conglomeration may be rich in history, it inhibits commercial growth, causing deterioration, which has happened in the last 20 years along Milwaukee Avenue.

New businesses and small shopping centers have sprung up along Dundee Road toward the western part of town.

"It [deterioration] happened so gradually that if you lived here, it didn't hit you," said Village President Sheila Schultz.

The rise of major shopping centers nearby, such as Randhurst in Mt. Prospect, Hawthorn in Vernon Hills, Northbrook Court in Northbrook and Woodfield in Schaumburg, haven't had a pronounced effect on Wheeling businesses because its small shops and service businesses don't compete with malls' department stores, Pollack said.

To combat further deterioration and revitalize the business

area, the village commissioned a study last year that proposed a \$5.7 million redevelopment plan for Milwaukee Avenue between Strong Avenue on the north and Manchester Drive on the south.

The plan calls for the purchase, demolition or relocation of numerous buildings, which has generated some controversy in the business community. The idea is to consolidate small parcels to entice developers.

But some business owners fear that relocation would cost them their businesses.

"I'm afraid the plan would put me out of business," said Erwin Dreiske, 82, who has owned and operated Dreiske Florist, 88 N. Milwaukee, for 35 years. "I've had a proposal [from a developer] to buy my property, build several stores here [on his and neighboring property] and rent me one of the stores. But I need room for a greenhouse. I can't keep orchids unless I have a greenhouse."

On the other hand, Wayne Michelson, assistant manager of Highwood Radio & Appliance, 8 S. Milwaukee, thought the plan would be beneficial. "I think redevelopment would bring more people in to shop. Many people who have lived here all their lives don't know that certain

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Then vs. now

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In number of residents	In number of residents
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22,230	142
Hispanic population	Households
In number of residents	In number of homes
NA	2,826
345	7,001
Median home value	
In dollars, for owner-occupied houses	
\$34,000	\$89,800

'80 Census statistics

Household income	Education
In percent of households	In percent of population
Less than \$5,000	aged 18 and older
3.0%	With less than high school degree
More than \$50,000	11.5%
11.6%	High school graduates
Median household income	29.6%
In dollars	1 to 3 years of college
\$30,417	24.5%
Age	College graduates
In number of people	22.1%
18 years and older	Graduate degrees
14,405	12.2%
Median age	
28.1 years old	

Chicago Tribune Graphic; Source: Census '80

Wheeling

Then vs. now

Population	Black population
In number of residents	In number of residents
14,746	17
23,266	188
Hispanic population	Households
In number of residents	In number of homes
NA	4,014
1,282	9,038
Median home value	
In dollars, for owner-occupied houses	
\$24,900	\$68,800

'80 Census statistics

Household income	Education
In percent of households	In percent of population
Less than \$5,000	aged 18 and older
3.6%	With less than high school degree
More than \$50,000	17.3%
3.6%	High school graduates
Median household income	38.6%
In dollars	1 to 3 years of college
\$23,505	21.8%
Age	College graduates
In number of people	15.5%
18 years and older	Graduate degrees
17,221	6.8%
Median age	
28 years old	

Chicago Tribune Graphic; Source: Census '80

Towns never shy from togetherness

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Strong Avenue on the north and Manchester Drive on the south. In the days before zoning, small businesses and homes sprang up together in this area. The plan calls for purchase, demolition or relocation of numerous buildings and a consolidation of small parcels to better entice developers.

Also, Wheeling has joined with Prospect Heights to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport, the second busiest airport in the state and the primary reliever for O'Hare International Airport. Wheeling officials note that the future of this national hub for private planes and its environmental impact on the area rest with the new Pal-Waukee Municipal Airport Commission, comprising representatives from Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Neighboring Buffalo Grove shared a history similar to Wheeling's in that the native Potawatomi Indians were gradually replaced by primarily German

immigrants.

They settled in the lands near Buffalo Creek where the huge animals indeed paused in their daily trek from Wheeling to Long Grove. The newcomers were farmers who turned the soil, raised their dairy herds and, in 1897, began to build a Gothic-style church that stands today. The schools were taught in German, and the dairy farms and related cheese industries thrived for decades.

By the 1950s, the rush for suburban homes was on and the first three model homes were erected on the former farm land. The Buffalo Grove Park District is only 14 years old, which is young even for the suburbs. However, it boasts an 18-hole golf course, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a successful summer youth camp, and plans for four new soccer fields.

Change, of course, looms in Buffalo Grove as well. The town's master plan calls for

about 10 percent of its 7,000 acres to be zoned for industrial use and for a 70-acre "downtown" to be built from scratch near stately St. Mary's Catholic Church, the spiraling Gothic structure that the German farmers built.

The best feature of each town is, of course, its people. They are a blend of descendants of German farmers, home buyers who flocked to the countryside after 1950 and helped build the towns, and the newcomers still arriving.

From a bank trust officer rushing to catch the #690 bus from Buffalo Grove to the train depot in Arlington Heights; to the powerhouse Wheeling High School Marching Band; to the students who volunteer as peer counselors at Buffalo Grove High School; to residents from both towns who will enjoy the Wheeling Senior Citizen Center when it opens this spring—Wheeling and Buffalo Grove continue to grow together.

Master plan centers on a downtown

By Bonnie McGrath

Build a downtown from scratch? That's right. Part of the master plan for Buffalo Grove calls for a downtown in the center of town.

Most towns start in the center and grow up and out; Buffalo Grove is developing in reverse.

Along with more industrial development in the village, a 70-acre town center, anchored in part by old and stately St. Mary's Catholic Church, is in the

works.

Although the idea has been around for at least 15 years, for the most part residents haven't given up hope. The first developer has a proposal before the planning commission for a 7.5-acre shopping center and office complex of more than 80,000 square feet at the northern tip of the designated triangular "downtown" area. Village officials hope that many other developers will follow.

"The village was ahead of its time," says Village Planner Jim Truesdell. "When it [a downtown] was first contemplated years ago, the residential development didn't justify it. There wasn't even a reasonable traffic pattern."

But now the village has mix of more than 26,000 residents, many of whom would like a change from the strip shopping centers

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Wheeling's rich past sometimes costs downtown

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businesses are there."

Though agreeing that Milwaukee Avenue needs a face lift, William Hein, owner of Tire Pro Inc., 141 S. Milwaukee, disagrees with proposals to consolidate property.

"I don't think Wheeling will ever be a major shopping area," said Hein, a former village president who challenged Schultz in the April 2 municipal election. "I think we should adopt a [historical] theme of 'Old Wheeling' and preserve and rehabilitate the older buildings. The restaurants [Wheeling's most famous businesses] could be a focal point for a shopping area of boutiques, bakeries and antique shops. Otherwise we'll have the standard stuff in strip shopping centers."

The study, by Tesca Associates Inc. of Evanston, recommends funding the project by tax-increment financing, a method used by Highland Park, Oakbrook Terrace and other suburbs.

Tax increment financing uses increased taxes from improved property to pay improvement costs. Though the property value increases as improvement takes place, the taxing bodies receive tax revenue based on a "frozen" property value. The difference between the taxes levied on the actual value and those received on frozen value pays the debt.



Tribune photo by John Bartley

Erwin Dreiske, 82, is not in favor of a plan to tear down his florist-greenhouse shop as part of a redevelopment of Milwaukee Avenue. "I'm afraid the plan

would put me out of business," said Dreiske. "I need room for a greenhouse. I can't keep orchids unless I have a greenhouse."

District property.

The plan is expected to go before the village board for approval in a few weeks.

Village officials realized a need for redevelopment of the Milwaukee Avenue business district in the mid-1970s. A need for senior citizen housing and services also arose then.

Holy Family Hospital in nearby Des Plaines built an outpatient clinic near the southwest corner of Milwaukee and Strong Avenues. The clinic, Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center, 201 E. Strong, opened in 1981.

Responding to the village's appeal for affordable senior citizen housing, the Cook County Housing Authority built a 100-

unit apartment building adjacent to the clinic. The building, at 200 N. Milwaukee, opened in 1983.

Construction is nearing completion on a senior citizen center, expected to open in May or June, just south of the apartments. The village is building the center, to be called the Pavilion, with a \$900,000 federal community development block grant and about \$150,000 in federal revenue sharing funds.

Though the senior citizen complex isn't commercial, it could anchor possible commercial development to the south and private senior citizen housing to the west, said Robert Fialkowski, community development director.

The southeast corner of Milwaukee and Dundee Road also had undergone redevelopment. A developer built \$5.5 million shopping center, Riverside Plaza, on eight acres in 1982.

With most of its stores rented, Riverside Plaza is pulling out of a financial quagmire that all but buried several business owners and a bank, Schultz said.

"Right after it [Riverside Plaza] was started, there was the tremendous change [increase] in interest rates," she said.

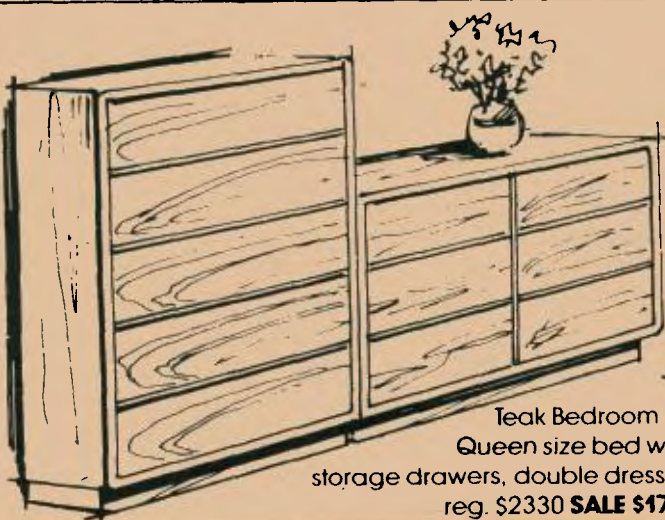
Stores in the shopping center include a furrier, camera shop, a computer exchange, office supply store and a health club, a mixture of new business and relocated Wheeling businesses, Schultz said.



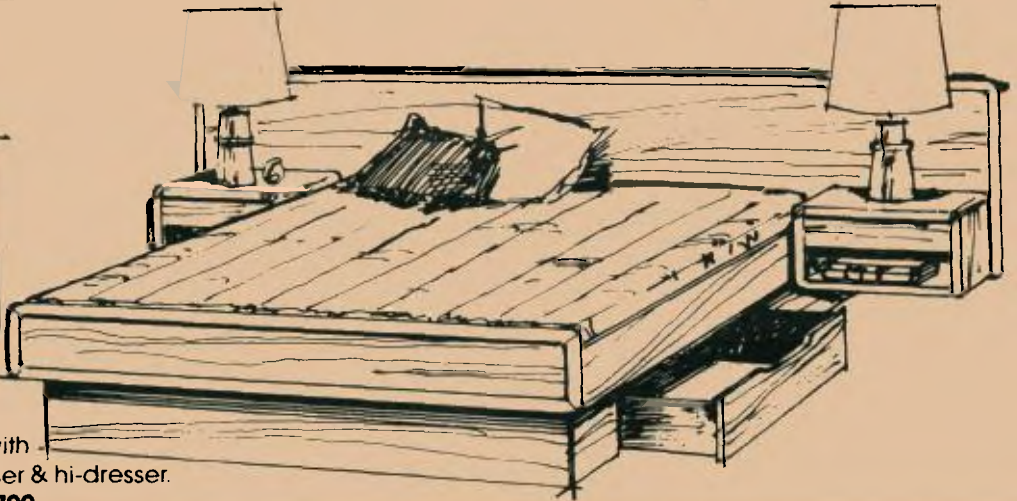
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The Buffalo Grove Commerce Center is an industrial park on the Lake County side of Lake-Cook Road. More than a dozen buildings have been built since the development opened in 1981.

Industrial plans develop nicely

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the word is "industry."

"But," asks Levin, "who wants to live next door to industry?"

Not to worry. The people that have come to the quiet, spanking-clean hamlet of Buffalo Grove to escape the perils of city life have not come in vain.

The industry so far is "light," the developments completed not unattractive and the coexistence of industrial settlers and residential ones seems peaceful.

The northern part of Buffalo Grove is in Lake County, one of the fastest growing markets in the country according to Charles Isely, president and chief executive officer of the Waukegan-Lake County Chamber of Commerce. The industrial and commercial development along Lake-Cook Road in Buffalo Grove [referred to as the Lake-Cook corridor] is part of that growth.

"When developers are looking, the land is available here that isn't somewhere else," says Truesdell. "There are also tax advantages for businesses locating in Lake County. The southern, Cook County portion of Buffalo Grove is pretty much developed. Yet businesses are still close to Cook County, the Pal-Waukee Airport, O'Hare and railroads when they are along the Lake-Cook corridor."

"We have kept an open-door policy and we have a positive attitude. It helps to approve developers' plans quickly. But the village hasn't offered any tax breaks. We have only offered industrial revenue bonds."

Industrial development is only one part of a comprehensive master plan to take Buffalo Grove into the 21st Century. "The purpose of the plan is to keep various types of development concentrated or segregated," Truesdell says. "Certain areas are more suited for certain things."

The plan has revolved around the expansion or planned expansion of major roads and highways in the area. "Industrial areas need to be near good transportation," Truesdell says.

"Industrial growth will make the village a balanced community with a balanced tax base."

Eventually, the plan calls for about 10 percent of approximately 7,000 acres to be zoned industrial. Now, halfway through a series of planned land annexations, the village consists of approximately 3,500 acres.

Buffalo Grove Commerce Center sits on 50 of those acres, a light industrial haven of more than a dozen new buildings on the north side of Lake-Cook Road on the western edge of the Soo Line railroad tracks. The land was annexed to Buffalo Grove at the request of the owners in 1972, according to Truesdell, but not developed until 1981.

Parts of the development are under construction. A lovely multifamily residential development is next door.

"Buffalo Grove is a dynamic community," says John Seyller, general manager at Waco Electric, an electrical contracting firm that relocated from Northbrook to Commerce Center about two years ago. "There's a great deal of potential growth here and we wanted to be in the hub of that. And Lake County taxes are lower."

Waco's neighbors at Commerce Center include Wes-Tech, [robotic automation manufacturers], Long Grove Confectionary, Majestic Mold and other "clean" manufacturers.

A 75-acre parcel east of Commerce Center is in the planning stage as a combination office and industrial area as well, and development may be underway soon, according to Truesdell.

North and east of Commerce Center, on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue [Ill. Hwy. 21] on the eastern border of Buffalo Grove, a 189-acre site soon will become an industrial park called Corporate Grove. Developed by Van Vlissingen & Co. on recently annexed land, roads and utilities have been installed and the park

soon will be under construction.

On the west side of town, at the corner of Arlington Heights and Lake-Cook Roads, a 20-plus-acre office complex, the Buffalo Grove Business Park, is well underway. Two buildings are finished and have several tenants, another two are nearing completion and another is getting ready for groundbreaking. Some space will be devoted to a small shopping complex.

"The Lake-Cook Road corridor has lots of activity," says Tim Beechick of the Trammell Crow Co., developers and managers of the site. "The location is practical for business executives and administrative personnel who live in the northwest suburban communities."

"Here you can escape density and be in a growth market without traffic congestion [some Buffalo Grove residents, though, feel that traffic congestion is getting to resemble more developed areas nearby]. 'We're right where we want to be. There is a tax incentive for commercial tenants in Lake County, as well.'"

Tenants at the business park, which is close to a golf course and a forest preserve, include J.C. Penney, which occupies 18,000 square feet for its catalogue sales operation, computer software companies, R.J. Reynolds, Johnson and Johnson baby products and Federal Express "Zap Mail."

"We are so excited about light industry here in Buffalo Grove," says Village President Verna Clayton. "We have wanted it for so long."

Of course, the Buffalo Grove community will reap the benefits of revenues for the school district, the park district and jobs for its citizens.

"As long as growth is planned, it's OK," says Marc Schwartz, a Buffalo Grove attorney and former chamber of commerce president. "But there comes a time when there's more growth than can be absorbed. I hope Buffalo Grove won't allow that to happen."

It probably won't happen in Buffalo Grove because of the 3 Ps—plan, plan and plan.

Towns' days of sharing a ZIP code are numbered

Growing Buffalo Grove looks forward to 60089

By Thomas Graf

Some towns want a General Motors Saturn plant. All Buffalo Grove wants is its own ZIP code.

And it looks as though it's finally going to get one.

The village has shared the 60090 ZIP code with neighboring Wheeling since ZIPs were established in the early 1960s. It never received its own ZIP because, postal officials say, its population wasn't big enough to warrant a separate postal designation—until now.

"We don't assign ZIP codes just to identify a town or village," says Wayne Gardner, spokesman for the Northern Illinois Postal District. "Communities get ZIP codes when their size is large enough to warrant one. We are in the process of getting an additional ZIP code for the area."

Gardner says the ZIP code application is being reviewed at postal headquarters in Washington, D.C., and local postal officials can expect to be notified in the next two months that the new ZIP is ready for use.

And the winning number is... "60089, but we're not completely positive," Gardner says.

The postmaster who will be in charge of handling the new code is the same one who oversees postal operations in Buffalo Grove: Wheeling Postmaster

Wayne Van Herseeling.

Van Herseeling says Buffalo Grove's rapid growth in the last three years is the main reason it needs a new ZIP code.

"With the rapid growth in the Wheeling and Buffalo Grove area, the new ZIP code will enable us to keep providing fast delivery," Van Herseeling says. "We're projecting the population of Buffalo Grove to grow to 50,000 in the next 20 years. Ultimately, it would get difficult to manage two communities with a combined population of 100,000 with only one ZIP code."

The village's population now is more than 26,000.

A new ZIP code will be another milestone on the suburb's road from a sleepy little farming town to an industrial and residential community. Although no parades in honor of the new ZIP code are planned, village officials look forward to buying a new letterhead.

"It's an important step for the village," Village Manager Bill Balling says. "Our master plan was to first get identification and then to be large enough to warrant our own post office."

Village residents now conduct their postal business at the Wheeling Post Office, on Dundee Road in the downtown, or at the Buffalo Grove substation in

Mark Drug Store, at Dundee and Buffalo Grove Roads.

"It's inconvenient for residents, especially on weekends, to travel to Wheeling to conduct postal business," Balling says. "We believe our projected growth warrants us having our own post office."

The kind of post office Balling has in mind would do everything the Wheeling Post Office does except be a pick-up station for postal trucks.

Van Herseeling says there were no plans for a post office in Buffalo Grove, but didn't rule out that one may be built there several years down the road.

"We're currently able to handle delivery from our facility here," he says.

But Van Herseeling acknowledges that traffic on Dundee Road is congested in morning and afternoon rush hours. "A car could be coming out of the parking lot and if he wants to turn left, he might be sitting there all afternoon," he says.

And it is a traffic problem that Buffalo Grove residents often must fight when they want a package mailed.

But Balling is not complaining too loudly. He and Van Herseeling plan to meet soon on the feasibility of building a permanent post office in Buffalo Grove, Ill. 60089.



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Postmaster Wayne Van Herseeling: "With the rapid growth in the Wheeling and Buffalo Grove area, the new ZIP code will enable us to keep providing fast delivery...It would get difficult to manage two communities with a combined population of 100,000 with only one ZIP..."

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In the early 1900s, Main Street in Wheeling—actually Milwaukee Avenue—had places for travelers to stop, rest and eat, among them the Chicago House. In the 1850s, the kegs from the Periolat brewery [right] were tapped for refreshment.

A trip down memory lane



The Wolf family farm in the early 1900s had a steam tractor to help the horses. The family's name is remembered now in Wolf Road, a major street.



Bicyclists pause at the Union Hotel in the 1890s. A restaurant has always been on the site, which is on the route to Milwaukee. Today Billy & Company is there.



Photo courtesy of Wheeling Historical Museum

August Pieper's blacksmith shop was one of two operating in Wheeling from 1838.

Wheeling grows on hospitality

Village was always a hungry traveler's mecca

By Jamie Conroy-Merrell

In looking at the history of Wheeling, the old adage of "the more things change, the more they stay the same" is apt. Dining out did and still does play an important role in the village's development.

The places today that draw hungry people to Milwaukee Avenue's restaurant row occupy many of the sites that more than 100 years ago brought weary travelers to eat at then well-known inns.

When early settler Joseph Filkin built his tavern-hotel on Milwaukee Avenue in 1837, it was designated a coach stop, which made it a logical stopping place for travelers. Wheeling was originally a half-day's journey from Chicago by horse and buggy and its location on Milwaukee Avenue made it convenient.

Milwaukee Avenue, the main road from Chicago to areas north of Wheeling, was made up of old Indian trails and paths beaten into the ground by buffalo herds that trekked back and forth from Wheeling to Long Grove.

In some places the herds had beaten the street down to a depth of 6 feet. After contending with that, most travelers were happy to take advantage of Filkin's all-you-can-hold 25-cent meals [whiskey 5 cents extra].

Filkin's building was Wheeling's first commercial property and the first of many taverns. By 1838, the village was home to two blacksmith shops, a flour mill, saw mill and 18 log cabins.

This was a marked contrast to the area only six years earlier, when the Potawatomi Indians were the only inhabitants. In 1833, the first white settlers arrived. Though the Indians were generally opposed to the settlers, a Mr. Sweet [no record of a first name] built a cabin and lived there unmolested for six months.

Sweet, deciding to move on, sold his cabin for \$60 to George Strong. Apparently, he was not as desirable a neighbor as Sweet, for soon after Strong moved in, his cabin was surrounded by Indians. Although Strong fought with them, he escaped with his life. Shortly after this incident, the Potawatomi signed a treaty promising to leave the state. Strong became Wheeling's first permanent settler.

The treaty banishing the Indians from the state paved the way for other settlers. For the next several years, a steady stream of mostly German immigrants and transplanted Easterners would

make Wheeling home.

At the turn of the half-century, Wheeling was beginning to resemble a typical American small town. One addition of note to Wheeling's growth was a brewery built by Napoleon Perolat in 1850. With its blacksmith shops, restaurants, general stores, hotels and schools, new residents found Wheeling a convenient place to put down roots.

Many of these people and their descendants would contribute heavily to the town's development. One of them was veterinarian John Schneider, who arrived in 1853. In addition to his work as a veterinary surgeon, Schneider was township assessor. One of his sons, Reinhold, was village clerk from 1900 until his death in 1927, when his daughter Adeline was elected village clerk. She was re-elected several times and held the job until she retired in 1953. Thus, the office of village clerk remained in the hands of the Schneider family for 53 years.

Today, 94-year-old Adeline and her 87-year-old sister, Lucile, live in the same house their father built on Milwaukee Avenue. A nursery school uses the house that their veterinarian grandfather built.

By 1893, the bicycle craze resulted in races from Wheeling to Chicago, often with as many as 100 people taking part. Families from Chicago and the North Shore would bike out to eat at the restaurants or picnic by the Des Plaines River.

As a result, the restaurants and taverns enjoyed a great following, so much so that they were probably the main reason that the village was incorporated.

Rowdy railroad laborers, employed to maintain the North Western and St. Paul Railroads of the prosperous North Shore, began to frequent Wheeling's taverns. Their behavior was such that when word reached the town of their impending arrival, stores were closed and women and children were kept off the streets. Wheeling was paralyzed by these ruffians as they roamed the town from one end to the other, looking for local residents to bully.

The area's leading citizens realized that something had to be done, and the campaign for incorporation was started. After the village was incorporated, in 1894, one of its first ordinances pertained to the licensing of taverns. But an official police department was still some years off, so the best that could be done with drunk and

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A century of fine dining puts Wheeling a cut above the rest

By Anne Little

For more than 100 years, Wheeling has been known as a good place to get a good meal.

Today, more than 30 restaurants serve up everything from French gourmet to pizza. You can spend \$150 for dinner for two at Le Francais or about \$2 for a burger at McDonald's. Or, somewhere in between, you can spend \$10 to \$20 for steak or seafood at Billy and Company, or \$3.50 to \$11 for "family style" at Hackney's.

Like Brookfield's zoo, Wheeling's restaurants are the main attraction of the community.

"The restaurants really are what has put Wheeling on the map," says Jackie Pollack, executive manager of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce. "They are a fine tradition that continues today. People are willing to travel here from other suburbs because of the quality" of the restaurants.

Wheeling's restaurant tradition actually is closely linked to travel—the horse-and-buggy travel of the late 1800s between Chicago and Milwaukee or the resort lakes of southern Wisconsin. The small community of Wheeling at the crossroads of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road was about half way to Wisconsin on the Milwaukee Avenue route.

Road houses, where travelers could rest and eat a midday meal, sprang up. Most began in private homes where offering home cooked meals to travelers became a farm family's means of earning extra money.

In the early 1900s, Wheeling had three hotels along

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**Jackie Pollack
Chamber of Commerce**

Milwaukee Avenue—the Union Hotel, the Hartmann House and the Chicago House—each of which offered a few rooms for lodging in addition to meals.

"But hotels [for lodging] never were a big thing," says Marshall Balling, a local historian and Wheeling resident since 1915. "There wasn't really much to attract people to stay overnight."

With the coming of the automobile, however, hotel and roadhouse businesses expanded to include gasoline and service for cars.

"I remember when the Union Hotel had a sign out front that said 'Auto Station No. 1,'" Balling says.

By 1920, restaurants, most of them run by local families, had sprung up all along Milwaukee Avenue on either side of the Dundee Road intersection. Many served German food, reflecting the ethnic makeup of the neighborhood.

"From 1920 to 1940 was the heyday of Wheeling's restaurant business," Balling says. "Wheeling was a little away from the North Shore, which was a little too staid regarding liquor. In the 1930s, Wheeling had a population of only about 300 and 17 liquor licenses [an unusually

high number for a town that size]."

Wheeling's population now is more than 24,000 according to 1980 census figures and estimates from building permits issued since the census, and has 29 liquor licenses.

During Prohibition, most of the restaurants were said to be speakeasies, some with considerable mob activity, especially in the operation of slot machines, Balling says.

"I remember the raids on some of the restaurants by the Cook County Sheriff's police," he says. "I think all the restaurants were speakeasies—even those that specialized in home-cooked chicken dinners."

Some restaurants became known as hangouts for particular groups, Balling says. Chicago Cubs players congregated at Wenzlaff's, and the Relic House was a gathering place for Chicago theater people. Both those restaurants are defunct.

In the 1950s, a building boom in the northwestern suburbs stimulated the restaurant business. Developers and construction crews were often seen among restaurant clientele.

The old restaurant families began dying out during the latter half of this century, and most of the restaurants changed hands, some several times. Several current owners have expanded or moved from restaurants in Chicago and other suburbs.

For example, James Master-son Jr. opened Hackney's in Wheeling, 241 S. Milwaukee, in 1965 because he wanted to add a third restaurant to the two he owned in Glenview. He bought an old house, which he tore

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Village a welcome stop for travelers

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rowdy laborers was to throw them in a makeshift jail until they sobered up. And so, operating on an annual budget of less than \$2,000, the Village of Wheeling was born.

Though much is known of the village's early history, how Wheeling got its name is a mystery. When the Wheeling Historical Society was formed about 10 years ago, one of its first acts was to inquire of Wheeling, W.Va., how it was named.

"We thought that since there are only two Wheelings in the country, that we could find anyway, we would ask them what they had come up with," said longtime resident Marshall Balling, a member of the society. "But they wrote us back that they didn't know how the name had come to be."

Balling did some research, and the most likely theory he uncovered was that Wheeling is derived from an Indian word that meant "village by the river."

The river made Wheeling a valuable site for the Indians, Balling said, but it hasn't had much impact on the village aside from recreational purposes, though before refrigeration the river was a major source of ice.

"As kids, we'd go down and watch the men cutting ice out of the river for storage in the taverns' ice houses," Balling said. "It was festive time during the winter. We could see all kinds of exotic fish like eels swimming where the ice had been cut." Only one of the old ice houses remains and that is behind the Crabhouse Restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue.

The periods after World Wars I and II proved to be boom times in Wheeling's development. Two

factors that contributed greatly to the village's growth after World War I were increased auto travel and the paving of Milwaukee Avenue in 1925.

Weekend traffic made Milwaukee Avenue quite congested as people drove to the Chain 'o Lakes area, but Balling remembers the "no gas" Sundays during World War I. During the summer, the children could play ball in the middle of the usually busy street.

Wheeling remained a small country village for several years after World War II. It wasn't until 1956 that the first planned development, Dunhurst, was built.

Alberta Klocke and her family were among the first to move into the 1,000-home development.

"I can still remember driving into town and seeing the 'Population 947' sign," Klocke said. "It was still a very country atmosphere then. A lot of our neighbors were people like ourselves who were young families moving out from Chicago. This was what we could afford."

It was also about this time that light industry began moving into Wheeling. Until the 1950s, Wheeling businesses had primarily been service-oriented. Ekco Products Inc., which specializes in kitchen utensils, located here in 1956.

By 1970, the population was 13,865. The decade also marked the tremendous growth of multifamily housing in the village. The residents of those units have helped push the village population to about 24,000.

The Wheeling of today may be different in many ways from the town Marshall Balling came to as a 6-year-old 70 years ago—but you still can find a good meal.

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down, and built a restaurant in the style of the old Wheeling homes. His family-style restaurant, specializing in the "Hackney burger" with a loaf of onion rings, has been doing business ever since.

Don Roth, owner of Chicago's former Blackhawk Restaurant, expanded to Wheeling in 1969 to try out a new concept of an open-hearth grill with salad bar. He bought out a failing restaurant and implemented his idea, using students from nearby colleges as waitresses and busboys. Since then, Don Roth's Restaurant in Wheeling, 61 N. Milwaukee, has expanded its menu to include varieties of beef and seafood—but still has the salad bar.

One of Wheeling's more famous restaurants, Hans' Bavarian Lodge, 931 N. Milwaukee, was opened seven years ago by the late John Berghoff, a former owner of Chicago's Berghoff Restaurant, 17 W. Adams St. The lodge, specializing in German food, now is operated by Berghoff's widow, Jane.

"Wheeling had a good reputation for restaurants," she says. "There is a lot of traffic on Milwaukee Avenue. Customers seem to gravitate to the area."

Perhaps the most elegant of Wheeling's restaurants, Le Francais, 268 S. Milwaukee, was opened in 1973 by Jean Banchet, who had worked as chef in several Chicago restaurants.



Tribune photo by John Bartley

Contrasting cuisines: Le Francais, 268 S. Milwaukee Ave., offers some of the finest French cuisine in the

area, while at 241 S. Milwaukee, neighboring Hackney's specializes in burgers and onion rings.

"I was looking for a restaurant in the suburbs because I like the countryside," Banchet says. "I really didn't believe I would be this successful."

Le Francais is one of four world-class French restaurants in the Chicago area.

For Billy Moss, a history buff

as well as restaurateur, owning Wheeling's old Union Hotel and converting it to Billy and Company, 124 S. Milwaukee, was the fulfillment of a 10-year dream.

"I had my eye on that building for 10 years before I bought it four years ago," he says. But Moss says he also was taking a

"hard facts view of the situation.

"In the western suburbs people are less house poor," he says. "And Wheeling is easily accessible from all the North Shore and northwestern suburbs."

A more recent Wheeling entrepreneur was Bob Chinn, who opened his Crabhouse Restau-

rant, 393 S. Milwaukee, in 1983 in the former Hartmann House hotel.

"During the recession a series of restaurants in the area failed," he says. "The building was available at a good price."

Chinn says he chose a suburb rather than Chicago to avoid high rents and security risks in the city.

Owners of the more expensive restaurants say most of their patrons come from other suburbs, particularly the North Shore, while the family and short-order restaurants cater to local residents.

George Kastanis says he opened Granny Anny's, 831 W. Dundee Rd., three years ago because there were few restaurants on the west side of Wheeling. The pancake house, which doesn't have a liquor license, caters to families and children, he says.

"We have a good ethnic variety—Italian, German, Cantonese—that runs the budget gamut as well," Pollack says.

Three restaurants have opened in the last year, she says. They are Il Nido's, 600 S. Milwaukee; Carmen's, 604 N. Milwaukee; and My Pi, 102 S. Milwaukee.

"The more restaurants, the more people come into town," Pollack says. "There is good cooperation among the restaurateurs too. If one is full, the chances are that one down the street isn't."

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Members of the Orchesis Dance Group rehearse at Wheeling High School, where principal Tom Shirley emphasizes activities, saying producing a well-rounded

ed individual is the school's goal. From left are Pam Gray, Chris Sheldon, Carrie Fischer, Diane Baum and Mary Kay Lucas.

3 schools' quests for excellence

By Richard Brunelli

It is a 20th-Century fact that Americans have had to watch the rest of the world achieve parity in many areas that affect our society. Other nations have made quantum leaps in diverse fields such as technology, nuclear weaponry and the import/export balance.

It can be argued that these changes are rooted in

a country's educational system. A young mind is a fertile one, and lessons laid in early schooling have a way of returning to help or haunt a society.

Three high schools in the Buffalo Grove/Wheeling area provide a glimpse of the American educational system's attempt to shape well-rounded students, and, in the long run, a well-rounded society.

Education isn't just academic at Wheeling High

At Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst Rd., the emphasis is on a well-rounded offering of activities. This is in contrast to schools in other nations, according to Tom Shirley, the principal.

"I feel we have the responsibility to develop the social dimension of a person," he says. "You won't find that in European countries. We are here to make a well-rounded student. In our country, education is not just academic, but social as well."

Shirley says that by maintaining strong co-curricular programs along with a full complement of educational programs, this goal is possible.

"To educate all the people, we have to effect the kind of educational system that will help all the children," he says. "Never

Buffalo Grove students taught 'how to grow'

At Buffalo Grove High School, 1100 W. Dundee Rd., the school motto is "Excellence is ours," according to Darlene Larson, director of instruction.

"That has been our focal point this year," she says. "We hope that that message will come across to the students."

Of Buffalo Grove's 2,200 students, 80 percent are on the college preparatory track. The majority, Larson says, go to the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana or Indiana University, with about 10 percent going to Harper Junior College in Palatine.

"There is no question," she says, "that American universities are extremely competitive. We try to prepare the students for this with our compulsory, as

Activities big on the agenda at Stevenson High

Adlai Stevenson High School, 16070 W. Ill. Hwy. 22 in Prairie View, attempts to steer the majority of its 1,600 students, about 640 of which are from Buffalo Grove, through college preparatory classes.

"That's the primary emphasis," says Principal Richard DuFour. "There is an assumption that most of our students are college-bound."

A system of courses, two-thirds of which must come from core requirements such as English, math and social studies, provides the backbone of education at Stevenson, according to DuFour. But the school also offers a wide range of co-curricular activities. "Almost all our students are involved in one ac-

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Orchestra is one of many co-curricular activities offered at Buffalo Grove High School, where 80 percent of the student body is on the college preparatory track.

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Carnival rides are part of the Wheeling Familyfest, which is held over the 4th of July weekend. Last year, the fest netted about \$80,000.

Yankee Doodle spirit reigns on 4th of July

By Konstanty Siemaszko

Few communities celebrate America's birthday with as much panache as Wheeling.

"We go all out on the 4th of July," says Village President Sheila Shultz. "Our festival and parade draw people from all over, especially from Buffalo Grove."

Shultz says Wheeling traditionally holds Independence Day festivities and Buffalo Grove throws Labor Day parties.

"This way, the two don't conflict," she says. "If Buffalo Grove holds something, all of Wheeling goes to it and vice versa."

Wheeling's festivities include a parade and a huge party known as Familyfest, which last year drew 110,000 people.

Although nobody knows whose brainchild the 4-year-old festival is, everyone agrees that the driving force behind it is Rev. Vince McCaffrey of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church.

"This festival is a family weekend that doesn't cost an arm and a leg to participate in," Father McCaffrey says. He says that any money raised by the event goes to help community organizations "carry on the good fight."

In 1985, Familyfest made about \$80,000. The money went to support nonprofit groups like the Lions Club, Jaycees and Rotary Club. The church used its share for capital improvements.

The church, along with civic and business groups, sponsors the event. Father McCaffrey says the organizers have received a lot of help from the Wheeling Area Ministerial Association, which includes cler-

gymen of all denominations from Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and other nearby suburbs.

This year's fest will have a children's stage, featuring puppet shows, jugglers and a banjo group, and amusement rides. Free musical entertainment will be provided by the association and local favorites Big Twist and the Mellow Fellows. Helicopter, elephant and hot air balloon rides will be offered.

The entertainment will feature German, Polish, Italian, Irish and Hispanic vocal dance groups. Wheeling's numerous ethnic restaurants will show off their culinary skills at cash food concessions called "Bits and Bites of Wheeling."

"It's a celebration of the various cultures that made America," Father McCaffrey says.

The fireworks display is supervised by the Fireworks Committee, headed by Alberta Klocke. Last year about \$6,000 worth of fireworks were set off after the parade.

"It's good for Wheeling, and it's good for the surrounding communities," Klocke says.

Money for the fireworks was raised by village businesses. "It's the Fourth of July; everyone agrees there has to be a celebration," Klocke says.

Village administrative assistant Bheula Peterson agrees. "Familyfest gives Wheeling a real charge and gives people from surrounding communities something to do on the Fourth of July," she says.

Familyfest will be July 3 to 7 on the church grounds, 181 W. Dundee Rd. Admission and parking are free. The parade starts at about noon July 4.

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Indian Trails, Vernon Area libraries worth

By Jamie Conroy-Merrell

From a Milwaukee Avenue garage to an old storefront to a remodeled church, Indian Trails Public Library has used a variety of locations in its 27-year history.

Today the library occupies a \$1.5 million 4-year-old building at 355 S. Schoenbeck Rd., Wheeling. Almost 29,000 cards have been issued to patrons in parts of Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and Prospect Heights; each month, more than 600 new registrations are added to the list.

The library board is working on a statement of its mission that it hopes to have completed by June, says administrative librarian Kenneth Swanson. Then work will begin on a set of specific goals and objectives to guide the library through the next three to five years.

"Generally, our purpose in the community is to provide access to all types of materials for information in continuing self-education and recreation," Swanson says. "We're here to complement rather than duplicate services offered by other government bodies."

The library that began as a collection of 6,000 donated books has since grown to more than 137,000 books, almost 8,000 records and cassettes, 100 art prints and almost 100 videotapes. Patrons also have access to the library's 300 periodicals. Statistics show that almost 46,235

items were checked out in March alone.

Children as young as 5 may apply for their own library cards. They are taken on tours of the Young People's Department and given "goody bags" containing a bookmark, eraser and balloon.

"We want the library to be known as a fun place," says Kathy Staerkel, department head. "Our objective is to encourage reading, and the sooner kids get involved the better the chance they'll use the library all through school."

The Young People's Department is one area of the library that does not discourage noise. The floor-to-ceiling windows of the large, open room are often covered with children's artwork. During the day, parents bring their small children to play with the books, toys, puzzles and stuffed animals. After school, the tables and chairs are filled with students studying or reading. The department also offers a variety of programs for preschool to junior high children.

Three times a year, a half-hour Preschool Storytime entertains 3- to 5-year-olds with stories, finger plays and movies. Also for the nonreading set is the Read-With-Me Book Club, offered each summer and winter.

"The book club is something for parents to do with their kids," Staerkel says. "Last year, we made a paper cake, and each time a parent and child finished



Tribune photo by John Bartley

Gigi Zorn of Lincolnshire relaxes with a magazine in the Vernon Area Township Library District, which serves Buffalo Grove. The 10-year-old library's collection has grown to 35,000 items, including puzzles, cassettes and videotapes, from a beginning of 2,000 donated books.

a book and filled out a form about it, they added a candle to the cake. It's a totally individual program; some only had a couple of candles, others had 20."

An expanded version of preschool storytime was started two years ago for students in

kindergarten through 2d grade. The program, After-School Adventures, began because of demand, Staerkel says.

"Parents were disappointed when their children were no longer eligible for the preschool program. They said, 'Why do they have to stop just because of

age?' The program has been so well-received, we've had to add two more sessions."

Area schools help promote library activities by passing out information on programs such as the Battle of the Books for 4th-through 6th-graders. Six-member teams divide a list of 50 books that must be read. The team that successfully answers the most questions about the books wins the competition, and members are awarded certificates. Almost 40 teams are participating in the competition.

The Summer Reading Club will keep youngsters reading through the hot months, and the library also will offer other summer programs such as puppet shows and craft sessions.

Of course, the library isn't just for kids. Adult programs are offered through the Outreach Department, which publishes a quarterly newsletter detailing activities. Some of the most popular programs are the investment seminars and the hands-on projects such as floral arranging or candlewicking, says director Chris Gibson. The department also operates a bookmobile during the summer that has its own collection of more than 3,500 items.

The reference staff of the Adult Services Department fields from 80 to 150 questions every day, says department head Elaine Burke, ranging from the difference between baking powder and baking soda to a request for a

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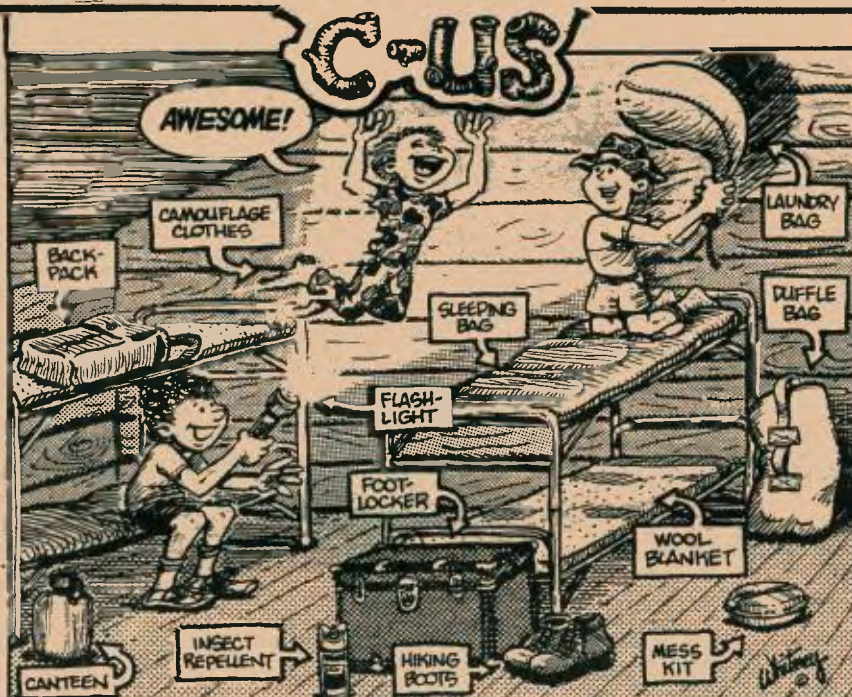
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Adult Services also administers the federal government's blind and physically handicapped program. Playback equipment is lent free for use with books and magazines. A collection of large-type books is also available. The library, which is wheelchair accessible, also sponsors a free book delivery and pick-up service to district residents who are homebound.

Indian Trails, along with Schaumburg and Arlington Heights libraries, is transmitting a number of videotaped programs that include a book review show, a puppet show series, a kids talk show and a film series via cable television [Channel 82 for Cableview viewers and Channels 8 and 33 for subscribers to American Cable Systems].

Part of Buffalo Grove lies in the Vernon Area Township Library District, which has 10,400 active borrowers.

The 10-year-old library district first opened for business in a classroom at Adlai Stevenson High School before moving to its present location at 23184 N. Indian Creek, Prairie View, five years ago, says Lynn Butler, head librarian.

Its collection has grown to 35,000 items, including puzzles, cassettes and videotapes, from a beginning of 2,000 donated books, Butler says.

"Our library really gets a lot of use. We're here to bring free access information to all people, not just to those who can afford it," she says. "This district was created in response to a demand, and our popularity has really grown."

Buffalo Grove residents are probably the heaviest users of the library's year-round bookmobile, according to Butler. The van travels mainly to subdivisions and nursing homes, and houses more than 5,000 items.

The Vernon Area Library also offers its patrons use of an Apple IIe microcomputer four days a week. After taking a literacy test, patrons may reserve 50-minute time slots at the computer.

Story hours and puppet shows are given to preschool patrons, and summer reading and adult programs are also available. The library is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 635-3650.

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Both libraries will be closed on Sundays during the summer.



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Making that commuter connection

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the last three passengers climb aboard, the bus is only about half full, unlike the earlier runs that have few vacant seats.

"I used to carry about 75 or 80 passengers until about four years ago when the fares went way up," Darlington says. "A lot of people quit riding the trains and buses, and I had a lot of empty seats. But [ridership] is starting to build back up now."

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Glenn Ahrenholz, Buffalo Grove's liaison with NORTAN

and a bus commuter off and on since Route 690 began in 1975, says that ridership is about 10,000 one-way trips each month. The figure includes passengers on the midday route, which travels a slightly different course to accommodate students, shoppers and people who work in the area.

Although most of the commuters take the bus for convenience, Danny O'Connor, an advertising salesman for TV Guide magazine, says that he couldn't do without it. "We don't have a second car, but even if I could drive, I wouldn't," says O'Connor, who has been commuting

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Recent Woody Herman recordings include his 40th Anniversary Concert at Carnegie Hall, for which he was nominated for a Grammy. His recordings "Giant Steps" and "The Thundering Herd" won Grammy Awards.

Among The Thundering Herd's repertoire are arrangements of Chick Corea's "Spain", Stevie Wonder's "Don't You Worry 'Bout A Thing", Freddie Hubbard's "Crisis", Carole King's "Jazzman". Also tunes by well-known artists such as Chuck Mangione, Billy Cobham, Stanley Clarke, Frank Zappa, Leon Russell, and Steely Dan.

Woody Herman attributes his long lasting career to his ability to change with the times. "I've always looked for new music, fresh ideas, and young talented players." Woody relates comfortably to the music of today and anticipates the changes of tomorrow. He is a jazz musician and plays a style of jazz that is timeless.



Woody Herman

Job becomes vocation for village police chief

By Anthony DeBartolo

At age 37, Buffalo Grove Police Chief Leo C. McCann is only 10 years older than the community he has sworn to serve. But his youth is an advantage, enabling him to put in "50 to 60 hours each week," meeting the service demands of this rapidly developing village of nearly 26,000 residents.

Born in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood and reared in Oak Lawn, McCann left the Army's Military Police in 1968 to face what many discharged servicemen face—unemployment.

"I got involved in law enforcement simply because I needed a job; it's not that I always wanted a police career," he says. "I saw an opening in the paper and applied."

What followed was 14 years of police service in Evergreen Park, working his way up to lieutenant before taking on the \$43,000-a-year Buffalo Grove chief's post three years ago.

While a full-time patrolman, McCann was a part-time college student, obtaining a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Chicago State University in 1981, the year he completed a Law Enforcement Management program at the FBI National Academy in Virginia.

What began as a job for McCann has become a vocation.

"I enjoy the interaction with people—a sense of accomplishment in doing things for the community and society in general. It's challenging here, this is a dynamic community undergoing a lot of growth and development. It would be hard for this work to become routine."

McCann oversees the department's \$2 million annual budget, which supports 37 sworn and 19 civilian personnel. Two more civilian general service officers, for a total of four, will be added in next year's budget, McCann explains. "They're unarmed... with limited duties, such as parking ordinance enforcement. Next year they'll handle minor car accidents as well, freeing our regular patrol officers a little."

The long hours McCann puts in each week leave little time for outside activities, other than those with his family; his wife, Linda, a high school learning disabilities teacher, and their two sons, Paul, 13, and Kevin, 9.

"If you want to call time with my family a hobby, that's mine. I just don't have time for many anymore."

Buffalo Grove has the lowest crime rate for murder, rape, robbery, arson, burglary and aggravated assault and battery among Cook, Lake and Du Page County municipalities with a

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Tribune photo by John Bartley

Chief Leo C. McCann's 50-60 hour work weeks mean little time for other pursuits: "If you want to call time with my family [a wife and two sons] a hobby, that's mine... I just don't have time for many anymore."

Church groups meet changing needs of society

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borhood: the single-parent family.

"It's a big, big problem, bigger than people like to admit, not just here but everywhere," Father Duffy says.

The parish tries to pick up some of the slack with an array of Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Explorer groups.

Also very much alive is the Catholic tradition of missionary work. At St. Joseph the Worker church in Wheeling, Sister Julie works exclusively with the helpless and underprivileged. She organizes various food, clothing and furniture drives for the poor, many of whom are Hispanics new to the area. She also serves the elderly and the handicapped, operating a "teleministry" over the telephone.

The Protestant congregations also share what they have.

Three nights a week, Kingswood Methodist Church runs the Psychotherapy Institute to provide individual counseling. Marital and divorce adjustment seminars are also given by psychologists from local hospitals.

Also in the works are comparative religion classes for Jews and Protestants, taught jointly by minister and rabbi.

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Town's own golf course suits players to a 'tee'

By Mark Sokolowski

Carmen Molinaro looks out the window of the pro shop at what was once a sod farm and is now a successful, village-owned 18-hole golf course.

"We try to keep a well-rounded facility," he says of the Buffalo Grove Golf Course. Molinaro, 36, as director of golf operations, has been in charge of the course for 13 years. A Class A PGA pro, he also is head golf pro at the course.

The Village of Buffalo Grove purchased the course 14 years ago with a loan, Molinaro says—no taxes were used. And, so far, the course has made a profit every year. "For the last three years, the course has been self-supportive."

Last year, golfers played 50,000 to 60,000 rounds on the 6,862-yard course, Molinaro says, adding that his course is one of the few that maintain a driving range.

"You can't stand still or your customers will go somewhere else," he says, as he tells of the clubhouse expansion plans.

The club operates year-round. "We're very diversified for a golf course," he says. Snow golf, in which players in winter try to "sink" a shot by chipping the ball into a circled area with a flag, can be played for \$3 for 18 holes. "We've had people try it in skis and snowshoes," Molinaro says.

With Buffalo Creek running through it, 60 to 80 sand traps and bunkers and three ponds, the course is one of the more challenging public courses, Molinaro says.

His favorite hole is the par four 10th. "There are trees to the right, the creek to the left and a bunker to the right front of the green, which slopes," he says. "When I make five, I'm not too disappointed."

Molinaro and two other pros also offer half-hour private lessons for \$15. Reservations must be made for them. The course is on Raupp Boulevard, off Lake-Cook Road, 3 miles west of Milwaukee Avenue.

Paula Wagasky, assistant golf pro for the course, says that weekday greens fees for 18 holes are \$6.50 for Buffalo Grove residents and \$9.75 for nonresidents.

For nine holes, residents pay \$4.50 and nonresidents, \$6.50. Weekend green fees for 18 holes: residents, \$9 and nonresidents, \$13. Molinaro adds that motorized carts can be rented for \$15. He suggests making weekend reservations by calling 537-5819.

Buffalo Grove residents who don't play golf can find plenty of activities through the park district. "Just about anything you can imagine," says James Miller, 30, superintendent of recre-

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Aerobics class members work on their water exercises in the Aquadome pool in Buffalo Grove High School,

1100 W. Dundee Rd. The pool is one of two maintained by the village's park district.

Residents put Wheeling parks on top

By Martha Allen

Community support is one reason why the Wheeling Park District is rated among the best park districts nationwide.

The district, which in 1978 won the National Gold Medal Award, a park district competition sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association and the Sports Foundation, has 10 park sites totaling 232 acres.

"We've been blessed with a very supportive community that has allowed us to purchase property, to develop that property and to construct and maintain park facilities," says David Phillips,

park district director. "Our golf course is certainly an example of that."

In 1977, voters overwhelmingly approved a \$3.7 million bond sale for the purchase of the 125-acre Chevy Chase Golf Course and Clubhouse at 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. and the 10-acre Childerly Park retreat area at 506 McHenry Rd. The site of the oldest building in the county, Childerly Park was developed by the park district in conjunction with the Wheeling Historical Society.

In the National Gold Medal Award competition, the district was judged on its activities and com-

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Busy Pal-Waukee Airport soars into public domain

By Thomas Graf

Come Dec. 25, Gordon and Lorie Grandt will celebrate their 25th Christmas in the home that Mr. Grandt built with his own hands, blood, sweat and tears. But it will be a bittersweet anniversary for the Wheeling couple, for their home will probably not be around to host a 26th celebration.

The Grandts' neat, three-bedroom ranch-type house stands in the way of progress—Pal-Waukee Airport progress.

The airport, now privately owned, is being sold to the City of Prospect Heights and the Village of Wheeling. As a result of the sale, several parcels of land, including the Grandts' little acre, will be condemned and cleared for the airport to comply with Federal Aviation Administration safety guidelines.

The Grandts' house sits across Hintz Road from the end of the airport's main runway. Under federal law, all the structures surrounding the runway of a publicly owned airport must be razed. That area is referred to in aviator terms as a displaced threshold. The land around a private airport runway does not have to comply with this guideline.

The creation of a displaced threshold at Pal-Waukee means the displacement of the Grandts and several other families and businesses on or near the corner of Wolf and Hintz Roads.



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Built to serve the small number of early aviators in the 1920s, Palwaukee Airport hosts 300,000 private planes every year, making it the busiest privately owned airport in the world.

Of all the people scheduled to be bought out and relocated, the Grandts feel they have the most to lose. No other residents would comment on the airport plans.

"It took all these years to make something of a home, and now they're going to take it away from us," Mrs. Grandt

said. "How do I fight? We're just the little guys."

The homeowners and businesses, according to officials, will be paid "premium" prices for their land, enough to find comparable housing. But for the Grandts, nothing can compare with what they have now.

Their brick home is surrounded by a beautifully landscaped acre of green. Grandt, a retired building contractor, built the house himself and planted almost all of the trees. Their back yard boasts an outdoor kennel where the couple board dogs. Even after a long, cold winter,

the hedges and shrubbery surrounding the house look as if they were just trimmed.

"All our hard work, the landscaping, the rock garden, it will all be gone," Mrs. Grandt said. "I don't want to go. We raised four daughters here."

"They say they'll pay premium prices. What does that mean? All I know is that whatever they pay, they can't match the sentimental value this house has for us."

The "they" Mrs. Grandt is referring to is the eight-member Pal-Waukee Municipal Airport Commission made up of four people each from Wheeling and Prospect Heights. The commission is planning on spending in the neighborhood of \$36 million to buy the airport and meet the required safety restrictions [this includes condemning and buying the necessary houses and businesses, and paying for relocating]. About \$32.4 million will come from the federal government, \$1.8 million will come from the state and another \$1.8 million will have to be raised through the sale of municipal bonds.

The deal should be completed within a year. Residents probably will be relocated sometime in 1986.

The communities are buying the airport because local officials believe the only way the airport will survive is under municipal ownership. And if they had not

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Wheeling parks among the best

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munity programs, its master planning and the support garnered from village agencies and businesses. After presenting a scrapbook describing its activities and programs, it was judged the best park district serving a population of under 20,000 residents.

Renovating historic buildings, getting Commonwealth Edison Co. to provide free land allowing residents to plant vegetable gardens and working with the local high school to build a swimming pool are some of the park district's achievements. Also, park district land is used for storm water detention to prevent basement flooding of Wheeling residences.

To aid the park district in acquiring land, the village passed a land dedication ordinance requiring residential and industrial developers to contribute specific amounts of land or cash to the park district. The park district's newest facility is the Horizon Park, 375 Schoenbeck Rd., which will open later this spring.

Horizon Park will offer baseball, softball, soccer and ice skating. It also will have a small pavilion, a picnic shelter and concession stand, according to John Muno Jr., the park district's director of leisure services.

"David Phillips has taken what used to be a very small agency with one building, and expanded it into one of the best park districts in Illinois," Muno says.

Along with its community support programs, the Wheeling Park District offers more than 100 programs for all age groups. A most unusual offering is the baby swim class, where infants as young as 6 months are taught to swim.

"It's a beautiful program," Phillips says. "With their moms and dads in the water, infants are relieved of their fear of water. The parents and kids are super, and we have one instructor to each parent and child."

Seventeen swim activities for all ages are offered at the Neptune Aquatic and Fitness Center, 900 S. Elmhurst Rd.

Companies and other groups can schedule golf

tournaments and outings at the Chevy Chase Golf Course. Group and private lessons are offered. The facility also has an indoor range.

With 18 preschool programs, the five new offerings this spring are Movement, Mom and Me, for developing motor skills; Snack-N-Time, where tots create snacks; Lil' Scientist, with science activities; Peanut Picassos, an art class; and Spring Crafts-N-Fun Preschool Workshop, a half-day preschool.

Young people can participate in the 35 youth programs scheduled this spring, such as karate, soccer, cheerleading, cooking, music and dance classes. New programs are Mini Masters, an art class; Great Getaways, a trip to the Swallow Cliff Toboggan Shoots; general open ice skating at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Rd.; and teen open gym, for 6th through 9th graders.

"Our philosophy is that it's not just the best children who play," Phillips says. "We stress that everybody is a winner. Nobody is a loser. Everybody plays—and that really makes a dynamic youth program."

New this summer will be a soccer workshop directed by members of the Chicago Sting, to be held during the third week in August, according to soccer coach Gary Dobbe. Also new will be outdoor soccer for 7, 8 and 9-year-olds this summer.

Among the 47 adult programs are senior citizens activities, skiing, weight training, calligraphy, basic auto mechanics and fitness classes. New programs this spring are Food Around the World, a cooking and sampling experience of foods of foreign countries; Senior Special Events, a program of parties for upcoming holidays for seniors; ceramics, health and fitness and gardening seminars.

A fee is required from for each program a person signs up for.

Wheeling Park District activities are open to nonresidents also.

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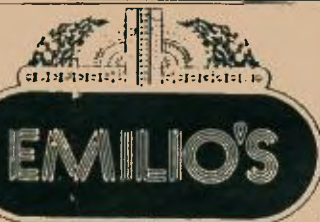
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Wheeling's top cop

By Rose McMills

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger's first day as a police officer was a memorable one.

A raw recruit of 22, he reported for work at headquarters in Leavenworth, Kan., at 5:45 a.m. and was out at a stabbing at 6:10 in his brand-new uniform with a revolver strapped to his side. He had received no police training and had never before fired a handgun.

"That's almost unheard of today," Haeger says, "but I think it was typical of the times. We were just coming out of the '68 riots at the Democratic convention in Chicago, and the whole United States was in turmoil."

"That was when the demand really picked up for increasing the training of law enforcement officers, encouraging them to attend college, encouraging communities to hire only the most qualified people. A lot of people weren't doing it yet."

Haeger's interest in law enforcement began when he was growing up in the Aurora/Naperville area. "I was exposed to almost father-type policemen. They really looked out for kids, and you always knew you could call them if you ever got in trouble and you'd get a fair shake."

After college, he answered an ad for police officers because with a bachelor's degree in sociology he couldn't find a job.

"I think what made the biggest impression on me that first day on the force was to have a handgun on your side and to realize the capability that you had. In one day to go from just a civilian to the very next day having the power to take a person's life. That's an awesome responsibility for a 22-year-old."

Haeger wasted no time in getting the needed training. Two months later, he started formal police training and after 18 months with the Leavenworth Police Department moved to Woodridge to assume duties first as a patrol officer and later as deputy chief, and to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago to get a master's degree in law enforcement. After 10 years in

Woodridge, he was picked out of 150 applicants to be chief of police in Wheeling.

In three short years, he has developed quite a feel for Wheeling and the role of the police department there.

"Wheeling was established in 1894 and is an old industrial community; it's a blue-collar community to a certain extent, although it's changing its image. We take on a role at night of almost a night watchman for the industries, of which we probably have 400 to 500."

In addition, Haeger's department has problems associated with "Restaurant Row," a section of Milwaukee Avenue lined with restaurants ranging from haute cuisine French to the good old Western bar.

"A couple of them are very popular night spots in the north-west suburbs; one of them even has a 4 a.m. liquor license. People sometimes get liquored up and don't get along. This also contributes to our accident rate and the number of DUIs [driving under the influence]."

On the other hand, Haeger calls Wheeling "a unique community. There are some older, established sections where you have blue-collar workers, and that makes the inner core of this community very stable. There is less crime here than in Woodridge. I was surprised coming from that town to this with relatively the same size population, this with a large commercial, industrial base. I expected to find a higher crime rate, and it wasn't here."

"In fact, I feel safer letting my children walk to the store in this community than I did in Woodridge. I don't really have any reason that I can put my finger on. It may be the work ethic, the social ethics that people have here, the respect for each other."

"We almost have pockets of different people throughout the community. There is a very substantial Jewish population on the west end in the newer sections. Now we're starting to develop new single-family areas with larger, more expensive homes right down the middle on the

Job becomes a vocation

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population between 20,000 and 30,000, says McCann—an enviable situation that he acknowledges was inherited from his predecessor, Chief Harry Walsh.

"A couple of factors account for the low rate," McCann says. "The nature of the community is one, the police department is the other. We're highly visible and very active. We make a lot of traffic stops [of suspicious vehicles]. A number of people we've apprehended this way have said they were told [by other criminals] not to come to this town—to watch out—that they'd be stopped."

The department's 5.8-square-mile service area is patrolled by 11 squad cars, at least 4 of which are always on the road, McCann explains.

There is one crime statistic that McCann is especially proud of—the number of drunken driver arrests each year has jumped since he has been chief—547 last year, versus 320 in 1982. McCann, however, is quick to give his men credit.

"We tend to work collectively here. I don't say do it this way—I work closely with both command staff and patrol officers. The individual officers here all agree that the largest potential hazard to residents in this community is drunk drivers. We haven't had a fatal accident [due to drunken driving] in a number of years because of our focus."

"Aggressively making arrests is only half the push," he adds. "We follow through in the courts, getting them off the street."

By prosecuting locally under municipal codes, "we get a lot of

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Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger: "I think what made the biggest impression on that first day on the force was to have a handgun on your side and to realize the capability that you had."

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Haeger, his wife, Jane, and their three children live in the older section. "It's almost city-style because it's such a mixture of peoples. We're just south of a Hispanic area, and there's a lot of Hispanics in the neighborhood, a lot of Greeks, older Germans. That makeup of a community provides a very stable core."

He says the two communities of Buffalo Grove and Wheeling are "struggling a little bit because both of us are growing to the north. They are doing annexations of property each anticipated having within their corporate limits, and that is straining relations a bit. The two communities are going through a period of adjustment."

"As for the two police agencies, Chief Lee McCann and I work very closely even though we're not on the same communications system," Haeger adds.

According to Haeger, the two departments do a lot of shared training projects and are talking about joint investigative units

and shared facilities in the future. Wheeling has a firing range, for instance, and Buffalo Grove does not.

"We are also looking at sharing responsibilities for areas like Lake-Cook Road, which lies in Buffalo Grove in spots and lies in Wheeling in spots. If Buffalo Grove has to respond with their unit, it is so far out of their real, true boundaries that we are looking at entering an agreement whereby our department can respond to those areas and handle those accidents."

"And then there are areas where Wheeling is annexed that are really kind of out of our way, and McCann will handle things for us there. Sometimes people call this the closest-car concept."

Although Haeger says he most enjoys the investigation of homicides, the two cases that stick out in his mind looking back over his career both involve missing teenagers.

One was the Margie Stirn case in 1978 in Woodridge. Margie was 17 and hasn't been found yet. "I still talk to her mother on a regular basis," Haeger says. "I still feel the heartbreak that those parents feel when we talk about Margie. I know the exact date when she came up missing."

Involvement in the Woodridge case and similar cases led to his formation with the police chief of Naperville of a special investigative unit called FIAT [Felony Investigation Assistance Team]. It involves six departments in the south end of Du Page County.

The other case has a happier ending. In 1983, Jennifer Monte, 13, disappeared in Wheeling. She was found three days later tied and gagged in the crawl space of a neighbor's home.

"I thought I was going to go through the same thing again, and yet this time we found her! Nothing will ever replace standing on the front lawn and seeing her brought out of the house and reunited with her parents," Haeger beams.

A few days later, a cake was delivered to Chief Haeger that he still keeps a picture of in his desk. Scrawled on the top in icing was, "Thanks for everything. Love, Jenny."

for village police chief

suspended licenses and some incarcerations for repeat offenders."

McCann says "We were also the first department in the metropolitan area to get involved with fingerprinting young people—the whole missing-children issue."

The Buffalo Grove Police Department, along with the Wheeling, Mt. Prospect, Prospect Heights, Arlington Heights and Elk Grove Village Departments, recently began a "unified program with cooperative training" of officers for missing children cases, he explains. "The avoidance of such cases is the key. We've been fortunate. All [missing child] cases here have been solved."

Another project of McCann's is finding a more spacious home for his department. It is on the

lower level of the municipal building, 50 Raupp Blvd., a location McCann calls "grossly overcrowded." He hopes to see a new two-story, 20,000-square-foot facility built within the next few years.

"There's a line item in next year's budget for architectural fees, and we're looking at various sites now. But we'll stay in the general vicinity."

"It'll be designed to be expanded up or out. And we hope it'll be adequate for 10 years. The ultimate population projection for Buffalo Grove is 60,000 to 65,000 by the year 2020, so we'll need to expand."

McCann has great pride in his department. "I'm proud of the officers I work with and I feel very fortunate to be associated with this organization and community. It's still fun."

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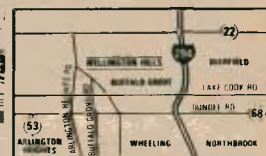
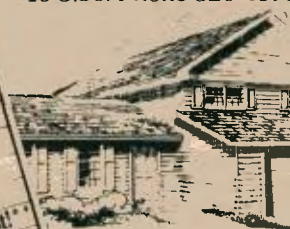
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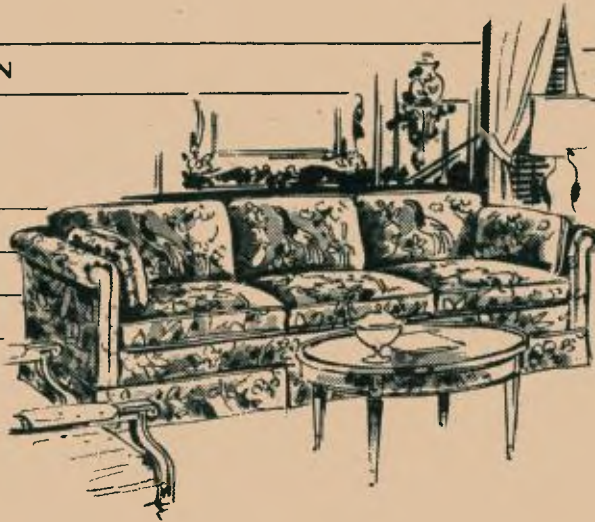
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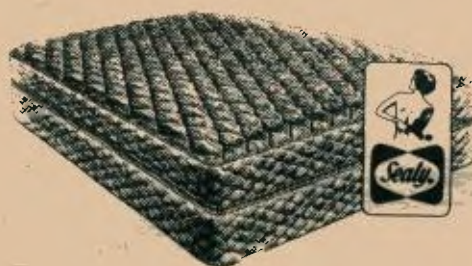
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Pal-Waukee going public

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bought it, the state would have.

"We needed to have a voice in the future of Pal-Waukee Airport and the environmental impact it has on the area," Wheeling Village President Sheila Schultz said. "And as a result of federal guidelines, some of the parcels of land around the airport have to be left as open space."

Pal-Waukee's owners, the Priester family, also believe that if the airport is to continue serving the growing number of business fliers and small planes that use the facility, it will have to be publicly owned.

"Nobody has kept pace with the developments in aviation," says Priester Aviation President Charley Priester. "This is a very key airport. There is no other land to build new airports. Pal-Waukee must be preserved as the second-busiest airport in the state and the primary reliever for O'Hare."

Priester says public funds are the only way to keep Pal-Waukee flying.

"If this airport were to close, the impact on this whole area would be terrible," he said. "This airport has been vital in drawing businesses to the Northwest Corridor."

Pal-Waukee—named after two of its boundaries, Palatine Road and Milwaukee Avenue—is the busiest privately owned airport in the world. It was built to serve the small number of early aviators in the 1920s. An average of 300,000 private planes now fly in

and out of the 250-acre airport every year.

Priester's father, George, 77, bought the airport in 1943. The elder Priester, who is still involved in day-to-day airport operations, foresaw the growth of private aviation and built up Pal-Waukee to service that growth. The growth continues and, as Charley Priester puts it, will have to be serviced by a public Pal-Waukee.

"Sure I have mixed emotions about the sale," Priester said. "But in the end, aviation will benefit."

The Priestests are also expected to benefit. In addition to the estimated millions they will reap from the sale, the Priestests will have a very good chance of being named airport managers and being paid for providing services they now do for themselves. Even if they are not named managers, Priester Aviation will remain the main user of the airport because only the land is being bought by the municipalities. The Priestests will still hold title to the airport buildings.

When asked about the Grandts and the other residents scheduled to be relocated, Priester said he is sympathetic to their plight but believes they are not getting a raw deal.

"You've got to remember that the airport was here before the homes were," Priester said. "They [homeowners] will not be able to get a better offer if they put their homes on the market."

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Wheeling's top cop

By Rose McMills

Wheeling Police Chief Michael Haeger's first day as a police officer was a memorable one.

A raw recruit of 22, he reported for work at headquarters in Leavenworth, Kan., at 5:45 a.m. and was out at a stabbing at 6:10 in his brand-new uniform with a revolver strapped to his side. He had received no police training and had never before fired a handgun.

"That's almost unheard of today," Haeger says, "but I think it was typical of the times. We were just coming out of the '68 riots at the Democratic convention in Chicago, and the whole United States was in turmoil."

"That was when the demand really picked up for increasing the training of law enforcement officers, encouraging them to attend college, encouraging communities to hire only the most qualified people. A lot of people weren't doing it yet."

Haeger's interest in law enforcement began when he was growing up in the Aurora/Naper-ville area. "I was exposed to almost father-type policemen. They really looked out for kids, and you always knew you could call them if you ever got in trouble and you'd get a fair shake."

After college, he answered an ad for police officers because with a bachelor's degree in sociology he couldn't find a job.

"I think what made the biggest impression on me that first day on the force was to have a handgun on your side and to realize the capability that you had. In one day to go from just a civilian to the very next day having the power to take a person's life. That's an awesome responsibility for a 22-year-old."

Haeger wasted no time in getting the needed training. Two months later, he started formal police training and after 18 months with the Leavenworth Police Department moved to Woodridge to assume duties first as a patrol officer and later as deputy chief, and to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago to get a master's degree in law enforcement. After 10 years in

Woodridge, he was picked out of 150 applicants to be chief of police in Wheeling.

In three short years, he has developed quite a feel for Wheeling and the role of the police department there.

"Wheeling was established in 1894 and is an old industrial community; it's a blue-collar community to a certain extent, although it's changing its image. We take on a role at night of almost a night watchman for the industries, of which we probably have 400 to 500."

In addition, Haeger's department has problems associated with "Restaurant Row," a section of Milwaukee Avenue lined with restaurants ranging from haute cuisine French to the good old Western bar.

"A couple of them are very popular night spots in the north-west suburbs; one of them even has a 4 a.m. liquor license. People sometimes get liquored up and don't get along. This also contributes to our accident rate and the number of DUIs [driving under the influence]."

On the other hand, Haeger calls Wheeling "a unique community. There are some older, established sections where you have blue-collar workers, and that makes the inner core of this community very stable. There is less crime here than in Woodridge. I was surprised coming from that town to this with relatively the same size population, this with a large commercial, industrial base. I expected to find a higher crime rate, and it wasn't here."

"In fact, I feel safer letting my children walk to the store in this community than I did in Woodridge. I don't really have any reason that I can put my finger on. It may be the work ethic, the social ethics that people have here, the respect for each other."

"We almost have pockets of different people throughout the community. There is a very substantial Jewish population on the west end in the newer sections. Now we're starting to develop new single-family areas with larger, more expensive homes right down the middle on the

Job becomes a vocation

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population between 20,000 and 30,000, says McCann—an enviable situation that he acknowledges was inherited from his predecessor, Chief Harry Walsh.

"A couple of factors account for the low rate," McCann says. "The nature of the community is one, the police department is the other. We're highly visible and very active. We make a lot of traffic stops [of suspicious vehicles]. A number of people we've apprehended this way have said they were told [by other criminals] not to come to this town—to watch out—that they'd be stopped."

The department's 5.8-square-mile service area is patrolled by 11 squad cars, at least 4 of which are always on the road, McCann explains.

There is one crime statistic that McCann is especially proud of—the number of drunken driver arrests each year has jumped since he has been chief—547 last year, versus 320 in 1982. McCann, however, is quick to give his men credit.

"We tend to work collectively here. I don't say do it this way—I work closely with both command staff and patrol officers. The individual officers here all agree that the largest potential hazard to residents in this community is drunk drivers. We haven't had a fatal accident [due to drunken driving] in a number of years because of our focus."

"Aggressively making arrests is only half the push," he adds. "We follow through in the courts, getting them off the street."

By prosecuting locally under municipal codes, "we get a lot of

At Wheeling, education is social plus academic

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as a society taken on the responsibility of educating all the people.

"We do have the mandate, and happen to believe in the mandate. I'd like our teachers to be sensitive and adapt appropriately. I'm not interested in bouncing kids out of here. We have an overriding concern for the kids."

Shirley named some of the activities he likes at Wheeling, such as the madrigal singers, the girls' state cross country track, and the music program. He says the track team has been state champions for the last three years, and that for years, Wheeling has been a marching band powerhouse. In 1982, the band captured the state grand

championship. This year's band recently returned from Ireland, where they performed in Dublin's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Expansion of the two-story brick Wheeling High School is not likely. Shirley cited declining enrollment as the reason. The student body of 1,850 may shrink by at least 20 students next year.

Tom Hansen, director of student services at Wheeling, echoed Shirley's concept of the complete student.

"Wheeling has a very diverse student body," he says. "And because of that diversity, we have to provide a variety of activities."

Hansen pointed to a linguistics program at Wheeling that tutors

students whose primary language is not English. The program serves more than 100 students from Hersey High School in Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove High School in Buffalo Grove and Prospect High School in Mt. Prospect as well as Wheeling, according to Hansen.

"It affords students a firm base because some of them are in American high schools for the first time. It's very important for their development and acclimation to society."

Hansen also mentioned the Educable Mentally Impaired Program, educational courses tailored to about 38 mentally handicapped students who are bused to Wheeling. In addition to the courses, these students are given help in job placement and

transitional living.

"The idea," Hansen says, "is gainful employment where they can be self-reliant. Having these kinds of students in the building provides all of us with a perspective on accepting other people."

The head of the Physical Education Department at Wheeling has seen an opening up, a blossoming, of the school in his years there:

"I'd say the school is much better than it was, say, 5 to 10 years ago," says Jim Nagel, who has been at Wheeling for 13 years. "I think they're getting a much better education today. It's partially due to colleges that seem to be demanding more complete individuals, rather than only the academic types."

Buffalo Grove High has 'something for everyone'

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all as elective, courses."

She says, however, that Buffalo Grove must be flexible for the percent opting for technical or vocational schools after high school. Shop instructors and industrial arts teachers are trying to meet that need, according to Larson.

"Conceivably, a student can come here with a marketable skill, and he can look for employment in those fields," Larson says.

Janet Reed, director of student services, says that Buffalo Grove offers numerous co-curricular activities.

"There is pretty much something for everyone if there is the interest for it," she says, pointing to such opportunities as theater, debate, athletics, music and computer clubs. "All the programs are well supported in the student body and in the community."

"There is an emphasis on trying to get the students to

reach their potential. We try to show the kids how to grow academically, emotionally and in skills."

Reed says one highlight of the extra offerings at Buffalo Grove is a peer counseling program. She explained that juniors and seniors are selected to act as counselors for high school and junior high school students. The program, which began in 1982, comprises 25 student counselors.

"It promotes a feeling that students care about each other,"

she says. "Sometimes they can't, or don't, go to an older person. But they can approach a peer."

Allan Blatter is one such peer counselor. The 17-year-old senior, who plans to go to San Diego State University for computer engineering, says peer counseling is enjoyable and fulfilling.

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Church's roots were withering—until Father Duffy

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pastor with new opportunities—for community involvement.

"Father Duffy was instrumental in working on the expansion of Lake-Cook Road back in the early 1970s. He was quite an outspoken advocate," says Village Manager William Balling. "He has a very strong commitment to the community and is well-respected. He likes to do things right."

At the time, Lake-Cook Road stopped from the east at Milwaukee Avenue and then continued briefly between Raupp and Arlington Heights Roads. St.

Mary's, at Lake-Cook and Buffalo Grove Roads, had to give up 2.2 acres for the roadway, but the pastor considered it a necessary sacrifice to make the area accessible and to permit growth.

Known as a "regular" at meetings on the road expansion and other matters of development in the last decade, Father Duffy now seldom has time for outside involvement. The number of families at St. Mary's has jumped to 3,200 from 1,400 in 1969. School enrollment has climbed to 930 students, with 105 registered to start kindergarten next fall, making it the second largest school in the Catholic

Archdiocese of Chicago.

In anticipation of such growth, a \$1.5 million capital improvement package was completed in 1980, highlighted by a modern, semicircular addition to the old, ornate church.

"Our plan was to keep the two cultures and architectural styles very distinct, yet combined at the altar," Father Duffy explains. The back wall of the original sanctuary was cut away and now opens into the 1,150-seat addition, where the elaborately carved altar is preserved as a shrine.

The building program also included the remodeling of an 850-

seat chapel in the school for use as four classrooms, a library, a learning center and a computer room. A parish activities center also was built with a gymnasium-auditorium, meeting rooms and a music center.

The pastor's success results from hard work, observes Rev. Kenneth Kiepora, an associate pastor at St. Mary's for three years. "He doesn't really ever take a full day off. He's very committed to the place and the people," Father Kiepora says. "I find him very open, supportive and easy to get along with."

Meeting people is what Father Duffy says he likes best about

being a priest, as well as the satisfaction of helping people, which led to his vocation. He grew up on Chicago's West Side in St. Angela Catholic Church, where his family was very active.

"I've been blessed in my priesthood in being able to help people with their goals in life," he says. "So any community activities I've been involved in flow from my role as a priest, my commitment to the total person."

"He's a very active and dynamic man," says Father Kiepora. "I don't think he knows how to slow down."

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Village flags rich in symbols

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contest sponsored by the Jaycees. On June 5, 1972, his drawing, symbolizing the town's development, became the first Wheeling flag.

Van Loon's drawing was selected in a contest that involved about 750 elementary and high school students. Then a 10th grader, he was awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

At the time, he had no formal art training, "but I learned a lot from my father, who is a graphic designer," he says.

"When I designed the flag, I researched the history of the town and found that the major area of development was around Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee

Road. That's where the town began.

"On the flag, the white cross lying on its side symbolizes those roads, the green background represents ecology and the blue lines are the Des Plaines River and a creek that, as kids, we knew as Buffalo Creek." Contest rules required that the black and yellow Wheeling village emblem be in the design.

Van Loon graduated from Northern Illinois University in December with a bachelor's degree in graphic arts technology.

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By Nancy Seeger

The flags of Buffalo Grove and Wheeling, designed by residents, symbolize local history and tradition.

"It's a neat feeling to see it around town, and I have a special feeling of pride for this flag," says Joan Kuffel, designer of the Village of Buffalo Grove flag. Kuffel, a nurse in Mt. Prospect's River Trails School District 26, likes to draw, and in 1963, she entered the flag design contest just for fun.

Though Buffalo Grove was incorporated in 1958, it had no flag until 1963. Kuffel's drawing, selected from more than 100 entries, was chosen during a village board-sponsored contest open to all residents.

"The winner was chosen from the five finalists who had been selected by the village board," Kuffel says. "The final vote was taken by ballot at the Buffalo Grove Family Days in 1963. I wasn't even there the night they voted, and I was really surprised to learn that my design had been chosen for the flag." Her prize was a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

In her design, the buffalo represents strength, the green leaves the wilderness from which the village grew and the gold stripes symbolize the future. The buffalo and leaves image also is used on village stationery.

The flag is flown at Village Hall, 50 Raupp Blvd.; at fire stations at 505 W. Dundee and 109 E. Busch Roads; at the golf course at 48 Raupp Blvd.; at Ranch Mart Shopping Center, Dundee and Buffalo Grove Roads; and at Executive Environs, an office complex at 1111 Lake Cook Rd.

The Buffalo Grove High School Marching Band color guard carries the flag during performances. In October, 1975, they greeted astronauts Donald Slayton and Vance Brand at O'Hare International Airport. In 1976, they performed for President and Mrs. Ford at the high school during a campaign



Tribune photos by John Bartley

The Buffalo Grove village flag was designed by Joan Kuffel in 1963. Dan Van Loon was a 10th grader when his design for Wheeling's flag beat out 750 other entries in 1972.



stop. During the Buffalo Grove Family Days parade, the American Legion group carries the flag.

The pride felt by Dan Van Loon for the Village of Wheeling flag is similar to that of Kuffel. Former resident Van Loon designed the flag in a 1972

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Village goes on parade for Labor Day festival

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huge barrels.

"The brigade should get a good response because it has been canceled two out of the last three years because of water shortages," Preusker says.

Later in the day, residents are invited to partake in a similar series of contests, or they may take in the sights and smells of the sidewalk sale and food tent. Family Days also will offer a petting zoo, and, with luck, a carnival and amusement rides—the committee is trying to arrange for one to participate this year.

The festivities wind down after a night of free entertainment of music and "Texas two-step" lessons and resume at 7 a.m. Sunday with a 10-kilometer run followed by a pancake breakfast. The parade, beginning at 1 p.m., draws the biggest crowd of the weekend and will consist of about 120 entrants this year, Walker says.

"We've had just about everyone in the parade over the years," he says. "The people are all very cooperative. They come from all over the village because almost everybody knows someone in the parade."

The parade draws participants from outside Buffalo Grove, par-

ticularly residents of Wheeling.

"It's like a big village party," Walker says. "Even though we live in different towns, we're still the same group. People sit in each other's yards and along the curbs—the flavor has been maintained."

Planning a parade, even in a small village like Buffalo Grove, demands much more work than appears, Walker says. This is the second year he has planned the event, and he is looking to attract some military bands and other professional units. The Chicago Royal Scots, a band of bagpipers, will be marching down the streets of Buffalo Grove this year with several high school bands and local politicians. Prizes will be awarded to the most creatively decorated bicycle.

Organizing the parade, watching it develop into a successful event and working with the committee fosters his sense of community, Walker says. And as soon as the parade begins, he is the first to breathe a sigh of relief.

"It's a zoo right up until the last minute," he says. "But once the parade starts, my work is over, and I get to just sit back and enjoy the rest of the afternoon."

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