

Tax hike sought to rehab legendary country club

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Mae West came here, and Al Capone.

A secret tunnel used to run from the basement out underneath the 18th green of the golf course—what exactly for, no one these days can say, though bad guys hiding from G-men is theorized.

It is hardly a typical suburban park district facility.

But the 77-year-old Chevy Chase Country Club—with its mysterious secret rooms and grand ballroom—has been owned by the Wheeling Park District for 20 years. And officials there, in one of the more unusual tax-increase referendums on the ballot April 1, say they need more than \$3 million to renovate the tudor-style clubhouse and bring it into compliance with federal requirements for access to the handicapped.

Northwest suburban Wheeling is looking to its past, hoping to save a reminder that Milwaukee Avenue north of Lake-Cook Road once was “out in the country” and that Chevy Chase once was a playground for celebrities, mobsters and North Shore socialites.

“If these walls could talk, imagine what they’ve seen,” said Laurel Anderson, chairman of the Friends of Chevy Chase, a group fighting to pass the tax increase.

“It’s a piece of history without which Wheeling doesn’t have much character,” said Darlene Brill, another backer of the referendum.

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Even though taxpayers are being asked to pay an extra \$20 a year—the typical impact on an average Wheeling house of the proposed 7-cent increase in the park district’s tax rate—officials say the clubhouse is

very much a going enterprise.

The ballroom seats 600 and is rented out for weddings and other occasions. Area businesses use smaller rooms for conference space and more intimate social occasions.

But the most regular users are the several hundred ballroom dancing enthusiasts who dance away every Wednesday night and the country dancing lovers who show up Monday and Tuesday nights.

Park district director Karop Bavougian



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Darlene Brill, a supporter of the tax-hike referendum, stands in front of Wheeling's Chevy Chase Country Club.

Gardens, with the first phase built in 1920 by members of the Knights of Columbus, who also built the 18-hole golf course on the 125-acre site. The name was changed to Windsor in 1934, when the property was taken over by a real estate company.

The facility was taken over in 1936 by Tom Williams, the reputed gambling boss of Lake County, who renamed it the Bon Aire. It became a gambling emporium. This might explain why “storage” rooms in the basement have 6-inch-thick doors, some made of solid iron. Bavougian also pointed to what is now a ventilation grill high up on one wall. Behind it, he said, is a small room believed to have been used to monitor the gambling floor.

Even the aging maple dance floor speaks of the heyday of the place as a society meeting spot. It includes a round section that Bavougian said once rose above the rest of the floor via a hydraulic system.

The park district, which runs the golf course and the clubhouse, bought the property in 1977.

“It’s a treasure,” Anderson said. “We have to save it.”

said the facility, which includes a lounge and snack bar for golfers, pays for itself, typically showing a profit of about \$125,000 a year. But he said that is not enough to pay for the work that needs to be done.

Bavougian said windows and wiring need to be replaced, as does the heating and air conditioning system.

The place used to be called Columbian

Buffalo Grove forcibly annexes golf club

By Kate Gibson

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In a move that was foreshadowed for years, Buffalo Grove officials have annexed one of the Wheeling Park District's more prized possessions, the Chevy Chase Country Club.

Jan Buchs, executive director of the Wheeling Park District, said the board was "very surprised" to learn that Buffalo Grove had forcibly annexed the country club and one-third of its golf course.

"We're reeling with this," Buchs said Friday of the action taken Monday night by the Buffalo Grove Village Board.

With forced annexations limited by state law to 60 acres or less, Buffalo Grove appropriated just over 57 acres. The land encompasses 79 residences and three commercial prop-

erties, including the Wheeling Park District's banquet facility and golf shop. Those commercial properties—and the sales tax they generate—were the driving force behind the annexation.

"There is a financial incentive for us to have pursued this," said Ghida Neukirch, Buffalo Grove's assistant village manager. Buffalo Grove expects to gain about \$150,000 in annual sales tax revenue that Lake County had been getting.

For those using the country club, the sales tax will rise 0.5 percent now and another 0.5 percent starting July 1.

While the action caught the Wheeling Park District off guard, the move has been long in coming.

"This property has been on our comprehensive plan since 1973," part of an effort to fill

out village borders, Neukirch said.

The Park District bought the golf course in 1977. The Village of Wheeling, having no land contiguous to the country club, could not annex it, officials said.

Buffalo Grove had made repeated overtures to the Park District, offering financial incentives to pave the way for a voluntary annexation. But the district in June sent word that it was not interested, Neukirch said.

The Park District Board wanted to maintain a separate identity, especially for a facility that is a "source of pride for Wheeling," Buchs said. "Some things you can't put a price on."

Under the annexation, the mailing address for the country club will now be Buffalo Grove.

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Traditions course a finalist for honors

Golf, Inc. has named the Traditions at Chevy Chase Golf Course as one of 10 finalists for its Renovation of the Year honors for 2004.

The contest, conducted by the nation's leading publication for course owners, developers and general managers, is designed to highlight the country's most noteworthy renovations of the past year.

Traditions at Chevy Chase reopened last summer after the renovation project closed the course for more than a year. The renovations were designed by Lohmann Golf Designs and completed by the Bruce Company. The changes cost the Wheeling Park District about \$2 million.

Courses were selected in two categories: private clubs and daily fee/municipal facilities. Traditions was nominated in the daily fee/municipal category, where it will compete for the honors against courses in Florida and California.

The award will be announced at the Golf, Inc. Conference and Show awards dinner held March 24 in Las Vegas.

Good morning

Few from the 'I can't dance' generation still resist ballroom blitz

Once again, a coalition led by senior citizens has waged a successful battle to bring Wednesday night ballroom dancing to the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling.

There is nothing inherently column-worthy about the 8 p.m. April 28 dance that kicks off the once-a-month program. A 10-piece orchestra, a \$12 per person cost, 30 minutes of instruction — you can call Chevy Chase's Tom Dressler at (847) 465-2308 for details.

But the event sparks feelings of jealousy in me.

"When are you going to bring it back? When are you going to bring it back?" Dressler says, imitating the ballroom fanatics who "badgered" him with "their craving, their lust for ballroom dancing."

Their zeal is contagious.

"I'm thrilled for those people,"



Burt Constable

says 65-year-old dancer Laurel Anderson of Wheeling. "There's a romance to ballroom dancing — even if you aren't in love with the person you are dancing with."

I envy her generation's passion for the dances of their youth.

It is difficult to imagine a day in 2026 when my g-g-g-generation would rally to re-enact our

says Dressler, who is in charge of food and beverage for Chevy Chase. "Put them on the dance floor, and they look like they are 19 years old."

"How can you put it?"

"Stairway to Heaven" prom of 1976. We came of age in a dance-less era — too late for those sock hops with "The Twist" and "The Watusi," and too early (or at least too rockin') to surrender our boogie nights to the "Saturday Night Fever" disco craze.

As a result, our slow-dance skills consisted of leaning on partners and awkwardly rocking from foot to foot, waiting for the music to end.

By the time Led Zeppelin got to the "If there's a bustle in your hedgerow" lyric, we suffered from repetitive movement disorder.

On upbeat numbers, everyone danced alone, shunning all human contact. All that separated our "dancing" from seizures were the rhythmic head bobs of the girls and the "air

guitar" solos from the boys.

We did, however, fully appreciate the irony of dancing to Leo Sayer's "Long Tall Glasses" ("with wine up to yar") while singing lyrics confessing, "You know I can't dance. You know I can't dance."

Indeed, the closest anyone from my generation got to ballroom dancing was singing along with Sweet: "And the girl in the corner said, 'Boy, I wanna warn ya, it'll turn into a ballroom blitz — ballroom blitz.'" (Add guitar licks, repeat.)

For all its grace and style, ballroom dance has run roughshod over other dance forms.

"The ballroom dances at our conventions are the most popular," says Colleen Dean, program director for the National Dance Association, part of the American Alliance for Health,

Physical Education, Recreation & Dance.

While your "folk dance" and the suitably designated "square dance" have carved out niches, ballroom dance has expanded since its glory days. It has become an athletic competition worthy of Olympic consideration, as well as an exercise at senior centers. It has swallowed up the "sock hop" dances and embraced disco's remnants.

But what about the folks in between?

"With the generation of the 1970s, it's a little different. But there are more people from the '70s doing ballroom dancing," Dean says.

"Hollywood and Madison Avenue tell us it's cool again," says Ken Richards, director of publicity and promotion for the United States Amateur Ballroom

Dancers Association (on-line at www.usabda.org). Movies, TV shows and commercials make ballroom dancing seem like the thing to do.

As my generation matures, we find ourselves in social settings more sophisticated than our proms, notes Richards, who is 43. Black-tie parties, charity balls, cruises, bar mitzvahs, weddings and reunions all feature music and dancing.

"It's not 'Stairway to Heaven,'" Richards notes. "And the expectation is that this crowd needs to know how to dance to it."

No generation is immune to the lure of the ballroom sirens. "Are the people with the body piercings and tattoos going to be ballroom dancing when they are 60 years old?" Richards ponders. "I sure hope so."

Buffalo Grove annexes land along Milwaukee

BY STEVE ZALUSKY
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Buffalo Grove continues to mine the rich vein of sales tax revenue known as the Milwaukee Avenue corridor.

On Monday, it annexed 57 acres just north of Lake-Cook Road, yielding in the process a particularly choice nugget, a portion of the Wheeling Park District's Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

It is an area the village has been gradually surrounding and annexing. Over the past year, the village annexed the Weber Grill and Cy's Crab House properties, lavishing both with sales tax rebate agreements.

Before that, the village already had within its boundaries the Riverwalk office complex, soon to be enhanced with an addition to the north.

The latest annexation, approved by the Buffalo Grove village board, should produce an additional \$140,000 to \$150,000 in annual sales tax revenue, Village Manager William Balling said.

"It's important to the financial stability of the village. We're looking for ways to increase and stabilize our sales tax, and this is just one of those ways," said Trustee Jeffrey Braiman.

None of that sales tax revenue

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will be shared with the Wheeling Park District, although Village President Elliott Hartstein said an incentive deal was pitched.

"We had actually approached the Wheeling Park District on multiple occasions over a couple years' period of time and they rejected that outright, saying that they were not interested," Hartstein said.

Most of the land annexed is on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue, bounded at its western extremity by a creek, although some land on the east, including the Chelsea Tavern, was added.

Hartstein said several residents in the area are already served by village sewer and water. Those homes will have the advantage of Buffalo Grove police and fire protection. He said the primary change for them will be receiving fire protection from Buffalo Grove.

"The estimated increase in taxes for most of these residents is slightly over \$100," Hartstein said.

Hartstein said property owners will have an opportunity to comment at a special meeting one week from Wednesday.

Balling said he is sending out about 100 letters to homeowners and businesses.

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part of Buffalo Grove, but not its rejecting a proposal that would have helped their residents financially.

Park districts' borders do not always mirror those of their namesake municipalities, Hartstein said. Some Buffalo Grove residents live in the Wheeling Park District, and many certainly use Wheeling facilities. And while park district commissioners may want to be loyal to Wheeling residents, Hartstein said they also represent taxpayers.

"I would think they would

want to take advantage (of the tax incentive Buffalo Grove offered) to offset some of their expenses," Hartstein said.

Park Board member Cheri Klumpp said the money played no role in the fight to keep Chevy out of Buffalo Grove.

"This goes back to when the park district purchased Chevy Chase in 1977," she said. "It was a big thing then, and we said it is a part of Wheeling. It's what we own."

Buffalo Grove hopes the Park District Board will agree

to voluntarily annex the remainder of the golf course into Buffalo Grove. Klumpp said she believes it's just a matter of time before the rest of the golf course is annexed into Buffalo Grove, but she gave no hint if the Park Board would allow it to be annexed voluntarily.

"(Buffalo Grove officials) have every right to (annex the rest)," she said. "The writing is on the wall."

Managing editor David Kirkpatrick contributed to this report.

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By the Buffalo Grove (Ill.) Village Board from the neighboring Wheeling Park District, more than 57 acres of land and commercial properties, including a golf shop, a banquet facility and parts of Chevy Chase CC. The move, long resisted by the park district, could raise an additional \$150,000 in sales tax revenue for the new owners, according to a report in the Chicago Tribune.

PENDING ...

According to the St. Petersburg Times, a record number of golf carts in the state—1,138. The feat, set on March 15 at the

Hernando County (Fla.) retirement community of Timber Pines, smashes the old

mark (306) set in December at Sun City Center in Hillsborough County. The Sun City carters will hold the title until Guinness Book of World Records officials certify the accomplishment.

ON HOLD ...

As part of a government crackdown on land abuse, golf course construction on farmland in China. The issuance of stop-work orders applies to a number of China's approximately 900 courses, built,



under construction or planned. According to The Straits Times, Land Resources Vice-Minister Shou Jiahua said course-project approvals have been stopped since January. Golf

courses and industrial parks have been singled out as culprits in China's loss of arable land to development. That loss in 2003 was up 50 percent over 2002.

SCHEDULED ...

By Sotheby's for June 10-11, an auction of items from the estate of avid golfer/acting great Katherine Hepburn, including a set of clubs and a motorized cart. The sticks are valued between \$800-\$1,200; the cart \$4,000-\$6,000.

Chevy's future

What's annexed is annexed. It is time now for the Wheeling Park District and the village of Buffalo Grove to move forward with maintaining the quality of Chevy Chase Country Club and its Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

Park district officials can help move things along by agreeing to annex into Buffalo Grove what remains of the golf course in unincorporated Lake County. Buffalo Grove officials were hoping to meet with park district representatives this week to propose the transfer of property, and there is no reason why the park district should refuse.

Park district officials rightfully stood for their principles for the last decade and refused to voluntarily turn over the property. But fighting annexation of the remainder of Chevy Chase would be a waste of time and energy. The fight is over.

Buffalo Grove forcibly annexed the guts of Chevy Chase last week, when Village Board members voted to incorporate the country club, golf operations and a portion of the course into their borders.

By doing so, they paid the village's coffers by an estimated \$140,000 to \$150,000 a year in sales tax revenues. They also will have zoning and planning control over any development on the property if and when the park district ever decides to sell.

Such a possibility is remote. Park district officials have every intention to continue operating what is a quality country club, banquet facility and golf course. They believe they owe that to Wheeling Park District residents, who voted in 1997 to pay for a substantial renovation of the country club. They also owe it to the golfers who have faithfully returned to the course after extensive improvements were completed just last year.

Buffalo Grove village officials need to recognize that commitment by doing all they can to ensure that Chevy Chase stays viable. They need to help the park district market the facility while not interfering with its successful operation.

Buffalo Grove has at times had a rocky relationship with the Buffalo Grove Park District over development and operation of its parks, and we hope no such strain ever enters into the picture over Chevy Chase.

Wheeling residents may be understandably upset over "losing" Chevy Chase to a neighboring municipality. But they also need to understand that Buffalo Grove didn't annex Chevy to see it fail. They are committed to seeing one of the gems of the Wheeling Park District thrive.

But Buffalo Grove officials need to recognize that their actions have affected others, on a somewhat personal level. What is a business decision to them resulted in a significantly personal feeling of loss to the park district and its residents.

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Chasing Chevy

Park district knew club was vulnerable, but officials refused to cave in

By KIMBERLY FORNEK
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Wheeling officials had more than one chance to annex the Chevy Chase country club before Buffalo Grove forcibly grabbed a portion of the property last week.

And while Buffalo Grove officials say they tried to avoid an involuntary annexation, they were not about to wait any longer.

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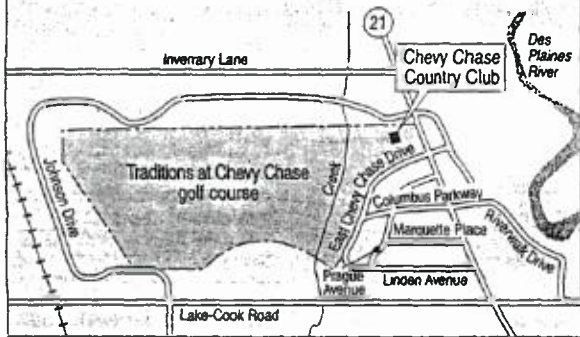
The Wheeling Park District, which owns Chevy Chase, knew at least 10 years ago that Buffalo Grove wanted the banquet facility and golf course to take advantage of the sales taxes they generate and to solidify its borders along Milwaukee Avenue. Park district officials refused to give up the property, even after Buffalo Grove offered a rebate on the sales tax the facility generates.

When the two sides "hit that roadblock" most recently in June 2002, Assistant Village Manager Ghida Neukirch said, members of the village staff knew they had to find another way to accomplish the Village Board's goal of annexing unincorporated properties along Milwaukee Avenue.

They found what they were looking for when a staff member zeroed in on the creek running north and south through the golf course. The creek served as a natural boundary Buffalo Grove could use to split the course into a piece that could be combined with surrounding properties without exceeding the legal maximum for involuntary annexations of 60 acres.

Buffalo Grove's latest addition

The Buffalo Grove Village Board last week annexed the Chevy Chase Country Club, about a third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course, as well as residential and business properties along Milwaukee Avenue. The golf course west of the creek remains in unincorporated Lake County.



"We had pursued all opportunities for voluntary annexation, and this was the next step," Neukirch said.

Now Buffalo Grove has within its borders the Chevy Chase country club and one-third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course. The only portion remaining outside the village's boundaries is another two-thirds of golf course land, which remains in unincorporated Lake County.

And Buffalo Grove will see between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in sales tax revenues generated from the country club and course operations.

Standing firm

Park District President Tom Webber said the park district refused to "sell its soul for a few thousand dollars a year."

"We're very proud of Chevy Chase and its facilities, obviously," said Webber. "As long as we could keep it in Wheeling, that is what we wanted to do. We were not going to do anything on a voluntary basis, no

matter how much they sweetened the pot with sales tax incentives or anything else.

"It gets down to principle. For the dollars involved, it wasn't worth the backlash this community would feel for allowing it to become Buffalo Grove without some resistance. There are people who would never understand us voluntarily annexing into Buffalo Grove and changing that address."

Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Berman said the Village Board "certainly did take into account the apparent desire of the park district to remain unincorporated."

"But weighing that against the interest of our community and our long-term interest in that area and securing our borders, it outweighed the interest of the park district," he said. "We mean no disrespect to them."

Wheeling Village President Greg Klutecki lamented the fact that Wheeling did not annex a small strip of land between Lake-Cook Road and Linden Avenue before Buffalo

Grove did in 1984, allowing that village to get part of Chevy Chase.

"We should've annexed it when we had the chance," he said. "Buffalo Grove got that strip, and we didn't. That's just a statement of fact."

Sheila Schultz, who was village president at the time Buffalo Grove annexed the property, said the village had lengthy conversations with owner William Johnson that lasted more than a year before Johnson announced he was going to Buffalo Grove.

"That strip effectively cut us off," Schultz said. "That was the end of our discussion with them."

Schultz said the village saw the value in annexing the property, but officials also didn't want to rush the process.

"At the time we were talking to the Johnson family, it was a question of whether we wanted to go into another county and how the annexation agreement would be negotiated, and what the owners would agree to for development," she said. "We spent a lot of time on it. I remember stacks of documents. It was a big disappointment he decided to go to Buffalo Grove."

Lessons learned

Buffalo Grove officials are conscious of chances they missed in the past to bring valuable property into the village, said Berman. He listed the Ridge Plaza shopping center in Arlington Heights, the Wal-Mart store in Wheeling, and CityPark, a complex of movie theaters, restaurants and shops in Lincolnshire, as examples.

"Those were opportunities lost when other communities took advantage of unincorporated parcels that the village

was interested in," Berman said.

Before CityPark was built, Berman said Buffalo Grove received a proposal for annexation of the land on the southwest corner of Aptakisic Road and Milwaukee Avenue, the former location of a sand and gravel company. The Plan Commission, of which Berman was a member at the time, visited the property as part of its review.

"We were out there on a Saturday wading in the mud, when Lincolnshire jumped in and grabbed the parcel out from under us," Berman said. "The good news is, what was developed there is available to our residents. The down side is the sales tax goes to Lincolnshire."

The way Buffalo Grove was out-maneuvered demonstrates, "at some point you can't sit passively by," Berman said.

Berman understands the irony of Chevy Chase being in Buffalo Grove while those responsible for its operation live in Wheeling. The taxpayers of the Wheeling Park District also paid for the renovation of the Chevy Chase Country Club, a measure they approved by referendum in 1997.

"We respect all of that," Berman said, "but they could never be part of Wheeling."

The Chevy Chase property is not adjacent to Wheeling at any point and, therefore, could not be annexed into Wheeling.

"I have to balance competing interests, and ultimately the interest of the people of Buffalo Grove is paramount," Berman said.

Buffalo Grove Village President Elliott Hartstein said he can understand the park district's resistance to becoming (Continued on page 11)

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The amount of sales tax that the Village of Buffalo Grove is able to collect should taxable sales remain consistent with 2003 is \$29,325. This differs greatly from what was reported in the papers.

Staff spoke with Ghida Neukirch, Asst. Village Manager to better understand how the Village of Buffalo Grove derived their estimated sales tax revenue. She stated that the estimated sales tax revenue was from the entire area annexed, not just Chevy Chase. Unfortunately for the Wheeling Park District and residents the information was not reported that way.

Staff attempted to meet with the press to clarify the reported information and to emphasize that the Wheeling Park District continues to own and operate the facility. Staff was told that unless there was new news to report, the district's opportunity to make a statement is through an editorial. Staff believes that it is important that the Park Board respond in this manner and will prepare a letter for review prior to Tuesday's Board Meeting.

During the Board Meeting on Tuesday, staff will provide additional information that may become available regarding the ongoing evaluation of annexation. Should you have any questions prior to Tuesday, please give me a call.

Memo

To: Park Board of Commissioners
From: Jan Buchs, Executive Director
Date: April 2, 2004
Re: Chevy Chase Country Club Annexation

Since the annexation of the Chevy Chase Country Club and a portion of Traditions at Chevy Chase as well as the information provided in the press, staff has been fielding numerous phone calls, emails and personal inquiries from residents. Most questions surround the issue of whether or not the park district still owns and operates the facility. The other area of concern comes from statements made in the newspapers regarding sales tax revenue generated as a result of this annexation.

It was reported that "Buffalo Grove will see between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in sales tax revenues generated from the country club and course operations". Based on previous actual taxable gross receipts, Buffalo Grove's estimated amount is incorrect. The table below illustrates the breakdown of sales tax rates, now that the facility is located in the Village of Buffalo Grove. The additional sales tax collected for Buffalo Grove due to the annexation is the column labeled Local.

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Fun things to do this week in the Northwest suburbs

Steve Cooper of the Steve Cooper Orchestra leads musicians during ballroom dancing at the Chevy Chase Country Club ballroom in Wheeling.



'Dancing in the Dark'

Chevy Chase swings once more as ballroom reopens

BY AVIAN CARRASQUILLO
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Ten-piece orchestras are once again belting out renditions of the waltz, the tango, the slow fox trot and the quickstep at Wheeling's Chevy Chase Country Club, as ballroom dancing has returned as a regular event at the country club.

For 17 years, Chevy Chase was a ballroom-dancing hot spot, but dwindling attendance over the years caused the country club to lose money and forced an abrupt end to the dances in 2002.

Dolores Hume, an avid ballroom dancer, was active in the first ballroom resurrection attempt last year.

"I organized a group of dancers to show the park district how many dancers were interested in ballroom dancing. There was a big response, and they worked with us, and we were able to have ballroom dancing for a year," Hume said.

The group rented out the Grand Ballroom at Chevy Chase, but eventually ran into the same financial problems as prior management had, and after about six months into 2003, the dance hall fell silent once again.

Tom Dressler, food and beverage manager for Chevy Chase Country Club, also missed the dances. So when the country club got a new general manager last year, Dressler proposed reinstating ballroom dancing. The general manager approved, and



PHOTOS BY DANIEL WHITE/DAILY HERALD

Ballroom dance instructors Tom and Aggie DeBartolo do the tango during ballroom dancing at the Chevy Chase Country Club Grand Ballroom in Wheeling.

the monthly dances resumed last month.

Dressler, who is admittedly not a ballroom dancer, said his enjoyment comes from watching some of the seniors dance.

"For a night, they forget they're senior citizens. You should see them dance. They look like a bunch of 20-year-olds out there," Dressler said.

Hume was thrilled to be able to lace up her dancing shoes again.

"There are other places to

dance, but none like Chevy Chase. It's closer, safer than in the city, and there's ample parking," she said.

Hume estimated that around 250 people attended last month's dance.

"Everyone was very happy. I had the same luxurious feeling that I had before. It was something I had been looking forward to for a while. When

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If you go

What: Ballroom dancing

When: 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month this summer and fall

Where: Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling

Admission: \$12 at the door

Info: (847) 537-0082

Dancing: Younger crowds needed

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word got out, it spread quickly," Hume said.

Barbara Finn, president of the Chicago chapter of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancing Association, said that members from the chapter are all talking about Chevy Chase.

"We were sad when it closed the last time. It was always a great place to dance. Now that it has reopened, I'm sure our members will participate," Finn

said.

Dressler said that a key to keeping the dances going will be attracting younger crowds, which Dressler saw signs of at the first dance.

Finn said the revival of interest in ballroom dancing stems from the abundance of classes and clubs at the college level. Finn said the USBDA currently has ballroom dancing clubs established at the University of Chicago and at Roosevelt University's Chicago and

Schaumburg campuses.

The ballroom dances will continue once a month until winter, when most dancers head south to Florida, Dressler said. Then the dances will begin again in the spring.

The dances begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 11:30 p.m. and are preceded by dancing lessons at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door.

This year's dances are scheduled for June 16, July 21, August 25, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Oct. 31.

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Wheeling pulls together to battle flooding

With flooding from the Des Plaines River forcing the evacuation of residents from Fox Point mobile home park, Wheeling as a community sprung into action to help.

From the firefighters and police officers who went door-to-door warning residents, to the friends and family members who helped those in need of shelter or food, to the park district that offered refuge to those forced out by the flooding, to the village staff that aided in the coordination of relief efforts and sandbagging, Wheeling proved to be a close community.

This also was the case when it came time to help Trustee Trevor Lehmann, as he fights ALS. Hundreds turned out for the benefit in his honor, donating what they could to support a friend.



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SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2004

Park to fight annexation:

The Wheeling Park District released a statement Friday saying it will attempt to reverse Buffalo Grove's annexation of a portion of the Chevy Chase golf course and country club. The village of Buffalo Grove annexed the land March 15, but the Wheeling Park District will try to have it returned to unincorporated Lake County, saying that is in the best interests of the park district and its residents. The statement also said the Wheeling Park District's legal counsel will prepare and file legal proceedings in Lake County Circuit Court.

WHEELING COUNTRYSIDE — May 27, 2004

Park officials want to wrest club from Buffalo Grove

BY CASEY MOFFITT**STAFF WRITER**

The battle for Chevy Chase Country Club is not over yet.

The Wheeling Park Board came out of a special executive session meeting May 20 and formally agreed to work toward disconnecting the country club from Buffalo Grove and put it back into unincorporated Lake County. The Buffalo Grove Village Board elected to annex about one-third of the golf course, including the country club, in March.

Tom Webber, Park Board president, said the board's attorney is expected to file the disconnection papers with Lake County Circuit Court within a matter of weeks.

"We owe it to the community to make the attempt," he said. "Nobody likes to spend money on things like this, but we feel this is the direction we have to take on this."

The Buffalo Grove Village Board elected to forcibly annex a portion of the 125-acre golf course, by using a creek running through the golf course as a natural boundary. It was annexed with 79 other homes near the course, for a total of 58 acres of newly annexed land. A village can only forcibly annex properties totaling 60 acres or less.

Wheeling officials could not annex the Chevy Chase because the village does not share a border with the country club.

Jan Buchs, Wheeling Park District executive director, said the plan is to petition the Buffalo Grove Village Board for disconnection first. If the Village Board does not grant the petition, a disconnection suit would be filed in Lake County Circuit Court.

"We want to continue a dialogue with the Buffalo Grove attorney and trustees for disconnection, as well as prepare a disconnection petition in court," Buchs said. "We're hopeful with the Buffalo Grove Village Board. If they grant the disconnection, it won't have to go any further."

"I am aware their attorney has been talking to our attorney," Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Braiman said Monday. "As far as I know, they have not made a formal request to us."

Over a period of years, Buffalo Grove officials have asked the Wheeling Park District to have Chevy Chase voluntarily annex into Buffalo Grove. And about 10 years ago, the Wheeling Park District requested annexation of a small part of the course to connect the maintenance building with Buffalo Grove's water and sewer system, Braiman said. Buffalo Grove annexed that portion and hoped the remainder of Chevy Chase would voluntarily follow.

Webber said the Park Board's position is that it would rather the country club be affiliated with Wheeling than change to a Buffalo Grove address.

"That has not changed," Webber said after the May 20 meeting.

Although Buffalo Grove offered sales tax incentives to the Wheeling Park District in exchange for the voluntary annexation, Webber said he believed the incentives were not worth the backlash of Wheeling residents.

"The (Park Board) feels strongly that Chevy Chase is a facility of the Wheeling Park District," Buchs said. "Wheeling residents voted to have their taxes raised twice for Chevy Chase."

The first time Wheeling residents passed tax increase referendum for Chevy Chase was in 1977 when the Wheeling Park District first purchased the country club. Wheeling residents also passed a \$2.8 million tax increase referendum in 1997 to renovate the country club.

The park district also spent another \$2 million to renovate the golf course in 2002.

Buchs explained the disconnection petition does not challenge the annexation of Chevy Chase, but rather takes the golf course out of the village. Buchs said it is possible the Park Board will challenge the annexation itself if the disconnection petition does not work.

Staff Writer Kimberly Fornek contributed to this article.

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WHEELING COUNTRYSIDE — June 3, 2004

CARE Team shines in its first real test

BY CASEY MOFFITT

STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center wasn't all fun and games last week, as it served as an emergency shelter for about 25 residents of the Fox Point mobile home park.

The Red Cross provided meals, cots and toiletries to those in the shelter, but it was set up and run by a group of Wheeling volunteers in the Community Assisted Relief Efforts Team. It was the first time the CARE Team needed to be called into action since it was formed in January 2000, said Angela Burrell, social services coordinator for the Wheeling Police Department.

"The CARE Team has drilled forever," Burrell said. "You don't know what it's going to be like until you do it, though."

Volunteers and village emergency workers all agreed that operations at the shelter ran smoothly. The Fox Point residents were evacuated May 25 because of the rising Des Plaines River and had to stay at the center until Saturday.

"It's been more (time than I anticipated)," said George Hieber, who volunteered every day the shelter was open. "Mainly this is for the short term, but it's all worked out."

Ruth Lance also volunteered each day, and she was looking forward to wrapping everything up on Saturday, when the residents were allowed back into their homes.

Despite the long stay, Lance said the residents were thankful for the shelter.

"The people have been very nice," she said. "They've been very polite."

Red Cross policy prohibited the media from speaking with shelter residents.

Tom Pilewski, safe communities coordinator for the Wheeling Police Department, said the CARE Team has about 20 volunteers who wait on standby in case an emergency requires evacuating residents into a shelter.

Their job is to get the shelter prepared, call the Red Cross and tell them what they will need and how many people they are expecting. The team also sets up registration desks, checks in those who have been evacuated and makes sure everything is running smoothly.

"The transition between CARE and the Red Cross has been seamless," Pilewski said.

CARE Team volunteers meet every two months for training and drills. Training is run by the Red Cross, which helped make last week's actual emergency situation run smoothly, Pilewski said.

Pilewski also credited the Wheeling Park District for its efforts in making sure the evacuated residents were made as comfortable as possible. Burrell said the Community Recreation Center was an ideal location for a shelter, because it has shower facilities as well as other amenities to keep children occupied while they stay.

Park district officials opened the pool for the kids and allowed them to play in the gym. The children also

participated in other activities such as arts and crafts.

"This was a wonderful cooperative effort with the park district," Pilewski said. "It's a good working relationship with the village and the park district."

The volunteers also pooled their own money together to make sure one of the evacuated residents could have a nice celebration for her fifth birthday: The volunteers bought a birthday cake, party hats, plates and a few gifts for the girl, and threw a little party for her.

Pilewski said the original idea for the CARE Team was to assist senior citizens in cases of such events as large-scale power outages or floods. It was quickly expanded to help with shelter operations for all residents during an emergency.

"We've opened the doors day and night for four or five days, and it's worked out real well," Pilewski said. "These people have done an excellent job."

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Buffalo Grove asked to give up golf course

By Avian Carrasquillo Daily Herald Staff Writer

Posted Friday, June 04, 2004

The tug of war for the Chevy Chase Country Club continues between the village of Buffalo Grove and the **Wheeling** Park District.

Jan Buchs, executive director of the **Wheeling** Park District, said the park district will petition Buffalo Grove as early as next week for an ordinance allowing the park district to disconnect the one-third of the country club and golf course that was annexed by the Buffalo Grove village board March 15.

In addition to the petition, the **Wheeling** Park District - as a precautionary measure if the ordinance is not passed - has its lawyer preparing to take the issue to Lake County circuit court.

Because the village of **Wheeling** does not border the country club property, that village cannot annex it. However, if that portion was put back into unincorporated Lake County, which the petition seeks, the country club would retain a **Wheeling** address.

A total of 58 acres of the country club and the golf course were annexed by the Buffalo Grove village board.

Buchs said the petition was motivated by residents who told the park board they were dissatisfied with the annexation.

"The country club is seen as a cornerstone for **Wheeling**," she said.

"With all due respect to Buffalo Grove, our residents agreed to tax increases for Chevy Chase. Our hope is that we can get Buffalo Grove to pass an ordinance to allow us to disconnect so that we can see a peaceful end to this," Buchs said.

Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling said he was aware of the **Wheeling** Park District's plans through Buchs and that he and the village board are willing to sit down and discuss the issue at length.

"We tried to annex the country club voluntarily," he said. "Chevy Chase has been in the Buffalo Grove master plan for a few decades."

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"Now we're in the process of realigning districts and borders and Chevy Chase is a part of that plan. I think it comes down to an issue of competing interests," Balling said.

Balling told the Daily Herald in March that the annexation could generate about \$140,000 to \$150,000 a year in sales tax for Buffalo Grove, none of which would be shared with the **Wheeling** Park District.

Prior to the annexation, that sales tax revenue went to Lake County.

Buffalo Grove Village Trustee Jeff Braiman said Buffalo Grove has made countless efforts over the years to work out some kind of deal with the park district, including offering a share of the sales tax collected and other tax incentives. But maybe a new deal could end the issue for good, he said.

"My hope is that we can sit down and come to some sort of agreement and let them know they're welcome in Buffalo Grove," Braiman said.

Clarification

4-8-04

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4-8-04

Board responds to annexation story

Wheeling/The March 25 edition of the **Countryside** reported on the recent forcible annexation by the village of Buffalo Grove of the Wheeling Park District's Chevy Chase country club and a portion of Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

The Wheeling Park District Board of Commissioners would like to respond to statements made regarding the anticipated amount of sales tax to be generated by this annexation.

The article reported that "Buffalo Grove will see between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in sales tax revenues generated from the country club and course operations." The Park Board is puzzled by this statement since the operation has never collected that amount in total sales tax revenue.

The village of Buffalo Grove will receive 1.5 percent of the total 7 percent sales tax collected. Based on prior years of taxable receipts and sales taxes collected, 1.5 percent would generate approximately \$29,000 for the village of Buffalo Grove. This differs greatly from what was reported.

The Park Board also wishes to confirm that the village of Buffalo Grove did in previous years request the Park Board to voluntarily annex this property into Buffalo Grove. The request also included an offer by Buffalo Grove, contingent upon the voluntary annexation, to enter into a sales tax-sharing agreement. This tax-sharing agreement would rebate a portion of the taxes collected back to the park district.

Specifically, the offer was one-half of 1 percent of the village's home rule sales tax rate from all sales generated at the property. Based on previous taxable sales, the rebate would have provided the park district a minimal amount of revenue.

The most compelling reason voluntary annexation was rejected is that it remains important to the Wheeling Park District and its residents that Chevy Chase country club retain a Wheeling address. Chevy Chase is a facility of the Wheeling Park District and is a source of great pride within the Wheeling community.

Rejecting previous annexation offers was a responsibility that the Wheeling Park District Board had to its residents in order to protect and maintain the identity of this community gem. The Wheeling Park District Board of

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Commissioners, just as the village of Buffalo Grove's Village Board, had to determine what it believed to be in the best interests of its residents. The Wheeling Park District's choice was community pride over a proposed minimal annual sales tax rebate.

The Wheeling Park District maintains that there are some things you just can't put a price on.

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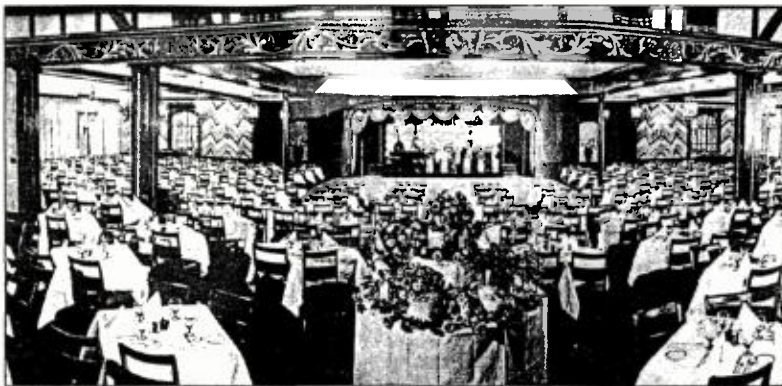
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The ballroom at Chevy Chase Country Club, shown in a different era, will come alive Wednesday with dancers three years after the club stopped hosting dances.

Not ready for a last dance

Chevy Chase Country Club will reopen its doors to ballroom dancers who are determined to take the floor and have fun

By Colleen Mastony
Tribune staff reporter

Ed Ponder, 82, remembers Chicago's ballrooms of yesteryear, places with shining dance floors and sparkling chandeliers that drew crowds, places where he spun young women in chiffon dresses to the music of tuxedo-clad big-band orchestras.

The ballrooms are dark now. Most have been converted or demolished. Ponder and others like him who continue to dance do so in the dusty basements of VFW halls and Elks lodges.

But on Wednesday, the Grand Ballroom at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling will reopen to ballroom dancing after a three-year hiatus, bringing back a

bit of a bygone era and bucking a trend that for decades has seen ballrooms across the country shut their doors.

A small group has spent the time since the music stopped at Chevy Chase lobbying for the return of dancing at the club, saying the ballroom gave men and women one of the few chances to don their finest suits and dresses and, in the elegance of a real ballroom, glide to the music of Frank Sinatra or the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra.

'We can dress up and feel like youthful teenagers. It was just like prom night.'

—Evelyn Ekstrom of Skokie

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004

Golf award

Traditions at Chevy Chase in Wheeling won Golf Inc. Magazine's inaugural Renovation of the Year competition, edging Grande Pines Golf Club in Orlando, Fla., which is owned by Marriott Vacation Club.

The judges evaluated entries on achieving the project goal, whether aesthetics were improved, whether course playability was improved and whether the course's maintainability was improved.

Chevy Chase will be featured in the June issue of Golf Inc.

Don Faley gets the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling ready for Wednesday's return of ballroom dancing. The club was built in the 1930s and reportedly used by Al Capone's gang.



Tribune photo by Jim Prisching

BALLROOM: Dances still must break even

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The Wheeling Park District-owned golf club ran the weekly dances for 17 years before discontinuing them, and many of them said it was the dancing at Chevy Chase that first got them back into the social whirl after the death of a spouse.

"It is a lonely place out there when someone loses a mate," said Ponder, president of the Spares, a singles group for seniors. "There is something about getting dressed up and going out that gets people's minds off of things."

"We can dress up and feel like youthful teenagers," said Evelyn Ekstrom, a Skokie resident who became a regular at Chevy Chase after her husband died. "It was just like prom night."

Chevy Chase is one of two ballrooms still open for dancing in the Chicago area. The other is Willowbrook Ballroom in Willow Springs.

An elderly client base shrinks every year—some pass away, others stop driving—as the costs of heating and air conditioning the large spaces continue to rise.

People who frequent the dance halls are often unwilling to pay more than \$10 at the door, and once inside, they don't spend much money at the bar, said Ken Richards, director of publicity for the U.S. Amateur

Ballroom Dancers Association.

As the old ballrooms have closed, dancers have moved to small dance studios and nightclubs.

Ponder, who came to Chicago in 1937 and lives in Gurnee, can tick off the names of the ballrooms as if he had just been dancing the night before:

"There was the Aragon; the Trianon on the South Side; Melody Mills in the western suburbs; the ballroom in the Edgewater Beach Hotel; the Wilshire at Wilson and Lake Shore. Then there was the Paradise Ballroom. That was on Pulaski. And there's some others too."

Some dancers say Chevy Chase, 1000 N. Milwaukee Rd., was built in the 1930s and operated as a gambling den frequented by members of Al Capone's mob. There was a rumor that a secret passage from the club to a distant golf course was used during Prohibition to foil police raids.

Chevy Chase managers say the ballroom remains just as it was in Capone's day, with a 6,000-square-foot dance floor, wood-paneled walls and antique brass chandeliers. Red velvet curtains frame the stage and candles flicker on linen-covered tables.

The elegance was enough to give Claire Busel of Wheeling a bit of escape after her husband died.

"The women are in evening gowns, and the men are in their best," she said. "I danced there three years. That was the best therapy."

But crowds dwindled, and when attendance dropped below 100 in 2001, down from nearly 400 in the 1980s, Chevy Chase discontinued the weekly dances.

A group of about 50 people tried to keep the tradition going by renting the ballroom and holding independent dances, but costs overwhelmed them, and the dances soon ended.

Still, "people kept coming in and saying, 'Tom, is there any chance of getting it going again?'" said Tom Dressler, a manager at Chevy Chase.

"This is something that I wanted to do personally," he said. "I've seen my parents go through the senior parts of life, and unfortunately, when you get older, there isn't a lot to do."

When a new general manager arrived about 18 months ago, Dressler approached her, and after some negotiation the Park District agreed to restart the dances.

Money is still a concern. The dances, which must break even, will be held once a month for six months to gauge interest.

People are passing the word, hoping to attract enough interest to keep the dances going.

Elenor Mamayek, 58, of Dundee, who had danced at Chevy Chase since 1986, said she has already picked out her dress.

"I'm ready," she said. "I'm going to wear one of my nice ballroom dance dresses, a black chiffon."

Ekstrom said she wants a younger crowd to develop interest.

"We need young people to get out there and learn these dances," she said. "The elderly don't live forever."

She pointed out that "dancing the night away" is great exercise, more fun than walking and jogging and a great way to meet people.

"Young people don't have the fun we do," she said. "It's too bad."

Thanks, Wheeling, for great welcome 4-23-04

From the outside looking in is how most reporters can be made to feel on any given day on the job, with a glaring exception, Wheeling has made me feel welcome.

After my column debuted last week, I received a number of welcomes, in addition to the ones I received on my first few days on the beat. I couldn't be more grateful.

So now that I've gotten the chance to get acquainted with my Wheeling readers, here is some more news you can use.

Not a takeover: In case you were wondering, Buffalo Grove is not annexing portions of Wheeling past the Northgate track on Dundee Road. The vil-



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lage of Wheeling has been informed by Metra that Dundee Road will be closed at the railroad crossing due to construction (Dundee and Northgate) beginning at 6 a.m. Tuesday. It is scheduled to remain closed until May 11, weather permitting.

The construction is part of Metra's Capital Improvement Plan that calls for double tracking of the railway up through Antioch. A detour route using Dundee Road, Elmhurst Road,

Hintz Road, and Milwaukee Avenue back to Dundee Road in both directions has been proposed.

Alternate access: Wondering about getting to the park district because of the construction? As a courtesy to guests and residents, the Wheeling Park District is publicizing alternate eastbound Dundee Road access to the Community Recreation Center during the above railroad track crossing construction.

While Dundee Road is closed, the park district is proposing two detour routes for guests: Lake-Cook Road east and south on Northgate Parkway; or Hintz east to Milwaukee Avenue north

and Dundee Road west to Northgate Parkway. Beginning today, maps of the suggested access routes will be available at the CRC.

Help fight breast cancer: On Mother's Day, May 9, America's Car Wash, 400 N. Milwaukee Ave. will donate \$1 from each full-service wash, package wash or express detail service of \$12.99 or more to the Illinois affiliate of the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization. The car wash's Sunday hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (847) 459-9799.

Get cultured: The Wheeling

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Carrasquillo: Chevy Chase hosts Mother's Day brunch

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Park District will celebrate Cinco de Mayo from noon to 3 p.m. May 2 at Heritage Park. This celebration will have Mexican food and fun facts about Mexican independence. Authentic music, cuisine, arts, and entertainment.

This event is free and no pre-registration is required. For more information, call (847) 465-3333.

Show mom you care: Chevy Chase Country Club will treat moms to a great brunch and a rose when they arrive on Mother's Day. There will be a breakfast buffet, a hot entree

buffet with carver table, and gourmet salad selection. There also will be a special children's buffet with breakfast and lunch items, and the Chevy Chase sweet table for dessert.

Brunch hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 9. Cost is \$29.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children under 5. Chevy Chase is at 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. Reservations are requested. Call Tom Dressler at (847) 465-2308 for more information. Tax and gratuity are not included.

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"I organized a group of dancers to show the park district how many dancers were interested in ballroom dancing. There was a big response, and they worked with us, and we were able to have ballroom dancing for a year," Hume said.

The group rented out the Grand Ballroom at Chevy Chase, but eventually ran into the same financial problems as prior management had, and after about six months into 2003, the dance hall fell silent once again.

Tom Dressler, food and beverage manager for Chevy Chase Country Club, also missed the dances. So when the country club got a new general manager last year, Dressler proposed reinstating ballroom dancing. The general manager approved, and



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Ballroom dance instructors Tom and Aggie DeBartolo do the tango during ballroom dancing at the Chevy Chase Country Club Grand Ballroom in Wheeling.

the monthly dances resumed last month.

Dressler, who is admittedly not a ballroom dancer, said his enjoyment comes from watching some of the seniors dance.

"For a night, they forget they're senior citizens. You should see them dance. They look like a bunch of 20-year-olds out there," Dressler said.

Hume was thrilled to be able to lace up her dancing shoes again.

"There are other places to

dance, but none like Chevy Chase. It's closer, safer than in the city, and there's ample parking," she said.

Hume estimated that around 250 people attended last month's dance.

"Everyone was very happy. I had the same luxurious feeling that I had before. It was something I had been looking forward to for a while. When

If you go

What: Ballroom dancing

When: 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month this summer and fall

Where: Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling

Admission: \$12 at the door

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Dancing: Younger crowds needed

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Barbara Finn, president of the Chicago chapter of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancing Association, said that members from the chapter are all talking about Chevy Chase.

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Dressler said that a key to keeping the dances going will be attracting younger crowds, which Dressler saw signs of at the first dance.

Finn said the revival of interest in ballroom dancing stems from the abundance of classes and clubs at the college level. Finn said the USBDA currently has ballroom dancing clubs established at the University of Chicago and at Roosevelt University's Chicago and

Schaumburg campuses.

The ballroom dances will continue once a month until winter, when most dancers head south to Florida, Dressler said. Then the dances will begin again in the spring.

The dances begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 11:30 p.m. and are preceded by dancing lessons at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door.

This year's dances are scheduled for June 16, July 21, August 25, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Oct. 31.

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"I am aware their attorney has been talking to our attorney," Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Braiman said Monday. "As far as I know, they have not made a formal request to us."

Over a period of years, Buffalo Grove officials have asked the Wheeling Park District to have Chevy Chase voluntarily annex into Buffalo Grove. And about 10 years ago, the Wheeling Park District requested annexation of a small part of the

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course to connect the maintenance building with Buffalo Grove's water and sewer system, Braiman said. Buffalo Grove annexed that portion and hoped the remainder of Chevy Chase would voluntarily follow.

Webber said the Park Board's position is that it would rather the country club be affiliated with Wheeling than change to a Buffalo Grove address.

"That has not changed," Webber said after the May 20 meeting.

Although Buffalo Grove offered sales tax incentives to the

Wheeling Park District in exchange for the voluntary annexation, Webber said he believed the incentives were not worth the backlash of Wheeling residents.

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The first time Wheeling residents passed tax increase referendum for Chevy Chase was in 1977 when the Wheeling Park District first purchased the country club. Wheeling resi-

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The park district also spent another \$2 million to renovate the golf course in 2002.

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Staff Writer Kimberly Fornek contributed to this article.

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Wheeling offers plenty of outdoor activities this summer

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June's here and you know what that means: summer.

It's a time when everyone wants to be outside. Here are some worthwhile activities to spend your time outdoors this summer in Wheeling.

Charity golf: Enjoy a round of golf and support a worthwhile cause, the Wheeling Park District Scholarship Fund. This fund provides financial assistance to residents who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend camp, learn new skills through a park district program, or participate in sports.

The golf outing will be June 23 at the Traditions at Chevy Chase Golf Course, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. The event will include 18 holes of golf (best ball scramble), box lunch, hole contests, golfer goody bags, raffle, cocktails and dinner. Registration starts at 11 a.m., shotgun start is at noon, followed by cocktails and dinner. Cost is \$110 per person or \$400 per foursome and includes box lunch, cocktails and dinner. Tickets for dinner only are \$30 per person-dinner. To register, call Steve Schapiro at (847) 465-2940 or visit the Web site at www.wheelingparkdistrict.com.

Mud volleyball: Test your volleyball skills as you try to move through more than 6 inches of mud in the park district's mud volleyball tournament July 17 and 18. Teams are co-rec and consist of a maximum of 10 players. Participants must be 18 years of age. Each participant receives a T-shirt and other items. The event draws more than 500 players and spectators each year. The tournament is at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. Fee is \$180 per team. For all the dirt, call (847) 465-7760 and ask for Gretchen. Registration deadline is June 30.

* **Water park fun:** Start your summer off with a big splash at the Wheeling Park District outdoor Aquatic Center. The Aquatic Center opened Saturday.

The second season of new amenities includes a Lily Pad Lagoon splash pool with water basketball and monkey bar activity pad, and Tsunami Splash Water Playground with large tipping bucket. New this year is Willie's Watering Hole where refreshments are served.

The Aquatic Center is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and noon to 8 p.m. weekdays through Aug. 23. Postseason hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 28-29 and Sept. 4-6. The Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center is at 327 W. Dundee Road. For information, call (847) 465-POOL.

Classic cars: The annual Summer Sizzle Classic Hot Rod Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 7 at Palwaukee Municipal Airport at Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road.

Trophies will be awarded for best in show. The first 200 participants in the show will receive the event dash plaque and bags containing small prizes.

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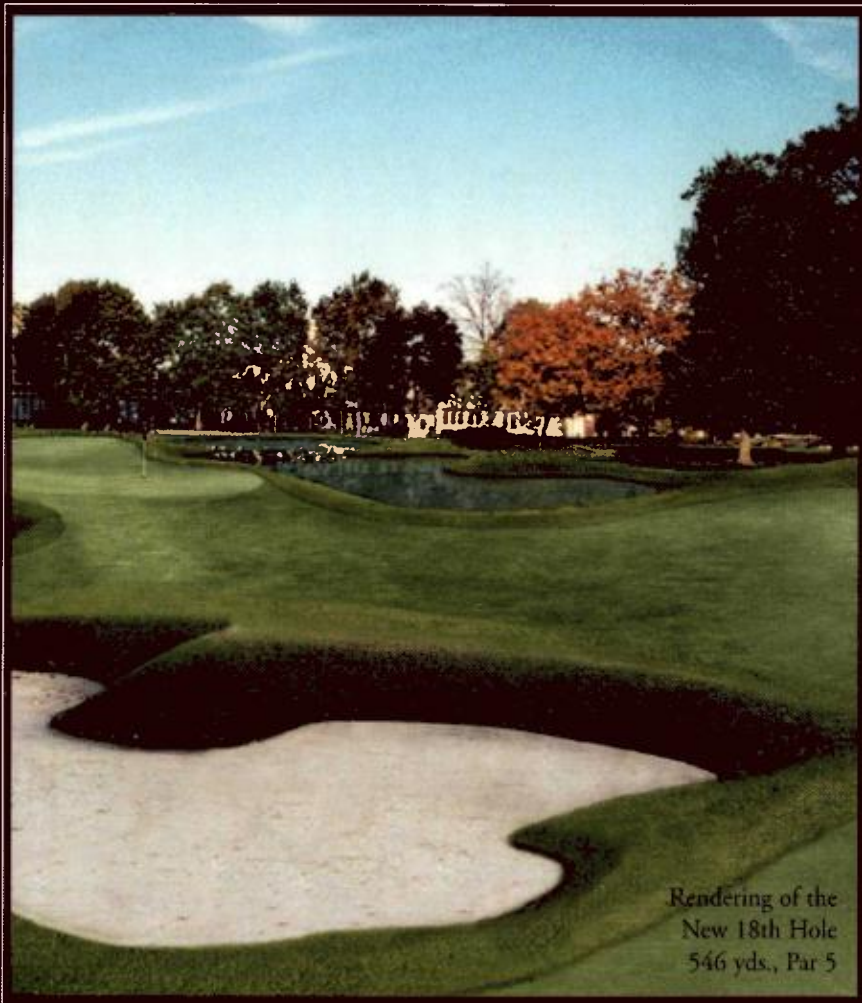
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When re-opened in 2003, the course will feature bentgrass and irrigated fairways, USGA greens, new water and sand hazards, and a picturesque cascading waterfall as the backdrop to the 18th hole. The course's distance will be 6,608 yards and par will remain 72.

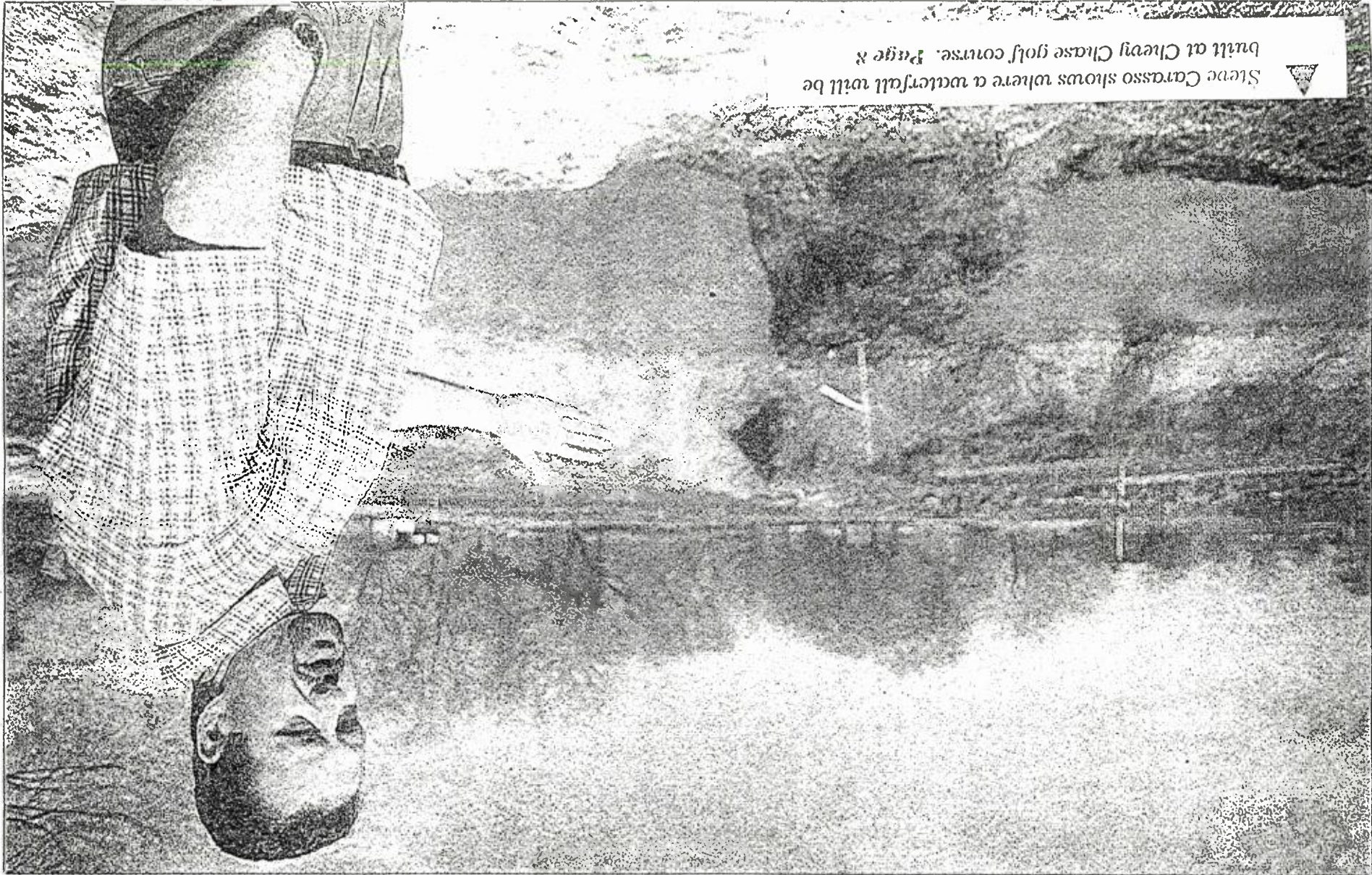
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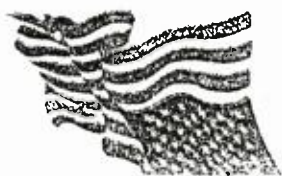


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A new Chevy Chase course is emerging

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Although renovations of the Chevy Chase Country Club golf course got off to a late start, Wheeling Park District officials say the project is now moving right along and should be completed for the 2003 season.

Crews from Bruce and Co. of Madison, Wis., have already torn up the sod on the front nine holes of the course and have started regrading them. Crews will start to tear up the back nine soon.

When completed, Chevy Chase will be a whole new golf course, said Robert Falkiner, the PGA golf professional at Chevy Chase.

"It's almost like we're starting from scratch," he said.

Chevy Chase fairways will be seeded this summer with bent grass, on which most avid golfers prefer to play. Falkiner said the bent grass "feels like carpet" when walking on it, and the ball tends to sit higher on it. All the greens are being rebuilt to United

States Golf Association standards, which includes layers of sand, gravel and top soil. Mark Harrison, director of parks and planing with the park district, said the new greens should drain more quickly.

Falkiner said having USGA greens will also improve the consistency of green speeds between the 18 holes.

The renovations also will improve the irrigation and drainage on the course. Steve

Carasso, marketing and promotions coordinator at the park district, said the fairways, which typically dried out during the summer, should stay green all season because of the new irrigation system. Drainage improvements also will stop the standing water problems the course has historically suffered.

"With the new drainage, it should be ready to play almost every morning," Carasso said.

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"After a big rainstorm, we used to have to close down for a day or two after."

Some decorative features also are part of the renovations. The 18th hole will feature a waterfall and small pond at the green. The feature will not only challenge golfers at the end of their round, but can also be used for wedding photos and other events for those using the country club's banquet facilities.

"Most golf courses have a signature hole," Carasso said. "The 18th is going to be ours. It's a par 5, because most golfers like a long hole to finish on, and it will have the waterfall."

The course is closed this season and is expected to reopen June 1, 2003. Carasso said golfers can expect higher greens fees.

"I can say with confidence they will probably double," he said. "I think there is going to be a little bit of sticker shock, but it's one of those deals where you get what you pay for."

Increased maintenance costs for the bent grass fairways account for much of the increase in fees. Harrison said the park district will be hiring additional full-time employees for maintenance, and the grass needs more

herbicides and fungicides.

Last season, green fees were \$25 for 18 hole

Falkiner said although the course is closed this year, lessons will still be held, and Chevy Chase regulars can still maintain their handicaps by entering scores through the year from other courses either at the club or through the Internet.

Crews still have a lot more work to do on the irrigation portion of the project, as well as more grading and raking before seeding. Ponds still have to be dug out and built. Tree removal has been completed.

"More than half the trees we removed have been transplanted to other areas of the course," Harrison said.

Crews began work the second week of January. Originally, the park district was hoping for work to start last fall, but permitting process took longer than expected. Despite the late start, Harrison said he is confident the contractor will complete the project according to the original time line.

"They've been excellent," he said.

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Get fit with facilities at park district site

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Blissful bakers



Sandy Crabbe, from left, removes fresh-baked cookies from the oven made by the "Blissful Bakers" for 4-year-olds at Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center in Wheeling. At right, Carolyn LoPiccolo stretches during Senior Stretch, a twice weekly exercise session for seniors at Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling.



Pat Benedetto bends backwards as she leads Senior Stretch, a twice weekly exercise session for seniors at Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling. At right, preschool director Debbie Stecker, left, engages 4-year-olds into a dance routine during preschool activities at Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center in Wheeling.



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Open gym

Effective immediately,

anyone wishing to attend a scheduled open gym at the CRC must first purchase a daily pass or punch card for admittance. Passes and cards are available at the CRC customer service desk, and proof of age is required at the time of purchase.

The daily youth fee is \$2 for nonresidents and \$1 for residents with resident ID card. The daily adult fee is \$7 for nonresidents, \$5 for corporate and \$3 for residents with resident ID card. A 10-use punch card for youth and adults also is available for purchase. For open gym hours or more information on the new policy, call (847) 465-3333.

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Working in town has its benefits

By STEVE CARASSO

When you think of employee benefits, vacation time, health insurance and 401(k)s most likely come to mind.

But if you work in Wheeling, there may be another important benefit of which you might have been unaware. Did you know you are entitled to reduced fees for Wheeling Park District programs, memberships and activities as a full-time employee of a company located within park district boundaries?

When you read the seasonal program brochure distributed

by the park district, you'll notice three types of fees (FEE/CORP/RES) listed after each program or activity. As a corporate patron, the CORP fee is what you would pay and is typically priced in between the nonresident and resident fees (in order to receive these special rates, proof of employment is required). Besides saving you money, this corporate benefit also has some added residual benefits, such as improving your health, cultivating a new hobby or interest and providing the opportunity for family time together.

For example, if you work in Wheeling but live in a
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surrounding suburb, imagine avoiding the rush-hour commute home by working out at the park district's Fitness Center immediately after work. Not only do you get some exercise, but you can also save yourself a huge headache and lower your stress level by not having to sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic. Not only do you feel better and have more energy with each day you work out, but you are doing something to improve your overall health.

Spending quality family time together seems like an impossible challenge today, and when you are afforded the time, making it fun and enjoyable is even harder. With the summer fast approaching, just think of the fun you can provide your family by bringing home a membership to the park district's aquatic facilities. Whether it's after work or on the weekends, this membership allows your family unlimited visits to our outdoor and indoor water parks.

If you're playing in the pool or simply relaxing in the sun, your family is spending time together, and that's a benefit in itself.

Why are Wheeling companies afforded this opportunity? Like residents, companies pay their fair share of property taxes that go to the park district. Tax dollars, of course, are used to maintain and improve our various facilities, provide programming and support special activities and events. The corporate benefit is made available to the company and can be passed down to their employees. If you're employed in Wheeling and were not aware of this corporate benefit, now's the perfect time to take advantage of it.

For more information about Wheeling Park District and its corporate fees, call (847) 465-3333.

Steve Carasso is marketing/public relations coordinator for the Wheeling Park District. Comments may be addressed to him at wpd@wheelingparkdistrict.com.

Kids can feel groovy

Hello! I got that "I-love-the-80-degree-weather" feeling as I have been "Wheeling Around Town." Here's what's happening!

Hey all middle school kids! Come on over to the Wheeling Park District, because they are hosting a T.P.H. (The Party's Here) School's Out '60's Bash on Saturday, May 11, from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

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So, grab your tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans for a great time.

The Community Recreation Center is at 333 W. Dundee Road in Wheeling. Questions? Call (847) 465-3333.

You will have a "groovy time!"

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NEWS BRIEFS

Corrections

Two articles appearing in the April 18 issue of the *Country-side* contained errors.

The co-ed locker rooms referred to in the story, "Police reviewing tapes after locker room incident," are in the Community Recreation Center. Also, the PGA golf professional quoted in the story, "A new Chevy Chase course is emerging," is Steve Schiller.

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New executive director named: The

Wheeling Park District Board of Commissioners formally announced the hiring of Jan Buchs as the new park district executive director at the April 16 board meeting.

Buchs, 38, the park district's director of recreation, will replace Karop T. Bavougian, who will be retiring after 16 years in June. She will begin her new position June 21.

Buchs has been with the Wheeling Park District since 1993 and has held various positions within the agency during her tenure.

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Buchs climbs park district ladder

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Park District Board decided to promote from within in naming a successor to Executive Director Karop Bavougian, who is retiring in June.

Jan Buchs, the district's director of recreation, will step in as executive director, the board announced at its April 16 meeting. Buchs, 38, has worked with the park district for the past nine years and said she is excited to take the reins.

"It was always one of my professional goals to become an executive director," Buchs said. "This opportunity came at the right time. It's great to become the executive director with the district I grew up with. I've spent a lot of time here. I've put in a lot of heart and soul."

Buchs was hired by the Wheeling Park District in May 1993 to oversee the Aquatic Center.

"We opened that June," she said. "I only had a few weeks' time to hire and train a staff, and then put the operation into action."

Wheeling was the only community in the area at the time with a facility like the Aquatic Center, so Buchs had to use a lot of her own ingenuity to get the center up and running.

Soon after that, the district built the Community Recreation Center, and Buchs was promoted to oversee that facility also. She said both experiences are quite unique in the business and have helped her prepare for her latest assignment.

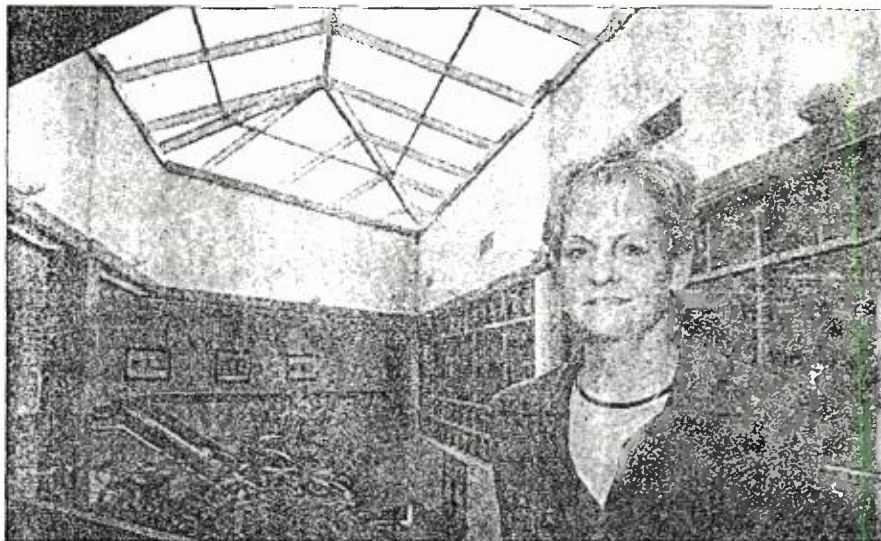
"There are people in this profession who have never opened an aquatic center or a recreation center," she said. "I've had a multitude of great opportunities here."

Being promoted from within will also help with the transition to a new executive director. Bavougian and Buchs will be in the same building for two months before she takes over, giving her plenty of opportunity to learn more about the position.

"Karop will always be a resource," Buchs said. "I need to tap into that while he's still here."

Buchs said the district has a strong staff and board that have been very supportive of the promotion. She said she plans to familiarize herself with more of the staff in the next two months to make the transition easier.

"Change can be difficult," she said. "There was some anxiety in the building. And rightfully so, because they care. Now that they know who it is, I think it's eased some of that anxiety. Hopefully, it will



Jan Buchs will become the new executive director of the Wheeling Park District after Karop Bavougian retires in June.

also be easier for them to share some of their concerns and desires."

Many members of the park district staff were at the board meeting to show their support for Buchs and the board's decision.

Park Board President Tom Webber said he is confident in Buchs' abilities to lead the district and was happy to promote someone from within.

"She has a lot of support (from the district)," Webber

said. "She handles herself well, and people have a lot of respect for Jan."

Webber also said Buchs has a lot of integrity and a good work ethic. He also said she shares many of the board's goals and ideals.

"Having worked with her for nine years, I think a lot of people here understand and appreciate her ideas and visions," he said.

Buchs also comes into the position with Bavougian's stamp of approval. He said he

was "thrilled" to hear the board chose her.

"I think she'll take the district to the next level," he said. "It's nice to bring in someone we all have known and have respect for."

Webber said the board worked with the Illinois Association of Park Districts to find candidates for a new executive director. The board interviewed seven candidates. Most were from the northwest suburbs, Webber said.

District 21 Board endorses new space plan

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Elementary School District 21 Board has agreed to split the Piper Lane neighborhood in Prospect Heights, moving students who live there to two different schools, to create space at the overcrowded Whitman Elementary School.

The board discussed five different proposals during its meeting last week. Although none of the proposals was appealing to any board member, they informally agreed to move 172

Piper Lane students to Twain Elementary and leave about 80 at Whitman. The board is expected to vote on an official resolution based on the agreement at its May 16 meeting.

The move also will require students living north of Dundee Road, west of Wolf Road and east of Northgate Parkway to move to Field Elementary School from Twain. Some Field students living north of McHenry Road will go to Longfellow, but board members were not sure at the end of the April 18 meeting which of those students would be moved.

The Piper Lane students who will move to Twain live in the buildings on the 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Piper Lane. Those living on the 800 block will stay at Whitman.

The move is expected to create three to five more classrooms at Whitman, which has a current enrollment of 800 students.

Board member Arlen Gould said the solution is not perfect, but is educationally sound, practical and will "balance the buildings nicely."

After eliminating three of the proposals pitched to the board, members

debated splitting Piper Lane or building an addition to Whitman at a cost of \$1.6 million. Board President Phil Pritzker and board member William Harrison were the only two who preferred the expansion. Pritzker said he was opposed to splitting the Piper Lane neighborhood.

"I believe we have set a new example with this unique neighborhood," Pritzker said. "I don't think it speaks well for this district."

The decision also is unpopular with parents who attended the meeting. (Continued on page 10)

Buchs brings experience to the helm of park district

BY CASS CLIATT
Daily Herald Staff Writer

The Wheeling Park District has named a new executive director to guide its parks operations beginning this summer.

The park board of commissioners announced that Director of Recreation Jan Buchs will replace Karop Bavougian as executive director.

Bavougian is retiring in June after 16 years at the park district's helm. Buchs will take over June 21.

"We're excited to have Jan as our new director," said park board President Tom Webber. "She brings a great deal of experience and knowledge with her to the position."

Buchs has worked with the park district since 1993. Bavougian said he feels confident about handing over the torch of leadership to her.

"I think she's bright, intelligent and I think she has a good understanding of the park district model — the public service model," Bavougian said of Buchs. "She understands and is able to balance the idea of providing services, but at the same time knowing you have to balance costs."

Bavougian laughed at the idea that he will leave behind a legacy at the Wheeling Park District.

Yet among his achievements during a long tenure in the district, Bavougian helped oversee the opening of Wheeling's Fitness Center and Arctic Splash indoor water park in January 2000. The \$3.8 million addition to the Community Recreation Center on Dundee Road more than doubled the number of people who use the facility, according to parks officials. Bavougian also worked with the parks board to begin renovations to the Chevy Chase Golf Course that have closed the course this year.

When the improvements are finished, the golf course's drainage problems will be fixed and bent-grass fairways and greens will transform the course, built in the 1920s.

In a series of forums Wheeling has conducted to develop a new development plan for the village, community members again and again praised the parks facilities as one of Wheeling's strengths. To usher in a transition in leadership, the park board gave Buchs a formal introduction and reception at its regular meeting.



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State labor laws put pinch on youth leagues

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Daily Herald Staff Writer

Twelve-year-old Jon Krausfeldt thought he would make a little money this summer umpiring youth baseball games — for \$8 a game.

Krausfeldt even went to two weeks of training to get ready for the season in June.

Then park district officials told him he could not be paid because he was too young.

Instead, he's willing to work as a volunteer for two years until he's 14, then get back pay for his efforts.

That's just one of the ways youth sports groups throughout the suburbs are trying to deal with a recent state crackdown on paying children to be umpires.

The Illinois Department of Labor cited the Darien Youth Club for violating child labor laws for paying children under 14. The baseball club could be subject to \$600,000 in fines, though state officials say something

like \$3,000 is much more likely.

In response, some leagues have, in effect, fired their younger umpires, canceled games and are blowing their budgets to pay older umpires.

A prime example is the Buffalo Grove Athletic Association. Last week all games for younger players were canceled.

League officials called an emergency meeting and talked with attorneys. The attorneys advised them it was better to be safe and avoid potential fines by eliminating all umpires younger than 14.

The league, which has been operating for 42 years, lost 92 umpires age 10 to 13. These umpires normally officiate games for children younger than themselves.

"Holy cow," said league administrator Dominic Dovichi. "This is nuts."

"It's not a sweatshop; it's a whole learning tool," he said of the youth umpiring.

"They're getting used to having

responsibility. They feel really good about themselves, because they're learning about the game from a different point of view. And they're making a little money."

Attorneys were even concerned about using 14- and 15-year old umpires, until the league clarifies the situation.

By paying older teens to umpire more games, Dovichi estimated the league may spend an extra \$3,000 this year.

"There was a lot of disappointment in the kids," he said.

Similarly, the Mount Prospect Baseball Association officials scratched all 30 of its 13-year-olds from umpiring games until they get a legal opinion stating otherwise or until lawmakers change the law, President John Pullano said.

In the Adington Heights Youth Athletic Association, six of 55 umpires were 13-year-olds and they all were told they can't be paid, Administrator Barb Pingel said.

Other youth sports groups are taking more of a wait-and-see attitude.

In Little League District 13, which covers Elgin, Streamwood, Carpentersville, Hanover Park, Bartlett and other areas, young teens and pre-teens are still umpiring games.

"I think we can go ahead unless somebody complains," league administrator Mary Ann Gunderson said. "I haven't seen anything saying we can't."

But she harshly criticized the thinking behind the crackdown.

"I don't understand it," she said. "Nobody's getting rich. I truly do not see where the kids have been harmed. Somebody's got to umpire these games, and there just are not enough adults."

One solution would be to have the kids work for free, but not many kids are willing to do take on a tough job without getting some payoff.

Other sports are vulnerable to a crackdown on youth referees, as well.

Soccer clubs, for example, often use kids to serve as linesmen for games.

But the Department of Labor does not go out looking for violations unless someone complains, as happened in Darien.

In general, 14- and 15-year-olds are allowed to work limited hours with certificates signed by their parents and school officials.

Those 13 and younger cannot work with exceptions under state law for certain jobs: caddies, newspaper delivery, baby-sitting, agriculture and yard work.

"The department in general does not think it's a good idea for seventh- and eighth-grade kids to be out until 9 or 10 on a school night without parental supervision," spokesman Mark Hurley said.

Child umpires may be at risk from irate parents or coaches, he added.

Hurley noted that Darien was also cited for other violations, including failure to pay minimum wage of \$4.60 an hour for minors.

In response, lawmakers are trying to change the law.

State Sen. Christine Radogno, a Republican from LaGrange, introduced a bill last week to add an exemption for umpires.

Even if approved, a new law probably wouldn't take effect until July, too late for this season, Radogno said.

For that reason, she introduced a resolution asking the state Department of Labor to recommend a quick solution. Its staff members will meet Tuesday to discuss the situation.

State Sen. William Peterson, a Republican from Long Grove, said he supports a change to allow kids to umpire, adding there could be further limits placed on hours worked.

Peterson suggested that the children volunteer to umpire the games until the situation is settled.

"Let's not carry this to an extreme," he said. "I think we're trying to make a mountain out of a molehill."

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Don't strike out young umpires

Child labor laws are designed to protect children from being exploited, from being placed at physical risk or from being allowed or asked to do work that is beyond their physical or emotional development. They are essential laws, made necessary by a long history of exploitation.

Why, however, any of these laws should prevent 12- and 13-year-olds from making a few bucks for umpiring the baseball and softball games of even younger children is beyond us.

Yet there it is: the Illinois Department of Labor has told the Darien Youth Club that it stands in violation of the law and might be fined for paying those under 14 to umpire games.

Made aware of the Darien situation, several suburban baseball associations are scrambling to replace their 12- and 13-year-old umpires. The Buffalo Grove Athletic Association went so far as to cancel all of its games for younger players last week. Others are trying to decide whether to continue to use those umpires younger than 14 who are willing to do the job for no pay or to spend extra

Our View

Umpiring is a good introduction to work responsibilities.

least 14 years old.

Surely there's a way to avoid on the youth league diamonds all this angst that is more appropriately the domain of Chicago's major league baseball fans.

In general, state law permits 14- and 15-year-olds to be paid only if they work certain jobs for limited hours, with certificates signed by parents and school officials. Those 13 or younger can be paid for only a few jobs: caddying, newspaper delivery, baby-sitting and yard work. A good case can be made that umpiring a child's T-ball or baseball game fits right in with these other exemptions. Umpiring is sort of a combination of baby-sitting and yard work, with a little light toting of equipment — like caddying — thrown in for good measure. Part of the matter is, it's

sibility of work and a way for youngsters to earn a few dollars.

To be sure, there is the potential for young umpires to be subjected to verbal abuse from the occasional coach or parent who isn't mature enough to keep the game in perspective. League officials need to watch carefully for that when hiring younger umpires. The Labor Department also expresses concerns about middle-school umpires being out too late on school nights. But they're not staying out any later than the younger children whose games they're umpiring. As far as concerns about overwork go, the remedy may be to limit the number of hours each week a young umpire can work.

Department of Labor staff is scheduled to talk it over today. We hope they can make a rule change that would exempt young umpires. If that's not possible, if legislative action is needed, then lawmakers should take care of it. In the meantime, some parents in the stands should volunteer to jump in and call a few innings so that the kids can get on with their games.

Labor agency plays hardball with 12-, 13-year-old ump's

By Ted Gregory
Tribune staff reporter

Twelve-year-old Brian Glennon planned to spend his summer calling balls and strikes for 8-year-old batters, earning \$10 a game from the Darien Youth Club baseball league. But thanks to an anonymous complaint, Brian and 35 other young umpires have been fired before

the first pitch.

Citing child-labor laws, the Illinois Department of Labor told the league in March to stop paying umpires who are not yet 14. "It kind of stinks," said Brian, who completed umpiring classes during the winter to qualify for the job, "because there's absolutely no point to it if you're not going to get paid."

Parents and at least one state

lawmaker agree, and a campaign is under way to change the law, which, with few exceptions, restricts anyone under 14 from working for pay.

Busting underage summer employment programs has become something of a rite of spring at the state and federal departments of labor. Two years ago, the Kenilworth Park District ended a three-decade tradi-

tion of hiring junior high counselors after the state agency notified the district it was violating state law.

In 1996, Northbrook Park District was fined \$6,075 by the U.S. Department of Labor for employing underage kids to wash golf balls and work in a concession area. A year earlier, Mt.

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Company steps up to the plate, donates \$50,000 to youth baseball

BY AMES BOYKIN
Daily Herald Staff Writer

A major soft drink company has stepped off the sidelines to help bail out Elk Grove Village Youth Baseball.

Since authorities charged the former youth baseball commissioner with stealing \$94,000 in baseball money last June, the program has struggled to recover financially. But the program announced that Pepsi Americas will donate \$50,000 over three years in exchange for placing the Pepsi logo on baseball shirts and hats.

"We'd be doing car washes for 20 years if Pepsi hadn't come forward," said baseball Treasurer Barry Reddington.

Other donors have come forward, but the Pepsi gift marks the largest donation the program has received.

It is still unclear how much money is missing from youth baseball accounts, but the Pepsi donation clears up any outstanding debts, Reddington said.

Pepsi Americas has had offices in Elk Grove Village for more than three decades, Pepsi Express Manager Eric Jacobson said.

"Elk Grove is a community that has supported us," Jacobson said. "We

wanted to give back to this community like they have to us."

Using the Pepsi logo on baseball gear was the "least we could do," baseball Commissioner Tim Guido said.

Without a major donation, the program would have had to sponsor several fund-raisers. With the donation, youth baseball expenses have been cut by about 25 percent, Reddington said.

To thank Pepsi, the baseball teams will host a parade May 11 on opening day to show off their new Pepsi hats and shirts. The village also has officially proclaimed May 11 as "Pepsi Day" in Elk Grove Village.

George T. Lycos, 41, of Elk Grove Village, is charged with felony theft in connection with the missing baseball money. Lycos served as baseball commissioner at the time of the arrest.

Jack Rimland, a lawyer for Lycos, said Wednesday that his client has expressed some remorse, but Rimland declined to go into details because of the pending charges.

Police late last year turned over evidence to Cook County prosecutors they say shows more baseball money is missing. Lycos has another court appearance May 17.

Accusations fly over Little League games

BY AMY McLAUGHLIN
Daily Herald Staff Writer

A Des Plaines Little League parent is accusing the Des Plaines Park District of renegeing on a deal for his traveling team to use park fields.

But, as the softball and baseball season kicks into gear, park district officials say it is simply a matter of not having enough land for all the kids who want to play.

Pete Semler, co-founder and co-manager of the Des Plaines Cobras, said he thinks his team got squeezed out because other Little League groups consider them a "renegade" team out to steal the best players.

"I'm fit to be tied," Semler said Friday after he found out that the 11 dates he'd originally been promised were changed. "I don't know what to do."

Semler said last Monday, he was promised nine Tuesday and two Sunday evenings for the traveling team's home games.

But, when he called to confirm that he'd bring in a certificate of insurance to park offices Friday, he was told the schedule was rearranged and the team was given mostly Sunday mornings for play.

Semler said Sunday mornings would be the worst time because most of the traveling teams would likely be playing tournaments. They play teams from places like Schaumburg and Lake in the Hills.

Cynthia N. Capek, assistant director of parks and recreation for the park district, said part of the problem was scheduling difficulties with the Des Plaines Baseball Association. Also, only South and Arndt parks and West Field can accommodate the more competitive traveling team, she said.

The park district didn't get the schedule from the baseball association until Tuesday. The association has 650 girls and boys in softball and baseball programs.

"The issue is land, to be honest,"

Capek said. "And, how do you serve the most number of kids?"

Park officials talked it over with board members at their meeting Tuesday night, and all agreed to make the switch.

"I just don't feel good about this," Capek said.

Semler said he's not sure what to do except to look for other fields. It's the second season for the newly formed traveling team made up of 10 11-year-old boys. Semler said he expects the team to play 40 to 50 games this season.

Park officials said they hope to be able to accommodate the traveling team in the future.

They said they didn't have the money to upgrade Blackhawk Park for the competitive baseball team. Semler said his group was willing to help with the estimated \$12,000 cost to put up a fence and prepare the field.

"It's a very complicated situation," park board member Jim Grady said.

UMPIRES: Parents petitioning to change law

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Prospect Park District paid \$15,950 for similar child-labor violations.

About the same time, Dundee Township, Wilmette Park District, Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department and Wheeling Park District also paid fines totaling nearly \$30,000 for state and federal violations.

The Darien league, which has been hiring umpires like Brian for most of its 42 years, pays the boys \$10 per game, usually for a maximum of 10 games and only in the more relaxed atmosphere of the 8-year-old division.

After receiving an anonymous complaint, the Illinois Department of Labor audited the league in February; in March, it notified league officials of 180 violations. Besides using underage umpires, the club was cited for violations including failure to keep a registry of minor employees and their schedules and for not keeping employment certificates.

The league could theoretically be fined \$900,000, more than seven times its yearly budget.

Irate parents are collecting signatures to petition for a change in state law. They have enlisted the support of several lawmakers, including state Sen. Kirk Dillard (R-Westmont), a former Little League umpire, who called the situation ridiculous. Dillard has sent letters to the Labor Department and the Illinois Park District Association, asking them to make changing the law a priority.

"I find it unbelievable, with all the problems the State of Illinois has," Dillard said, "that the Illinois Department of Labor picks on children who are umpiring games and in essence discourages something as wholesome as youth baseball."

Brian's mother, Catherine, is confident she will be able to persuade her son to volunteer to umpire, which is what the Darien organization is asking the youngsters to do. But, she's more than a little peeved.

"I'm very disappointed," Catherine Glennon said. "I don't look at it as a child-labor

violation. The kids want to do it. It's interesting and fun. They want to make the money, and there aren't a lot of opportunities for these kids to do that."

Suzanne Davis, manager of the fair labor standards division at the state agency, was quick to note that it is highly unlikely anything approaching the maximum \$900,000 fine will be imposed at an agency hearing June 13.

She acknowledged that going after private, non-profit youth leagues, many of which use paid, underage umpires and referees, is unusual. Veterans in the department recall "two or so" that were cited in the last decade for using underage umpires, she said.

"We are a complaint-driven agency," said Davis, who is overseeing the Darien Youth Club case. "When we get a complaint we respond. I think we responded quite well."

Despite her unpopular position, Davis also says her agency may be protecting the parent and children. "They need to be enjoying their summers," she said of the children, noting recent cases in which overzealous parents have become violent at youth sports events.

"This can be very physical and psychologically dangerous for these kids," Davis said. "It's something that everyone understands."

But league officials said no parent has ever harassed a 12- or 13-year-old umpire.

Darien Youth Club President Ray Jablonski hopes many of the kids will work as volunteers when the season starts April 2. He will fill the gaps with older umpires and parents.

Meanwhile, enterprising parents are plotting, talking about tipping the volunteer umpire or passing the baseball cap games.

"I feel bad for the kids because the little bit of spending money they earn is being taken away from them," Jablonski said.

Opening up soccer to all kids

300 children sign up to participate in Palatine program aimed at Hispanics

BY JAMIE SOTONOFF
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Thanks to a cooperative community effort, a free, no-strings-attached summer soccer program has formed in northeast Palatine, aimed at Hispanic children who officials say haven't found a place in other organized leagues.

Already, nearly 300 children ages 6 to 18 have signed up. The first practice was held Tuesday night at the Deer Grove Forest Preserve, at

Dundee and Hicks roads.

It's called the Soccer Outreach Program, and it was put together by a unique group of people and organizations — the Northwest Suburban Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Palatine Park District, Palatine Mayor Rita Mullins, Cook County Commissioner Gregg Goslin and the Palatine Celtic Soccer club.

The Boy Scouts spearheaded the effort, since they run successful soccer programs in 12 other communities with large Hispanic

populations, including Des Plaines, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Prospect Heights and Rosemont.

The idea behind the program is to provide exercise and mentoring to these children.

"We're using soccer as a way to appeal to Latino and at-risk families," said Bill Fisher, the Boy Scout council's scout executive. "It's a population that's rapidly growing in our suburbs ... and if we don't have these kids doing something in the summer months, that's when they're

most at-risk."

Officials say the children haven't found their way onto other teams for a couple of reasons. Part of the problem is that few leagues have Spanish language materials, so people don't know what's available.

Even if they did, the leagues can cost around \$70 per child, and kids who live in homes where both parents work or don't own cars might have difficulty getting to practices

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Alex Angulano, 6, front, Salvador Mancera, 9, Alejandro Tapia, 10, and Taylor Anguiano, 10, all Boy Scouts from Palatine Pack 747, say the Boy Scout pledge in Spanish before their first soccer practice Tuesday at Deer Grove Forest Preserve.



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Herald Know your pro

Carmen Molinaro of Buffalo Grove Golf Course and Arboretum Golf Club

How long have I been a golf pro? I'm just beginning my 29th year. I started with Buffalo Grove, and then also joined Arboretum when it was built in 1988. (Buffalo Grove Golf is an 18-hole public course at 48 Raupp Blvd., Buffalo Grove. Call (847) 537-5819. Arboretum, an 18-hole public course, is located at 401 Half Day Road, Buffalo Grove. Call (847) 913-1112.)

Age: 53

My golf resume: I worked at Indian Lakes golf resort in Bloomingdale from 1972-1973. Graduated from Northern Illinois with a degree in business and management.

Ever try to play on a pro tour? No. I played a little college and high school golf, but mostly played baseball.

My best single round: I shot a 67 in Florida at Errol Estates outside Orlando in the mid-1980s.

Best course I've ever played: Southern Highlands Golf Club in Las Vegas.

Most memorable thing I've seen on golf course: The Hawaiian scenery and beauty is top, between the beautiful scenery of oceans and sunrises. Really, any golf course is the place to be.

If I could give one single tip to the weekend golfer, it would be: Stay within yourself. Don't try to get more out of physical abilities than you can. Get some lessons and teaching; don't try to teach yourself. Have fun.

My ideal foursome: Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Ben Hogan. The ultimate personality, the ultimate in concentration and someone in between.

Best advice I ever got: Unless you are making golf your profession, relax and have some fun. That's the reason behind the game. Enjoy the people you're with, and enjoy being out on a beautiful golf course on a beautiful day.

What's in my bag: Titleist 975 J driver, Titleist fairway woods and irons and Titleist putter. Titleist all the way.

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Soccer: Boy Scouts hoping to raise \$13,000 for uniforms, shoes, more

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and games. There's also a cultural barrier.

Palatine's program has two phases. First, there are scrimmages, drills and instruction three times a week at the forest preserve. There is no charge for this, and any child is welcome to participate.

The second phase is to segue players into the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club. The club, which is a branch of the Palatine Park District, will help by providing scholarships to children in the Soccer Outreach Program based on family income. That way, children who want to play in the league will have the opportunity.

"We would really like to see these kids in our program, and get more of them playing," said Keith Williams, the park district's superintendent of recreation.

Creating a program in Palatine was difficult because Celtic Soccer is such a large, active organization and field space is so limited, particularly in the northeast area of town where most of the children live.

Mullins, who sits on the Boy Scouts' board of directors, convinced the groups to get together and work out a plan for this program.

To make it work, each group had to contribute something.

The Cook County Forest Preserve District had to offer land in Deer Grove, and Mullins had to convince Goslin to provide space for one large field. The Palatine Park District had to



Jose Angulano talks with his players Tuesday before starting their first practice.

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Soccer Outreach Program

A Palatine summer soccer program for Hispanic children ages 6-18.

- Free of charge.
- Practices held at Deer Grove Forest Preserve, Dundee and Hicks roads, Palatine
- Call Ismael Reyes at (847) 824-6874 to volunteer, donate or get more information.

agree to lease, secure and maintain the fields at the forest preserve, and

the Boy Scouts had to be willing to provide goals, balls and other equipment.

The Scouts are in the process of recruiting bilingual coaches and officials, and raising \$13,000 for shoes, uniforms and other expenses.

Palatine Celtic Soccer agreed to help by publicizing its scholarship information in Spanish.

"It's really a cooperative effort," Williams said.

The Boy Scouts' various outreach programs have earned national praise, and several organizations around the country use them as a model.

In the Northwest suburbs alone, more than 1,000 Hispanic children

participate in the Scouts' Soccer Outreach Program.

"We're getting involved because there are so many children in need," said Ismael Reyes, a bilingual Boy Scout employee who helps spread the word to Spanish-speaking families.

Getting families involved is also key, since it's important for parents to see the program having a positive impact on their children.

"One of the many goals of this program is to teach everyone how important it is to finish school," Reyes added.

To volunteer, donate money, or get more information, call Reyes at (847) 824-6874.

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Park district pulls permit for benefit

BY BOB SUSNJARA
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Organizers of a fund-raiser for a popular Lake County guitar instructor facing more than \$200,000 in medical bills were floored Tuesday when their permit to use a Gurnee park was revoked less than two weeks before the event.

Gurnee Park District officials issued a letter saying the permit was yanked because they just learned 14 bands were slated for the all-ages "rock concert" benefit for Ben Jinapantla, who's undergone eight surgeries since February because of a pancreas inflammation.

Charles Balling, the district's executive director, said the May 11 event would have been for a worthy cause — only not in the right spot.

"We believe it would disrupt park activities and create a noise problem for our neighbors," Balling said.

Jinapantla, 25, of Gurnee, is so popular among Lake County musicians that organizers of his fund-raiser said they had to turn away volunteer bands. He's become known through his lessons at Music Source in Wilmette. Greg Henkin,

band Overtone, said he still hopes Viking Park can be the benefit venue. He said organizers have distributed hundreds of fliers to promote the park on Old Grand Avenue since getting the permit in March.

If Viking Park remains out of the question, Henkin said he's determined the show will go on somewhere else because Jinapantla needs the financial help. He said the park district was wrong to make the last-minute decision revoking the fund-raiser's permit.

"I feel extremely shafted," he said. "I understand where they're coming from. I totally understand their situation. But it isn't like this (event) was completely unknown."

Jinapantla was visiting Las Vegas in February when the pancreas inflammation apparently caused a diabetic coma, according to his friends. Physicians later discovered cysts and a fluid build-up in his pancreas.

Friends said the uninsured Jinapantla's medical bills are more than \$200,000 after the surgeries. It's not known when he'll be considered healthy enough to leave Las Vegas.

Lisa Sheppard, the park district

the document approved for use of a band shell and food service area contained no indication there would be musicians at Viking Park on May 11. She said the 14 bands should have been noted when the permit was sought in March.

Sheppard said renters must request a special-use permit if they want live entertainment at a Viking Park event. She said the Gurnee Day festival each August must seek such permission from the park board.

Dave Skrobish, a Gurnee public works employee who submitted the paperwork for the fund-raiser, said he would have gone to the park board for approval if officials pointed him in that direction. Skrobish said he never previously submitted documents to rent Viking Park.

Jinapantla, who works a second job at Caribou Coffee Co.'s outlet on Grand Avenue in Gurnee, has been described as a man with a positive attitude who frequently performs acts of kindness for friends and co-workers.

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village has been working with IDOT to alleviate the agency's concerns about traffic congestion if the bridge is torn down and a traffic light is put up.

Kolberg said he expects the new traffic light to be installed and the bridge torn down by the beginning of next school year. He also said there

are no cost estimates for the project, but there is \$250,000 budgeted for it.

Trustees have been trying for years to get approval from IDOT to tear the overpass down. Village officials say the overpass is nearing the end of its expected life and is an eyesore. It also blocks motorists'

views when they are trying turn onto Dundee Road.

If the village wanted to repair the overpass, it would have to meet standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. There is not enough land to build a ramp, and building elevators would be too costly, board members argue.

Traffic light to replace Dundee bridge

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

A pedestrian overpass used primarily by London Middle School students to cross Dundee Road is coming down and will be replaced by a traffic signal.

The Wheeling Village Board approved plans to replace the bridge that connects Field Elementary School and London Middle School at its April 8 meeting. The bridge, while providing a safe crossing for students, is old and in need of costly repair or replacement.

The project also includes the realignment of the London driveway with Cedar Drive on the north side of Dundee. The new traffic light will be placed about 300 feet east of the where the overpass now sits. Pedestrians will activate the light by pushing a button. A device in the pavement that detects when vehicles want to turn onto Dundee Road from Cedar Drive also will be installed.

"The signal will stay green on Dundee Road unless it is activated," said Guy Kolberg, Wheeling's acting public works director.

The plan will require the village to purchase a small

strip of land from the Dunhurst Shopping Plaza in order to widen the London driveway to the east so it lines up properly with Cedar Drive.

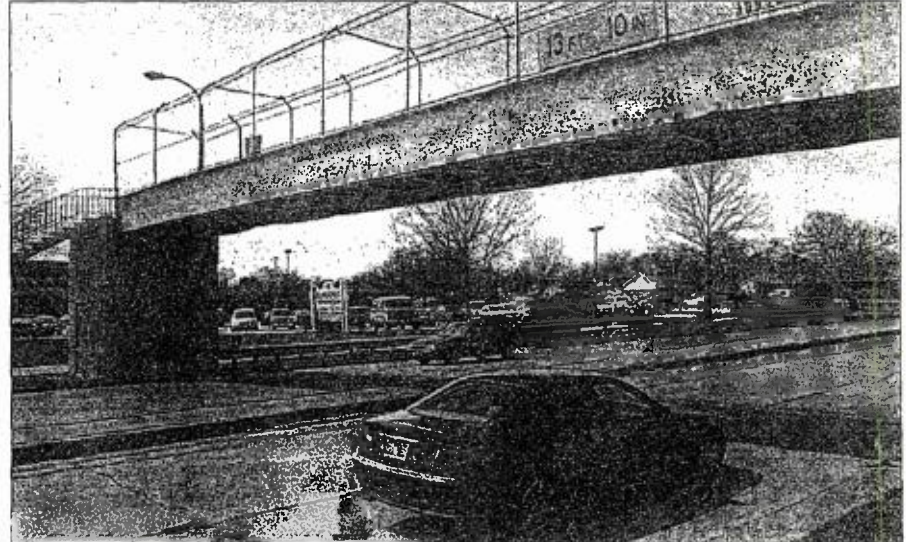
A crossing guard will be stationed in the morning and afternoon at the intersection after the overpass is torn down. While the Village Board voted unanimously for the project, Trustee Michael Horcher said he was concerned that a traffic signal and the use of crossing guards provides less protection than the overpass.

"Crossing guards get hit, too," he said. "I've seen it happen."

Kolberg said there are already signs warning motorists of students crossing the street on Dundee Road. Those signs will be either replaced or reset when the overpass is removed, he said.

Jim Parker, principal of London Middle School, said he has no "violent feelings" of seeing the overpass go. Some students, he said, cross the street now even without a crossing guard or a signal.

"I'd say 90 percent of the students use it," he said of those who walk to school and live north of Dundee Road. "We do have kids who won't climb on (the overpass) and will dash across the street."



Wheeling officials hope to tear down the pedestrian overpass between London Middle School and Field Elementary School this year. Trustees approved a plan to replace the overpass with a traffic signal.

Parker said the current situation of children choosing to not use the overpass is more dangerous than having children cross with a guard and a traffic light.

"The speed limit there is 35, but people drive faster than that," he said. "It's hard for kids to judge the speed of cars when they're standing still."

Parker also would like to see if the crossing guard could be on duty later in the day to help those children who stay late cross safely.

"Is the crossing guard going to be there at 5:30 or 6 at night?" he asked. "We do have kids that stay that late."

Layonne Knapstein, principal at Field Elementary

School, said Field students do not need to use the overpass to get to school since they all live north of the school.

The project is still dependent on Illinois Department of Transportation approval. Kolberg said IDOT is well aware of the village's plans to tear the overpass down, and the

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Police reviewing tapes after locker room incident

By PATRICK CORCORAN
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STAFF WRITERS

Wheeling police investigators are reviewing videotapes to determine if a man charged with taping girls showering in an Elk Grove Park District facility did the same at the Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center.

Wheeling Deputy Police Chief Michael Hermes said the review is ongoing but has yet to turn up any concrete evidence that the man charged taped anyone here. The tapes police are reviewing were found in the man's home.

"It is very difficult because the

areas are similar at different places," Hermes said. "It is very tedious work."

Police began their investigation after learning that the man charged in the Elk Grove incident had suspicious videos in his home that may have been taken at the Aquatic Center on Dundee Road. The Aquatic Center has co-ed shower rooms similar to those at Elk Grove's Jack Claes Pavilion, where the alleged taping of naked girls occurred.

Lifeguards and a patron of the Pavilion called police when they saw a man allegedly videotaping young girls in the Elk Grove Village facility's shower room last week. Timothy P. Armstrong, 42, of 1934 N. Leavitt Ave., Chi-

cago, is being held on a \$150,000 bond and will be back in court April 26 on two counts of misdemeanor unauthorized videotaping and one count of felony possession of child pornography.

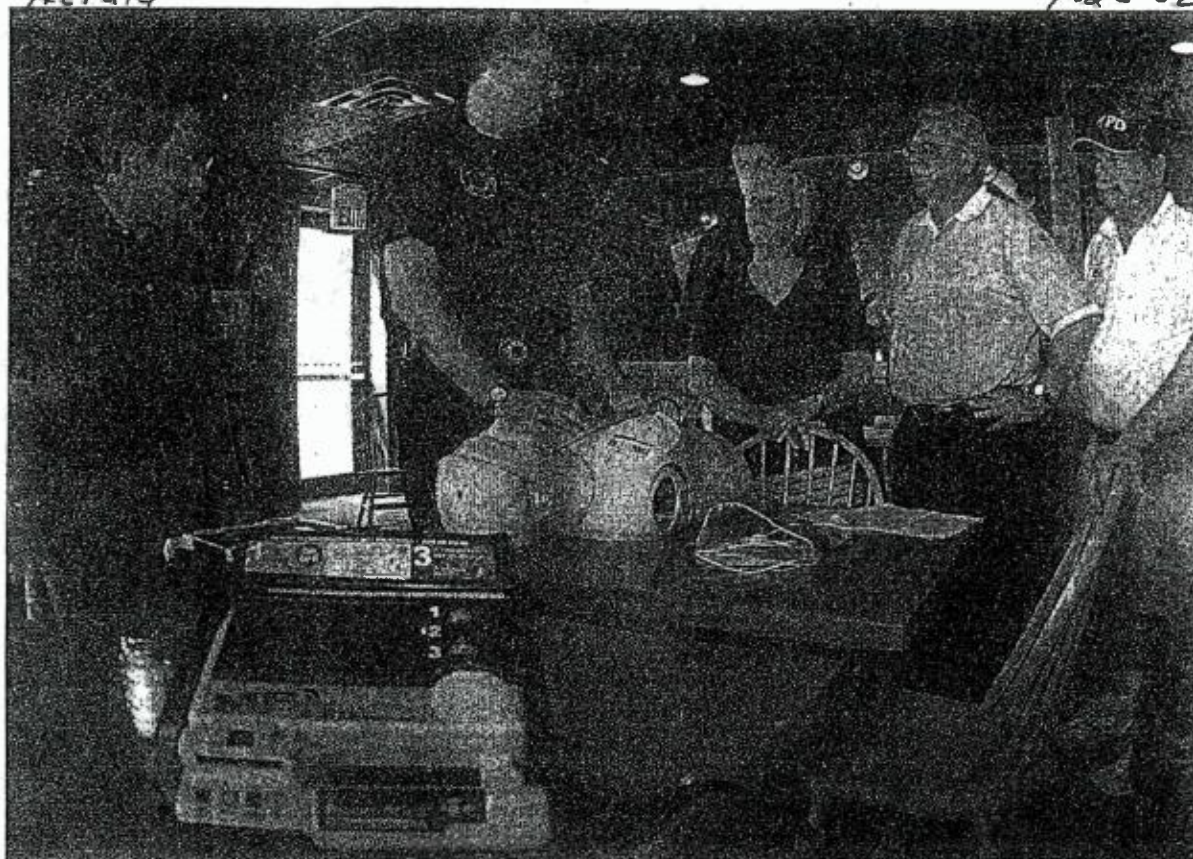
Police said Armstrong videotaped young girls showering nude in a co-ed family shower area at the Pavilion on at least two occasions. Police said the filming was done from a nearby shower stall using a hand-held camera with a flexible lens affixed to it.

Armstrong also is charged in connection with a similar incident that occurred April 13, 2001, in which a man believed to have been videotaping that day was reported to Pavilion employees. The suspect fled after a patron confronted him. The child pornogra-

phy charge stems from the discovery at Armstrong's home of what police said were three computer disks with pornography likely downloaded from the Internet.

Police said Armstrong may be linked with additional incidents at other pools and recreation facilities. Investigators reportedly found brochures for park district facilities in Oak Brook in his home. Elk Grove police also contacted Wheeling to further investigate suspicious videotapes found in the man's home.

Wheeling Park District Executive Director Karop Bavougian said the park district has never had any reports of anyone videotaping or acting suspiciously in the co-ed room.



PHOTOS BY MARK WELSH/DAILY HERALD

Buffalo Grove golf employees get a lesson in using the new automated external defibrillators installed at the village's two golf courses. Leading the lesson is Buffalo Grove firefighter/paramedic Dave Kelly, second from left, while Buffalo Grove Director of Golf Operations Carmen Molinaro, from left, and golf employees Lenore Mornini, Jon Fredrikson, Joe Schwister and Roger Simone look on.

Small package, huge benefit

New defibrillators on golf courses offer chance at life for heart attack victims.

BY STEVE ZALUSKY
Daily Herald Staff Writer

A couple of dummies were hanging around the Buffalo Grove Golf Course's Village Tavern and Grill.

They were being used recently by Buffalo Grove firefighter/paramedics Mike Boyd and Dave Kelly to help train golf course personnel to use the course's new automated external defibrillator.

Buffalo Grove Director of Golf Operations Carmen Molinaro said 21 employees were being trained to use the equipment and CPR instruction.

Last year, the village greatly increased its arsenal of defibrillators, including one each for its two golf courses, Buffalo Grove and Arboretum.

Boyd said the increase was inspired by a Buffalo Grove boy, Sean Morley, who was saved last summer by an AED carried by a Deerfield police officer. Morley

had lapsed into cardiac arrest after being hit with a pitch during a Buffalo Grove Recreation Association traveling baseball game.

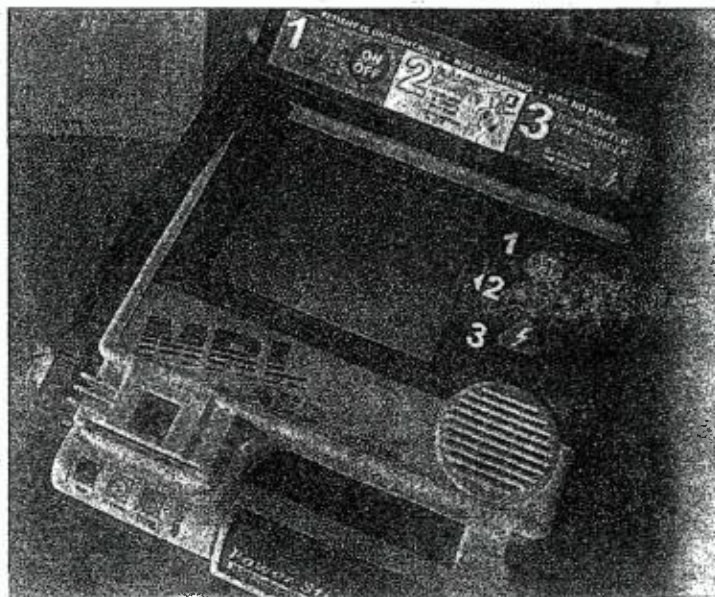
The defibrillator, manufactured by Medical Research Laboratories Inc., a Buffalo Grove firm, is simple to operate.

It supplies the electrical shock a cardiac arrest victim needs to start pumping blood again to the rest of the body. It also provides a readout of the patient's cardiac rhythm.

The device is about the size of a lunch box, contains a display screen and has instructions printed on it.

The significance of having the equipment at the golf courses is huge. If a golfer happens to collapse on the green, help is only seconds away. And because the chances for survival slip away with each passing minute, those seconds count.

The defibrillator "will bring them from being dead to being alive," Boyd said.



This automated external defibrillator can spell the difference between life and death for a victim of cardiac arrest. This model, available at both Buffalo Grove golf courses, is manufactured by the Buffalo Grove-based firm Medical Research Laboratories Inc.

Sentry Foods get new name, owners

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

Things are looking a little different at Sentry Foods since new owners took over the Lynn Plaza store Friday.

Sentry Foods sold its Wheeling store to Chicago-based Carniceria Jimenez. Sentry has been selling all of its retail assets, but Carniceria Jimenez only purchased the Wheeling store.

Carniceria Jimenez has been in the grocery business for 26 years, with stores located mainly in Chicago. Lupe Jimenez, one of the business' managers, said the company has slowly been moving into surrounding suburbs over the past few years.

"We're really excited (about the new store)," Jimenez said. "There are no other supermarkets in the area."

Although the Sentry Foods sign is still on the store's facade, Jimenez has already taken over as new owners and

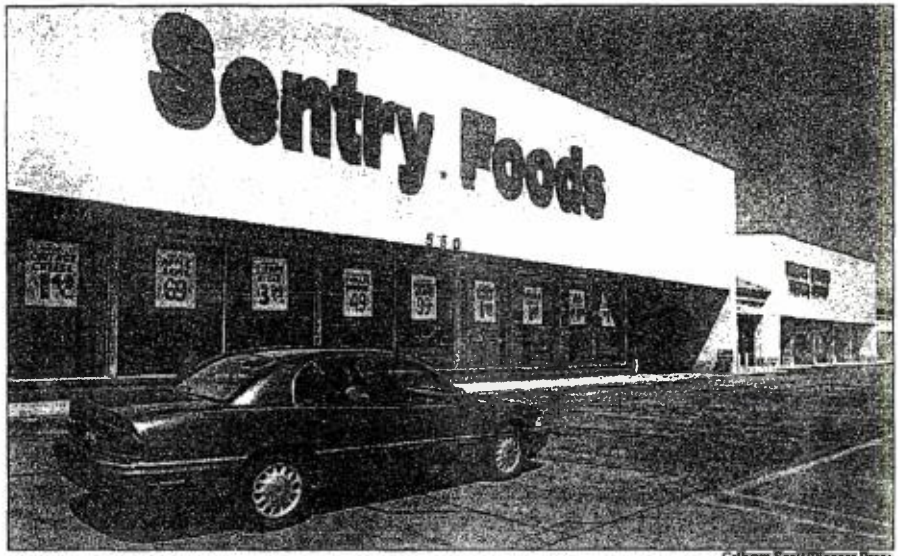
have gone to work redesigning the interior, cleaning the store and ordering new equipment.

Jimenez said they have already taken down one partition surrounding the produce area to open up the store. Employees also have put some elbow grease into cleaning the floors.

"This weekend people were asking when we got the new floors in, when we haven't gotten any new floors" Jimenez said. "It's been really fun so far. Hearing positive comments like that really motivates us even more."

Jimenez said the business specializes in selling fresh produce and meats. Jimenez said the 37,500-square-foot store will continue to be a full-line, full-service supermarket.

As the name of the store implies, Carniceria Jimenez caters to a Hispanic clientele, offering a full line of Hispanic products. However, Jimenez herself said the store aims to please all customers.



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Sentry Foods on Dundee Road has been sold to new owners. The Sentry sign is still up, but it will be replaced with a Carniceria Jimenez sign in the near future.

"It's a big store, which will incur high expenses," she said. "We need to attract everyone to be successful."

Jimenez said her husband,

who does a lot of the produce purchasing, has already been asking suppliers which produce may appeal to the large Polish and Russian popula-

tions in Wheeling.

Tom Woodlock, owner of Sentry Foods, did not return telephone calls.

Board cuts facility design funds from village budget

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The renovation of Village Hall and the construction of a new Public Works facility on Hintz Road are on hold after the Village Board decided to eliminate \$750,000 from the 2002-2003 budget that would have been spent on design costs for the new facilities.

Instead, the board wants to consider other options in trying to create more space for employees and departments. The decision last week means the Public Works facility will not move from Dundee Road, and plans already are in place to move the engineering department and the water department from the Public Works facility to a pumping station located on Old Willow Road.

There was talk of moving the Public Works facility to a village-owned, 10-acre lot on Hintz Road the board purchased in 2000 for \$1.35 million. Trustees said they would rather see that lot developed commercially.

Trustee Patrick Horcher said the space at the pump station is underused.

"The building has a computer, some pumps and pipes," he said. "But it's a big building. It's bigger than my house."

Trustee Dean Argiris said it makes sense to move the water department to the pump station building because most of the department's equipment is already there.

"We've had that building for years, and I don't know why it took so long for that light bulb to go off," he said. "So we've freed space (for public works) right there."

Argiris said the board should look at current village facilities and see how they can be used more efficiently. He also said he believed the

lot on Hintz Road can be used for better purposes.

"I think we should develop Hintz Road and use it to make money for the village," he said. "I've been against (moving public works there) from day one."

Trustee Trevor Lehmann said a recent increased investment in new computers and computer systems could allow the village to eliminate staff as they leave. That, too, will create more space at the two facilities.

"Looking to the future, as people retire or leave the village, we can redefine some of these jobs," he said. "We've invested a lot in technology, and I think it's time that it start to pay off for us. People can work more efficiently, and we can consolidate some work."

Trustee Michael Horcher agreed. With Village Attorney James Rhodes retiring, Horcher said there is debate among board members whether to replace him or hire an outside legal firm.

"We don't know what's going to happen," Horcher said. "I think (the budget cut) is a good idea until we have a better idea on what we're going to have for space."

Lehmann said he was glad to see the \$750,000 cut from the budget.

"I don't think we're under a space crunch," he said. "I'd rather see us solve some other problems first."

Not all trustees agree that there is no space crunch at Village Hall.

"They are in desperate need of space," Trustee Robert Heer said. "The conditions are far from adequate."

However, Heer did agree that cutting the \$750,000 was a good decision because of the ag-

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Board OKs budget

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Village Board approved a \$53.8 million budget for the fiscal year that began Wednesday that includes an aggressive capital improvements agenda.

The new budget represents an 8.4 percent increase in spending, while keeping the property tax levy at an increase of 3.4 percent. Finance Director Michael Mondschain said without the increase in capital improvements, the total budget would have increased by only 3.08 percent.

"That's pretty much keeping up with the consumer price index," he said. "This budget represents the continuance of the fiscally conservative policies of the board. We're doing well financially, and this budget continues that trend."

Mondschain said he believed the new budget will add between \$20 and \$30 to the tax bill of a resident who owns a home valued at \$200,000.

Over \$20 million has been budgeted for capital improvements, a 25.22 percent increase from last year.

Some of those projects include \$1 million for demolishing flood-prone homes, \$1 million in pavement improvements and \$2.6 million for a water main replacement project for the Dunhurst subdivision.

Trustee Patrick Horcher said all the projects need to be completed this year.

"They were important 20 years ago," he said. "Now they're vital."

Horcher said previous administrations had elected to sit on many of the projects. Costs have increased, and the projects kept piling up, creating an urgency to work on the projects now, he said.

Trustee Dean Argiris agreed that the budget is high, but he said the spending goes directly toward making Wheeling a better place.

"We're spending \$20 million in capital improvements," he said. "But we're spending it to improve the village."

The budget also includes \$8.75 million for land acquisition in the tax increment financing district, and \$3 million for streetscape improvements in the TIF district. Horcher said the money has already been collected. (Continued on page 11)

Department head search cut by two

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

James Grabowski, Wheeling's acting village manager, appointed two new department heads last week, filling important holes at Village Hall.

Grabowski promoted two people to the positions of public works director and community development director. Guy Kolberg was named public works director April 22, and Daniel Ozanich was appointed community development director April 24. Both men were acting heads for their respective departments.

Kolberg has been acting public works director since November, when Robert Gray retired. Kolberg has been employed by the village for the past two years as capital projects manager. In that position, he managed projects like the construction of the Wheeling Drainage Ditch diversion channel, the village's water main replacement program, the street light improvement program and the annual pavement improvement program.

Grabowski said Kolberg will "continue the tradition of being attentive to community needs that have come to typify public works' services."

Before joining the village, Kolberg was the assistant city engineer for the city of Sun Prairie, Wis. Kolberg holds master's degrees in public administration from Governor's State University and in project management from the Keller School of Management. He also holds an undergraduate degree in engineering technology.

Ozanich has been acting community development director since October, when Michael Klitzke left to take a job with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He also was the village's building director and has been employed with Wheeling since 1988.

Ozanich will be responsible for functions that include building inspections, planning, permits, property maintenance, code compliance and appearance issues.

"Dan Ozanich brings a

broad range of experience and training to the position," Grabowski said. "His familiarity with village procedures ensures an orderly transition."

Ozanich is a 1977 graduate of the University of Illinois-Chicago and has extensive experience in private-sector enterprises in the areas of manufacturing, construction, engineering and architectural design. He is a Navy veteran and served in the Vietnam War.

The village is still searching for a village manager and a manager for the Palwaukee Municipal Airport. Grabowski said both searches are progressing.

Trustees met with representatives from the PAR Group, the firm hired to find candidates for village manager, March 26 to develop a candidate profile. Grabowski said PAR representatives also met with village department heads to help put the profile together.

Grabowski said advertisements for the empty village manager position began running last week. PAR stated in its request for proposal that it can find candidates for the village manager in 90 days.

Former village manager Craig Anderson was asked to leave his post by trustees in February after serving for 14 years.

The search for an airport manager is further behind. Wheeling officials and Prospect Heights officials are working together to find a new manager. A search committee has been formed, which includes two Wheeling representatives, two Prospect Heights representatives, as well as representatives from the Palwaukee Municipal Airport Commission. Prospect Heights had just named its representatives to the committee in the last few weeks.

Airport manager Fred Stewart was put on administrative leave Dec. 15 until his official retirement Feb. 1. Dennis Rouleau, the assistant manager, has been the acting airport manager since Stewart's departure.

Country Side News Briefs 4-18-02 New apartments at Addolorata Villa

Addolorata Villa is hoping to open 66 new assisted-living apartments this summer.

The new building features 38 one- and two-bedroom apartments and a special wing with 22 apartments for those with dementia. All apartments are individually heated and cooled, include a kitchen and free basic cable television.

Each floor will have a laundry room. The building also has many common areas, including a great room, dining room, sitting rooms and flower garden. It also includes a children's play room for visitors. A reading room, computer room and billiard room will provide residents with avenues of relaxation and stimulation.

Addolorata Villa is currently awaiting its occupancy permit, which will be followed by state inspections of the facility. A July grand opening is planned.

Park equipment picked by trustees

The Wheeling Village Board picked the last of the equipment needed to finish the new park to be built at the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Board members picked out lights and benches for the park. The lights will illuminate walkways, the landscape and waterfall. There will be 101 lights used to illuminate the waterfall alone, which will be washed in white light.

Trustee Judy Abruscato questioned why white lights were to be used instead of colored ones. Claus Dunkelberg, of Harding ESE, said the white light will be most effective in illuminating the sandstone rocks behind the water.

Trustees also chose metal benches to be installed at the plaza. Wooden benches were considered, but trustees said they preferred the metal ones for maintenance purposes and to reduce vandalism.

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lected and is held in a separate fund.

Horcher met with Mondschain and Acting Village Manager James Grabowski a few days before the budget was passed to see what could be cut from the spending plan. In total, about \$1.3 million in cuts were identified in that meeting. Those cuts included \$750,000 for plans to expand and improve village facilities, \$250,000 for a uniform fence on Dundee Road and \$120,000 for design costs for a 2004 water main replacement project.

The water main designs will be done by new in-house engineers to be hired this year. Horcher said the new engineers will help in saving money in future design costs as well. The village also plans to hire one more police officer and three more firefighter/paramedics.

The village expects to collect \$7.6 million in property taxes, representing 23.05 percent of all revenues. The village also expects to collect 14.5 percent more in sales taxes next year. Mondschain said that increase is mainly due to a sales tax increase from .05 percent to .075 percent, which took effect Jan. 1.

The village is also implementing new taxes this year, including a 5 percent hotel/motel tax, a 1 percent use tax on both electricity and natural gas, ambulance fees and higher water turn-on fees that are levied when a resident does not pay a water bill. These new taxes are expected to generate \$628,000.

The village will also dip into its reserve funds to balance the budget. After cuts were made at the last minute, the village will use about \$2.5 million in reserve funds. That still leaves the village with \$14.4 million in reserve funds.

The Village Board passed the hotel/motel tax and the new water turn-on fees at its April 22 meeting. The ambulance fees and utility use tax will be passed later this spring or this summer.

Trustees and village officials say they like the budget, mainly because of the fact so much will be done in capital improvements, while keeping property tax hikes to a minimum.

"I'm very conscious of that," Horcher said. "Anything that affects me, too, I try to be responsible about it."

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gressive capital improvement program in the budget.

"Is (Village Hall space) number-one priority for the residents?" he asked. "I think water and sewer is more important to them than putting up a multimillion-dollar building."

Trustee Judy Abruscato said eliminating the \$750,000 from the budget does not mean the new facilities are dead.

"If it comes to big money we can bond it out, especially with interest rates so low," she said. "Now that money isn't tied up in one item."

Village President Greg Kleckci said he will reserve his thoughts on space needs until the board looks at the space study at the board's workshop meeting May 6.

Club brings out blooms

Greetings, neighbor. April showers bring May flowers ... and so does the Wheeling Garden Club! The Garden Club's fourth annual Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in front of Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. A wide variety of annual and perennial flats, hanging baskets, flower pouches, individual plants and vegetable plants will be available to buy.

It is possible to reserve your plants in advance by phoning Joyce Stemp at (847) 537-0567. She also can be contacted if you have questions about the plant sale. Proceeds from the sale will be used toward the Wheeling Garden Club Scholarship Fund. So mark your calendar to be sure and get the best selection available.

Color Cued Gardens will be the program presented Wednesday during the Garden Club's next meeting. You are invited to share in a different approach to perennial borders. The feature will be raised borders and practical hints with an eye to color-coordination and low maintenance. Learn which plants are used for the red, white, pink, blue and yellow borders.

Ms. Loann Loebel is the guest speaker. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Loebel is a gardening consultant, the author of "Flowers are for Keeping," and she is a freelance photographer. Her program promises to be very informative and interesting. Come on out to meet her and the Garden Club.

The Garden Club meets on

the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Community Center in Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road. Additional information regarding this program or the Garden Club can be obtained by phoning (847)-537-4674.

Bank birthday

Happy Birthday to the family of the Corus Bank at 125 McHenry Road in Wheeling.

Corus Bank celebrates 24 years in the Wheeling community today. The bank name has changed, but the familiar faces have remained the same for many of the wonderful people. Dimitra Psirogiannis and Smita Mayak will each be with the bank family for 15 years on their 2002 anniversary dates. Judy Abruscato remembers working out of a temporary office in a shopping center 24 years ago while the present home was being built. Corus bank has been a strong asset to our community for it's 24 years. We look forward to another 24+ years!

History buffs

Congratulations to the newly elected board members of the Wheeling Historical Society.

Elaine Simpson will be sworn in as the new president of the society. Eleanor Buerger and Frank Schnaitmann were elected as two of the directors, and Linda Reading will serve the society as curator. Continuing to serve the Wheeling Historical Society are Vice President Marilyn Chromy, Treasurer Dolly Hein, Secretary Pat Hancock, Director Barbara Forke and

Historian Shirley McConnell. The installation dinner will be held May 29.

Thank you to all of the members who serve the society with pride and dedication. And a special thank you to outgoing President Lorraine Haben for everything she has provided over the years. We count on Lorraine to be ever-present as the society continues into the history of Wheeling. (Remember, today is tomorrow's yesterday.)

As noted in the Constitution of the Wheeling Historical Society, "The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the community of Wheeling." Best wishes to the new officers of the Wheeling Historical Society as they strive to fulfill that constitution.

Rotary goal

The eradication of polio by the year 2005 is the number-one goal of Rotary International.

It is amazing how lucky we are in the United States that the majority of us have never been affected by that crippling disease. Let's think back for a minute. Do you know anyone personally who was afflicted by polio? This neighbor has an aunt-in-law in her 80s who suffers the effects of polio as a child. Fortunately, the polio vaccination has pretty much taken care of this disease for those of us in the United States, but it is still a very serious problem in other parts of the world.

Rotary International, including the Wheeling Rotary Club, will be

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celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2005. This is the world's first service club. It was founded by a Chicago attorney, Paul Harris, who wanted to recapture in a professional club "the same friendly spirit" he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The club is headquartered in Evanston, with membership extending to more than 30,000 clubs in more than 160 nations.

The club pledged in 1985 that members would celebrate their centennial in 2005 by eradicating polio worldwide. This is a project that is expected to see the organization spending \$500 million through the 20 years. And you can help to see that pledge fulfilled. Donations can be made to Rotary International c/o Wheeling Rotary Club, Box 75, Wheeling, Illinois. Additional information regarding the club or their program can be obtained by contacting President-elect Judy Abruscato at (773) 832-6713. And thank you for your generosity.

Oh, mark your calendar for the Wheeling Rotary Club's dedication of the Bill Simpson Memorial May 11 at 11 a.m. in the new Denoyer Park located at Denoyer Trail and Waverly Drive (across McHenry Road from Wapaghetts). Bill Simpson was a long time Rotarian who brought much advancement to the organization through

his commitment. He passed away several years ago but will be remembered always through the memorial provided by the Rotary Club. Their donation of a gazebo along the inter-community bike path in Bill's name will be a welcome rest area for bike riders as well as the neighborhood families who will use the new park. Stop by and check it out. The park is beautiful!

The Wheeling Park District will dedicate the new park May 18 at 9:30 a.m. In addition to the Bill Simpson/Rotary Club gazebo, the park district remembered a long-time resident and former owner of the property, Mrs. Xenia B. Denoyer, with a plaque on the fireplace remnant of a popular Girl Scout cabin. Following the dedication of Denoyer Park, the newly renovated Husky Park, located at the end of Lee Street behind Jack London Middle School, will be dedicated at 11 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend both of the dedications. It is great to see the tremendous efforts provided by the Wheeling Park District for the children in our neighborhoods.

Helping out

Way to go Valerie (Abruscato) Gross for walking the mile, or six of them, during the recent MS Walk at Busse Woods.

Valerie said she was glad (Continued on page 20)

Memorandum



Date: May 3, 2002

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To: Karop T Bavougian, CLP
Executive Director and
Board of Park Commissioners

Cc: Staff

Subject: Chevy Chase Golf Course Renovation Status and Review of Landscape Master Plan for 18TH green / Putting Green Vicinity.

Dear Karop and Commissioners:

Chevy Chase golf course renovation is in full swing and is progressing rapidly. This week, The Bruce Company opened up the lakes, installed bridges and did more mass grading. I will try to take some photos on Monday or early Tuesday to share with commissioners after the meeting, if desired.

Staff met this week to review the asphalt paths configuration and to discuss the feasibility of completing the phase I paths vs. completing phases I and II. We have directed the Bruce Company to excavate for both phases of paths, with a decision as to whether to install gravel only or asphalt (with gravel base) in the areas designated as phase II. I will bring a copy of the cart path plan to this board meeting to discuss with the commissioners, if desired.

As we look at the overall financial picture, we are thinking that we will be able to afford asphalt paving for both phases I and II, as the Bruce Company has sharpened its pencil by soliciting additional subcontractor's prices. This is very good news.

Attached please find the staff's landscape master plan (and related exhibits) for the putting green / 9th green vicinity (listed as hole no. 18 in this memo so as to be consistent with the board meeting agenda, and listed as hole no. 9 in the drawing so as to be consistent with the construction drawings). There are several design goals which we would like to accomplish with this plan, namely;

1. To provide a backdrop for the finishing hole, including a significant water feature.
2. To provide a "photo op" area for wedding participants, with pastoral / attractive landscaping, water feature backdrop, etc.
3. To provide a striking view from the Devonshire Room, Devonshire terraces, from the pro shop entrance, and from the Gable Room and its adjacent terrace. The view should be picturesque with an additional (different) view of the water feature.

To accomplish these goals, we have utilized plant materials and natural Lannon stone outcropping ledge rock (like large flagstone). The formal nature of the garden lends structure to the environment for photographs and is necessary when using such natural materials. The plan will be presented by staff in detail at this board meeting, along with photos of types of materials, and the like.

We are still gathering cost information from the Bruce Company and from other sources, and hope to have a breakdown by this board meeting. Our first guesstimate reveals that the cost for the improvements in their entirety will exceed our allocated budget. Therefore, if it pleases the board, we'd like to receive at this meeting, the following feedback;

1. Commissioner's input regarding the design, and whether the plan will serve as a "master plan" for this area of the course.
2. Information pertaining to the cost of this project, whether it is feasible, and how we might either scale it back or phase it over time.

Once we receive cost data for the project (probably on Tuesday afternoon), we will have a basis for formulating suggestions for phasing and/or scaling back the project.

One area of opportunity is for us to install phase I plantings as soon as possible so as to alleviate the "unfinished" view of the course from the clubhouse. This could be accomplished in the next few weeks, with the balance of the work completed by mid-summer. The suggested Phase I items are so noted in the drawing, and a view from the terrace of the Devonshire Room is also attached.

This is a very exciting endeavor for us, to be able to finally visualize the end product of this focal point for the course. I look forward to our discussion.

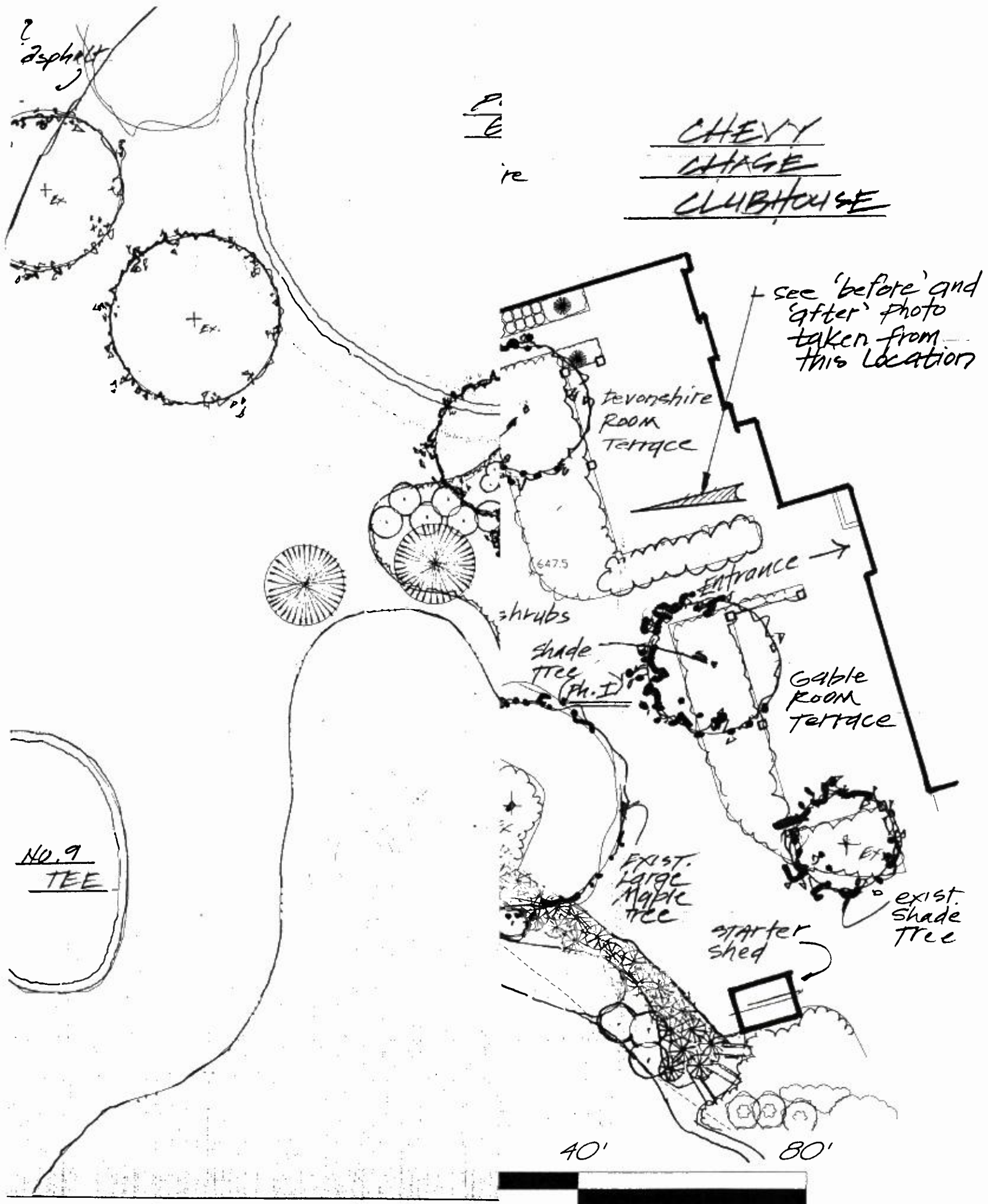
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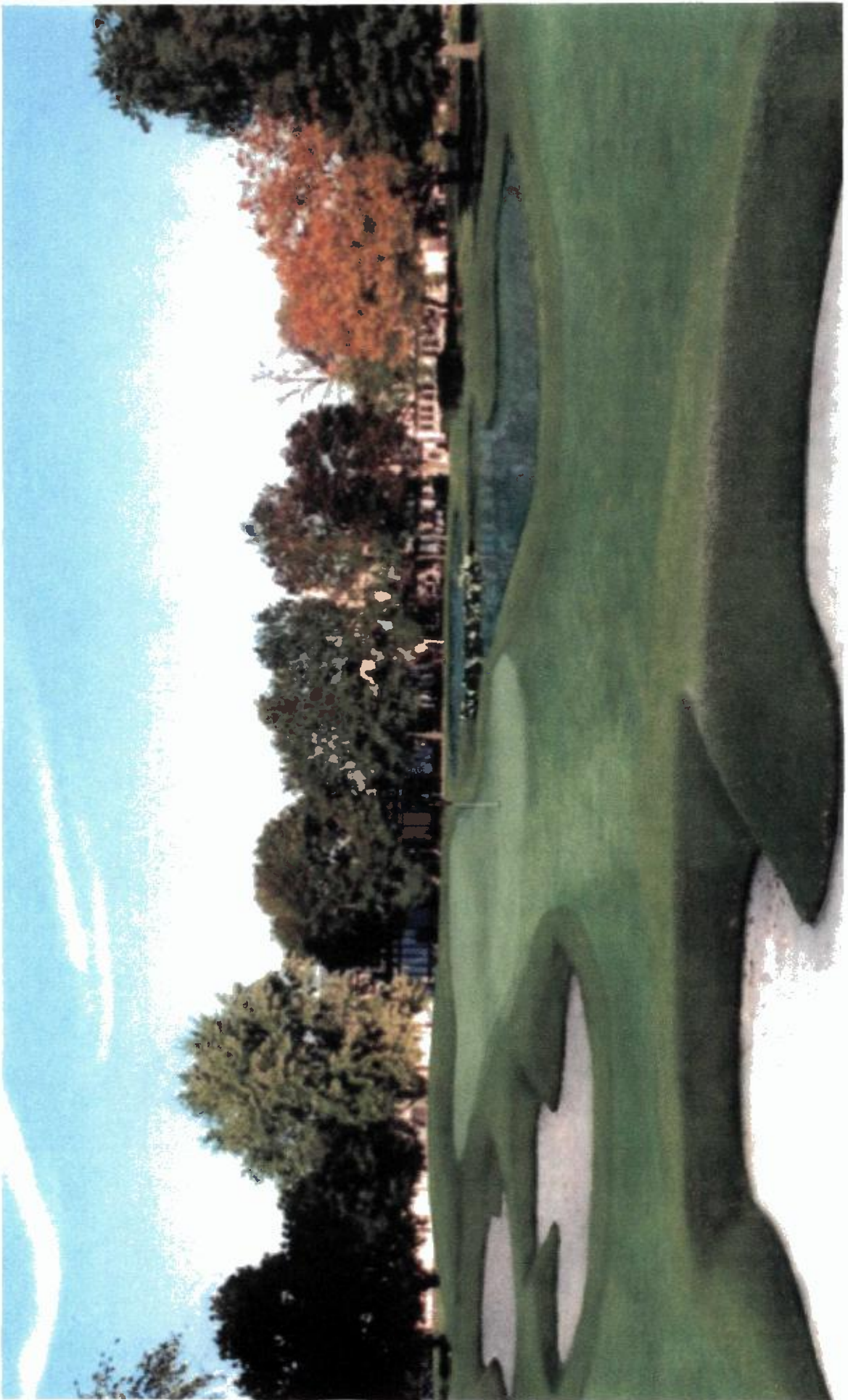


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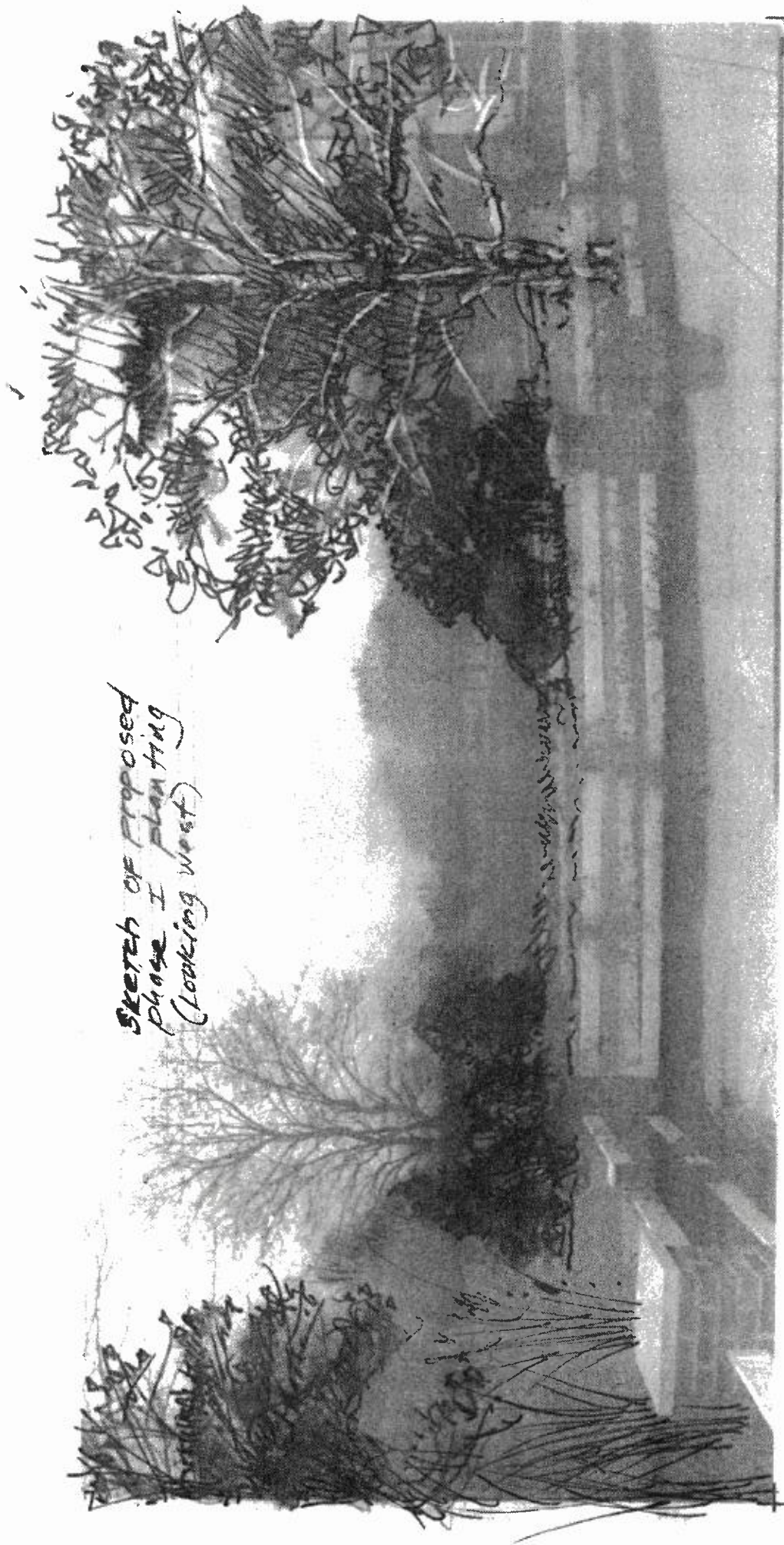




EXISTING View from
Devonshire Terrace
(Looking West)



Sketch of proposed
Phase I planting
(Looking west)





Village Board Meeting Agenda Item

Monday, March 15, 2004

XII-B

**Ordinance 2004 - _____: Annexing
certain territory to the Village of
Buffalo Grove.**

<i>Agenda Section:</i>	Regular Agenda: New Business
<i>Order In Section:</i>	B
<i>Type of Item:</i>	Ordinance
<i>Department:</i>	Planning
<i>Requested By:</i>	Robert E Pfeil
<i>Prepared By:</i>	Robert E Pfeil
<i>Trustee Liaison:</i>	Trustee Glover
<i>Additional Documentation:</i>	
<i>Other Agenda Items:</i>	

Overview

The Village proposes annexation of the subject area pursuant to Section 5/7-1-13 of the Illinois Municipal Code (ILCS 5/7-1-13). An ordinance and notices are attached.

The subject property has been included in the Village of Buffalo Grove Comprehensive Plan since 1973. In November 1987, the Village Board approved the transition to Village water and sewer service for the subject area. Water and sewer services has been provided to the properties since this time. The Police and Fire Departments as well as other departments already have a presence in this area of the community due to the Village's existing boundaries.

The Village will be coordinating a community information meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers. New residents and businesses in the subject area are welcome to attend one of these informational meetings to receive information about the plethora of services that are offered by the Village. A representative from each department will be available to answer questions and provide information. The Manager's Office staff will be available to meet independently with any property owners in the subject area that are not able to attend the two community information meetings on March 24th.

Exhibit B, Plat of Annexation, shall be distributed with the hard-copy packets.

that indicates the annexed property and the surrounding area.

Section 4. The Village Clerk of the Village of Buffalo Grove is hereby directed to cause to be filed in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lake County a copy of this Ordinance with an accurate map of the territory annexed.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval. This Ordinance shall not be codified.

AYES: 5 - Braiman, Glover, Berman, Johnson, Trilling

NAYES: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Kahn

PASSED: March 15, 2004

APPROVED: March 15, 2004

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Janet M. Swedman
Village Clerk

Elliott Hartstein
ELLIOTT HARTSTEIN, Village President

This document prepared by:
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Village of Buffalo Grove
50 Raupp Boulevard
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089



VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE
50 RAUPP BLVD
BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089
847-459-2518

NOTICE OF ANNEXATION

Vernon Township Supervisor, 3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-2727
Vernon Township Board of Trustees, 3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-2727
Vernon Township Highway Commissioner, 3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-2727
Lake County Clerk, 18 N. County Building, Waukegan, IL 60085

LINCOLNSHIRE-RIVERWOODS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 115 Schelter Rd., Lincolnshire, IL 60069
Barbara La Piana, 196 Westminster Way, Lincolnshire, IL 60069
David Anderson, 23401 Apple Hill Lane, Prairie View, IL 60069
Kenneth Barnabee, 27 Kings Cross Drive, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

POSTAL AUTHORITY

Buffalo Grove Post Office, 255 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Wheeling Post Office, 250 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090

Please take notice that on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:30 P.M., or such date as may then be decided, in the Village Council Chambers, Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Buffalo Grove will consider an ordinance to annex the Property legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto pursuant to Section 5/7-1-13 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-13).

VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE
An Illinois Municipal Corporation

By Robert E. Pfeil
Robert E. Pfeil, Village Planner

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTIES OF COOK AND LAKE)

I, Robert Pfeil, for the Village of Buffalo Grove, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that on February 26, 2004 I mailed a true and correct copy of the above notice to the parties shown above, postage prepaid, certified mail.

By Robert E. Pfeil
Robert E. Pfeil, Village Planner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 26th DAY OF February, 2004

Fay Rubin
Notary Public





Fifty Raupp Blvd.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-2196
Phone 847-459-2518
Fax 847-459-7906

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WEST OF MILWAUKEE AVE/NORTH OF LINDEN AVE
EAST OF MILWAUKEE AVE AT RIVERWALK DR/
PRAGUE AVE

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, the annexation by the Village of Buffalo Grove of the territory legally described in this notice is contemplated pursuant to Section 5/7-1-13 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-13).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 5, 1926 AS DOCUMENT 278278; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 AND THE NORTHWESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 398.52 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 3 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE AND THE EASTERLY AND WESTERLY EXTENSIONS THEREOF, 249.59 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 7 OF UNIT NUMBER TWO OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 10, 1926 AS DOCUMENT 282352; (THE FOLLOWING 6 COURSES ARE ALONG THE WEST, SOUTH, EAST AND NORTH LINES OF SAID BLOCK 7) THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, 321.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 25.81 FEET; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST, 116.42 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE WITH A CURVED LINE CONCAVE NORTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 143.80 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 209.76 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 26 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 191.65 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 277.40 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 118.31 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 26 DEGREES

50 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST, 117.42 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 162.40 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 170.15 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 69 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 162.48 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 7 AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 268.79 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 2 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 175.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 14 IN SAID BLOCK 2; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 130.00 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER LINE OF AN ALLEY LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO LOT 10 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 149.09 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF COLUMBUS PARKWAY IN SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 166.66 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 184.65 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4 IN SAID BLOCK 2; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, 71.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 4 AND THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 146.84 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF PRAGUE AVENUE IN SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 545.56 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 42.38 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 60 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, 42.37 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1506.96 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 146.93 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 65 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, 146.87 FEET); THENCE NORTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF PRAGUE AVENUE AND THE EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 259.23 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST LINE OF PARCEL OAS 0022 IN CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 92 ED 80 FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER FILED OCTOBER 25, 1993; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 115.24 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 14 IN BLOCK 3 OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS UNIT NUMBER TWO AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND THE EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 120.74 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF AN ALLEY IN BLOCK 3 AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 22

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FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LINCOLN CLUB SUBDIVISION AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 361.31 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE THALWEG LINE OF A CREEK AS FIELD SURVEYED ON MAY 21, 2003; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 34 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 6.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 42.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 34.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 39.18 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 30.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 17.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 09 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 53.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 49.90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 19.09 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 45.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 40.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 154.59 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS WEST, 139.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, 197.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 79.95 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 190.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, 201.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE THALWEG LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CREEK, 35.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 35.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 44.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 35.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 43.47 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 08 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 23.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 46.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 38.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 17 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 39.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 36.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 38 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 31.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 5.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 51.52 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 69.34 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF LINDEN AVENUE PER UNIT NO. 3 OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION

OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34 AFORESAID AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35 AFORESAID, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 22, 1929 AS DOCUMENT 337110, IN LAKE COUNTY; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND THE EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, BEING ALSO THE NORTH LINE OF LINDEN AVENUE AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID, 1055.61 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 17 IN BLOCK 5 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT, 65.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 17; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 65.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 19 THEREIN; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT, 65.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 19; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 260.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 24 THEREIN; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT AND THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 25 IN BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 75.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 10.00 FEET OF LOT 25 AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 15.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 25.00 FEET OF LOT 25 AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 124.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 24; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 25 AND 26 IN BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 67.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Dated this 1st day of March, 2004.

JANET M. SIRABIAN, Village Clerk
Village of Buffalo Grove, Illinois

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 5, 1926 AS DOCUMENT 278278; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 AND THE NORTHWESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 398.52 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 3 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE AND THE EASTERLY AND WESTERLY EXTENSIONS THEREOF, 249.59 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 7 OF UNIT NUMBER TWO OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 10, 1926 AS DOCUMENT 282352; (THE FOLLOWING 6 COURSES ARE ALONG THE WEST, SOUTH, EAST AND NORTH LINES OF SAID BLOCK 7) THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, 321.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 25.81 FEET; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST, 116.42 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE WITH A CURVED LINE CONCAVE NORTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 143.80 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 209.76 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 26 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 191.65 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 277.40 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 118.31 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 26 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST, 117.42 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 162.40 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 170.15 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 69 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 162.48 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 7 AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 268.79 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 2 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 175.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 14 IN SAID BLOCK 2; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 130.00 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER LINE OF AN ALLEY LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO LOT 10 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 149.09 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF COLUMBUS PARKWAY IN SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 166.66 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 184.65 FEET TO

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SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 466.96 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LINCOLN CLUB SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 AND THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LAKE COUNTY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 2538297; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 656.62 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE PER WARRANTY DEED RECORDED JULY 25, 1988 AS DOCUMENT 2704362, IN LAKE COUNTY; (THE FOLLOWING 5 COURSE ARE ALONG THE EAST, SOUTH AND WEST LINES THEREOF) THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 68.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, 76.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 36.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 75.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, 170.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LINCOLN CLUB SUBDIVISION AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 361.31 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE THALWEG LINE OF A CREEK AS FIELD SURVEYED ON MAY 21, 2003; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 34 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 6.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 42.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 34.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 39.18 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 30.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 17.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 09 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 53.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 49.90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 19.09 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 45.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 40.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 154.59 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS WEST, 139.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, 197.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 79.95 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 190.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, 201.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE THALWEG LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CREEK, 35.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 35.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 44.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 35.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 43.47 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 08 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 23.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 46.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 38.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 17 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 39.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 36.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 38 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING

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Dated this 1st day of March, 2004.

JANET M. SIRABIAN, Village Clerk
Village of Buffalo Grove, Illinois

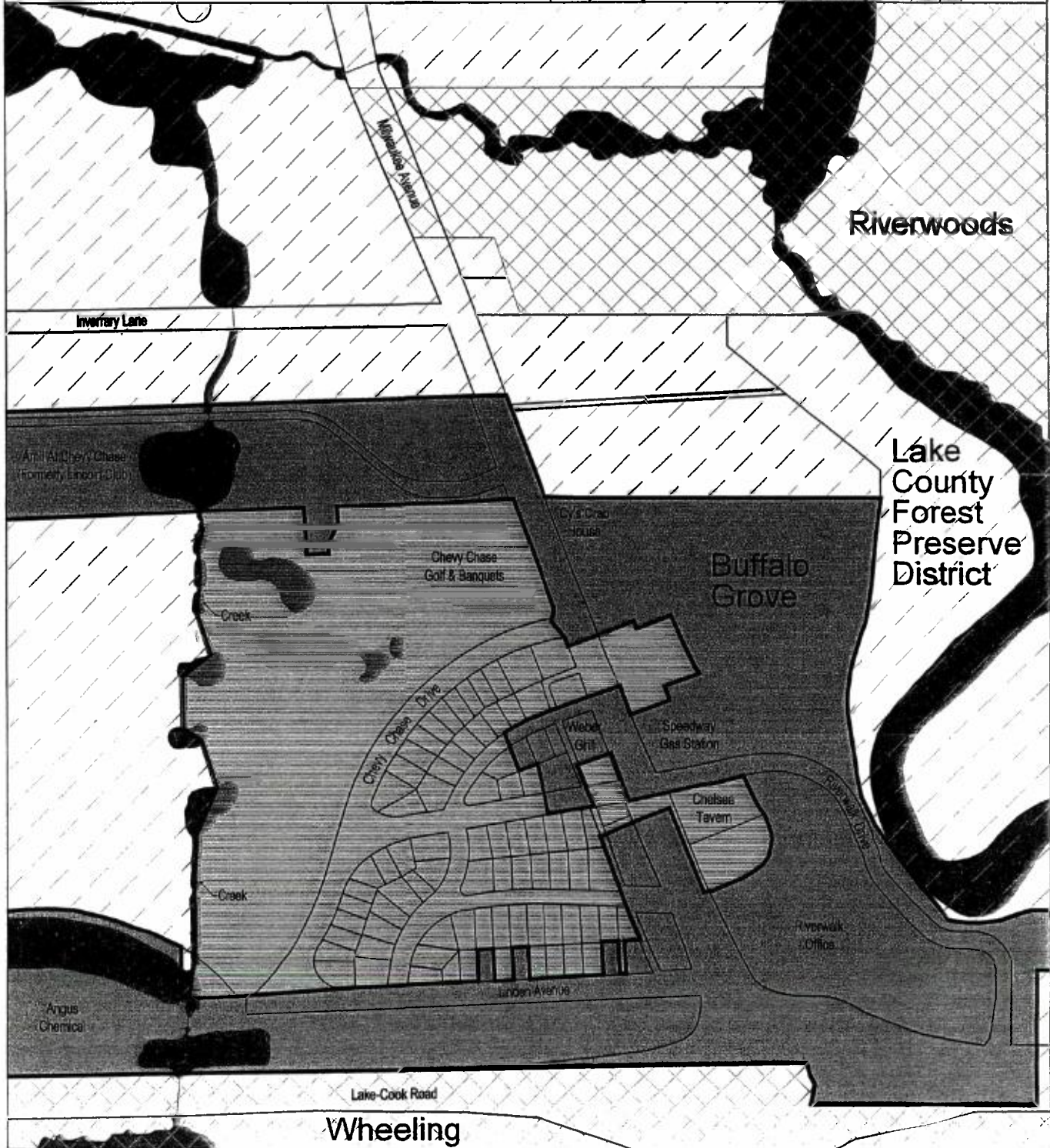
EXHIBIT C, LOCATION MAP

-  Village of Buffalo Grove
-  Other Municipality
-  Unincorporated Cook & Lake Counties
-  Waterway
-  Annexation Parcel, 57.8863 Acres



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Prepared by the Village of Buffalo Grove -- Division of Planning Services, 2/8/04



ORDINANCE NO. 2004 -32

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY
TO THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Buffalo Grove is a Home Rule Unit by virtue of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and,

WHEREAS, the unincorporated territory legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto containing less than 60 acres is wholly bounded by the Village of Buffalo Grove and a creek which is located in a county with a population of more than 400,000; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed annexation of said territory has been published pursuant to Section 5/7-1-13 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-13); and,

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed annexation of said territory has been given to the appropriate authorities pursuant to Section 5/7-1-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. The foregoing WHEREAS clauses are hereby restated and incorporated herein.

Section 2. That the real property legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto be and hereby is annexed to the Village of Buffalo Grove. A true and correct map of said real property is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit B.

Section 3. That attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit C is a Location Map



Tribune photo by Jim Prisching

Don Faley gets the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling ready for Wednesday's return of ballroom dancing. The club was built in the 1930s and reportedly used by Al Capone's gang.

BALLROOM: Dances still must break even

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The Wheeling Park District-owned golf club ran the weekly dances for 17 years before discontinuing them, and many of them said it was the dancing at Chevy Chase that first got them back into the social whirl after the death of a spouse.

"It is a lonely place out there when someone loses a mate," said Ponder, president of the Spares, a singles group for seniors. "There is something about getting dressed up and going out that gets people's minds off of things."

"We can dress up and feel like youthful teenagers," said Evelyn Ekstrom, a Skokie resident who became a regular at Chevy Chase after her husband died. "It was just like prom night."

Chevy Chase is one of two ballrooms still open for dancing in the Chicago area. The other is Willowbrook Ballroom in Willow Springs.

An elderly client base shrinks every year—some pass away, others stop driving—as the costs of heating and air conditioning the large spaces continue to rise.

People who frequent the dance halls are often unwilling to pay more than \$10 at the door, and once inside, they don't spend much money at the bar, said Ken Richards, director of publicity for the U.S. Amateur

Ballroom Dancers Association.

As the old ballrooms have closed, dancers have moved to small dance studios and nightclubs.

Ponder, who came to Chicago in 1937 and lives in Gurnee, can tick off the names of the ballrooms as if he had just been dancing the night before:

"There was the Aragon; the Trianon on the South Side; Melody Mills in the western suburbs; the ballroom in the Edgewater Beach Hotel; the Wilshire at Wilson and Lake Shore. Then there was the Paradise Ballroom. That was on Pulaski. And there's some others too."

Some dancers say Chevy Chase, 1000 N. Milwaukee Rd., was built in the 1930s and operated as a gambling den frequented by members of Al Capone's mob. There was a rumor that a secret passage from the club to a distant golf course was used during Prohibition to foil police raids.

Chevy Chase managers say the ballroom remains just as it was in Capone's day, with a 6,000-square-foot dance floor, wood-paneled walls and antique brass chandeliers. Red velvet curtains frame the stage and candles flicker on linen-covered tables.

The elegance was enough to give Claire Busel of Wheeling a bit of escape after her husband died.

"The women are in evening gowns, and the men are in their best," she said. "I danced there three years. That was the best therapy."

But crowds dwindled, and when attendance dropped below 100 in 2001, down from nearly 400 in the 1980s, Chevy Chase discontinued the weekly dances.

A group of about 50 people tried to keep the tradition going by renting the ballroom and holding independent dances, but costs overwhelmed them, and the dances soon ended.

Still, "people kept coming in and saying, 'Tom, is there any chance of getting it going again?'" said Tom Dressler, a manager at Chevy Chase.

"This is something that I wanted to do personally," he said. "I've seen my parents go through the senior parts of life, and unfortunately, when you get older, there isn't a lot to do."

When a new general manager arrived about 18 months ago, Dressler approached her, and after some negotiation the Park District agreed to restart the dances.

Money is still a concern. The dances, which must break even, will be held once a month for six months to gauge interest.

People are passing the word, hoping to attract enough interest to keep the dances going.

Elenor Mamayek, 58, of Dundee, who had danced at Chevy Chase since 1986, said she has already picked out her dress.

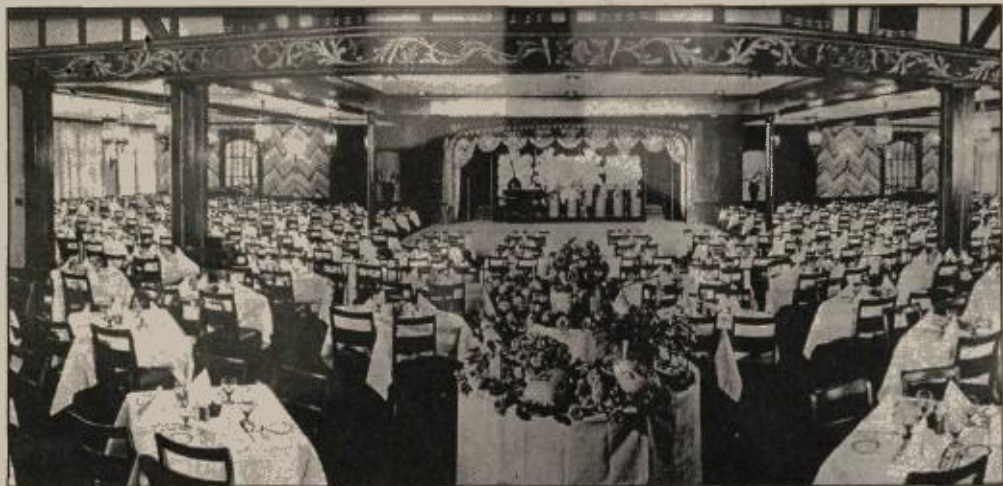
"I'm ready," she said. "I'm going to wear one of my nice ballroom dance dresses, a black chiffon."

Ekstrom said she wants a younger crowd to develop interest.

"We need young people to get out there and learn these dances," she said. "The elderly don't live forever."

She pointed out that "dancing the night away" is great exercise, more fun than walking and jogging and a great way to meet people.

"Young people don't have the fun we do," she said. "It's too bad."



The ballroom at Chevy Chase Country Club, shown in a different era, will come alive Wednesday with dancers three years after the club stopped hosting dances.

Not ready for a last dance

Chevy Chase Country Club will reopen its doors to ballroom dancers who are determined to take the floor and have fun

By Colleen Mastony

Tribune staff reporter

Ed Ponder, 82, remembers Chicago's ballrooms of yesteryear, places with shining dance floors and sparkling chandeliers that drew crowds, places where he spun young women in chiffon dresses to the music of tuxedo-clad big-band orchestras.

The ballrooms are dark now. Most have been converted or demolished. Ponder and others like him who continue to dance do so in the dusty basements of VFW halls and Elks lodges.

But on Wednesday, the Grand Ballroom at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling will reopen to ballroom dancing after a three-year hiatus, bringing back a

bit of a bygone era and bucking a trend that for decades has seen ballrooms across the country shut their doors.

A small group has spent the time since the music stopped at Chevy Chase lobbying for the return of dancing at the club, saying the ballroom gave men and women one of the few chances to don their finest suits and dresses and, in the elegance of a real ballroom, glide to the music of Frank Sinatra or the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra.

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—Evelyn Ekstrom of Skokie

The Mystery and History of Chevy Chase

MARCH 2004

By Wendy Rubin
THE ERICKSON TRIBUNE

If you weren't able to attend the event at Chevy Chase, you also missed the opportunity to visit one of the area's most historical and interesting sights. It's one of the reasons Erickson chose Chevy Chase for its premier Sedgebrook event.

Located in Wheeling on Milwaukee Avenue, between Lake Cook and Deerfield Roads, you've probably passed it many times or perhaps played golf or attended another affair there. In fact, several of the

tunnels of a very mysterious nature. It flourished as a night spot through the 30's and 40's and into the 50's seeing the likes of Al Capone, May West, Imogene Coco and Vincent Price. Every now and then the FBI raided the place looking for illegal activities. However, many a gala and festive night was spent dancing, dining, and carousing with friends.

When the Wheeling Park District acquired Chevy Chase in 1977 with a \$3.7 million dollar bond issue, they found lots of hid-



people who came to the luncheon remember going there for proms, a wedding, or a holiday theme party in years past. It's a nostalgic place teeming with memories, including big bands in the ballroom, stage shows, summer stock performances, and pool parties.

A Tudor-style manor house, Chevy Chase has been used since the Roaring 20's for a variety of sublime, and sometimes unsavory, purposes. Originally built in the 1920's by the Knights of Columbus, it was called Columbian Gardens and featured an 18-hole golf course with homes surrounding it. Then, around 1928, it was purchased by William "Big Bill" Johnson and William "Billy" Skidmore. It was named Bon Aire Country Club and over the next two years many additions were built, including dining

den nooks and crannies. There were several secret stairways into the labyrinthine basement, and from there a tunnel that went out to the 18th green. There was a large square plywood board on the boiler room floor that marks the spot of a long-since filled tunnel that also probably led to the golf course. It appears that some participants in the festivities needed to make a quick exit!

A bricklayer who used to work at the club said that there was a barrel drop for rolling barrels of liquor down a chute that led to a large secret room beyond a false wall. It was hidden from outside view by bushes and trees.

Today, life is as it should be at Chevy Chase and at Sedgebrook, as well. People out for a good time, enjoying themselves with friends

Chevy's future

What's annexed is annexed. It is time now for the Wheeling Park District and the village of Buffalo Grove to move forward with maintaining the quality of Chevy Chase Country Club and its Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

Park district officials can help move things along by agreeing to annex into Buffalo Grove what remains of the golf course in unincorporated Lake County. Buffalo Grove officials were hoping to meet with park district representatives this week to propose the transfer of property, and there is no reason why the park district should refuse.

Park district officials rightfully stood for their principles for the last decade and refused to voluntarily turn over the property. But fighting annexation of the remainder of Chevy Chase would be a waste of time and energy. The fight is over.

Buffalo Grove forcibly annexed the guts of Chevy Chase last week, when Village Board members voted to incorporate the country club, golf operations and a portion of the course into their borders.

By doing so, they pad the village's coffers by an estimated \$140,000 to \$150,000 a year in sales tax revenues. They also will have zoning and planning control over any development on the property if and when the park district ever decides to sell.

Such a possibility is remote. Park district officials have every intention to continue operating what is a quality country club, banquet facility and golf course. They believe they owe that to Wheeling Park District residents, who voted in 1997 to pay for a substantial renovation of the country club. They also owe it to the golfers who have faithfully returned to the course after extensive improvements were completed just last year.

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Buffalo Grove has at times had a rocky relationship with the Buffalo Grove Park District over development and operation of its parks, and we hope no such strain ever enters into the picture over Chevy Chase.

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Golf lessons

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Dance recital

Wheeling Park District's dance program students will present their recital, "Studio Stars," at 2 p.m. Sunday at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst Road, Wheeling. Dance performances will include ballet, jazz, modern, creative movement and tap. Tickets are \$5 per person and doors open 20 minutes prior to the event. Call (847) 465-3333 for more information.

Sox camp

The Wheeling Park District is hosting a Chicago White Sox Baseball Camp for players ages 7-14 interested in improving their baseball skills. Instructors will teach the basics, including throwing, hitting, bunting, fielding, pitching and running. The camp runs from June 10-14, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, and will be held at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road, Wheeling. Registration deadline is May 29. Call (847) 465-3333 for fees and information.

Outdoor hockey

The Wheeling Park District is offering a new Outdoor Hockey Camp for first-through eighth-graders who are interested in improving their shooting, passing, positioning, puck control and teamwork skills. The camp is on Sundays and Tuesdays, June 2-25 at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling. Registration deadline is May 23. A second camp session will also be offered in July. Call (847) 465-3333 for fees and other information.

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Feeling the burn

New fitness equipment gives patrons more freedom in training

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BY AVIAN CARRASQUILLO

Daily Herald Staff Writer

The Wheeling Park District is looking to overcome the limitations of traditional gyms with new free motion exercise equipment at its fitness center.

The park district fitness center at the Community Recreation Center, 333 W. Dundee Road, recently went through a makeover in March when it was closed for two days for the installation of the equipment.

Heather Kelly, fitness manager for the Wheeling Park District, said the new equipment is easier to use, burns more calories and builds more muscle from the workout.

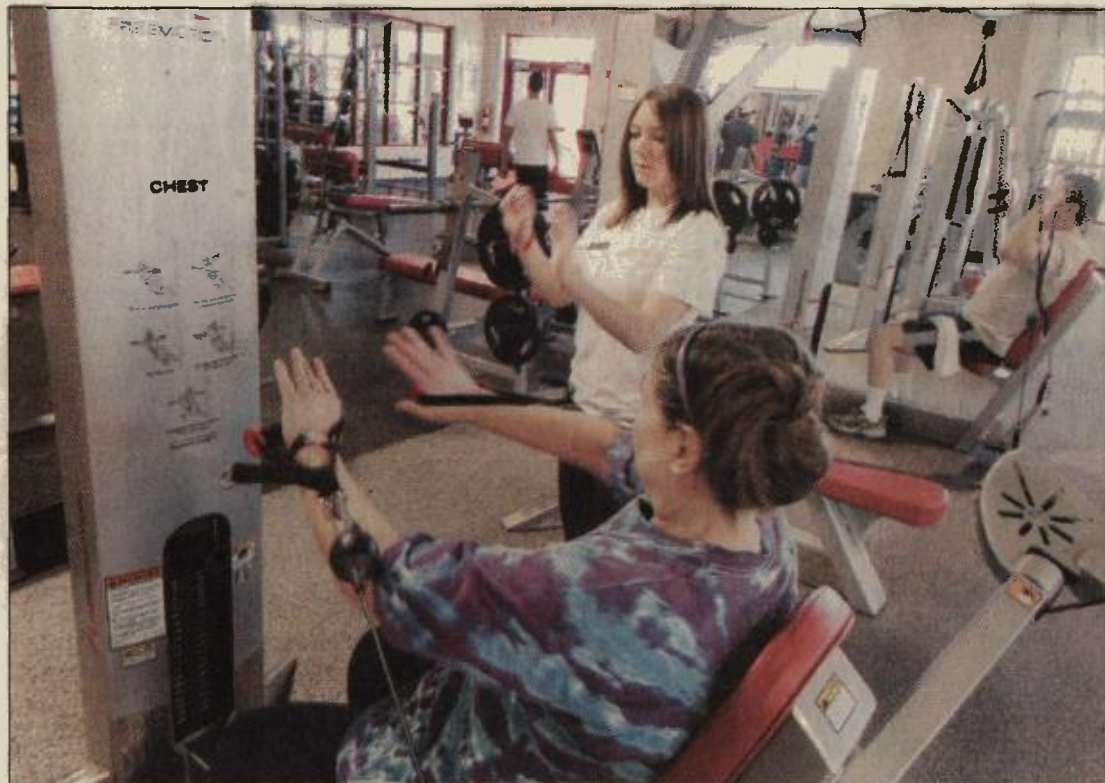
Kelly said the new exercise equipment offers the user a wide range of motion and different exercises on one machine vs. the older equipment, which was only capable of working one muscle group at a time.

With the full line of free motion equipment, Kelly said Wheeling became the first park district in Illinois to offer that type of training to its patrons.

"There's a progression in free motion, meaning beginning exercisers can sit and eventually work their way up to a sitting position," she said.

"In everyday life we don't do a chest press. We reach up to a shelf and grab something. Free motion transfers more to our daily functions," Kelly said.

The previous equipment had



BILL ZARS/DAILY HERALD

Fitness attendant Lindsay Smith shows a patron how to use the new free motion fitness equipment that has been added to the Wheeling Park District fitness center.

been in place since the opening of the fitness center 11 years ago. Free motion equipment was developed in 2000 by the Ground Zero company.

Kelly said she has had her eye on the equipment for years, so when it came time for new machines she brought up the idea of free motion equipment to the park board.

In all, the new machines include 11 free motion machines, new benches and free weights for a total price tag of \$69,000.

The park district celebrated its new acquisition at an open house earlier this month.

Wheeling resident Jerry Lichtenstein has been a member of the Wheeling Park District fit-

ness center since it opened. For Lichtenstein, who's had a history of heart trouble in his family, staying fit and healthy has him working out daily, year-round, despite being in his mid-70s.

"I do sets of 12 to 15 and I can feel burns in different parts

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Clarifying things on Chevy Chase

Buffalo Grove/Trustee Jeffrey Braiman's letter ("Trustee responds to Chevy criticism," **Countryside**, Sept. 8) requires a reply to correct his mistaken and incorrect assertions. As always, I will include references in my letter that are easily verifiable.

Braiman questions my statement on the association of Chevy Chase. I never claimed that it was within the corporate limits of Wheeling, hence the unincorporated status, but that does not preclude the association. Webster defines association with words like "assistance, relationship, affiliation, participation, familiarity, community, identification, alliance, partnership," among others.

Just ask the Wheeling voters who approved funds for Chevy, and the Wheeling Park District, if those words don't apply.

I am aware that communities can plan outside of their legal boundaries, and I didn't question the legality of what the village did. Again, I said, "I would say that you had the legal ability to take it, but also note that just because something is there doesn't make it 'right' to take it." There was nothing that forced BG to do what it did.

On the tax issue, I questioned Buffalo Grove's taking of dollars that they really didn't deserve. As far as

the police benefit Braiman mentions, I have never had a problem with the Lake County Sheriff's Police. The sheriff that had been one of the village's own commanders heads up that force. I've known Sheriff Del Re since around 1955, and I personally think he runs a pretty good department. Also, aren't there mutual aid agreements between most of the agencies?

Braiman states, "the village sought to annex at least a portion of Chevy Chase to provide contiguous property along the west side of Milwaukee Avenue." Nobody questioned that. What was questioned was the annexation of the additional parts.

Braiman states, "Hedlund criticizes the village for doing what he did several times during his 14-year tenure on the Buffalo Grove Park District Board." However, facts will show I was appointed to the board after negotiations stopped on the Didier property, after any offer was made to the family, and after the eminent domain had been filed and begun. Using Braiman's logic, I should in turn be able to pin the many problems with Town Center on him. Obviously, I don't work that way.

While I cannot comment on the proceedings that I was not included in at that time, such as the valuation issue, that is a subjective argument anyways. Thus at best

Braiman's alluding to "several times" only applies to the possible one-time issue regarding Horatio Gardens, which he evidently tosses in to remove focus from the Buffalo Grove Village Board's actions.

The history is that I had actually lived in Horatio Gardens for seven years. Every neighbor I knew wanted to be part of the park district, but not the village. After moving into Buffalo Grove proper and getting on the board, I attempted to respond to the then wishes of the Horatio homeowners. The board received positive response to our letter to them. However, suddenly a few residents came forward to squash the issue by spreading fears that once in the park district the village would annex them.

Some time later, the involuntary annexation proceedings were begun for the following reasons.

■ There were people who wanted resident access to all park district programs and facilities.

■ Horatio homeowners do use surrounding parks that were built with Buffalo Grove tax dollars.

■ An additional park was going to be created within the subdivision.

■ Many of those residents utilize the park district Clubhouse program at the local school. The school prohibited us from charging out-of-district fees to Horatio residents. Horatio people pay

only in-district fees, while our residents pay those same in-district fees and their taxes thus unfairly benefited Horatio owners at the expense of Buffalo Grove residents.

■ There is no other park district to eventually pick them up.

■ Legal counsel told us the area in question was within legal limits. Thus, I will stand on what I feel is solid ground for my decision. Are Braiman's grounds for Chevy as strong?

Unfortunately, our legal counsel made a mistake in telling us the area was within legal limits. Once it was found that counsel made a mistake and there was a problem with the annexation, we took every necessary action, including going above what we legally had to do, to correct the situation. We never tried to hide anything. Braiman can say what he wants, my conscience is clear.

Donald Hedlund

Tax hike sought to rehab legendary country club

1997

BY JOHN CARPENTER
SUBURBAN REPORTER

Mae West came here, and Al Capone.

A secret tunnel used to run from the basement out underneath the 18th green of the golf course—what exactly for, no one these days can say, though bad guys hiding from G-men is theorized.

It is hardly a typical suburban park district facility.

But the 77-year-old Chevy Chase Country Club—with its mysterious secret rooms and grand ballroom—has been owned by the Wheeling Park District for 20 years. And officials there, in one of the more unusual tax-increase referendums on the ballot April 1, say they need more than \$3 million to renovate the tudor-style clubhouse and bring it into compliance with federal requirements for access to the handicapped.

Northwest suburban Wheeling is looking to its past, hoping to save a reminder that Milwaukee Avenue north of Lake-Cook Road once was “out in the country” and that Chevy Chase once was a playground for celebrities, mobsters and North Shore socialites.

“If these walls could talk, imagine what they’ve seen,” said Laurel Anderson, chairman of the Friends of Chevy Chase, a group fighting to pass the tax increase.

“It’s a piece of history without which Wheeling doesn’t have much character,” said Darlene Brill, another backer of the referendum.

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Even though taxpayers are being asked to pay an extra \$20 a year—the typical impact on an average Wheeling house of the proposed 7-cent increase in the park district’s tax rate—officials say the clubhouse is

very much a going enterprise.

The ballroom seats 600 and is rented out for weddings and other occasions. Area businesses use smaller rooms for conference space and more intimate social occasions.

But the most regular users are the several hundred ballroom dancing enthusiasts who dance away every Wednesday night and the country dancing lovers who show up Monday and Tuesday nights.

Park district director Karop Bavougian



BOB BLACK/SUN-TIMES

Darlene Brill, a supporter of the tax-hike referendum, stands in front of Wheeling's Chevy Chase Country Club.

Gardens, with the first phase built in 1920 by members of the Knights of Columbus, who also built the 18-hole golf course on the 125-acre site. The name was changed to Windsor in 1934, when the property was taken over by a real estate company.

The facility was taken over in 1936 by Tom Williams, the reputed gambling boss of Lake County, who renamed it the Bon Aire. It became a gambling emporium. This might explain why “storage” rooms in the basement have 6-inch-thick doors, some made of solid iron. Bavougian also pointed to what is now a ventilation grill high up on one wall. Behind it, he said, is a small room believed to have been used to monitor the gambling floor.

Even the aging maple dance floor speaks of the heyday of the place as a society meeting spot. It includes a round section that Bavougian said once rose above the rest of the floor via a hydraulic system.

The park district, which runs the golf course and the clubhouse, bought the property in 1977.

“It’s a treasure,” Anderson said. “We have to save it.”

said the facility, which includes a lounge and snack bar for golfers, pays for itself, typically showing a profit of about \$125,000 a year. But he said that is not enough to pay for the work that needs to be done.

Bavougian said windows and wiring need to be replaced, as does the heating and air conditioning system.

The place used to be called Columbian

Buffalo Grove forcibly annexes golf club

By Kate Gibson

Special to the Tribune

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In a move that was foreshadowed for years, Buffalo Grove officials have annexed one of the Wheeling Park District's more prized possessions, the Chevy Chase Country Club.

Jan Buchs, executive director of the Wheeling Park District, said the board was "very surprised" to learn that Buffalo Grove had forcibly annexed the country club and one-third of its golf course.

"We're reeling with this," Buchs said Friday of the action taken Monday night by the Buffalo Grove Village Board.

With forced annexations limited by state law to 60 acres or less, Buffalo Grove appropriated just over 57 acres. The land encompasses 79 residences and three commercial prop-

erties, including the Wheeling Park District's banquet facility and golf shop. Those commercial properties—and the sales tax they generate—were the driving force behind the annexation.

"There is a financial incentive for us to have pursued this," said Ghida Neukirch, Buffalo Grove's assistant village manager. Buffalo Grove expects to gain about \$150,000 in annual sales tax revenue that Lake County had been getting.

For those using the country club, the sales tax will rise 0.5 percent now and another 0.5 percent starting July 1.

While the action caught the Wheeling Park District off guard, the move has been long in coming.

"This property has been on our comprehensive plan since 1973," part of an effort to fill

out village borders, Neukirch said.

The Park District bought the golf course in 1977. The Village of Wheeling, having no land contiguous to the country club, could not annex it, officials said.

Buffalo Grove had made repeated overtures to the Park District, offering financial incentives to pave the way for a voluntary annexation. But the district in June sent word that it was not interested, Neukirch said.

The Park District Board wanted to maintain a separate identity, especially for a facility that is a "source of pride for Wheeling," Buchs said. "Some things you can't put a price on."

Under the annexation, the mailing address for the country club will now be Buffalo Grove.

Buffalo Grove takes a bite out of Chevy Chase

BY KIMBERLY FORNER

STAFF WRITER

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Buffalo Grove now has two-and-a-third golf courses within its borders.

On Monday, the Village Board forcibly annexed the Chevy Chase Country Club and the eastern third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course, along with 79 houses on the northwest corner of Milwaukee and Linden avenues, and three commercial properties.

The annexation was "important to the financial stability of the village," said Buffalo Grove Village President Elliott Hartstein. Buffalo Grove officials estimate the newly annexed commercial property will bring between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in annual sales taxes to the village.

Although located in unincorporated Lake County, Chevy Chase is owned by the Wheeling Park District. Park district officials were surprised by the news that their property had become part of Buffalo Grove overnight.

"Right now we are trying to absorb it all and what are the impacts," said Jan Buchs, executive director of the Wheeling Park District.

Buchs and other park district officials plan to meet with Buffalo Grove representatives next week to discuss the annexation and what it means. The village also is hosting meetings at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday in Village Hall to provide information on village services to newly annexed property owners.

Buffalo Grove, which surrounds the annexed properties on three sides, could not annex

the entire 125-acre Chevy Chase site because state statute limits forcible annexations to 60 acres or less. Village staff members recognized that a creek running north-south through the golf course could be used as a legal boundary on the west side, thus creating a block of properties totaling 58 acres.

"They definitely were creative in looking for opportunities," Buchs said.

Wheeling could not annex the property because the two do not share a common border.

Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Braiman said the village began encouraging a voluntary annexation of Chevy Chase at least 10 years ago. Wheeling Park District Board members, however, rebuffed the proposal as recently as June 2002, saying they were not interested in pursuing annexation.

Others, however, were. The village succeeded in voluntarily annexing Cy's Crab House and the Weber Grill, the owners of which were lured by financial incentives. Under the annexation agreements, Buffalo Grove is rebating a half-percent share of its home-rule sales tax back to the restaurants for the next 10 years.

Park district officials declined the same perk. The village offered to give to the park district a one-half percent share of the sales taxes customers paid on merchandise, food and banquet services at Chevy Chase.

Buchs believes park commissioners "wanted to maintain that separate identity" as the Wheeling Park District. "They were able to do that, as (Chevy Chase) was unincorporated."

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Traditions course a finalist for honors

Golf, Inc. has named the Traditions at Chevy Chase Golf Course as one of 10 finalists for its Renovation of the Year honors for 2004.

The contest, conducted by the nation's leading publication for course owners, developers and general managers, is designed to highlight the country's most noteworthy renovations of the past year.

Traditions at Chevy Chase reopened last summer after the renovation project closed the course for more than a year. The renovations were designed by Lohmann Golf Designs and completed by the Bruce Company. The changes cost the Wheeling Park District about \$2 million.

Courses were selected in two categories: private clubs and daily fee/municipal facilities. Traditions was nominated in the daily fee/municipal category, where it will compete for the honors against courses in Florida and California.

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Buffalo Grove annexes land along Milwaukee

BY STEVE ZALUSKY

Daily Herald Staff Writer

Buffalo Grove continues to mine the rich vein of sales tax revenue known as the Milwaukee Avenue corridor.

On Monday, it annexed 57 acres just north of Lake-Cook Road, yielding in the process a particularly choice nugget, a portion of the Wheeling Park District's Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

It is an area the village has been gradually surrounding and annexing. Over the past year, the village annexed the Weber Grill and Cy's Crab House properties, lavishing both with sales tax rebate agreements.

Before that, the village already had within its boundaries the Riverwalk office complex, soon to be enhanced with an addition to the north.

The latest annexation, approved by the Buffalo Grove village board, should produce an additional \$140,000 to \$150,000 in annual sales tax revenue, Village Manager William Balling said.

"It's important to the financial stability of the village. We're looking for ways to increase and stabilize our sales tax, and this is just one of those ways," said Trustee Jeffrey Braiman.

None of that sales tax revenue

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will be shared with the Wheeling Park District, although Village President Elliott Hartstein said an incentive deal was pitched.

"We had actually approached the Wheeling Park District on multiple occasions over a couple years' period of time and they rejected that outright, saying that they were not interested," Hartstein said.

Most of the land annexed is on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue, bounded at its western extremity by a creek, although some land on the east, including the Chelsea Tavern, was added.

Hartstein said several residents in the area are already served by village sewer and water. Those homes will have the advantage of Buffalo Grove police and fire protection. He said the primary change for them will be receiving fire protection from Buffalo Grove.

"The estimated increase in taxes for most of these residents is slightly over \$100," Hartstein said.

Hartstein said property owners will have an opportunity to comment at a special meeting one week from Wednesday.

Balling said he is sending out about 100 letters to homeowners and businesses.

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Applications are available at the Community Recreation Center located at 333 W. Dundee Road. For more information call the district at (847)465-3333.

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part of Buffalo Grove, but not its rejecting a proposal that would have helped their residents financially.

Park districts' borders do not always mirror those of their namesake municipalities, Hartstein said. Some Buffalo Grove residents live in the Wheeling Park District, and many certainly use Wheeling facilities. And while park district commissioners may want to be loyal to Wheeling residents, Hartstein said they also represent taxpayers.

"I would think they would

want to take advantage (of the tax incentive Buffalo Grove offered) to offset some of their expenses," Hartstein said.

Park Board member Cheri Klumpp said the money played no role in the fight to keep Chevy out of Buffalo Grove.

"This goes back to when the park district purchased Chevy Chase in 1977," she said. "It was a big thing then, and we said it is a part of Wheeling. It's what we own."

Buffalo Grove hopes the Park District Board will agree

to voluntarily annex the remainder of the golf course into Buffalo Grove. Klumpp said she believes it's just a matter of time before the rest of the golf course is annexed into Buffalo Grove, but she gave no hint if the Park Board would allow it to be annexed voluntarily.

"(Buffalo Grove officials) have every right to (annex the rest)," she said. "The writing is on the wall."

Managing editor David Kirkpatrick contributed to this report.

Chevy's future

What's annexed is annexed. It is time now for the Wheeling Park District and the village of Buffalo Grove to move forward with maintaining the quality of Chevy Chase Country Club and its Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

Park district officials can help move things along by agreeing to annex into Buffalo Grove what remains of the golf course in unincorporated Lake County. Buffalo Grove officials were hoping to meet with park district representatives this week to propose the transfer of property, and there is no reason why the park district should refuse.

Park district officials rightfully stood for their principles for the last decade and refused to voluntarily turn over the property. But fighting annexation of the remainder of Chevy Chase would be a waste of time and energy. The fight is over.

Buffalo Grove forcibly annexed the guts of Chevy Chase last week, when Village Board members voted to incorporate the country club, golf operations and a portion of the course into their borders.

By doing so, they paid the village's coffers by an estimated \$140,000 to \$150,000 a year in sales tax revenues. They also will have zoning and planning control over any development on the property if and when the park district ever decides to sell.

Such a possibility is remote. Park district officials have every intention to continue operating what is a quality country club, banquet facility and golf course. They believe they owe that to Wheeling Park District residents, who voted in 1997 to pay for a substantial renovation of the country club. They also owe it to the golfers who have faithfully returned to the course after extensive improvements were completed just last year.

Buffalo Grove village officials need to recognize that commitment by doing all they can to ensure that Chevy Chase stays viable. They need to help the park district market the facility while not interfering with its successful operation.

Buffalo Grove has at times had a rocky relationship with the Buffalo Grove Park District over development and operation of its parks, and we hope no such strain ever enters into the picture over Chevy Chase.

Wheeling residents may be understandably upset over "losing" Chevy Chase to a neighboring municipality. But they also need to understand that Buffalo Grove didn't annex Chevy to see it fail. They are committed to seeing one of the gems of the Wheeling Park District thrive.

But Buffalo Grove officials need to recognize that their actions have affected others, on a somewhat personal level. What is a business decision to them resulted in a significantly personal feeling of loss to the park district and its residents.

Buffalo Grove officials need to recognize that their actions have affected others, on a somewhat personal level.

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ANNEXED ...

By the Buffalo Grove (Ill.) Village Board from the neighboring Wheeling Park District, more than 57 acres of land and commercial properties, including a golf shop, a banquet facility and parts of Chevy Chase CC. The move, long resisted by the park district, could raise an additional \$150,000 in sales tax revenue for the new owners, according to a report in the Chicago Tribune.

PENDING ...

According to the St. Petersburg Times, a record number of golf carts in the state—1,138. The feat, set on March 15 at the

Hernando County (Fla.) retirement community of Timber Pines, smashes the old

mark (306) set in December at Sun City Center in Hillsborough County. The Sun City carters will hold the title until Guinness Book of World Records officials certify the accomplishment.

ON HOLD ...

As part of a government crackdown on land abuse, golf course construction on farmland in China. The issuance of stop-work orders applies to a number of China's approximately 900 courses, built,



Katherine Hepburn

under construction or planned. According to The Straits Times, Land Resources Vice-Minister Shou Jiahua said course-project approvals have been stopped since January. Golf

courses and industrial parks have been singled out as culprits in China's loss of arable land to development. That loss in 2003 was up 50 percent over 2002.

SCHEDULED ...

By Sotheby's for June 10-11, an auction of items from the estate of avid golfer/acting great Katherine Hepburn, including a set of clubs and a motorized cart. The sticks are valued between \$800-\$1,200; the cart \$4,000-\$6,000.

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Chasing Chevy

Park district knew club was vulnerable, but officials refused to cave in

By KIMBERLY FORNEK
AND CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITERS

Wheeling officials had more than one chance to annex the Chevy Chase country club before Buffalo Grove forcibly grabbed a portion of the property last week.

And while Buffalo Grove officials say they tried to avoid an involuntary annexation, they were not about to wait any longer.

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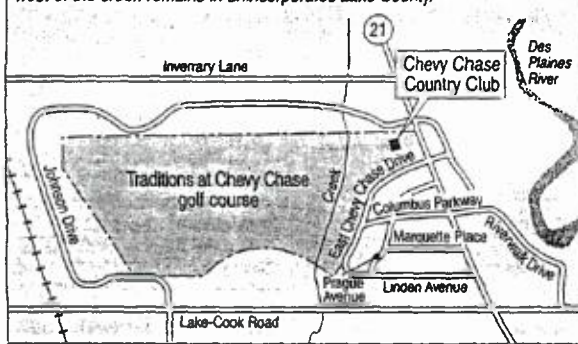
The Wheeling Park District, which owns Chevy Chase, knew at least 10 years ago that Buffalo Grove wanted the banquet facility and golf course to take advantage of the sales taxes they generate and to solidify its borders along Milwaukee Avenue. Park district officials refused to give up the property, even after Buffalo Grove offered a rebate on the sales tax the facility generates.

When the two sides "hit that roadblock" most recently in June 2002, Assistant Village Manager Ghida Neukirch said, members of the village staff knew they had to find another way to accomplish the Village Board's goal of annexing unincorporated properties along Milwaukee Avenue.

They found what they were looking for when a staff member zeroed in on the creek running north and south through the golf course. The creek served as a natural boundary Buffalo Grove could use to split the course into a piece that could be combined with surrounding properties without exceeding the legal maximum for involuntary annexations of 60 acres.

Buffalo Grove's latest addition

The Buffalo Grove Village Board last week annexed the Chevy Chase Country Club, about a third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course, as well as residential and business properties along Milwaukee Avenue. The golf course west of the creek remains in unincorporated Lake County.



"We had pursued all opportunities for voluntary annexation, and this was the next step," Neukirch said.

Now Buffalo Grove has within its borders the Chevy Chase country club and one-third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course. The only portion remaining outside the village's boundaries is another two-thirds of golf course land, which remains in unincorporated Lake County.

And Buffalo Grove will see between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in sales tax revenues generated from the country club and course operations.

Standing firm

Park District President Tom Webber said the park district refused to "sell its soul for a few thousand dollars a year."

"We're very proud of Chevy Chase and its facilities, obviously," said Webber. "As long as we could keep it in Wheeling, that is what we wanted to do. We were not going to do anything on a voluntary basis, no

matter how much they sweetened the pot with sales tax incentives or anything else.

"It gets down to principle. For the dollars involved, it wasn't worth the backlash this community would feel for allowing it to become Buffalo Grove without some resistance. There are people who would never understand us voluntarily annexing into Buffalo Grove and changing that address."

Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Berman said the Village Board "certainly did take into account the apparent desire of the park district to remain unincorporated."

"But weighing that against the interest of our community and our long-term interest in that area and securing our borders, it outweighed the interest of the park district," he said. "We mean no disrespect to them."

Wheeling Village President Greg Klatchek lamented the fact that Wheeling did not annex a small strip of land between Lake-Cook Road and Linden Avenue before Buffalo

Grove did in 1984, allowing that village to get part of Chevy Chase.

"We should've annexed it when we had the chance," he said. "Buffalo Grove got that strip, and we didn't. That's just a statement of fact."

Sheila Schultz, who was village president at the time Buffalo Grove annexed the property, said the village had lengthy conversations with owner William Johnson that lasted more than a year before Johnson announced he was going to Buffalo Grove.

"That strip effectively cut us off," Schultz said. "That was the end of our discussion with them."

Schultz said the village saw the value in annexing the property, but officials also didn't want to rush the process.

"At the time we were talking to the Johnson family, it was a question of whether we wanted to go into another county and how the annexation agreement would be negotiated, and what the owners would agree to for development," she said. "We spent a lot of time on it. I remember stacks of documents. It was a big disappointment he decided to go to Buffalo Grove."

Lessons learned

Buffalo Grove officials are conscious of chances they missed in the past to bring valuable property into the village, said Berman. He listed the Ridge Plaza shopping center in Arlington Heights, the Wal-Mart store in Wheeling, and CityPark, a complex of movie theaters, restaurants and shops in Lincolnshire, as examples.

"Those were opportunities lost when other communities took advantage of unincorporated parcels that the village

was interested in," Berman said.

Before CityPark was built, Berman said Buffalo Grove received a proposal for annexation of the land on the southwest corner of Aptakisic Road and Milwaukee Avenue, the former location of a sand and gravel company. The Plan Commission, of which Berman was a member at the time, visited the property as part of its review.

"We were out there on a Saturday wading in the mud, when Lincolnshire jumped in and grabbed the parcel out from under us," Berman said. "The good news is, what was developed there is available to our residents. The down side is the sales tax goes to Lincolnshire."

The way Buffalo Grove was out-maneuvered demonstrates, "at some point you can't sit passively by," Berman said.

Berman understands the irony of Chevy Chase being in Buffalo Grove while those responsible for its operation live in Wheeling. The taxpayers of the Wheeling Park District also paid for the renovation of the Chevy Chase Country Club, a measure they approved by referendum in 1997.

"We respect all of that," Berman said, "but they could never be part of Wheeling."

The Chevy Chase property is not adjacent to Wheeling at any point and, therefore, could not be annexed into Wheeling.

"I have to balance competing interests, and ultimately the interest of the people of Buffalo Grove is paramount," Berman said.

Buffalo Grove Village President Elliott Hartstein said he can understand the park district's resistance to becoming

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2002, saying they were not interested in pursuing annexation.

Others, however, were. The village succeeded in voluntarily annexing Cy's Crab House and the Weber Grill, the owners of which were lured by financial incentives. Under the annexation agreements, Buffalo Grove is rebating a half-percent share of its home-rule sales tax back to the restaurants for the next 10 years. Park district officials declined the same perk. The village offered to give to the park district a one-half percent share of the sales taxes customers paid on merchandise, food and banquet services at Chevy Chase. Buchs believes park commissioners "wanted to maintain that separate identity" as the Wheeling Park District. "They were able to do that, as (Chevy Chase) was unincorporated."

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STAFF WRITER

Buffalo Grove now has two-and-a-third golf courses within its borders.

On Monday, the Village Board forcibly annexed the Chevy Chase Country Club and the eastern third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course, along with 79 houses on the northwest corner of Milwaukee and Linden avenues, and three commercial properties. The annexation was "important to the financial stability of the village," said Buffalo Grove Village President Elliott Hartstein. Buffalo Grove officials estimate the newly annexed commercial property will bring between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in annual sales taxes to the village.

Although located in unincorporated Lake County, Chevy Chase is owned by the Wheeling Park District. Park district officials were surprised by the news that their property had become part of Buffalo Grove overnight. "Right now we are trying to absorb it all and what are the impacts," said Jan Buchs, executive director of the Wheeling Park District.

Buchs and other park district officials plan to meet with Buffalo Grove representatives next week to discuss the annexation and what it means. The village also is hosting meetings at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday in Village Hall to provide information on village services to newly annexed property owners.

Buffalo Grove, which surrounds the annexed properties on three sides, could not annex the entire 125-acre Chevy Chase site because state statute limits forcible annexations to 60 acres or less. Village staff members recognized that a creek running north-south through the golf course could be used as a legal boundary on the west side, thus creating a block of properties totaling 58 acres.

"They definitely were creative in looking for opportunities," Buchs said.

Wheeling could not annex the property because the two do not share a common border.

Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Braiman said the village began encouraging a voluntary annexation of Chevy Chase at least 10 years ago. Wheeling Park District Board members, however, rebuffed the proposal as recently as June

The amount of sales tax that the Village of Buffalo Grove is able to collect should taxable sales remain consistent with 2003 is \$29,325. This differs greatly from what was reported in the papers.

Staff spoke with Ghida Neukirch, Asst. Village Manager to better understand how the Village of Buffalo Grove derived their estimated sales tax revenue. She stated that the estimated sales tax revenue was from the entire area annexed, not just Chevy Chase. Unfortunately for the Wheeling Park District and residents the information was not reported that way.

Staff attempted to meet with the press to clarify the reported information and to emphasize that the Wheeling Park District continues to own and operate the facility. Staff was told that unless there was new news to report, the district's opportunity to make a statement is through an editorial. Staff believes that it is important that the Park Board respond in this manner and will prepare a letter for review prior to Tuesday's Board Meeting.

During the Board Meeting on Tuesday, staff will provide additional information that may become available regarding the ongoing evaluation of annexation. Should you have any questions prior to Tuesday, please give me a call.

Memo

To: Park Board of Commissioners
 From: Jan Buchs, Executive Director
 Date: April 2, 2004
 Re: Chevy Chase Country Club Annexation

Since the annexation of the Chevy Chase Country Club and a portion of Traditions at Chevy Chase as well as the information provided in the press, staff has been fielding numerous phone calls, emails and personal inquiries from residents. Most questions surround the issue of whether or not the park district still owns and operates the facility. The other area of concern comes from statements made in the newspapers regarding sales tax revenue generated as a result of this annexation.

It was reported that "Buffalo Grove will see between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in sales tax revenues generated from the country club and course operations". Based on previous actual taxable gross receipts, Buffalo Grove's estimated amount is incorrect. The table below illustrates the breakdown of sales tax rates, now that the facility is located in the Village of Buffalo Grove. The additional sales tax collected for Buffalo Grove due to the annexation is the column labeled Local.

Tax Rates
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	Total	State	Local	County	RTA
Base rate	6.25%	5.00%	1.00%	0.25%	
Local home rule	0.50%		0.50%		
County home rule	0.00%				
RTA home rule	0.25%				0.25%
Total Taxable Receipts (1)	7.00%	5.00%	1.50%	0.25%	0.25%
	1,955,000				

Taxes Collected	136,850	97,750	29,325	4,888	4,888
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Fun things to do this week in the Northwest suburbs

Steve Cooper of the Steve Cooper Orchestra leads musicians during ballroom dancing at the Chevy Chase Country Club ballroom in Wheeling.



'Dancing in the Dark'

Chevy Chase swings once more as ballroom reopens

BY AVIAN CARRASQUILLO
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Ten-piece orchestras are once again belting out renditions of the waltz, the tango, the slow fox trot and the quickstep at Wheeling's Chevy Chase Country Club, as ballroom dancing has returned as a regular event at the country club.

For 17 years, Chevy Chase was a ballroom-dancing hot spot, but dwindling attendance over the years caused the country club to lose money and forced an abrupt end to the dances in 2002.

Dolores Hume, an avid ballroom dancer, was active in the first ballroom resurrection attempt last year.

"I organized a group of dancers to show the park district how many dancers were interested in ballroom dancing. There was a big response, and they worked with us, and we were able to have ballroom dancing for a year," Hume said.

The group rented out the Grand Ballroom at Chevy Chase, but eventually ran into the same financial problems as prior management had, and after about six months into 2003, the dance hall fell silent once again.

Tom Dressler, food and beverage manager for Chevy Chase Country Club, also missed the dances. So when the country club got a new general manager last year, Dressler proposed re-instating ballroom dancing. The general manager approved, and



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Ballroom dance instructors Tom and Aggie DeBartolo do the tango during ballroom dancing at the Chevy Chase Country Club Grand Ballroom in Wheeling.

the monthly dances resumed last month.

Dressler, who is admittedly not a ballroom dancer, said his enjoyment comes from watching some of the seniors dance.

"For a night, they forget they're senior citizens. You should see them dance. They look like a bunch of 20-year-olds out there," Dressler said.

Hume was thrilled to be able to lace up her dancing shoes again.

"There are other places to

dance, but none like Chevy Chase. It's closer, safer than in the city, and there's ample parking," she said.

Hume estimated that around 250 people attended last month's dance.

"Everyone was very happy. I had the same luxurious feeling that I had before. It was something I had been looking forward to for a while. When

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If you go

What: Ballroom dancing

When: 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month this summer and fall

Where: Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling

Admission: \$12 at the door

Info: (847) 537-0082

Dancing: Younger crowds needed

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word got out, it spread quickly," Hume said.

Barbara Finn, president of the Chicago chapter of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancing Association, said that members from the chapter are all talking about Chevy Chase.

"We were sad when it closed the last time. It was always a great place to dance. Now that it has reopened, I'm sure our members will participate," Finn

said.

Dressler said that a key to keeping the dances going will be attracting younger crowds, which Dressler saw signs of at the first dance.

Finn said the revival of interest in ballroom dancing stems from the abundance of classes and clubs at the college level. Finn said the USBDA currently has ballroom dancing clubs established at the University of Chicago and at Roosevelt University's Chicago and

Schaumburg campuses.

The ballroom dances will continue once a month until winter, when most dancers head south to Florida, Dressler said. Then the dances will begin again in the spring.

The dances begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 11:30 p.m. and are preceded by dancing lessons at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door.

This year's dances are scheduled for June 16, July 21, August 25, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Oct. 31.

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Wheeling pulls together to battle flooding

With flooding from the Des Plaines River forcing the evacuation of residents from Fox Point mobile home park, Wheeling as a community sprung into action to help.

From the firefighters and police officers who went door-to-door warning residents, to the friends and family members who helped those in need of shelter or food, to the park district that offered refuge to those forced out by the flooding, to the village staff that aided in the coordination of relief efforts and sandbagging, Wheeling proved to be a close community.

This also was the case when it came time to help Trustee Trevor Lehmann, as he fights ALS. Hundreds turned out for the benefit in his honor, donating what they could to support a friend.



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SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2004

Park to fight annexation:

The Wheeling Park District released a statement Friday saying it will attempt to reverse Buffalo Grove's annexation of a portion of the Chevy Chase golf course and country club. The village of Buffalo Grove annexed the land March 15, but the Wheeling Park District will try to have it returned to unincorporated Lake County, saying that is in the best interests of the park district and its residents. The statement also said the Wheeling Park District's legal counsel will prepare and file legal proceedings in Lake County Circuit Court.

WHEELING COUNTRYSIDE — May 27, 2004

Park officials want to wrest club from Buffalo Grove

BY CASEY MOFFITT**STAFF WRITER**

The battle for Chevy Chase Country Club is not over yet.

The Wheeling Park Board came out of a special executive session meeting May 20 and formally agreed to work toward disconnecting the country club from Buffalo Grove and put it back into unincorporated Lake County. The Buffalo Grove Village Board elected to annex about one-third of the golf course, including the country club, in March.

Tom Webber, Park Board president, said the board's attorney is expected to file the disconnection papers with Lake County Circuit Court within a matter of weeks.

"We owe it to the community to make the attempt," he said. "Nobody likes to spend money on things like this, but we feel this is the direction we have to take on this."

The Buffalo Grove Village Board elected to forcibly annex a portion of the 125-acre golf course, by using a creek running through the golf course as a natural boundary. It was annexed with 79 other homes near the course, for a total of 58 acres of newly annexed land. A village can only forcibly annex properties totaling 60 acres or less.

Wheeling officials could not annex the Chevy Chase because the village does not share a border with the country club.

Jan Buchs, Wheeling Park District executive director, said the plan is to petition the Buffalo Grove Village Board for disconnection first. If the Village Board does not grant the petition, a disconnection suit would be filed in Lake County Circuit Court.

"We want to continue a dialogue with the Buffalo Grove attorney and trustees for disconnection, as well as prepare a disconnection petition in court," Buchs said. "We're hopeful with the Buffalo Grove Village Board. If they grant the disconnection, it won't have to go any further."

"I am aware their attorney has been talking to our attorney," Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Braiman said Monday. "As far as I know, they have not made a formal request to us."

Over a period of years, Buffalo Grove officials have asked the Wheeling Park District to have Chevy Chase voluntarily annex into Buffalo Grove. And about 10 years ago, the Wheeling Park District requested annexation of a small part of the course to connect the maintenance building with Buffalo Grove's water and sewer system, Braiman said. Buffalo Grove annexed that portion and hoped the remainder of Chevy Chase would voluntarily follow.

Webber said the Park Board's position is that it would rather the country club be affiliated with Wheeling than change to a Buffalo Grove address.

"That has not changed," Webber said after the May 20 meeting.

Although Buffalo Grove offered sales tax incentives to the Wheeling Park District in exchange for the voluntary annexation, Webber said he believed the incentives were not worth the backlash of Wheeling residents.

"The (Park Board) feels strongly that Chevy Chase is a facility of the Wheeling Park District," Buchs said. "Wheeling residents voted to have their taxes raised twice for Chevy Chase."

The first time Wheeling residents passed tax increase referendum for Chevy Chase was in 1977 when the Wheeling Park District first purchased the country club. Wheeling residents also passed a \$2.8 million tax increase referendum in 1997 to renovate the country club.

The park district also spent another \$2 million to renovate the golf course in 2002.

Buchs explained the disconnection petition does not challenge the annexation of Chevy Chase, but rather takes the golf course out of the village. Buchs said it is possible the Park Board will challenge the annexation itself if the disconnection petition does not work.

Staff Writer Kimberly Fornek contributed to this article.

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WHEELING COUNTRYSIDE — June 3, 2004

CARE Team shines in its first real test

BY CASEY MOFFITT

STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center wasn't all fun and games last week, as it served as an emergency shelter for about 25 residents of the Fox Point mobile home park.

The Red Cross provided meals, cots and toiletries to those in the shelter, but it was set up and run by a group of Wheeling volunteers in the Community Assisted Relief Efforts Team. It was the first time the CARE Team needed to be called into action since it was formed in January 2000, said Angela Burrell, social services coordinator for the Wheeling Police Department.

"The CARE Team has drilled forever," Burrell said. "You don't know what it's going to be like until you do it, though."

Volunteers and village emergency workers all agreed that operations at the shelter ran smoothly. The Fox Point residents were evacuated May 25 because of the rising Des Plaines River and had to stay at the center until Saturday.

"It's been more (time than I anticipated)," said George Hieber, who volunteered every day the shelter was open. "Mainly this is for the short term, but it's all worked out."

Ruth Lance also volunteered each day, and she was looking forward to wrapping everything up on Saturday, when the residents were allowed back into their homes.

Despite the long stay, Lance said the residents were thankful for the shelter.

"The people have been very nice," she said. "They've been very polite."

Red Cross policy prohibited the media from speaking with shelter residents.

Tom Pilewski, safe communities coordinator for the Wheeling Police Department, said the CARE Team has about 20 volunteers who wait on standby in case an emergency requires evacuating residents into a shelter.

Their job is to get the shelter prepared, call the Red Cross and tell them what they will need and how many people they are expecting. The team also sets up registration desks, checks in those who have been evacuated and makes sure everything is running smoothly.

"The transition between CARE and the Red Cross has been seamless," Pilewski said.

CARE Team volunteers meet every two months for training and drills. Training is run by the Red Cross, which helped make last week's actual emergency situation run smoothly, Pilewski said.

Pilewski also credited the Wheeling Park District for its efforts in making sure the evacuated residents were made as comfortable as possible. Burrell said the Community Recreation Center was an ideal location for a shelter, because it has shower facilities as well as other amenities to keep children occupied while they stay.

Park district officials opened the pool for the kids and allowed them to play in the gym. The children also

participated in other activities such as arts and crafts.

"This was a wonderful cooperative effort with the park district," Pilewski said. "It's a good working relationship with the village and the park district."

The volunteers also pooled their own money together to make sure one of the evacuated residents could have a nice celebration for her fifth birthday: The volunteers bought a birthday cake, party hats, plates and a few gifts for the girl, and threw a little party for her.

Pilewski said the original idea for the CARE Team was to assist senior citizens in cases of such events as large-scale power outages or floods. It was quickly expanded to help with shelter operations for all residents during an emergency.

"We've opened the doors day and night for four or five days, and it's worked out real well," Pilewski said. "These people have done an excellent job."

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Buffalo Grove asked to give up golf course

By Avian Carrasquillo Daily Herald Staff Writer

Posted Friday, June 04, 2004

The tug of war for the Chevy Chase Country Club continues between the village of Buffalo Grove and the **Wheeling** Park District.

Jan Buchs, executive director of the **Wheeling** Park District, said the park district will petition Buffalo Grove as early as next week for an ordinance allowing the park district to disconnect the one-third of the country club and golf course that was annexed by the Buffalo Grove village board March 15.

In addition to the petition, the **Wheeling** Park District - as a precautionary measure if the ordinance is not passed - has its lawyer preparing to take the issue to Lake County circuit court.

Because the village of **Wheeling** does not border the country club property, that village cannot annex it. However, if that portion was put back into unincorporated Lake County, which the petition seeks, the country club would retain a **Wheeling** address.

A total of 58 acres of the country club and the golf course were annexed by the Buffalo Grove village board.

Buchs said the petition was motivated by residents who told the park board they were dissatisfied with the annexation.

"The country club is seen as a cornerstone for **Wheeling**," she said.

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4-8-04

Board responds to annexation story

Wheeling/The March 25 edition of the **Countryside** reported on the recent forcible annexation by the village of Buffalo Grove of the Wheeling Park District's Chevy Chase country club and a portion of Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

The Wheeling Park District Board of Commissioners would like to respond to statements made regarding the anticipated amount of sales tax to be generated by this annexation.

The article reported that "Buffalo Grove will see between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in sales tax revenues generated from the country club and course operations." The Park Board is puzzled by this statement since the operation has never collected that amount in total sales tax revenue.

The village of Buffalo Grove will receive 1.5 percent of the total 7 percent sales tax collected. Based on prior years of taxable receipts and sales taxes collected, 1.5 percent would generate approximately \$29,000 for the village of Buffalo Grove. This differs greatly from what was reported.

The Park Board also wishes to confirm that the village of Buffalo Grove did in previous years request the Park Board to voluntarily annex this property into Buffalo Grove. The request also included an offer by Buffalo Grove, contingent upon the voluntary annexation, to enter into a sales tax-sharing agreement. This tax-sharing agreement would rebate a portion of the taxes collected back to the park district.

Specifically, the offer was one-half of 1 percent of the village's home rule sales tax rate from all sales generated at the property. Based on previous taxable sales, the rebate would have provided the park district a minimal amount of revenue.

The most compelling reason voluntary annexation was rejected is that it remains important to the Wheeling Park District and its residents that Chevy Chase country club retain a Wheeling address. Chevy Chase is a facility of the Wheeling Park District and is a source of great pride within the Wheeling community.

Rejecting previous annexation offers was a responsibility that the Wheeling Park District Board had to its residents in order to protect and maintain the identity of this community gem. The Wheeling Park District Board of

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Commissioners, just as the village of Buffalo Grove's Village Board, had to determine what it believed to be in the best interests of its residents. The Wheeling Park District's choice was community pride over a proposed minimal annual sales tax rebate.

The Wheeling Park District maintains that there are some things you just can't put a price on.

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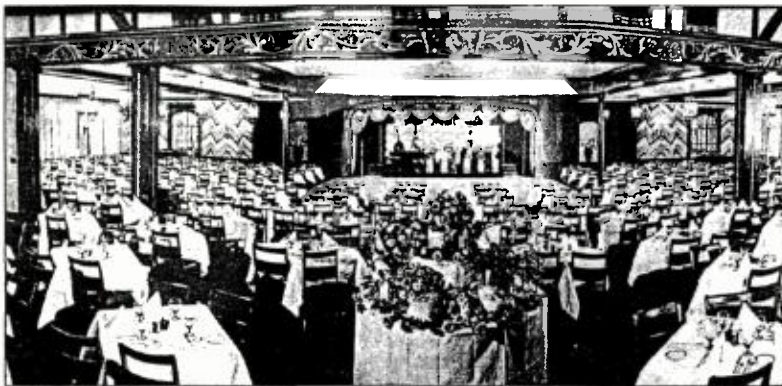
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Not ready for a last dance

Chevy Chase Country Club will reopen its doors to ballroom dancers who are determined to take the floor and have fun

By Colleen Mastony
Tribune staff reporter

Ed Ponder, 82, remembers Chicago's ballrooms of yesteryear, places with shining dance floors and sparkling chandeliers that drew crowds, places where he spun young women in chiffon dresses to the music of tuxedo-clad big-band orchestras.

The ballrooms are dark now. Most have been converted or demolished. Ponder and others like him who continue to dance do so in the dusty basements of VFW halls and Elks lodges.

But on Wednesday, the Grand Ballroom at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling will reopen to ballroom dancing after a three-year hiatus, bringing back a

bit of a bygone era and bucking a trend that for decades has seen ballrooms across the country shut their doors.

A small group has spent the time since the music stopped at Chevy Chase lobbying for the return of dancing at the club, saying the ballroom gave men and women one of the few chances to don their finest suits and dresses and, in the elegance of a real ballroom, glide to the music of Frank Sinatra or the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra.

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—Evelyn Ekstrom of Skokie

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Golf award

Traditions at Chevy Chase in Wheeling won Golf Inc. Magazine's inaugural Renovation of the Year competition, edging Grande Pines Golf Club in Orlando, Fla., which is owned by Marriott Vacation Club.

The judges evaluated entries on achieving the project goal, whether aesthetics were improved, whether course playability was improved and whether the course's maintainability was improved.

Chevy Chase will be featured in the June issue of Golf Inc.

Don Faley gets the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling ready for Wednesday's return of ballroom dancing. The club was built in the 1930s and reportedly used by Al Capone's gang.



Tribune photo by Jim Prisching

BALLROOM: Dances still must break even

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The Wheeling Park District-owned golf club ran the weekly dances for 17 years before discontinuing them, and many of them said it was the dancing at Chevy Chase that first got them back into the social whirl after the death of a spouse.

"It is a lonely place out there when someone loses a mate," said Ponder, president of the Spares, a singles group for seniors. "There is something about getting dressed up and going out that gets people's minds off of things."

"We can dress up and feel like youthful teenagers," said Evelyn Ekstrom, a Skokie resident who became a regular at Chevy Chase after her husband died. "It was just like prom night."

Chevy Chase is one of two ballrooms still open for dancing in the Chicago area. The other is Willowbrook Ballroom in Willow Springs.

An elderly client base shrinks every year—some pass away, others stop driving—as the costs of heating and air conditioning the large spaces continue to rise.

People who frequent the dance halls are often unwilling to pay more than \$10 at the door, and once inside, they don't spend much money at the bar, said Ken Richards, director of publicity for the U.S. Amateur

Ballroom Dancers Association.

As the old ballrooms have closed, dancers have moved to small dance studios and nightclubs.

Ponder, who came to Chicago in 1937 and lives in Gurnee, can tick off the names of the ballrooms as if he had just been dancing the night before:

"There was the Aragon; the Trianon on the South Side; Melody Mills in the western suburbs; the ballroom in the Edgewater Beach Hotel; the Wilshire at Wilson and Lake Shore. Then there was the Paradise Ballroom. That was on Pulaski. And there's some others too."

Some dancers say Chevy Chase, 1000 N. Milwaukee Rd., was built in the 1930s and operated as a gambling den frequented by members of Al Capone's mob. There was a rumor that a secret passage from the club to a distant golf course was used during Prohibition to foil police raids.

Chevy Chase managers say the ballroom remains just as it was in Capone's day, with a 6,000-square-foot dance floor, wood-paneled walls and antique brass chandeliers. Red velvet curtains frame the stage and candles flicker on linen-covered tables.

The elegance was enough to give Claire Busel of Wheeling a bit of escape after her husband died.

"The women are in evening gowns, and the men are in their best," she said. "I danced there three years. That was the best therapy."

But crowds dwindled, and when attendance dropped below 100 in 2001, down from nearly 400 in the 1980s, Chevy Chase discontinued the weekly dances.

A group of about 50 people tried to keep the tradition going by renting the ballroom and holding independent dances, but costs overwhelmed them, and the dances soon ended.

Still, "people kept coming in and saying, 'Tom, is there any chance of getting it going again?'" said Tom Dressler, a manager at Chevy Chase.

"This is something that I wanted to do personally," he said. "I've seen my parents go through the senior parts of life, and unfortunately, when you get older, there isn't a lot to do."

When a new general manager arrived about 18 months ago, Dressler approached her, and after some negotiation the Park District agreed to restart the dances.

Money is still a concern. The dances, which must break even, will be held once a month for six months to gauge interest.

People are passing the word, hoping to attract enough interest to keep the dances going.

Elenor Mamayek, 58, of Dundee, who had danced at Chevy Chase since 1986, said she has already picked out her dress.

"I'm ready," she said. "I'm going to wear one of my nice ballroom dance dresses, a black chiffon."

Ekstrom said she wants a younger crowd to develop interest.

"We need young people to get out there and learn these dances," she said. "The elderly don't live forever."

She pointed out that "dancing the night away" is great exercise, more fun than walking and jogging and a great way to meet people.

"Young people don't have the fun we do," she said. "It's too bad."

Thanks, Wheeling, for great welcome ⁴⁻²³⁻⁰⁴

From the outside looking in is how most reporters can be made to feel on any given day on the job, with a glaring exception, Wheeling has made me feel welcome.

After my column debuted last week, I received a number of welcomes, in addition to the ones I received on my first few days on the beat. I couldn't be more grateful.

So now that I've gotten the chance to get acquainted with my Wheeling readers, here is some more news you can use.

Not a takeover: In case you were wondering, Buffalo Grove is not annexing portions of Wheeling past the Northgate track on Dundee Road. The vil-



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lage of Wheeling has been informed by Metra that Dundee Road will be closed at the railroad crossing due to construction (Dundee and Northgate) beginning at 6 a.m. Tuesday. It is scheduled to remain closed until May 11, weather permitting.

The construction is part of Metra's Capital Improvement Plan that calls for double tracking of the railway up through Antioch. A detour route using Dundee Road, Elmhurst Road,

Hintz Road, and Milwaukee Avenue back to Dundee Road in both directions has been proposed.

Alternate access: Wondering about getting to the park district because of the construction? As a courtesy to guests and residents, the Wheeling Park District is publicizing alternate eastbound Dundee Road access to the Community Recreation Center during the above railroad track crossing construction.

While Dundee Road is closed, the park district is proposing two detour routes for guests: Lake-Cook Road east and south on Northgate Parkway; or Hintz east to Milwaukee Avenue north

and Dundee Road west to Northgate Parkway. Beginning today, maps of the suggested access routes will be available at the CRC.

Help fight breast cancer: On Mother's Day, May 9, America's Car Wash, 400 N. Milwaukee Ave. will donate \$1 from each full-service wash, package wash or express detail service of \$12.99 or more to the Illinois affiliate of the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization. The car wash's Sunday hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (847) 459-9799.

Get cultured: The Wheeling

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Carrasquillo: Chevy Chase hosts Mother's Day brunch

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Park District will celebrate Cinco de Mayo from noon to 3 p.m. May 2 at Heritage Park. This celebration will have Mexican food and fun facts about Mexican independence. Authentic music, cuisine, arts, and entertainment.

This event is free and no pre-registration is required. For more information, call (847) 465-3333.

Show mom you care: Chevy Chase Country Club will treat moms to a great brunch and a rose when they arrive on Mother's Day. There will be a breakfast buffet, a hot entree

buffet with carver table, and gourmet salad selection. There also will be a special children's buffet with breakfast and lunch items, and the Chevy Chase sweet table for dessert.

Brunch hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 9. Cost is \$29.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children under 5. Chevy Chase is at 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. Reservations are requested. Call Tom Dressler at (847) 465-2308 for more information. Tax and gratuity are not included.

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Fun things to do this week in the Northwest suburbs

Steve Cooper of the Steve Cooper Orchestra leads musicians during ballroom dancing at the Chevy Chase Country Club ballroom in Wheeling.



'Dancing in the Dark'

Chevy Chase swings once more as ballroom reopens

BY AVIAN CARRASQUILLO

Daily Herald Staff Writer

5-27-04

Ten-piece orchestras are once again belting out renditions of the waltz, the tango, the slow fox trot and the quickstep at Wheeling's Chevy Chase Country Club, as ballroom dancing has returned as a regular event at the country club.

For 17 years, Chevy Chase was a ballroom-dancing hot spot, but dwindling attendance over the years caused the country club to lose money and forced an abrupt end to the dances in 2002.

Dolores Hume, an avid ballroom dancer, was active in the first ballroom resurrection attempt last year.

"I organized a group of dancers to show the park district how many dancers were interested in ballroom dancing. There was a big response, and they worked with us, and we were able to have ballroom dancing for a year," Hume said.

The group rented out the Grand Ballroom at Chevy Chase, but eventually ran into the same financial problems as prior management had, and after about six months into 2003, the dance hall fell silent once again.

Tom Dressler, food and beverage manager for Chevy Chase Country Club, also missed the dances. So when the country club got a new general manager last year, Dressler proposed reinstating ballroom dancing. The general manager approved, and



PHOTOS BY DANIEL WHITE/DAILY HERALD

Ballroom dance instructors Tom and Aggie DeBartolo do the tango during ballroom dancing at the Chevy Chase Country Club Grand Ballroom in Wheeling.

the monthly dances resumed last month.

Dressler, who is admittedly not a ballroom dancer, said his enjoyment comes from watching some of the seniors dance.

"For a night, they forget they're senior citizens. You should see them dance. They look like a bunch of 20-year-olds out there," Dressler said.

Hume was thrilled to be able to lace up her dancing shoes again.

"There are other places to

dance, but none like Chevy Chase. It's closer, safer than in the city, and there's ample parking," she said.

Hume estimated that around 250 people attended last month's dance.

"Everyone was very happy. I had the same luxurious feeling that I had before. It was something I had been looking forward to for a while. When

If you go

What: Ballroom dancing

When: 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month this summer and fall

Where: Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling

Admission: \$12 at the door

Info: (847) 537-0082

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Dancing: Younger crowds needed

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word got out, it spread quickly," Hume said.

Barbara Finn, president of the Chicago chapter of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancing Association, said that members from the chapter are all talking about Chevy Chase.

"We were sad when it closed the last time. It was always a great place to dance. Now that it has reopened, I'm sure our members will participate," Finn

said.

Dressler said that a key to keeping the dances going will be attracting younger crowds, which Dressler saw signs of at the first dance.

Finn said the revival of interest in ballroom dancing stems from the abundance of classes and clubs at the college level. Finn said the USBDA currently has ballroom dancing clubs established at the University of Chicago and at Roosevelt University's Chicago and

Schaumburg campuses.

The ballroom dances will continue once a month until winter, when most dancers head south to Florida, Dressler said. Then the dances will begin again in the spring.

The dances begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 11:30 p.m. and are preceded by dancing lessons at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door.

This year's dances are scheduled for June 16, July 21, August 25, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Oct. 31.

Park district wants Chevy Chase back

6-4-04

BY AVIAN CARRASQUILLO

Daily Herald Staff Writer

The tug of war for the Chevy Chase Country Club continues between the village of Buffalo Grove and the Wheeling Park District.

Jan Buchs, executive director of the Wheeling Park District, said the park district will petition Buffalo Grove as early as next week for an ordinance allowing the park district to disconnect the one-third of the country club and golf course that was annexed by the Buffalo Grove village board March 15.

In addition to the petition, the Wheeling Park District — as a precautionary measure if the ordinance is not passed — has its lawyer preparing to take the issue to Lake County circuit court.

Because the village of Wheeling does not border the country club property, that village cannot annex it. However, if that portion was put back into unincorporated Lake County, which the petition seeks, the country club would retain a Wheeling address.

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BY CASEY MOFFITT

STAFF WRITER

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"We wouldn't have proceeded with the annexation if it was not in the best interests of our community," he said. "We're committed to moving forward with what we did."

Hartstein plans to annex Chevy Chase have been in the Buffalo Grove master plan since 1972, and the Village Board made many attempts to annex it voluntarily with the Wheeling Park District. Since those requests never materialized, the Buffalo Grove Village Board

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went ahead with a forcible annexation.

Hartstein said it "makes sense" for Buffalo Grove officials to annex areas along Milwaukee Avenue, and views it as an economic development tool. Buffalo Grove will now collect property taxes from the homes it annexed and sales taxes from activities at the country club. The Wheeling Park District will not pay property taxes for Chevy Chase, since it is a public entity, and greens fees are also not taxable.

Despite the intentions of Buffalo Grove officials to keep Chevy Chase in the village, Hartstein said he would like to keep the matter out of Lake County Circuit Court.

"I talked with Tom Webber for about 45 minutes — talking about the issue," he said. "I think we agreed that we may not be able to come to an agreement. But we want to explore alternatives without formal legalities. We're hopeful Chevy Chase will remain in the community, but there are other issues. We want to help the park district feel more comfortable and not proceed with disconnection."

Webber said he suspects the Buffalo Grove trustees were really seeking to collect property taxes from the 79 homes it annexed with Chevy Chase.

"They got what they desired, so they can disconnect us," he said.

Petition coming

William Balling, Buffalo Grove village manager, said the petition has yet to be sent

to Buffalo Grove officials, but he was aware of the Wheeling Park District's intentions through a notice from park district officials.

"I'm vexed as to what the reasoning is (for disconnection)," Balling said. "I'd like to sit down with (park district officials) and come up with a way to serve both communities."

Park district officials described an underlying fear that Buffalo Grove officials might make it difficult for Chevy Chase to grow and expand, considering Buffalo Grove owns the Arboretum Golf Club and the Buffalo Grove Golf Club. Hartstein called those fears "unfounded" and said Chevy Chase is considered an asset to the village.

"We've co-existed or a long time," he said. "We had two golf courses and now we have three. It's something to take pride in. To have that kind of open space and that kind of resource is something to be proud of."

However, the main reason park officials want to fight so hard is to protect the residents of the district, Buchs said. She said the residents have supported Chevy Chase through multiple referenda — first to buy Chevy Chase in 1977, and a second time to renovate it in 1997 — and it is the district's duty to protect that investment.

"There's a lot of emotion attached to Chevy Chase," she said. "We want to be good neighbors, but the Park Board wants to protect the residents who have supported Chevy Chase."

Park officials want to wrest club from Buffalo Grove

By CASEY MOFFITT

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The battle for Chevy Chase Country Club is not over yet.

The Wheeling Park Board came out of a special executive session meeting May 20 and formally agreed to work toward disconnecting the country club from Buffalo Grove and put it back into unincorporated Lake County. The Buffalo Grove Village Board elected to annex about one-third of the golf course, including the country

club, in March.

Tom Webber, Park Board president, said the board's attorney is expected to file the disconnection papers with Lake County Circuit Court within a matter of weeks.

"We owe it to the community to make the attempt," he said. "Nobody likes to spend money on things like this, but we feel this is the direction we have to take on this."

The Buffalo Grove Village Board elected to forcibly annex a portion of the 125-acre golf

course, by using a creek running through the golf course as a natural boundary. It was annexed with 79 other homes near the course, for a total of 58 acres of newly annexed land. A village can only forcibly annex properties totaling 60 acres or less.

Wheeling officials could not annex the Chevy Chase because the village does not share a border with the country club.

Jan Buchs, Wheeling Park District executive director, said

the plan is to petition the Buffalo Grove Village Board for disconnection first. If the Village Board does not grant the petition, a disconnection suit would be filed in Lake County Circuit Court.

"We want to continue a dialogue with the Buffalo Grove attorney and trustees for disconnection, as well as prepare a disconnection petition in court," Buchs said. "We're hopeful with the Buffalo Grove Village Board. If they grant the disconnection, it won't have to

go any further."

"I am aware their attorney has been talking to our attorney," Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Braiman said Monday. "As far as I know, they have not made a formal request to us."

Over a period of years, Buffalo Grove officials have asked the Wheeling Park District to have Chevy Chase voluntarily annex into Buffalo Grove. And about 10 years ago, the Wheeling Park District requested annexation of a small part of the

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course to connect the maintenance building with Buffalo Grove's water and sewer system, Braiman said. Buffalo Grove annexed that portion and hoped the remainder of Chevy Chase would voluntarily follow.

Webber said the Park Board's position is that it would rather the country club be affiliated with Wheeling than change to a Buffalo Grove address.

"That has not changed," Webber said after the May 20 meeting.

Although Buffalo Grove offered sales tax incentives to the

Wheeling Park District in exchange for the voluntary annexation, Webber said he believed the incentives were not worth the backlash of Wheeling residents.

"The (Park Board) feels strongly that Chevy Chase is a facility of the Wheeling Park District," Buchs said. "Wheeling residents voted to have their taxes raised twice for Chevy Chase."

The first time Wheeling residents passed tax increase referendum for Chevy Chase was in 1977 when the Wheeling Park District first purchased the country club. Wheeling resi-

dents also passed a \$2.8 million tax increase referendum in 1997 to renovate the country club.

The park district also spent another \$2 million to renovate the golf course in 2002.

Buchs explained the disconnection petition does not challenge the annexation of Chevy Chase, but rather takes the golf course out of the village. Buchs said it is possible the Park Board will challenge the annexation itself if the disconnection petition does not work.

Staff Writer Kimberly Fornek contributed to this article.

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"We wouldn't have proceeded with the annexation if it was not in the best interests of our community," he said. "We're committed to moving forward with what we did."

Hartstein plans to annex Chevy Chase have been in the Buffalo Grove master plan since 1972, and the Village Board made many attempts to annex it voluntarily with the Wheeling Park District. Since those requests never materialized, the Buffalo Grove Village Board went ahead with a forcible annexation.

Hartstein said it "makes sense" for Buffalo Grove officials to annex areas along Milwaukee Avenue, and views it as an economic development tool. Buffalo Grove will now collect property taxes from the homes it annexed and sales taxes from activities at the country club. The Wheeling Park District will not pay property taxes for Chevy Chase, since it is a public entity, and greens fees are also not taxable.

Despite the intentions of Buffalo Grove officials to keep Chevy Chase in the village, Hartstein said he would like to keep the matter out of Lake County Circuit Court.

"I talked with Tom Webber for about 45 minutes -- talking about the issue," he said. "I think we agreed that we may not be able to come to an agreement. But we want to explore alternatives without formal legalities. We're hopeful Chevy Chase will remain in the community, but there are other issues. We want to help the park district feel more comfortable and not proceed with disconnection."

Webber said he suspects the Buffalo Grove trustees were really seeking to collect property taxes from the 79 homes it annexed with Chevy Chase.

"They got what they desired, so they can disconnect us," he said.

Petition coming

William Balling, Buffalo Grove village manager, said the petition has yet to be sent to Buffalo Grove officials, but he was aware of the Wheeling Park District's intentions through a notice from park district officials.

"I'm vexed as to what the reasoning is (for disconnection)," Balling said. "I'd like to sit down with (park district officials) and come up with a way to serve both communities."

Park district officials described an underlying fear that Buffalo Grove officials might make it difficult for Chevy Chase to grow and expand, considering Buffalo Grove owns the Arboretum Golf Club and the Buffalo Grove Golf Club. Hartstein called those fears "unfounded" and said Chevy Chase is considered an asset to the village.

"We've co-existed for a long time," he said. "We had two golf courses and now we have three. It's something to take pride in. To have that kind of open space and that kind of resource is something to be proud of."

However, the main reason park officials want to fight so hard is to protect the residents of the district, Buchs said. She said the residents have supported Chevy Chase through multiple referenda -- first to buy Chevy Chase in 1977, and a second time to renovate it in 1997 -- and it is the district's duty to protect that investment.

"There's a lot of emotion attached to Chevy Chase," she said. "We want to be good neighbors, but the Park Board wants to protect the residents who have supported Chevy Chase."

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Wheeling offers plenty of outdoor activities this summer

Daily Herald Reports

Posted 6/11/2004

June's here and you know what that means: summer.

It's a time when everyone wants to be outside. Here are some worthwhile activities to spend your time outdoors this summer in Wheeling.

Charity golf: Enjoy a round of golf and support a worthwhile cause, the Wheeling Park District Scholarship Fund. This fund provides financial assistance to residents who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend camp, learn new skills through a park district program, or participate in sports.

The golf outing will be June 23 at the Traditions at Chevy Chase Golf Course, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. The event will include 18 holes of golf (best ball scramble), box lunch, hole contests, golfer goody bags, raffle, cocktails and dinner. Registration starts at 11 a.m., shotgun start is at noon, followed by cocktails and dinner. Cost is \$110 per person or \$400 per foursome and includes box lunch, cocktails and dinner. Tickets for dinner only are \$30 per person-dinner. To register, call Steve Schapiro at (847) 465-2940 or visit the Web site at www.wheelingparkdistrict.com.

Mud volleyball: Test your volleyball skills as you try to move through more than 6 inches of mud in the park district's mud volleyball tournament July 17 and 18. Teams are co-rec and consist of a maximum of 10 players. Participants must be 18 years of age. Each participant receives a T-shirt and other items. The event draws more than 500 players and spectators each year. The tournament is at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. Fee is \$180 per team. For all the dirt, call (847) 465-7760 and ask for Gretchen. Registration deadline is June 30.



Water park fun: Start your summer off with a big splash at the Wheeling Park District outdoor Aquatic Center. The Aquatic Center opened Saturday.

The second season of new amenities includes a Lily Pad Lagoon splash pool with water basketball and monkey bar activity pad, and Tsunami Splash Water Playground with large tipping bucket. New this year is Willie's Watering Hole where refreshments are served.

The Aquatic Center is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and noon to 8 p.m. weekdays through Aug. 23. Postseason hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 28-29 and Sept. 4-6. The Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center is at 327 W. Dundee Road. For information, call (847) 465-POOL.

Classic cars: The annual Summer Sizzle Classic Hot Rod Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 7 at Palwaukee Municipal Airport at Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road.

Trophies will be awarded for best in show. The first 200 participants in the show will receive the event dash plaque and bags containing small prizes.

The event is sponsored by Palwaukee Municipal Airport.

More information and pre-registration is available at www.geocities.com/summersizzlecarshow, or by calling (847) 537-7000.

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Cruise Nights: Bill Stasek Chevrolet, 700 W. Dundee Road in Wheeling, holds its first Cruise Night of the summer from 7:30 p.m. to midnight today. The dealer also will hold Cruise Nights July 16 and Aug. 6, giving away dash plaques for the first 250 vehicles. For information, call Dean Witter at (847) 537-7000 or e-mail DEAN.WITTER@STASEKCHEVROLET.COM.

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Park district wants Chevy Chase back

BY AVIAN CARRASQUILLO

Daily Herald Staff Writer

The tug of war for the Chevy Chase Country Club continues between the village of Buffalo Grove and the Wheeling Park District.

Jan Buchs, executive director of the Wheeling Park District, said the park district will petition Buffalo Grove as early as next week for an ordinance allowing the park district to disconnect the one-third of the country club and golf course that was annexed by the Buffalo Grove village board March 15.

In addition to the petition, the Wheeling Park District — as a precautionary measure if the ordinance is not passed — has its lawyer preparing to take the issue to Lake County circuit court.

Because the village of Wheeling does not border the country club property, that village cannot annex it. However, if that portion was put back into unincorporated Lake County, which the petition seeks, the country club would retain a Wheeling address.

A total of 58 acres of the country club and the golf

"The country club is seen as a cornerstone for Wheeling."

Jan Buchs, executive director of the Wheeling Park District

course were annexed by the Buffalo Grove village board.

Buchs said the petition was motivated by residents who told the park board they were dissatisfied with the annexation.

"The country club is seen as a cornerstone for Wheeling," she said.

"With all due respect to Buffalo Grove, our residents agreed to tax increases for Chevy Chase. Our hope is that we can get Buffalo Grove to pass an ordinance to allow us to disconnect so that we can see a peaceful end to this," Buchs said.

Buffalo Grove Village Manager William Balling said he was aware of the Wheeling Park District's plans through Buchs and that he and the village board are willing to sit down and discuss the issue at length.

"We tried to annex the country club voluntarily," he said. "Chevy Chase has been in the Buffalo Grove master plan for a few decades."

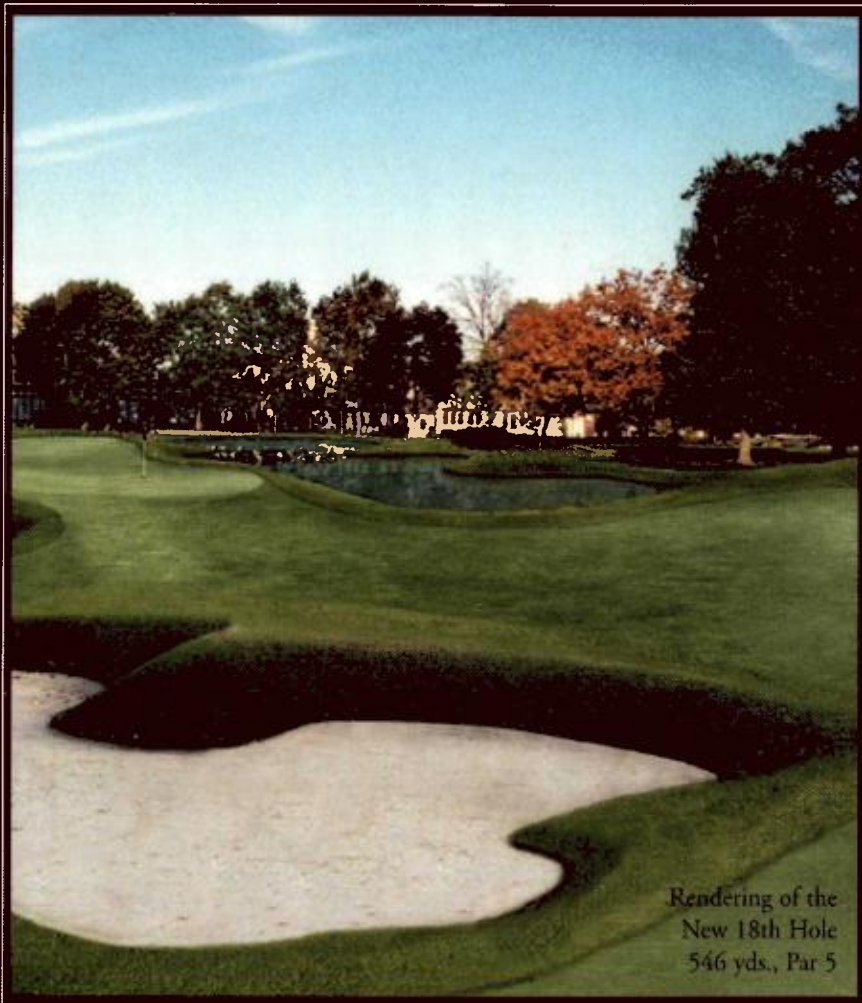
"Now we're in the process of realigning districts and borders and Chevy Chase is a part of that plan. I think it comes down to an issue of competing interests," Balling said.

Balling told the Daily Herald in March that the annexation could generate about \$140,000 to \$150,000 a year in sales tax for Buffalo Grove, none of which would be shared with the Wheeling Park District.

Prior to the annexation, that sales tax revenue went to Lake County.

Buffalo Grove Village Trustee Jeff Braiman said Buffalo Grove has made countless efforts over the years to work out some kind of deal with the park district, including offering a share of the sales tax collected and other tax incentives. But maybe a new deal could end the issue for good, he said.

"My hope is that we can sit down and come to some sort of agreement and let them know they're welcome in Buffalo Grove," Braiman said.



Rendering of the
New 18th Hole
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A \$2.5 million renovation began in January that will transform Chevy Chase Golf Course into one of the finest in the northwest suburbs, if not all of northern Illinois. The course will be closed for the 2002 season, making this the first time in 80 years, golfers will not "hit the links" at Chevy.

When re-opened in 2003, the course will feature bentgrass and irrigated fairways, USGA greens, new water and sand hazards, and a picturesque cascading waterfall as the backdrop to the 18th hole. The course's distance will be 6,608 yards and par will remain 72.

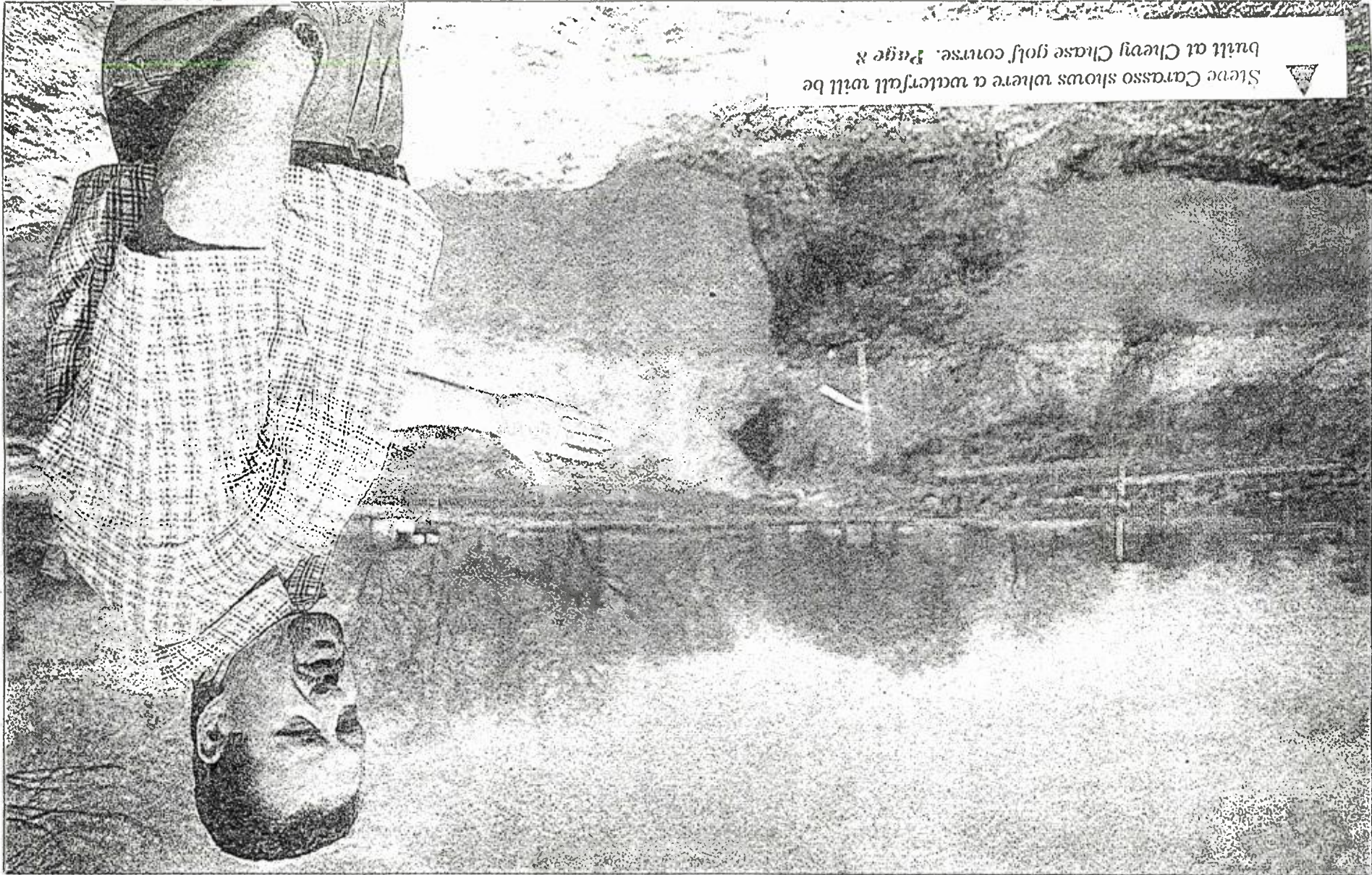
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Steve Carrasso shows where a waterfall will be built at Chevy Chase golf course. Page 8



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WHEELING COUNTRYSIDE



A new Chevy Chase course is emerging

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

Although renovations of the Chevy Chase Country Club golf course got off to a late start, Wheeling Park District officials say the project is now moving right along and should be completed for the 2003 season.

Crews from Bruce and Co. of Madison, Wis., have already torn up the sod on the front nine holes of the course and have started regrading them. Crews will start to tear up the back nine soon.

When completed, Chevy Chase will be a whole new golf course, said Robert Falkiner, the PGA golf professional at Chevy Chase.

"It's almost like we're starting from scratch," he said.

Chevy Chase fairways will be seeded this summer with bent grass, on which most avid golfers prefer to play. Falkiner said the bent grass "feels like carpet" when walking on it, and the ball tends to sit higher on it. All the greens are being rebuilt to United



Cathryn Scott/Pioneer Press

Construction crews have torn up the fairways at the Chevy Chase Country Club golf course. All fairways are being regraded and seeded with bent grass.

States Golf Association standards, which includes layers of sand, gravel and top soil. Mark Harrison, director of parks and planing with the park district, said the new greens should drain more quickly.

Falkiner said having USGA greens will also improve the consistency of green speeds between the 18 holes.

The renovations also will improve the irrigation and drainage on the course. Steve

Carasso, marketing and promotions coordinator at the park district, said the fairways, which typically dried out during the summer, should stay green all season because of the new irrigation system. Drainage improvements also will stop the standing water problems the course has historically suffered.

"With the new drainage, it should be ready to play almost every morning," Carasso said.

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"After a big rainstorm, we used to have to close down for a day or two after."

Some decorative features also are part of the renovations. The 18th hole will feature a waterfall and small pond at the green. The feature will not only challenge golfers at the end of their round, but can also be used for wedding photos and other events for those using the country club's banquet facilities.

"Most golf courses have a signature hole," Carasso said. "The 18th is going to be ours. It's a par 5, because most golfers like a long hole to finish on, and it will have the waterfall."

The course is closed this season and is expected to reopen June 1, 2003. Carasso said golfers can expect higher greens fees.

"I can say with confidence they will probably double," he said. "I think there is going to be a little bit of sticker shock, but it's one of those deals where you get what you pay for."

Increased maintenance costs for the bent grass fairways account for much of the increase in fees. Harrison said the park district will be hiring additional full-time employees for maintenance, and the grass needs more

herbicides and fungicides.

Last season, green fees were \$25 for 18 hole

Falkiner said although the course is closed this year, lessons will still be held, and Chevy Chase regulars can still maintain their handicaps by entering scores through the year from other courses either at the club or through the Internet.

Crews still have a lot more work to do on the irrigation portion of the project, as well as more grading and raking before seeding. Ponds still have to be dug out and built. Tree removal has been completed.

"More than half the trees we removed have been transplanted to other areas of the course," Harrison said.

Crews began work the second week of January. Originally, the park district was hoping for work to start last fall, but permitting process took longer than expected. Despite the late start, Harrison said he is confident the contractor will complete the project according to the original time line.

"They've been excellent," he said.

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The briefs

Get fit with facilities at park district site

The Wheeling Park District Fitness Center has equipment and knowledgeable staff to help you meet your health goals. Amenities include weight resistance machines, a free weight area, treadmills, elliptical and step machines, an indoor running track and a pool. The center offers membership options and payment plans. Call (847) 465-2943.

Blissful bakers



Sandy Crabbe, from left, removes fresh-baked cookies from the oven made by the "Blissful Bakers" for 4-year-olds at Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center in Wheeling. At right, Carolyn LoPiccolo stretches during Senior Stretch, a twice weekly exercise session for seniors at Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling.



Pat Benedetto bends backwards as she leads Senior Stretch, a twice weekly exercise session for seniors at Pavilion Senior Center in Wheeling. At right, preschool director Debbie Stecker, left, engages 4-year-olds into a dance routine during preschool activities at Wheeling Park District Community Recreation Center in Wheeling.



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IN THE PARKS

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IN THE PARKS**Park dedications**

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Denoyer Park, at Waverly and Denoyer Trail, will be dedicated at 9:30 a.m., and Husky Park, located at the end of Lee Street, will be dedicated at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (847) 465-3333.

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The park district is hosting a T.P.H. (The Party's Here) School's Out '60's Bash from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 11 at the Community Recreation Center, 333 W. Dundee Road.

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IN THE PARKS**Play ball!**

Looking to introduce your young athlete to the game of baseball?

The Wheeling Park District is offering T-Ball and Pee Wee Baseball leagues this spring for 5- to 7-year-olds. The T-Ball program teaches basic rules, sportsmanship and the fundamentals of baseball, while the Pee Wee program works on specific skills such as hitting, fielding and base running. Registration deadline for both programs is April 22. For details, call (847) 465-3333.

Open gym

Effective immediately,

anyone wishing to attend a scheduled open gym at the CRC must first purchase a daily pass or punch card for admittance. Passes and cards are available at the CRC customer service desk, and proof of age is required at the time of purchase.

The daily youth fee is \$2 for nonresidents and \$1 for residents with resident ID card. The daily adult fee is \$7 for nonresidents, \$5 for corporate and \$3 for residents with resident ID card. A 10-use punch card for youth and adults also is available for purchase. For open gym hours or more information on the new policy, call (847) 465-3333.

Investment class

Join the park district for Better Investment Strategies for Today's Retirees from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. May 4 at the CRC. A financial consultant will be on hand to answer your questions and will give advice for managing your investment portfolio. For details, call (847) 465-3333.

Adult softball

The park district still has spots available in its adult softball leagues.

Teams will play a 10-game regular season followed by a single-elimination tournament for the top four teams. Leagues include Monday Co-ed 14" recreational and competitive; Tuesday men's 12" recreational and competitive; Wednesday men's 16" competitive; Thursday men's 16" recreational; Friday co-ed 14" recreational.

Completed rosters, registration and a nonrefundable league fee are due as soon as possible. Games start April 29 and are played at Horizon & Heritage Parks in Wheeling. For more information, call (847) 465-3333.

Kickboxing

Learn a new and exciting way to enjoy fitness by combining martial arts and boxing with a cardiovascular workout. Beginner or advanced kickboxers are welcome. Classes are from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 24-June 24 at the Community Recreation Center, 333 W. Dundee Road. Must be 14 or older to participate. For more information and fees, call (847) 465-3333.

Gifts for mom, dad

The park district is hosting a Mother's/Father's Day Gift Event from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. April 27 at the CRC. Your child will have the opportunity to create two unique gifts, package them and finish them off with a homemade card. For children 5 and older. For more information, call (847) 465-3333.

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PARK'S
PLACE



Working in town has its benefits

By STEVE CARASSO

When you think of employee benefits, vacation time, health insurance and 401(k)s most likely come to mind.

But if you work in Wheeling, there may be another important benefit of which you might have been unaware. Did you know you are entitled to reduced fees for Wheeling Park District programs, memberships and activities as a full-time employee of a company located within park district boundaries?

When you read the seasonal program brochure distributed

by the park district, you'll notice three types of fees (FEE/CORP/RES) listed after each program or activity. As a corporate patron, the CORP fee is what you would pay and is typically priced in between the nonresident and resident fees (in order to receive these special rates, proof of employment is required). Besides saving you money, this corporate benefit also has some added residual benefits, such as improving your health, cultivating a new hobby or interest and providing the opportunity for family time together.

For example, if you work in Wheeling but live in a
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surrounding suburb, imagine avoiding the rush-hour commute home by working out at the park district's Fitness Center immediately after work. Not only do you get some exercise, but you can also save yourself a huge headache and lower your stress level by not having to sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic. Not only do you feel better and have more energy with each day you work out, but you are doing something to improve your overall health.

Spending quality family time together seems like an impossible challenge today, and when you are afforded the time, making it fun and enjoyable is even harder. With the summer fast approaching, just think of the fun you can provide your family by bringing home a membership to the park district's aquatic facilities. Whether it's after work or on the weekends, this membership allows your family unlimited visits to our outdoor and indoor water parks.

If you're playing in the pool or simply relaxing in the sun, your family is spending time together, and that's a benefit in itself.

Why are Wheeling companies afforded this opportunity? Like residents, companies pay their fair share of property taxes that go to the park district. Tax dollars, of course, are used to maintain and improve our various facilities, provide programming and support special activities and events. The corporate benefit is made available to the company and can be passed down to their employees. If you're employed in Wheeling and were not aware of this corporate benefit, now's the perfect time to take advantage of it.

For more information about Wheeling Park District and its corporate fees, call (847) 465-3333.

Steve Carasso is marketing/public relations coordinator for the Wheeling Park District. Comments may be addressed to him at wpd@wheelingparkdistrict.com.

Kids can feel groovy

Hello! I got that "I-love-the-80-degree-weather" feeling as I have been "Wheeling Around Town." Here's what's happening!

Hey all middle school kids! Come on over to the Wheeling Park District, because they are hosting a T.P.H. (The Party's Here) School's Out '60's Bash on Saturday, May 11, from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

There will be a disc jockey, dancing, basketball and other contests. Come wearing retro clothes and you will receive a ticket for free pizza and soda.

The night costs \$4 in advance and \$6 at the door. You must have a T.P.H. card to get in.

So, grab your tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans for a great time.

The Community Recreation Center is at 333 W. Dundee Road in Wheeling. Questions? Call (847) 465-3333.

You will have a "groovy time!"

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NEWS BRIEFS

Corrections

Two articles appearing in the April 18 issue of the *Country-side* contained errors.

The co-ed locker rooms referred to in the story, "Police reviewing tapes after locker room incident," are in the Community Recreation Center. Also, the PGA golf professional quoted in the story, "A new Chevy Chase course is emerging," is Steve Schiller.

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New executive director named: The

Wheeling Park District Board of Commissioners formally announced the hiring of Jan Buchs as the new park district executive director at the April 16 board meeting.

Buchs, 38, the park district's director of recreation, will replace Karop T. Bavougian, who will be retiring after 16 years in June. She will begin her new position June 21.

Buchs has been with the Wheeling Park District since 1993 and has held various positions within the agency during her tenure.

"We're very excited to have Jan as our new director," said park board of commissioners president Tom Webber. "She brings a great deal of experience and knowledge with her to the position."

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NEWS

Buchs climbs park district ladder

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Park District Board decided to promote from within in naming a successor to Executive Director Karop Bavougian, who is retiring in June.

Jan Buchs, the district's director of recreation, will step in as executive director, the board announced at its April 16 meeting. Buchs, 38, has worked with the park district for the past nine years and said she is excited to take the reins.

"It was always one of my professional goals to become an executive director," Buchs said. "This opportunity came at the right time. It's great to become the executive director with the district I grew up with. I've spent a lot of time here. I've put in a lot of heart and soul."

Buchs was hired by the Wheeling Park District in May 1993 to oversee the Aquatic Center.

"We opened that June," she said. "I only had a few weeks' time to hire and train a staff, and then put the operation into action."

Wheeling was the only community in the area at the time with a facility like the Aquatic Center, so Buchs had to use a lot of her own ingenuity to get the center up and running.

Soon after that, the district built the Community Recreation Center, and Buchs was promoted to oversee that facility also. She said both experiences are quite unique in the business and have helped her prepare for her latest assignment.

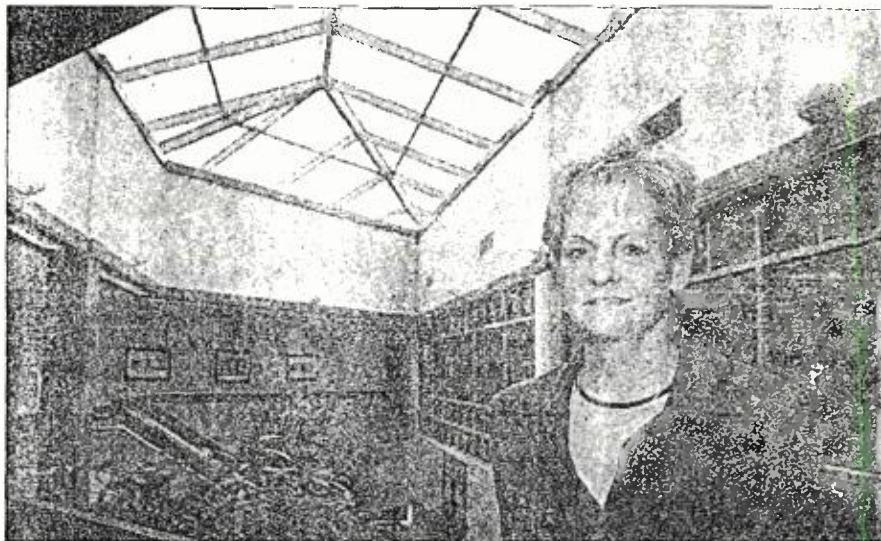
"There are people in this profession who have never opened an aquatic center or a recreation center," she said. "I've had a multitude of great opportunities here."

Being promoted from within will also help with the transition to a new executive director. Bavougian and Buchs will be in the same building for two months before she takes over, giving her plenty of opportunity to learn more about the position.

"Karop will always be a resource," Buchs said. "I need to tap into that while he's still here."

Buchs said the district has a strong staff and board that have been very supportive of the promotion. She said she plans to familiarize herself with more of the staff in the next two months to make the transition easier.

"Change can be difficult," she said. "There was some anxiety in the building. And rightfully so, because they care. Now that they know who it is, I think it's eased some of that anxiety. Hopefully, it will



Jan Buchs will become the new executive director of the Wheeling Park District after Karop Bavougian retires in June.

also be easier for them to share some of their concerns and desires."

Many members of the park district staff were at the board meeting to show their support for Buchs and the board's decision.

Park Board President Tom Webber said he is confident in Buchs' abilities to lead the district and was happy to promote someone from within.

"She has a lot of support (from the district)," Webber

said. "She handles herself well, and people have a lot of respect for Jan."

Webber also said Buchs has a lot of integrity and a good work ethic. He also said she shares many of the board's goals and ideals.

"Having worked with her for nine years, I think a lot of people here understand and appreciate her ideas and visions," he said.

Buchs also comes into the position with Bavougian's stamp of approval. He said he

was "thrilled" to hear the board chose her.

"I think she'll take the district to the next level," he said. "It's nice to bring in someone we all have known and have respect for."

Webber said the board worked with the Illinois Association of Park Districts to find candidates for a new executive director. The board interviewed seven candidates. Most were from the northwest suburbs, Webber said.

District 21 Board endorses new space plan

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Elementary School District 21 Board has agreed to split the Piper Lane neighborhood in Prospect Heights, moving students who live there to two different schools, to create space at the overcrowded Whitman Elementary School.

The board discussed five different proposals during its meeting last week. Although none of the proposals was appealing to any board member, they informally agreed to move 172

Piper Lane students to Twain Elementary and leave about 80 at Whitman. The board is expected to vote on an official resolution based on the agreement at its May 16 meeting.

The move also will require students living north of Dundee Road, west of Wolf Road and east of Northgate Parkway to move to Field Elementary School from Twain. Some Field students living north of McHenry Road will go to Longfellow, but board members were not sure at the end of the April 18 meeting which of those students would be moved.

The Piper Lane students who will move to Twain live in the buildings on the 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Piper Lane. Those living on the 800 block will stay at Whitman.

The move is expected to create three to five more classrooms at Whitman, which has a current enrollment of 800 students.

Board member Arlen Gould said the solution is not perfect, but is educationally sound, practical and will "balance the buildings nicely."

After eliminating three of the proposals pitched to the board, members

debated splitting Piper Lane or building an addition to Whitman at a cost of \$1.6 million. Board President Phil Pritzker and board member William Harrison were the only two who preferred the expansion. Pritzker said he was opposed to splitting the Piper Lane neighborhood.

"I believe we have set a new example with this unique neighborhood," Pritzker said. "I don't think it speaks well for this district."

The decision also is unpopular with parents who attended the meeting. (Continued on page 10)

Buchs brings experience to the helm of park district

BY CASS CLIATT
Daily Herald Staff Writer

The Wheeling Park District has named a new executive director to guide its parks operations beginning this summer.

The park board of commissioners announced that Director of Recreation Jan Buchs will replace Karop Bavougian as executive director.

Bavougian is retiring in June after 16 years at the park district's helm. Buchs will take over June 21.

"We're excited to have Jan as our new director," said park board President Tom Webber. "She brings a great deal of experience and knowledge with her to the position."

Buchs has worked with the park district since 1993. Bavougian said he feels confident about handing over the torch of leadership to her.

"I think she's bright, intelligent and I think she has a good understanding of the park district model — the public service model," Bavougian said of Buchs. "She understands and is able to balance the idea of providing services, but at the same time knowing you have to balance costs."

Bavougian laughed at the idea that he will leave behind a legacy at the Wheeling Park District.

Yet among his achievements during a long tenure in the district, Bavougian helped oversee the opening of Wheeling's Fitness Center and Arctic Splash indoor water park in January 2000. The \$3.8 million addition to the Community Recreation Center on Dundee Road more than doubled the number of people who use the facility, according to parks officials. Bavougian also worked with the parks board to begin renovations to the Chevy Chase Golf Course that have closed the course this year.

When the improvements are finished, the golf course's drainage problems will be fixed and bent-grass fairways and greens will transform the course, built in the 1920s.

In a series of forums Wheeling has conducted to develop a new development plan for the village, community members again and again praised the parks facilities as one of Wheeling's strengths. To usher in a transition in leadership, the park board gave Buchs a formal introduction and reception at its regular meeting.



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State labor laws put pinch on youth leagues

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Daily Herald Staff Writer

Twelve-year-old Jon Krausfeldt thought he would make a little money this summer umpiring youth baseball games — for \$8 a game.

Krausfeldt even went to two weeks of training to get ready for the season in June.

Then park district officials told him he could not be paid because he was too young.

Instead, he's willing to work as a volunteer for two years until he's 14, then get back pay for his efforts.

That's just one of the ways youth sports groups throughout the suburbs are trying to deal with a recent state crackdown on paying children to be umpires.

The Illinois Department of Labor cited the Darien Youth Club for violating child labor laws for paying children under 14. The baseball club could be subject to \$600,000 in fines, though state officials say something

like \$3,000 is much more likely.

In response, some leagues have, in effect, fired their younger umpires, canceled games and are blowing their budgets to pay older umpires.

A prime example is the Buffalo Grove Athletic Association. Last week all games for younger players were canceled.

League officials called an emergency meeting and talked with attorneys. The attorneys advised them it was better to be safe and avoid potential fines by eliminating all umpires younger than 14.

The league, which has been operating for 42 years, lost 92 umpires age 10 to 13. These umpires normally officiate games for children younger than themselves.

"Holy cow," said league administrator Dominic Dovichi. "This is nuts."

"It's not a sweatshop; it's a whole learning tool," he said of the youth umpiring.

"They're getting used to having

responsibility. They feel really good about themselves, because they're learning about the game from a different point of view. And they're making a little money."

Attorneys were even concerned about using 14- and 15-year old umpires, until the league clarifies the situation.

By paying older teens to umpire more games, Dovichi estimated the league may spend an extra \$3,000 this year.

"There was a lot of disappointment in the kids," he said.

Similarly, the Mount Prospect Baseball Association officials scratched all 30 of its 13-year-olds from umpiring games until they get a legal opinion stating otherwise or until lawmakers change the law, President John Pullano said.

In the Adington Heights Youth Athletic Association, six of 55 umpires were 13-year-olds and they all were told they can't be paid, Administrator Barb Pingel said.

Other youth sports groups are taking more of a wait-and-see attitude.

In Little League District 13, which covers Elgin, Streamwood, Carpentersville, Hanover Park, Bartlett and other areas, young teens and pre-teens are still umpiring games.

"I think we can go ahead unless somebody complains," league administrator Mary Ann Gunderson said. "I haven't seen anything saying we can't."

But she harshly criticized the thinking behind the crackdown.

"I don't understand it," she said. "Nobody's getting rich. I truly do not see where the kids have been harmed. Somebody's got to umpire these games, and there just are not enough adults."

One solution would be to have the kids work for free, but not many kids are willing to do take on a tough job without getting some payoff.

Other sports are vulnerable to a crackdown on youth referees, as well.

Soccer clubs, for example, often use kids to serve as linesmen for games.

But the Department of Labor does not go out looking for violations unless someone complains, as happened in Darien.

In general, 14- and 15-year-olds are allowed to work limited hours with certificates signed by their parents and school officials.

Those 13 and younger cannot work with exceptions under state law for certain jobs: caddies, newspaper delivery, baby-sitting, agriculture and yard work.

"The department in general does not think it's a good idea for seventh- and eighth-grade kids to be out until 9 or 10 on a school night without parental supervision," spokesman Mark Hurley said.

Child umpires may be at risk from irate parents or coaches, he added.

Hurley noted that Darien was also cited for other violations, including failure to pay minimum wage of \$4.60 an hour for minors.

In response, lawmakers are trying to change the law.

State Sen. Christine Radogno, a Republican from LaGrange, introduced a bill last week to add an exemption for umpires.

Even if approved, a new law probably wouldn't take effect until July, too late for this season, Radogno said.

For that reason, she introduced a resolution asking the state Department of Labor to recommend a quick solution. Its staff members will meet Tuesday to discuss the situation.

State Sen. William Peterson, a Republican from Long Grove, said he supports a change to allow kids to umpire, adding there could be further limits placed on hours worked.

Peterson suggested that the children volunteer to umpire the games until the situation is settled.

"Let's not carry this to an extreme," he said. "I think we're trying to make a mountain out of a molehill."

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Don't strike out young umpires

Child labor laws are designed to protect children from being exploited, from being placed at physical risk or from being allowed or asked to do work that is beyond their physical or emotional development. They are essential laws, made necessary by a long history of exploitation.

Why, however, any of these laws should prevent 12- and 13-year-olds from making a few bucks for umpiring the baseball and softball games of even younger children is beyond us.

Yet there it is: the Illinois Department of Labor has told the Darien Youth Club that it stands in violation of the law and might be fined for paying those under 14 to umpire games.

Made aware of the Darien situation, several suburban baseball associations are scrambling to replace their 12- and 13-year-old umpires. The Buffalo Grove Athletic Association went so far as to cancel all of its games for younger players last week. Others are trying to decide whether to continue to use those umpires younger than 14 who are willing to do the job for no pay or to spend extra

Our View

Umpiring is a good introduction to work responsibilities.

least 14 years old.

Surely there's a way to avoid on the youth league diamonds all this angst that is more appropriately the domain of Chicago's major league baseball fans.

In general, state law permits 14- and 15-year-olds to be paid only if they work certain jobs for limited hours, with certificates signed by parents and school officials. Those 13 or younger can be paid for only a few jobs: caddying, newspaper delivery, baby-sitting and yard work. A good case can be made that umpiring a child's T-ball or baseball game fits right in with these other exemptions. Umpiring is sort of a combination of baby-sitting and yard work, with a little light toting of equipment — like caddying — thrown in for good measure. Part of the matter is, it's

sibility of work and a way for youngsters to earn a few dollars.

To be sure, there is the potential for young umpires to be subjected to verbal abuse from the occasional coach or parent who isn't mature enough to keep the game in perspective. League officials need to watch carefully for that when hiring younger umpires. The Labor Department also expresses concerns about middle-school umpires being out too late on school nights. But they're not staying out any later than the younger children whose games they're umpiring. As far as concerns about overwork go, the remedy may be to limit the number of hours each week a young umpire can work.

Department of Labor staff is scheduled to talk it over today. We hope they can make a rule change that would exempt young umpires. If that's not possible, if legislative action is needed, then lawmakers should take care of it. In the meantime, some parents in the stands should volunteer to jump in and call a few innings so that the kids can get on with their games.

Labor agency plays hardball with 12-, 13-year-old ump's

By Ted Gregory
Tribune staff reporter

Twelve-year-old Brian Glennon planned to spend his summer calling balls and strikes for 8-year-old batters, earning \$10 a game from the Darien Youth Club baseball league. But thanks to an anonymous complaint, Brian and 35 other young umpires have been fired before

the first pitch.

Citing child-labor laws, the Illinois Department of Labor told the league in March to stop paying umpires who are not yet 14. "It kind of stinks," said Brian, who completed umpiring classes during the winter to qualify for the job, "because there's absolutely no point to it if you're not going to get paid."

Parents and at least one state

lawmaker agree, and a campaign is under way to change the law, which, with few exceptions, restricts anyone under 14 from working for pay.

Busting underage summer employment programs has become something of a rite of spring at the state and federal departments of labor. Two years ago, the Kenilworth Park District ended a three-decade tradi-

tion of hiring junior high counselors after the state agency notified the district it was violating state law.

In 1996, Northbrook Park District was fined \$6,075 by the U.S. Department of Labor for employing underage kids to wash golf balls and work in a concession area. A year earlier, Mt.

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Company steps up to the plate, donates \$50,000 to youth baseball

BY AMES BOYKIN
Daily Herald Staff Writer

A major soft drink company has stepped off the sidelines to help bail out Elk Grove Village Youth Baseball.

Since authorities charged the former youth baseball commissioner with stealing \$94,000 in baseball money last June, the program has struggled to recover financially. But the program announced that Pepsi Americas will donate \$50,000 over three years in exchange for placing the Pepsi logo on baseball shirts and hats.

"We'd be doing car washes for 20 years if Pepsi hadn't come forward," said baseball Treasurer Barry Reddington.

Other donors have come forward, but the Pepsi gift marks the largest donation the program has received.

It is still unclear how much money is missing from youth baseball accounts, but the Pepsi donation clears up any outstanding debts, Reddington said.

Pepsi Americas has had offices in Elk Grove Village for more than three decades, Pepsi Express Manager Eric Jacobson said.

"Elk Grove is a community that has supported us," Jacobson said. "We

wanted to give back to this community like they have to us."

Using the Pepsi logo on baseball gear was the "least we could do," baseball Commissioner Tim Guido said.

Without a major donation, the program would have had to sponsor several fund-raisers. With the donation, youth baseball expenses have been cut by about 25 percent, Reddington said.

To thank Pepsi, the baseball teams will host a parade May 11 on opening day to show off their new Pepsi hats and shirts. The village also has officially proclaimed May 11 as "Pepsi Day" in Elk Grove Village.

George T. Lycos, 41, of Elk Grove Village, is charged with felony theft in connection with the missing baseball money. Lycos served as baseball commissioner at the time of the arrest.

Jack Rimland, a lawyer for Lycos, said Wednesday that his client has expressed some remorse, but Rimland declined to go into details because of the pending charges.

Police late last year turned over evidence to Cook County prosecutors they say shows more baseball money is missing. Lycos has another court appearance May 17.

Accusations fly over Little League games

BY AMY McLAUGHLIN
Daily Herald Staff Writer

A Des Plaines Little League parent is accusing the Des Plaines Park District of renegeing on a deal for his traveling team to use park fields.

But, as the softball and baseball season kicks into gear, park district officials say it is simply a matter of not having enough land for all the kids who want to play.

Pete Semler, co-founder and co-manager of the Des Plaines Cobras, said he thinks his team got squeezed out because other Little League groups consider them a "renegade" team out to steal the best players.

"I'm fit to be tied," Semler said Friday after he found out that the 11 dates he'd originally been promised were changed. "I don't know what to do."

Semler said last Monday, he was promised nine Tuesday and two Sunday evenings for the traveling team's home games.

But, when he called to confirm that he'd bring in a certificate of insurance to park offices Friday, he was told the schedule was rearranged and the team was given mostly Sunday mornings for play.

Semler said Sunday mornings would be the worst time because most of the traveling teams would likely be playing tournaments. They play teams from places like Schaumburg and Lake in the Hills.

Cynthia N. Capek, assistant director of parks and recreation for the park district, said part of the problem was scheduling difficulties with the Des Plaines Baseball Association. Also, only South and Arndt parks and West Field can accommodate the more competitive traveling team, she said.

The park district didn't get the schedule from the baseball association until Tuesday. The association has 650 girls and boys in softball and baseball programs.

"The issue is land, to be honest,"

Capek said. "And, how do you serve the most number of kids?"

Park officials talked it over with board members at their meeting Tuesday night, and all agreed to make the switch.

"I just don't feel good about this," Capek said.

Semler said he's not sure what to do except to look for other fields. It's the second season for the newly formed traveling team made up of 10 11-year-old boys. Semler said he expects the team to play 40 to 50 games this season.

Park officials said they hope to be able to accommodate the traveling team in the future.

They said they didn't have the money to upgrade Blackhawk Park for the competitive baseball team. Semler said his group was willing to help with the estimated \$12,000 cost to put up a fence and prepare the field.

"It's a very complicated situation," park board member Jim Grady said.

UMPIRES: Parents petitioning to change law

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Prospect Park District paid \$15,950 for similar child-labor violations.

About the same time, Dundee Township, Wilmette Park District, Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department and Wheeling Park District also paid fines totaling nearly \$30,000 for state and federal violations.

The Darien league, which has been hiring umpires like Brian for most of its 42 years, pays the boys \$10 per game, usually for a maximum of 10 games and only in the more relaxed atmosphere of the 8-year-old division.

After receiving an anonymous complaint, the Illinois Department of Labor audited the league in February; in March, it notified league officials of 180 violations. Besides using underage umpires, the club was cited for violations including failure to keep a registry of minor employees and their schedules and for not keeping employment certificates.

The league could theoretically be fined \$900,000, more than seven times its yearly budget.

Irate parents are collecting signatures to petition for a change in state law. They have enlisted the support of several lawmakers, including state Sen. Kirk Dillard (R-Westmont), a former Little League umpire, who called the situation ridiculous. Dillard has sent letters to the Labor Department and the Illinois Park District Association, asking them to make changing the law a priority.

"I find it unbelievable, with all the problems the State of Illinois has," Dillard said, "that the Illinois Department of Labor picks on children who are umpiring games and in essence discourages something as wholesome as youth baseball."

Brian's mother, Catherine, is confident she will be able to persuade her son to volunteer to umpire, which is what the Darien organization is asking the youngsters to do. But, she's more than a little peeved.

"I'm very disappointed," Catherine Glennon said. "I don't look at it as a child-labor

violation. The kids want to do it. It's interesting and fun. They want to make the money, and there aren't a lot of opportunities for these kids to do that."

Suzanne Davis, manager of the fair labor standards division at the state agency, was quick to note that it is highly unlikely anything approaching the maximum \$900,000 fine will be imposed at an agency hearing June 13.

She acknowledged that going after private, non-profit youth leagues, many of which use paid, underage umpires and referees, is unusual. Veterans in the department recall "two or so" that were cited in the last decade for using underage umpires, she said.

"We are a complaint-driven agency," said Davis, who is overseeing the Darien Youth Club case. "When we get a complaint we respond. I think we responded quite well."

Despite her unpopular position, Davis also says her agency may be protecting the parent and children. "They need to be enjoying their summers," she said of the children, noting recent cases in which overzealous parents have become violent at youth sports events.

"This can be very physical and psychologically dangerous for these kids," Davis said. "It's something that everyone understands."

But league officials said no parent has ever harassed a 12- or 13-year-old umpire.

Darien Youth Club President Ray Jablonski hopes many of the kids will work as volunteers when the season starts April 2. He will fill the gaps with older umpires and parents.

Meanwhile, enterprising parents are plotting, talking about tipping the volunteer umpire or passing the baseball cap games.

"I feel bad for the kids because the little bit of spending money they earn is being taken away from them," Jablonski said.

Opening up soccer to all kids

300 children sign up to participate in Palatine program aimed at Hispanics

BY JAMIE SOTONOFF
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Thanks to a cooperative community effort, a free, no-strings-attached summer soccer program has formed in northeast Palatine, aimed at Hispanic children who officials say haven't found a place in other organized leagues.

Already, nearly 300 children ages 6 to 18 have signed up. The first practice was held Tuesday night at the Deer Grove Forest Preserve, at

Dundee and Hicks roads.

It's called the Soccer Outreach Program, and it was put together by a unique group of people and organizations — the Northwest Suburban Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Palatine Park District, Palatine Mayor Rita Mullins, Cook County Commissioner Gregg Goslin and the Palatine Celtic Soccer club.

The Boy Scouts spearheaded the effort, since they run successful soccer programs in 12 other communities with large Hispanic

populations, including Des Plaines, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Prospect Heights and Rosemont.

The idea behind the program is to provide exercise and mentoring to these children.

"We're using soccer as a way to appeal to Latino and at-risk families," said Bill Fisher, the Boy Scout council's scout executive. "It's a population that's rapidly growing in our suburbs ... and if we don't have these kids doing something in the summer months, that's when they're

most at-risk."

Officials say the children haven't found their way onto other teams for a couple of reasons. Part of the problem is that few leagues have Spanish language materials, so people don't know what's available.

Even if they did, the leagues can cost around \$70 per child, and kids who live in homes where both parents work or don't own cars might have difficulty getting to practices

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Alex Angulano, 6, front, Salvador Mancera, 9, Alejandro Tapia, 10, and Taylor Anguiano, 10, all Boy Scouts from Palatine Pack 747, say the Boy Scout pledge in Spanish before their first soccer practice Tuesday at Deer Grove Forest Preserve.



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Herald Know your pro

Carmen Molinaro of Buffalo Grove Golf Course and Arboretum Golf Club

How long have I been a golf pro? I'm just beginning my 29th year. I started with Buffalo Grove, and then also joined Arboretum when it was built in 1988. (Buffalo Grove Golf is an 18-hole public course at 48 Raupp Blvd., Buffalo Grove. Call (847) 537-5819. Arboretum, an 18-hole public course, is located at 401 Half Day Road, Buffalo Grove. Call (847) 913-1112.)

Age: 53

My golf resume: I worked at Indian Lakes golf resort in Bloomingdale from 1972-1973. Graduated from Northern Illinois with a degree in business and management.

Ever try to play on a pro tour? No. I played a little college and high school golf, but mostly played baseball.

My best single round: I shot a 67 in Florida at Errol Estates outside Orlando in the mid-1980s.

Best course I've ever played: Southern Highlands Golf Club in Las Vegas.

Most memorable thing I've seen on golf course: The Hawaiian scenery and beauty is top, between the beautiful scenery of oceans and sunrises. Really, any golf course is the place to be.

If I could give one single tip to the weekend golfer, it would be: Stay within yourself. Don't try to get more out of physical abilities than you can. Get some lessons and teaching; don't try to teach yourself. Have fun.

My ideal foursome: Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Ben Hogan. The ultimate personality, the ultimate in concentration and someone in between.

Best advice I ever got: Unless you are making golf your profession, relax and have some fun. That's the reason behind the game. Enjoy the people you're with, and enjoy being out on a beautiful golf course on a beautiful day.

What's in my bag: Titleist 975 J driver, Titleist fairway woods and irons and Titleist putter. Titleist all the way.

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Soccer: Boy Scouts hoping to raise \$13,000 for uniforms, shoes, more

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and games. There's also a cultural barrier.

Palatine's program has two phases. First, there are scrimmages, drills and instruction three times a week at the forest preserve. There is no charge for this, and any child is welcome to participate.

The second phase is to segue players into the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club. The club, which is a branch of the Palatine Park District, will help by providing scholarships to children in the Soccer Outreach Program based on family income. That way, children who want to play in the league will have the opportunity.

"We would really like to see these kids in our program, and get more of them playing," said Keith Williams, the park district's superintendent of recreation.

Creating a program in Palatine was difficult because Celtic Soccer is such a large, active organization and field space is so limited, particularly in the northeast area of town where most of the children live.

Mullins, who sits on the Boy Scouts' board of directors, convinced the groups to get together and work out a plan for this program.

To make it work, each group had to contribute something.

The Cook County Forest Preserve District had to offer land in Deer Grove, and Mullins had to convince Goslin to provide space for one large field. The Palatine Park District had to



Jose Angulano talks with his players Tuesday before starting their first practice.

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Soccer Outreach Program

A Palatine summer soccer program for Hispanic children ages 6-18.

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agree to lease, secure and maintain the fields at the forest preserve, and

the Boy Scouts had to be willing to provide goals, balls and other equipment.

The Scouts are in the process of recruiting bilingual coaches and officials, and raising \$13,000 for shoes, uniforms and other expenses.

Palatine Celtic Soccer agreed to help by publicizing its scholarship information in Spanish.

"It's really a cooperative effort," Williams said.

The Boy Scouts' various outreach programs have earned national praise, and several organizations around the country use them as a model.

In the Northwest suburbs alone, more than 1,000 Hispanic children

participate in the Scouts' Soccer Outreach Program.

"We're getting involved because there are so many children in need," said Ismael Reyes, a bilingual Boy Scout employee who helps spread the word to Spanish-speaking families.

Getting families involved is also key, since it's important for parents to see the program having a positive impact on their children.

"One of the many goals of this program is to teach everyone how important it is to finish school," Reyes added.

To volunteer, donate money, or get more information, call Reyes at (847) 824-6874.

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Park district pulls permit for benefit

BY BOB SUSNJARA
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Organizers of a fund-raiser for a popular Lake County guitar instructor facing more than \$200,000 in medical bills were floored Tuesday when their permit to use a Gurnee park was revoked less than two weeks before the event.

Gurnee Park District officials issued a letter saying the permit was yanked because they just learned 14 bands were slated for the all-ages "rock concert" benefit for Ben Jinapantla, who's undergone eight surgeries since February because of a pancreas inflammation.

Charles Balling, the district's executive director, said the May 11 event would have been for a worthy cause — only not in the right spot.

"We believe it would disrupt park activities and create a noise problem for our neighbors," Balling said.

Jinapantla, 25, of Gurnee, is so popular among Lake County musicians that organizers of his fund-raiser said they had to turn away volunteer bands. He's become known through his lessons at Music Source in Wilmette. Greg Henkin,

band Overtone, said he still hopes Viking Park can be the benefit venue. He said organizers have distributed hundreds of fliers to promote the park on Old Grand Avenue since getting the permit in March.

If Viking Park remains out of the question, Henkin said he's determined the show will go on somewhere else because Jinapantla needs the financial help. He said the park district was wrong to make the last-minute decision revoking the fund-raiser's permit.

"I feel extremely shafted," he said. "I understand where they're coming from. I totally understand their situation. But it isn't like this (event) was completely unknown."

Jinapantla was visiting Las Vegas in February when the pancreas inflammation apparently caused a diabetic coma, according to his friends. Physicians later discovered cysts and a fluid build-up in his pancreas.

Friends said the uninsured Jinapantla's medical bills are more than \$200,000 after the surgeries. It's not known when he'll be considered healthy enough to leave Las Vegas.

Lisa Sheppard, the park district

the document approved for use of a band shell and food service area contained no indication there would be musicians at Viking Park on May 11. She said the 14 bands should have been noted when the permit was sought in March.

Sheppard said renters must request a special-use permit if they want live entertainment at a Viking Park event. She said the Gurnee Day festival each August must seek such permission from the park board.

Dave Skrobish, a Gurnee public works employee who submitted the paperwork for the fund-raiser, said he would have gone to the park board for approval if officials pointed him in that direction. Skrobish said he never previously submitted documents to rent Viking Park.

Jinapantla, who works a second job at Caribou Coffee Co.'s outlet on Grand Avenue in Gurnee, has been described as a man with a positive attitude who frequently performs acts of kindness for friends and co-workers.

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village has been working with IDOT to alleviate the agency's concerns about traffic congestion if the bridge is torn down and a traffic light is put up.

Kolberg said he expects the new traffic light to be installed and the bridge torn down by the beginning of next school year. He also said there

are no cost estimates for the project, but there is \$250,000 budgeted for it.

Trustees have been trying for years to get approval from IDOT to tear the overpass down. Village officials say the overpass is nearing the end of its expected life and is an eyesore. It also blocks motorists'

views when they are trying turn onto Dundee Road.

If the village wanted to repair the overpass, it would have to meet standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. There is not enough land to build a ramp, and building elevators would be too costly, board members argue.

Traffic light to replace Dundee bridge

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

A pedestrian overpass used primarily by London Middle School students to cross Dundee Road is coming down and will be replaced by a traffic signal.

The Wheeling Village Board approved plans to replace the bridge that connects Field Elementary School and London Middle School at its April 8 meeting. The bridge, while providing a safe crossing for students, is old and in need of costly repair or replacement.

The project also includes the realignment of the London driveway with Cedar Drive on the north side of Dundee. The new traffic light will be placed about 300 feet east of the where the overpass now sits. Pedestrians will activate the light by pushing a button. A device in the pavement that detects when vehicles want to turn onto Dundee Road from Cedar Drive also will be installed.

"The signal will stay green on Dundee Road unless it is activated," said Guy Kolberg, Wheeling's acting public works director.

The plan will require the village to purchase a small

strip of land from the Dunhurst Shopping Plaza in order to widen the London driveway to the east so it lines up properly with Cedar Drive.

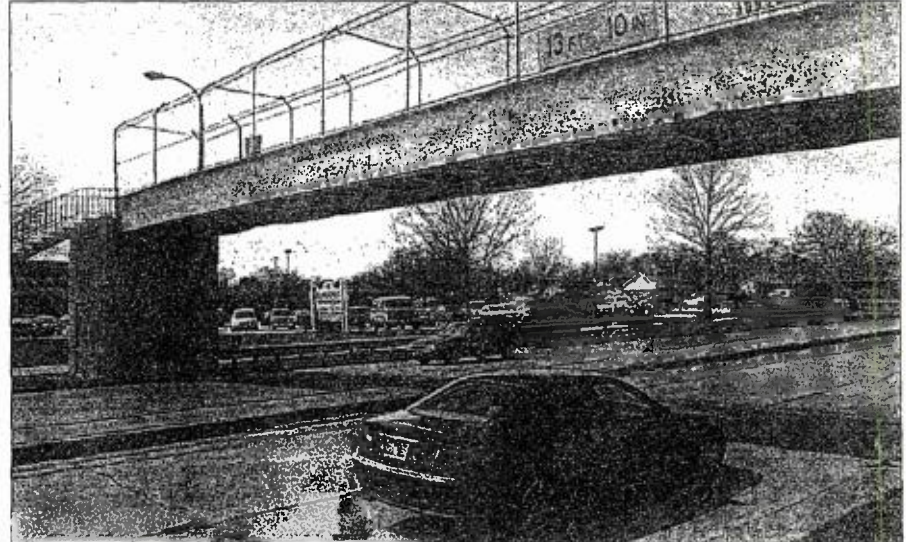
A crossing guard will be stationed in the morning and afternoon at the intersection after the overpass is torn down. While the Village Board voted unanimously for the project, Trustee Michael Horcher said he was concerned that a traffic signal and the use of crossing guards provides less protection than the overpass.

"Crossing guards get hit, too," he said. "I've seen it happen."

Kolberg said there are already signs warning motorists of students crossing the street on Dundee Road. Those signs will be either replaced or reset when the overpass is removed, he said.

Jim Parker, principal of London Middle School, said he has no "violent feelings" of seeing the overpass go. Some students, he said, cross the street now even without a crossing guard or a signal.

"I'd say 90 percent of the students use it," he said of those who walk to school and live north of Dundee Road. "We do have kids who won't climb on (the overpass) and will dash across the street."



Wheeling officials hope to tear down the pedestrian overpass between London Middle School and Field Elementary School this year. Trustees approved a plan to replace the overpass with a traffic signal.

Parker said the current situation of children choosing to not use the overpass is more dangerous than having children cross with a guard and a traffic light.

"The speed limit there is 35, but people drive faster than that," he said. "It's hard for kids to judge the speed of cars when they're standing still."

Parker also would like to see if the crossing guard could be on duty later in the day to help those children who stay late cross safely.

"Is the crossing guard going to be there at 5:30 or 6 at night?" he asked. "We do have kids that stay that late."

Layonne Knapstein, principal at Field Elementary

School, said Field students do not need to use the overpass to get to school since they all live north of the school.

The project is still dependent on Illinois Department of Transportation approval. Kolberg said IDOT is well aware of the village's plans to tear the overpass down, and the

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Police reviewing tapes after locker room incident

By PATRICK CORCORAN
AND CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITERS

Wheeling police investigators are reviewing videotapes to determine if a man charged with taping girls showering in an Elk Grove Park District facility did the same at the Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center.

Wheeling Deputy Police Chief Michael Hermes said the review is ongoing but has yet to turn up any concrete evidence that the man charged taped anyone here. The tapes police are reviewing were found in the man's home.

"It is very difficult because the

areas are similar at different places," Hermes said. "It is very tedious work."

Police began their investigation after learning that the man charged in the Elk Grove incident had suspicious videos in his home that may have been taken at the Aquatic Center on Dundee Road. The Aquatic Center has co-ed shower rooms similar to those at Elk Grove's Jack Claes Pavilion, where the alleged taping of naked girls occurred.

Lifeguards and a patron of the Pavilion called police when they saw a man allegedly videotaping young girls in the Elk Grove Village facility's shower room last week. Timothy P. Armstrong, 42, of 1934 N. Leavitt Ave., Chi-

cago, is being held on a \$150,000 bond and will be back in court April 26 on two counts of misdemeanor unauthorized videotaping and one count of felony possession of child pornography.

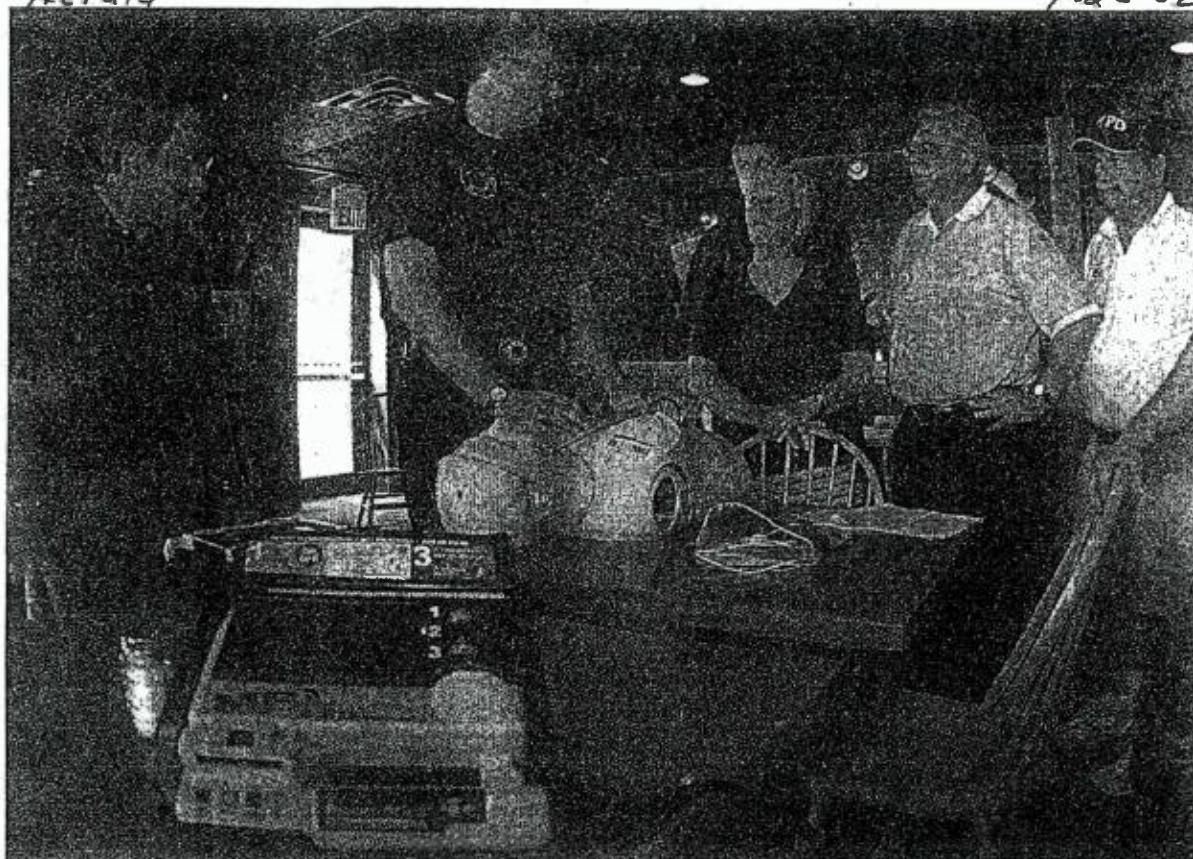
Police said Armstrong videotaped young girls showering nude in a co-ed family shower area at the Pavilion on at least two occasions. Police said the filming was done from a nearby shower stall using a hand-held camera with a flexible lens affixed to it.

Armstrong also is charged in connection with a similar incident that occurred April 13, 2001, in which a man believed to have been videotaping that day was reported to Pavilion employees. The suspect fled after a patron confronted him. The child pornogra-

phy charge stems from the discovery at Armstrong's home of what police said were three computer disks with pornography likely downloaded from the Internet.

Police said Armstrong may be linked with additional incidents at other pools and recreation facilities. Investigators reportedly found brochures for park district facilities in Oak Brook in his home. Elk Grove police also contacted Wheeling to further investigate suspicious videotapes found in the man's home.

Wheeling Park District Executive Director Karop Bavougian said the park district has never had any reports of anyone videotaping or acting suspiciously in the co-ed room.



PHOTOS BY MARK WELSH/DAILY HERALD

Buffalo Grove golf employees get a lesson in using the new automated external defibrillators installed at the village's two golf courses. Leading the lesson is Buffalo Grove firefighter/paramedic Dave Kelly, second from left, while Buffalo Grove Director of Golf Operations Carmen Molinaro, from left, and golf employees Lenore Mornini, Jon Fredrikson, Joe Schwister and Roger Simone look on.

Small package, huge benefit

New defibrillators on golf courses offer chance at life for heart attack victims.

BY STEVE ZALUSKY
Daily Herald Staff Writer

A couple of dummies were hanging around the Buffalo Grove Golf Course's Village Tavern and Grill.

They were being used recently by Buffalo Grove firefighter/paramedics Mike Boyd and Dave Kelly to help train golf course personnel to use the course's new automated external defibrillator.

Buffalo Grove Director of Golf Operations Carmen Molinaro said 21 employees were being trained to use the equipment and CPR instruction.

Last year, the village greatly increased its arsenal of defibrillators, including one each for its two golf courses, Buffalo Grove and Arboretum.

Boyd said the increase was inspired by a Buffalo Grove boy, Sean Morley, who was saved last summer by an AED carried by a Deerfield police officer. Morley

had lapsed into cardiac arrest after being hit with a pitch during a Buffalo Grove Recreation Association traveling baseball game.

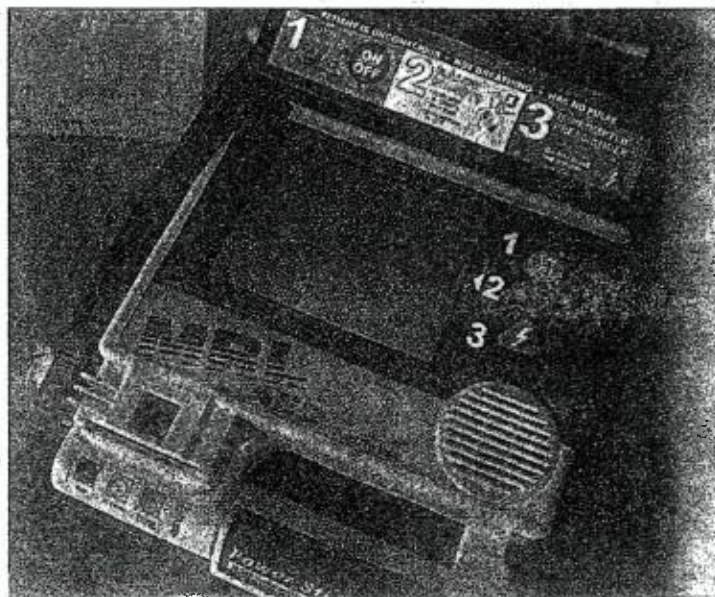
The defibrillator, manufactured by Medical Research Laboratories Inc., a Buffalo Grove firm, is simple to operate.

It supplies the electrical shock a cardiac arrest victim needs to start pumping blood again to the rest of the body. It also provides a readout of the patient's cardiac rhythm.

The device is about the size of a lunch box, contains a display screen and has instructions printed on it.

The significance of having the equipment at the golf courses is huge. If a golfer happens to collapse on the green, help is only seconds away. And because the chances for survival slip away with each passing minute, those seconds count.

The defibrillator "will bring them from being dead to being alive," Boyd said.



This automated external defibrillator can spell the difference between life and death for a victim of cardiac arrest. This model, available at both Buffalo Grove golf courses, is manufactured by the Buffalo Grove-based firm Medical Research Laboratories Inc.

Sentry Foods get new name, owners

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

Things are looking a little different at Sentry Foods since new owners took over the Lynn Plaza store Friday.

Sentry Foods sold its Wheeling store to Chicago-based Carniceria Jimenez. Sentry has been selling all of its retail assets, but Carniceria Jimenez only purchased the Wheeling store.

Carniceria Jimenez has been in the grocery business for 26 years, with stores located mainly in Chicago. Lupe Jimenez, one of the business' managers, said the company has slowly been moving into surrounding suburbs over the past few years.

"We're really excited (about the new store)," Jimenez said. "There are no other supermarkets in the area."

Although the Sentry Foods sign is still on the store's facade, Jimenez has already taken over as new owners and

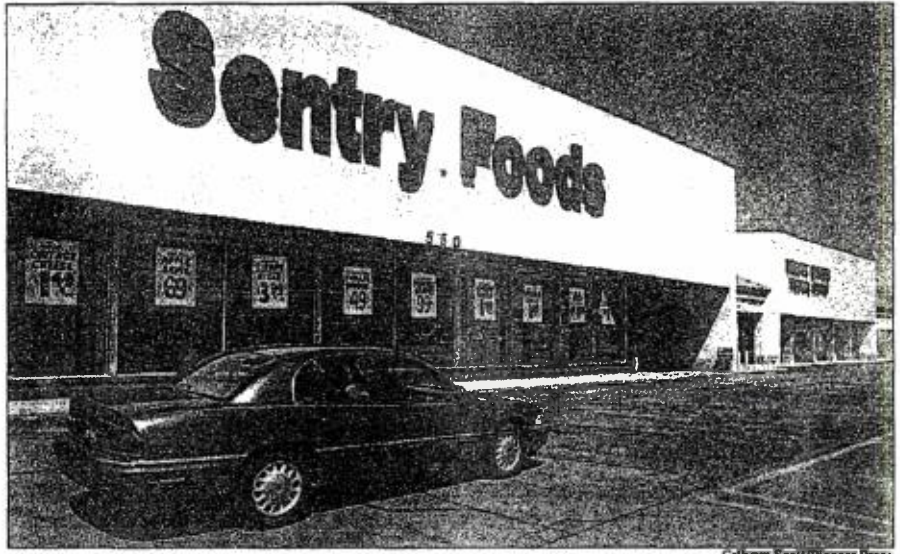
have gone to work redesigning the interior, cleaning the store and ordering new equipment.

Jimenez said they have already taken down one partition surrounding the produce area to open up the store. Employees also have put some elbow grease into cleaning the floors.

"This weekend people were asking when we got the new floors in, when we haven't gotten any new floors" Jimenez said. "It's been really fun so far. Hearing positive comments like that really motivates us even more."

Jimenez said the business specializes in selling fresh produce and meats. Jimenez said the 37,500-square-foot store will continue to be a full-line, full-service supermarket.

As the name of the store implies, Carniceria Jimenez caters to a Hispanic clientele, offering a full line of Hispanic products. However, Jimenez herself said the store aims to please all customers.



Cathryn Scott/Pioneer Press

Sentry Foods on Dundee Road has been sold to new owners. The Sentry sign is still up, but it will be replaced with a Carniceria Jimenez sign in the near future.

"It's a big store, which will incur high expenses," she said. "We need to attract everyone to be successful."

Jimenez said her husband,

who does a lot of the produce purchasing, has already been asking suppliers which produce may appeal to the large Polish and Russian popula-

tions in Wheeling.

Tom Woodlock, owner of Sentry Foods, did not return telephone calls.

Board cuts facility design funds from village budget

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The renovation of Village Hall and the construction of a new Public Works facility on Hintz Road are on hold after the Village Board decided to eliminate \$750,000 from the 2002-2003 budget that would have been spent on design costs for the new facilities.

Instead, the board wants to consider other options in trying to create more space for employees and departments. The decision last week means the Public Works facility will not move from Dundee Road, and plans already are in place to move the engineering department and the water department from the Public Works facility to a pumping station located on Old Willow Road.

There was talk of moving the Public Works facility to a village-owned, 10-acre lot on Hintz Road the board purchased in 2000 for \$1.35 million. Trustees said they would rather see that lot developed commercially.

Trustee Patrick Horcher said the space at the pump station is underused.

"The building has a computer, some pumps and pipes," he said. "But it's a big building. It's bigger than my house."

Trustee Dean Argiris said it makes sense to move the water department to the pump station building because most of the department's equipment is already there.

"We've had that building for years, and I don't know why it took so long for that light bulb to go off," he said. "So we've freed space (for public works) right there."

Argiris said the board should look at current village facilities and see how they can be used more efficiently. He also said he believed the

lot on Hintz Road can be used for better purposes.

"I think we should develop Hintz Road and use it to make money for the village," he said. "I've been against (moving public works there) from day one."

Trustee Trevor Lehmann said a recent increased investment in new computers and computer systems could allow the village to eliminate staff as they leave. That, too, will create more space at the two facilities.

"Looking to the future, as people retire or leave the village, we can redefine some of these jobs," he said. "We've invested a lot in technology, and I think it's time that it start to pay off for us. People can work more efficiently, and we can consolidate some work."

Trustee Michael Horcher agreed. With Village Attorney James Rhodes retiring, Horcher said there is debate among board members whether to replace him or hire an outside legal firm.

"We don't know what's going to happen," Horcher said. "I think (the budget cut) is a good idea until we have a better idea on what we're going to have for space."

Lehmann said he was glad to see the \$750,000 cut from the budget.

"I don't think we're under a space crunch," he said. "I'd rather see us solve some other problems first."

Not all trustees agree that there is no space crunch at Village Hall.

"They are in desperate need of space," Trustee Robert Heer said. "The conditions are far from adequate."

However, Heer did agree that cutting the \$750,000 was a good decision because of the ag-

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Board OKs budget

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Village Board approved a \$53.8 million budget for the fiscal year that began Wednesday that includes an aggressive capital improvements agenda.

The new budget represents an 8.4 percent increase in spending, while keeping the property tax levy at an increase of 3.4 percent. Finance Director Michael Mondschain said without the increase in capital improvements, the total budget would have increased by only 3.08 percent.

"That's pretty much keeping up with the consumer price index," he said. "This budget represents the continuance of the fiscally conservative policies of the board. We're doing well financially, and this budget continues that trend."

Mondschain said he believed the new budget will add between \$20 and \$30 to the tax bill of a resident who owns a home valued at \$200,000.

Over \$20 million has been budgeted for capital improvements, a 25.22 percent increase from last year.

Some of those projects include \$1 million for demolishing flood-prone homes, \$1 million in pavement improvements and \$2.6 million for a water main replacement project for the Dunhurst subdivision.

Trustee Patrick Horcher said all the projects need to be completed this year.

"They were important 20 years ago," he said. "Now they're vital."

Horcher said previous administrations had elected to sit on many of the projects. Costs have increased, and the projects kept piling up, creating an urgency to work on the projects now, he said.

Trustee Dean Argiris agreed that the budget is high, but he said the spending goes directly toward making Wheeling a better place.

"We're spending \$20 million in capital improvements," he said. "But we're spending it to improve the village."

The budget also includes \$8.75 million for land acquisition in the tax increment financing district, and \$3 million for streetscape improvements in the TIF district. Horcher said the money has already been collected. (Continued on page 11)

Department head search cut by two

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

James Grabowski, Wheeling's acting village manager, appointed two new department heads last week, filling important holes at Village Hall.

Grabowski promoted two people to the positions of public works director and community development director. Guy Kolberg was named public works director April 22, and Daniel Ozanich was appointed community development director April 24. Both men were acting heads for their respective departments.

Kolberg has been acting public works director since November, when Robert Gray retired. Kolberg has been employed by the village for the past two years as capital projects manager. In that position, he managed projects like the construction of the Wheeling Drainage Ditch diversion channel, the village's water main replacement program, the street light improvement program and the annual pavement improvement program.

Grabowski said Kolberg will "continue the tradition of being attentive to community needs that have come to typify public works' services."

Before joining the village, Kolberg was the assistant city engineer for the city of Sun Prairie, Wis. Kolberg holds master's degrees in public administration from Governor's State University and in project management from the Keller School of Management. He also holds an undergraduate degree in engineering technology.

Ozanich has been acting community development director since October, when Michael Klitzke left to take a job with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He also was the village's building director and has been employed with Wheeling since 1988.

Ozanich will be responsible for functions that include building inspections, planning, permits, property maintenance, code compliance and appearance issues.

"Dan Ozanich brings a

broad range of experience and training to the position," Grabowski said. "His familiarity with village procedures ensures an orderly transition."

Ozanich is a 1977 graduate of the University of Illinois-Chicago and has extensive experience in private-sector enterprises in the areas of manufacturing, construction, engineering and architectural design. He is a Navy veteran and served in the Vietnam War.

The village is still searching for a village manager and a manager for the Palwaukee Municipal Airport. Grabowski said both searches are progressing.

Trustees met with representatives from the PAR Group, the firm hired to find candidates for village manager, March 26 to develop a candidate profile. Grabowski said PAR representatives also met with village department heads to help put the profile together.

Grabowski said advertisements for the empty village manager position began running last week. PAR stated in its request for proposal that it can find candidates for the village manager in 90 days.

Former village manager Craig Anderson was asked to leave his post by trustees in February after serving for 14 years.

The search for an airport manager is further behind. Wheeling officials and Prospect Heights officials are working together to find a new manager. A search committee has been formed, which includes two Wheeling representatives, two Prospect Heights representatives, as well as representatives from the Palwaukee Municipal Airport Commission. Prospect Heights had just named its representatives to the committee in the last few weeks.

Airport manager Fred Stewart was put on administrative leave Dec. 15 until his official retirement Feb. 1. Dennis Rouleau, the assistant manager, has been the acting airport manager since Stewart's departure.

Country Side News Briefs 4-18-02 New apartments at Addolorata Villa

Addolorata Villa is hoping to open 66 new assisted-living apartments this summer.

The new building features 38 one- and two-bedroom apartments and a special wing with 22 apartments for those with dementia. All apartments are individually heated and cooled, include a kitchen and free basic cable television.

Each floor will have a laundry room. The building also has many common areas, including a great room, dining room, sitting rooms and flower garden. It also includes a children's play room for visitors. A reading room, computer room and billiard room will provide residents with avenues of relaxation and stimulation.

Addolorata Villa is currently awaiting its occupancy permit, which will be followed by state inspections of the facility. A July grand opening is planned.

Park equipment picked by trustees

The Wheeling Village Board picked the last of the equipment needed to finish the new park to be built at the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Board members picked out lights and benches for the park. The lights will illuminate walkways, the landscape and waterfall. There will be 101 lights used to illuminate the waterfall alone, which will be washed in white light.

Trustee Judy Abruscato questioned why white lights were to be used instead of colored ones. Claus Dunkelberg, of Harding ESE, said the white light will be most effective in illuminating the sandstone rocks behind the water.

Trustees also chose metal benches to be installed at the plaza. Wooden benches were considered, but trustees said they preferred the metal ones for maintenance purposes and to reduce vandalism.

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lected and is held in a separate fund.

Horcher met with Mondschain and Acting Village Manager James Grabowski a few days before the budget was passed to see what could be cut from the spending plan. In total, about \$1.3 million in cuts were identified in that meeting. Those cuts included \$750,000 for plans to expand and improve village facilities, \$250,000 for a uniform fence on Dundee Road and \$120,000 for design costs for a 2004 water main replacement project.

The water main designs will be done by new in-house engineers to be hired this year. Horcher said the new engineers will help in saving money in future design costs as well. The village also plans to hire one more police officer and three more firefighter/paramedics.

The village expects to collect \$7.6 million in property taxes, representing 23.05 percent of all revenues. The village also expects to collect 14.5 percent more in sales taxes next year. Mondschain said that increase is mainly due to a sales tax increase from .05 percent to .075 percent, which took effect Jan. 1.

The village is also implementing new taxes this year, including a 5 percent hotel/motel tax, a 1 percent use tax on both electricity and natural gas, ambulance fees and higher water turn-on fees that are levied when a resident does not pay a water bill. These new taxes are expected to generate \$628,000.

The village will also dip into its reserve funds to balance the budget. After cuts were made at the last minute, the village will use about \$2.5 million in reserve funds. That still leaves the village with \$14.4 million in reserve funds.

The Village Board passed the hotel/motel tax and the new water turn-on fees at its April 22 meeting. The ambulance fees and utility use tax will be passed later this spring or this summer.

Trustees and village officials say they like the budget, mainly because of the fact so much will be done in capital improvements, while keeping property tax hikes to a minimum.

"I'm very conscious of that," Horcher said. "Anything that affects me, too, I try to be responsible about it."

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gressive capital improvement program in the budget.

"Is (Village Hall space) number-one priority for the residents?" he asked. "I think water and sewer is more important to them than putting up a multimillion-dollar building."

Trustee Judy Abruscato said eliminating the \$750,000 from the budget does not mean the new facilities are dead.

"If it comes to big money we can bond it out, especially with interest rates so low," she said. "Now that money isn't tied up in one item."

Village President Greg Kleckci said he will reserve his thoughts on space needs until the board looks at the space study at the board's workshop meeting May 6.

Club brings out blooms

Greetings, neighbor. April showers bring May flowers ... and so does the Wheeling Garden Club! The Garden Club's fourth annual Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in front of Wheeling Village Hall, 255 W. Dundee Road. A wide variety of annual and perennial flats, hanging baskets, flower pouches, individual plants and vegetable plants will be available to buy.

It is possible to reserve your plants in advance by phoning Joyce Stemp at (847) 537-0567. She also can be contacted if you have questions about the plant sale. Proceeds from the sale will be used toward the Wheeling Garden Club Scholarship Fund. So mark your calendar to be sure and get the best selection available.

Color Cued Gardens will be the program presented Wednesday during the Garden Club's next meeting. You are invited to share in a different approach to perennial borders. The feature will be raised borders and practical hints with an eye to color-coordination and low maintenance. Learn which plants are used for the red, white, pink, blue and yellow borders.

Ms. Loann Loebel is the guest speaker. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Loebel is a gardening consultant, the author of "Flowers are for Keeping," and she is a freelance photographer. Her program promises to be very informative and interesting. Come on out to meet her and the Garden Club.

The Garden Club meets on

the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Community Center in Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road. Additional information regarding this program or the Garden Club can be obtained by phoning (847)-537-4674.

Bank birthday

Happy Birthday to the family of the Corus Bank at 125 McHenry Road in Wheeling.

Corus Bank celebrates 24 years in the Wheeling community today. The bank name has changed, but the familiar faces have remained the same for many of the wonderful people. Dimitra Psirogiannis and Smita Mayak will each be with the bank family for 15 years on their 2002 anniversary dates. Judy Abruscato remembers working out of a temporary office in a shopping center 24 years ago while the present home was being built. Corus bank has been a strong asset to our community for it's 24 years. We look forward to another 24+ years!

History buffs

Congratulations to the newly elected board members of the Wheeling Historical Society.

Elaine Simpson will be sworn in as the new president of the society. Eleanor Buerger and Frank Schnaitmann were elected as two of the directors, and Linda Reading will serve the society as curator. Continuing to serve the Wheeling Historical Society are Vice President Marilyn Chromy, Treasurer Dolly Hein, Secretary Pat Hancock, Director Barbara Forke and

Historian Shirley McConnell. The installation dinner will be held May 29.

Thank you to all of the members who serve the society with pride and dedication. And a special thank you to outgoing President Lorraine Haben for everything she has provided over the years. We count on Lorraine to be ever-present as the society continues into the history of Wheeling. (Remember, today is tomorrow's yesterday.)

As noted in the Constitution of the Wheeling Historical Society, "The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the community of Wheeling." Best wishes to the new officers of the Wheeling Historical Society as they strive to fulfill that constitution.

Rotary goal

The eradication of polio by the year 2005 is the number-one goal of Rotary International.

It is amazing how lucky we are in the United States that the majority of us have never been affected by that crippling disease. Let's think back for a minute. Do you know anyone personally who was afflicted by polio? This neighbor has an aunt-in-law in her 80s who suffers the effects of polio as a child. Fortunately, the polio vaccination has pretty much taken care of this disease for those of us in the United States, but it is still a very serious problem in other parts of the world.

Rotary International, including the Wheeling Rotary Club, will be

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celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2005. This is the world's first service club. It was founded by a Chicago attorney, Paul Harris, who wanted to recapture in a professional club "the same friendly spirit" he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The club is headquartered in Evanston, with membership extending to more than 30,000 clubs in more than 160 nations.

The club pledged in 1985 that members would celebrate their centennial in 2005 by eradicating polio worldwide. This is a project that is expected to see the organization spending \$500 million through the 20 years. And you can help to see that pledge fulfilled. Donations can be made to Rotary International c/o Wheeling Rotary Club, Box 75, Wheeling, Illinois. Additional information regarding the club or their program can be obtained by contacting President-elect Judy Abruscato at (773) 832-6713. And thank you for your generosity.

Oh, mark your calendar for the Wheeling Rotary Club's dedication of the Bill Simpson Memorial May 11 at 11 a.m. in the new Denoyer Park located at Denoyer Trail and Waverly Drive (across McHenry Road from Wapaghetts). Bill Simpson was a long time Rotarian who brought much advancement to the organization through

his commitment. He passed away several years ago but will be remembered always through the memorial provided by the Rotary Club. Their donation of a gazebo along the inter-community bike path in Bill's name will be a welcome rest area for bike riders as well as the neighborhood families who will use the new park. Stop by and check it out. The park is beautiful!

The Wheeling Park District will dedicate the new park May 18 at 9:30 a.m. In addition to the Bill Simpson/Rotary Club gazebo, the park district remembered a long-time resident and former owner of the property, Mrs. Xenia B. Denoyer, with a plaque on the fireplace remnant of a popular Girl Scout cabin. Following the dedication of Denoyer Park, the newly renovated Husky Park, located at the end of Lee Street behind Jack London Middle School, will be dedicated at 11 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend both of the dedications. It is great to see the tremendous efforts provided by the Wheeling Park District for the children in our neighborhoods.

Helping out

Way to go Valerie (Abruscato) Gross for walking the mile, or six of them, during the recent MS Walk at Busse Woods.

Valerie said she was glad (Continued on page 20)

Memorandum



Date: May 3, 2002

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To: Karop T Bavougian, CLP
Executive Director and
Board of Park Commissioners

Cc: Staff

Subject: Chevy Chase Golf Course Renovation Status and Review of Landscape Master Plan for 18TH green / Putting Green Vicinity.

Dear Karop and Commissioners:

Chevy Chase golf course renovation is in full swing and is progressing rapidly. This week, The Bruce Company opened up the lakes, installed bridges and did more mass grading. I will try to take some photos on Monday or early Tuesday to share with commissioners after the meeting, if desired.

Staff met this week to review the asphalt paths configuration and to discuss the feasibility of completing the phase I paths vs. completing phases I and II. We have directed the Bruce Company to excavate for both phases of paths, with a decision as to whether to install gravel only or asphalt (with gravel base) in the areas designated as phase II. I will bring a copy of the cart path plan to this board meeting to discuss with the commissioners, if desired.

As we look at the overall financial picture, we are thinking that we will be able to afford asphalt paving for both phases I and II, as the Bruce Company has sharpened its pencil by soliciting additional subcontractor's prices. This is very good news.

Attached please find the staff's landscape master plan (and related exhibits) for the putting green / 9th green vicinity (listed as hole no. 18 in this memo so as to be consistent with the board meeting agenda, and listed as hole no. 9 in the drawing so as to be consistent with the construction drawings). There are several design goals which we would like to accomplish with this plan, namely;

1. To provide a backdrop for the finishing hole, including a significant water feature.
2. To provide a "photo op" area for wedding participants, with pastoral / attractive landscaping, water feature backdrop, etc.
3. To provide a striking view from the Devonshire Room, Devonshire terraces, from the pro shop entrance, and from the Gable Room and its adjacent terrace. The view should be picturesque with an additional (different) view of the water feature.

To accomplish these goals, we have utilized plant materials and natural Lannon stone outcropping ledge rock (like large flagstone). The formal nature of the garden lends structure to the environment for photographs and is necessary when using such natural materials. The plan will be presented by staff in detail at this board meeting, along with photos of types of materials, and the like.

We are still gathering cost information from the Bruce Company and from other sources, and hope to have a breakdown by this board meeting. Our first guesstimate reveals that the cost for the improvements in their entirety will exceed our allocated budget. Therefore, if it pleases the board, we'd like to receive at this meeting, the following feedback;

1. Commissioner's input regarding the design, and whether the plan will serve as a "master plan" for this area of the course.
2. Information pertaining to the cost of this project, whether it is feasible, and how we might either scale it back or phase it over time.

Once we receive cost data for the project (probably on Tuesday afternoon), we will have a basis for formulating suggestions for phasing and/or scaling back the project.

One area of opportunity is for us to install phase I plantings as soon as possible so as to alleviate the "unfinished" view of the course from the clubhouse. This could be accomplished in the next few weeks, with the balance of the work completed by mid-summer. The suggested Phase I items are so noted in the drawing, and a view from the terrace of the Devonshire Room is also attached.

This is a very exciting endeavor for us, to be able to finally visualize the end product of this focal point for the course. I look forward to our discussion.

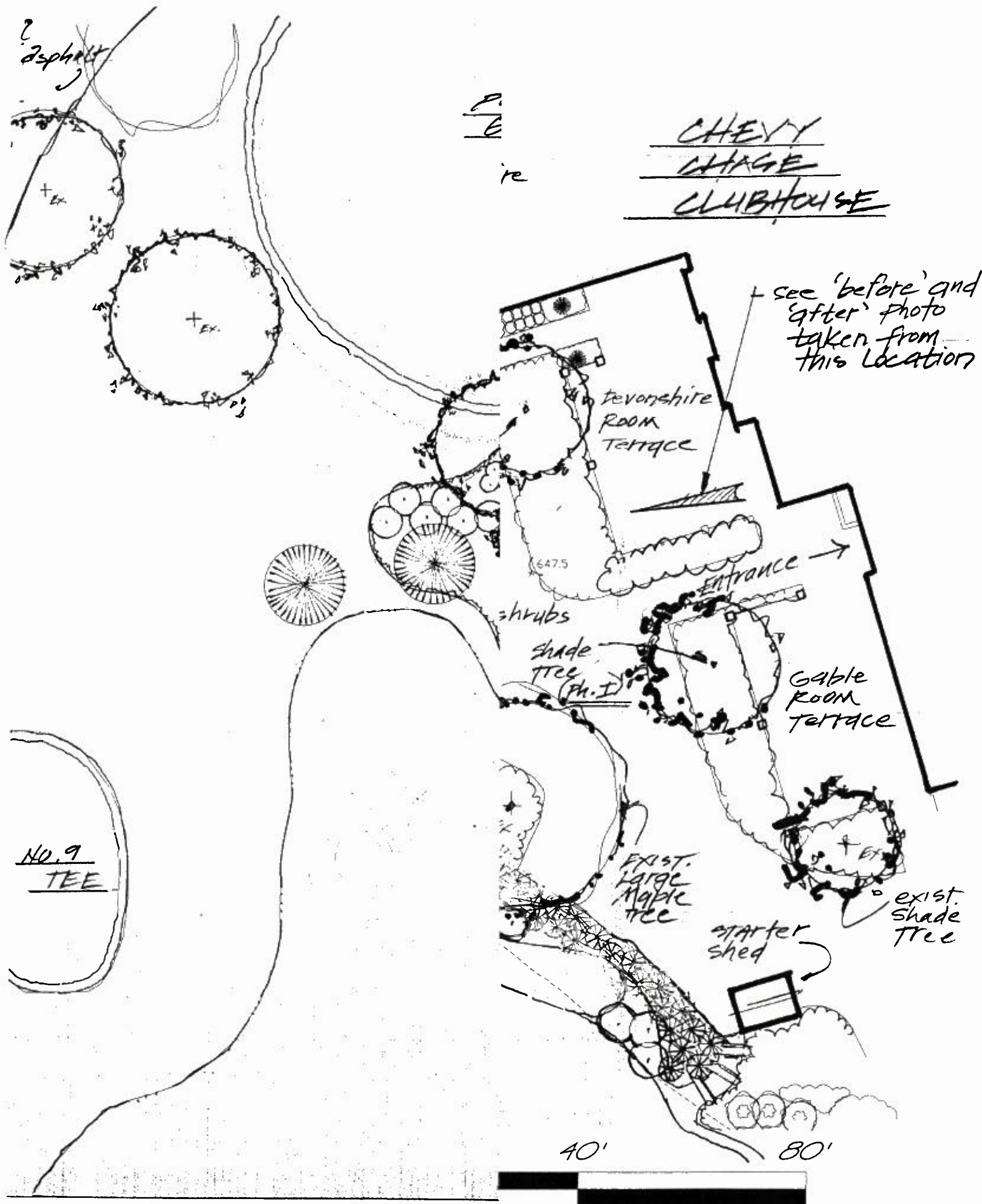
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No. 9
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Devonshire
Room
Terrace

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shrubs

Shade
Tree
(Pl. I)

Entrance →

Gable
Room
Terrace

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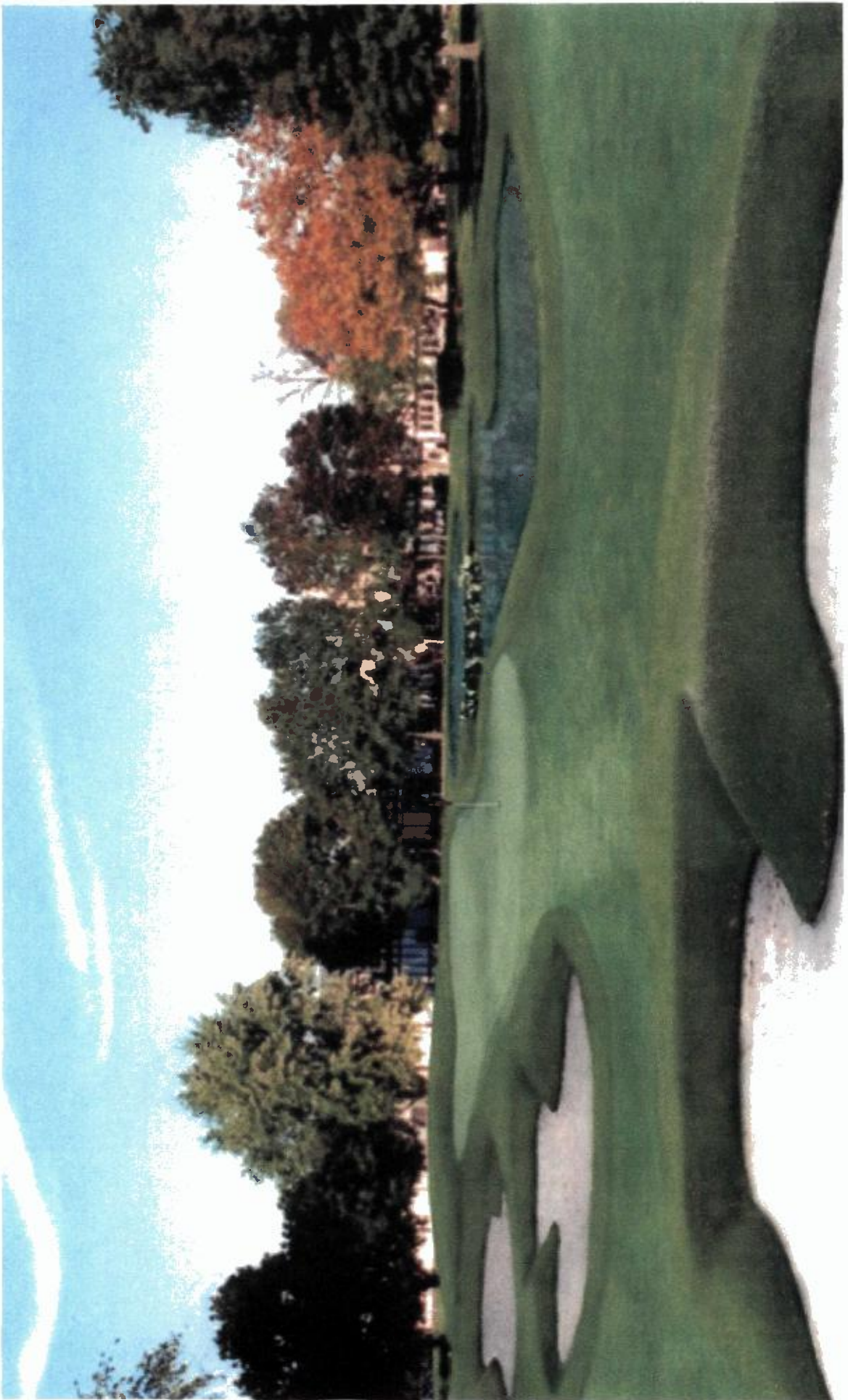
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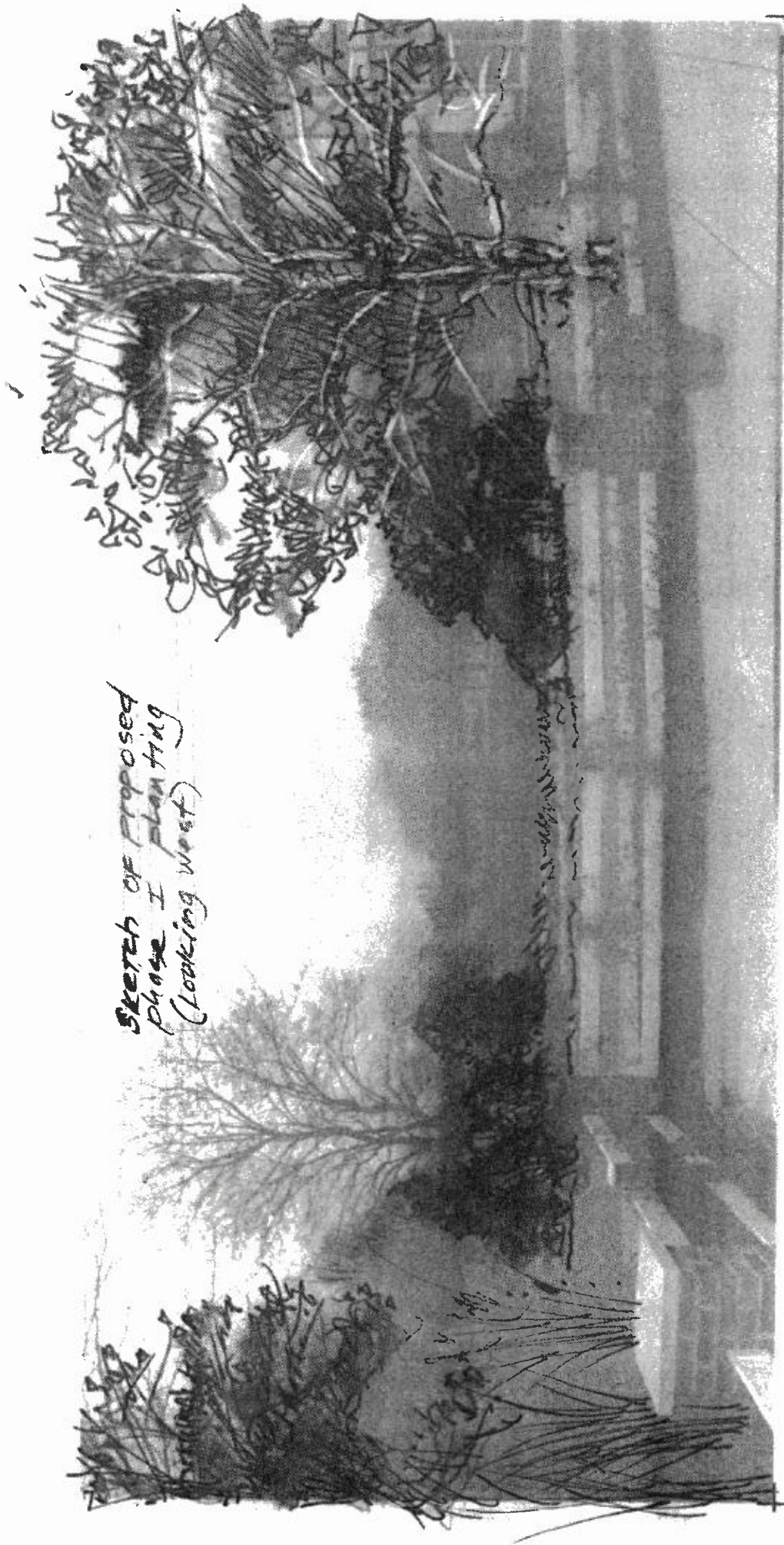




EXISTING View from
Devonshire Terrace
(Looking West)



Sketch of proposed
Phase I planting
(Looking west)





Village Board Meeting Agenda Item

Monday, March 15, 2004

XII-B

**Ordinance 2004 - _____: Annexing
certain territory to the Village of
Buffalo Grove.**

<i>Agenda Section:</i>	Regular Agenda: New Business
<i>Order In Section:</i>	B
<i>Type of Item:</i>	Ordinance
<i>Department:</i>	Planning
<i>Requested By:</i>	Robert E Pfeil
<i>Prepared By:</i>	Robert E Pfeil
<i>Trustee Liaison:</i>	Trustee Glover
<i>Additional Documentation:</i>	
<i>Other Agenda Items:</i>	

Overview

The Village proposes annexation of the subject area pursuant to Section 5/7-1-13 of the Illinois Municipal Code (ILCS 5/7-1-13). An ordinance and notices are attached.

The subject property has been included in the Village of Buffalo Grove Comprehensive Plan since 1973. In November 1987, the Village Board approved the transition to Village water and sewer service for the subject area. Water and sewer services has been provided to the properties since this time. The Police and Fire Departments as well as other departments already have a presence in this area of the community due to the Village's existing boundaries.

The Village will be coordinating a community information meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers. New residents and businesses in the subject area are welcome to attend one of these informational meetings to receive information about the plethora of services that are offered by the Village. A representative from each department will be available to answer questions and provide information. The Manager's Office staff will be available to meet independently with any property owners in the subject area that are not able to attend the two community information meetings on March 24th.

Exhibit B, Plat of Annexation, shall be distributed with the hard-copy packets.

that indicates the annexed property and the surrounding area.

Section 4. The Village Clerk of the Village of Buffalo Grove is hereby directed to cause to be filed in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lake County a copy of this Ordinance with an accurate map of the territory annexed.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval. This Ordinance shall not be codified.

AYES: 5 - Braiman, Glover, Berman, Johnson, Trilling

NAYES: 0 - None

ABSENT: 1 - Kahn

PASSED: March 15, 2004

APPROVED: March 15, 2004

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Janet M. Swedman
Village Clerk

Elliott Hartstein
ELLIOTT HARTSTEIN, Village President

This document prepared by:
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22 South Washington Avenue
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Village of Buffalo Grove
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Buffalo Grove, IL 60089



VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE
50 RAUPP BLVD
BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089
847-459-2518

NOTICE OF ANNEXATION

Vernon Township Supervisor, 3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-2727
Vernon Township Board of Trustees, 3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-2727
Vernon Township Highway Commissioner, 3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-2727
Lake County Clerk, 18 N. County Building, Waukegan, IL 60085

LINCOLNSHIRE-RIVERWOODS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 115 Schelter Rd., Lincolnshire, IL 60069
Barbara La Piana, 196 Westminster Way, Lincolnshire, IL 60069
David Anderson, 23401 Apple Hill Lane, Prairie View, IL 60069
Kenneth Barnabee, 27 Kings Cross Drive, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

POSTAL AUTHORITY

Buffalo Grove Post Office, 255 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Wheeling Post Office, 250 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090

Please take notice that on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:30 P.M., or such date as may then be decided, in the Village Council Chambers, Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Buffalo Grove will consider an ordinance to annex the Property legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto pursuant to Section 5/7-1-13 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-13).

VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE
An Illinois Municipal Corporation

By Robert E. Pfeil
Robert E. Pfeil, Village Planner

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTIES OF COOK AND LAKE)

I, Robert Pfeil, for the Village of Buffalo Grove, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that on February 26, 2004 I mailed a true and correct copy of the above notice to the parties shown above, postage prepaid, certified mail.

By Robert E. Pfeil
Robert E. Pfeil, Village Planner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 26th DAY OF February, 2004

Fay Rubin
Notary Public





Fifty Raupp Blvd.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-2196
Phone 847-459-2518
Fax 847-459-7906

TO BE PUBLISHED 3/4/2004

WEST OF MILWAUKEE AVE/NORTH OF LINDEN AVE
EAST OF MILWAUKEE AVE AT RIVERWALK DR/
PRAGUE AVE

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Village Hall, 50 Raupp Boulevard, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, the annexation by the Village of Buffalo Grove of the territory legally described in this notice is contemplated pursuant to Section 5/7-1-13 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-13).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 5, 1926 AS DOCUMENT 278278; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 AND THE NORTHWESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 398.52 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 3 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE AND THE EASTERLY AND WESTERLY EXTENSIONS THEREOF, 249.59 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 7 OF UNIT NUMBER TWO OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 10, 1926 AS DOCUMENT 282352; (THE FOLLOWING 6 COURSES ARE ALONG THE WEST, SOUTH, EAST AND NORTH LINES OF SAID BLOCK 7) THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, 321.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 25.81 FEET; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST, 116.42 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE WITH A CURVED LINE CONCAVE NORTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 143.80 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 209.76 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 26 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 191.65 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 277.40 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 118.31 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 26 DEGREES

50 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST, 117.42 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 162.40 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 170.15 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 69 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 162.48 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 7 AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 268.79 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 2 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 175.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 14 IN SAID BLOCK 2; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 130.00 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER LINE OF AN ALLEY LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO LOT 10 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 149.09 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF COLUMBUS PARKWAY IN SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 166.66 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 184.65 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4 IN SAID BLOCK 2; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, 71.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 4 AND THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 146.84 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF PRAGUE AVENUE IN SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 545.56 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 42.38 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 60 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, 42.37 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1506.96 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 146.93 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 65 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, 146.87 FEET); THENCE NORTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF PRAGUE AVENUE AND THE EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 259.23 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST LINE OF PARCEL OAS 0022 IN CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 92 ED 80 FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER FILED OCTOBER 25, 1993; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 115.24 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 14 IN BLOCK 3 OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS UNIT NUMBER TWO AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND THE EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 120.74 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF AN ALLEY IN BLOCK 3 AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 22

DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, 77.31 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 27 IN SAID BLOCK 3; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 27 AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 134.35 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 3, BEING A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE NORTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1943.10 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID EAST LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 195.84 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 30 IN SAID BLOCK 3 (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 25 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, 195.76 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 30 AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 123.13 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER LINE OF THE LAST DESCRIBED ALLEY; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, 27.64 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN SAID BLOCK 3; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE AND THE EASTERLY AND WESTERLY EXTENSIONS THEREOF, 242.86 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF PARCEL NO. OAS 0027 PER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 92 ED 68 FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER FILED APRIL 28, 1993; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 28.20 FEET TO A BEND POINT THEREIN; THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 21.99 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 39.16 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL NO. OAS 0028 PER LAKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 92 ED 73 AGREED FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER FILED MAY 27, 1993; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF, THE WEST LINE OF PARCEL NO. OAS 0029 PER LAKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 92 ED 71 AGREED FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER FILED MAY 27, 1993 AND THE WEST LINE OF PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS PER WARRANTY DEED RECORDED AUGUST 12, 1992 AS DOCUMENT 3198115, IN LAKE COUNTY, 41.74 FEET TO A BEND POINT IN THE LAST DESCRIBED WEST LINE; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 466.96 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LINCOLN CLUB SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 AND THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LAKE COUNTY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 2538297; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 656.62 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE PER WARRANTY DEED RECORDED JULY 25, 1988 AS DOCUMENT 2704362, IN LAKE COUNTY; (THE FOLLOWING 5 COURSE ARE ALONG THE EAST, SOUTH AND WEST LINES THEREOF) THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 68.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, 76.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 36.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 75.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, 170.00

FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LINCOLN CLUB SUBDIVISION AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 361.31 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE THALWEG LINE OF A CREEK AS FIELD SURVEYED ON MAY 21, 2003; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 34 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 6.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 42.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 34.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 39.18 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 30.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 17.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 09 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 53.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 49.90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 19.09 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 45.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 40.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 154.59 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS WEST, 139.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, 197.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 79.95 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 190.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, 201.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE THALWEG LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CREEK, 35.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 35.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 44.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 35.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 43.47 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 08 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 23.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 46.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 38.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 17 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 39.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 36.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 38 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 31.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 5.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 51.52 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 69.34 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF LINDEN AVENUE PER UNIT NO. 3 OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION

OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34 AFORESAID AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35 AFORESAID, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 22, 1929 AS DOCUMENT 337110, IN LAKE COUNTY; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND THE EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, BEING ALSO THE NORTH LINE OF LINDEN AVENUE AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID, 1055.61 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 17 IN BLOCK 5 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT, 65.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 17; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 65.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 19 THEREIN; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT, 65.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 19; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 260.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 24 THEREIN; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT AND THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 25 IN BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 75.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 10.00 FEET OF LOT 25 AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 15.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 25.00 FEET OF LOT 25 AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 124.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 24; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 25 AND 26 IN BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 67.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Dated this 1st day of March, 2004.

JANET M. SIRABIAN, Village Clerk
Village of Buffalo Grove, Illinois

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 5, 1926 AS DOCUMENT 278278; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 AND THE NORTHWESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 398.52 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 3 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE AND THE EASTERLY AND WESTERLY EXTENSIONS THEREOF, 249.59 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 7 OF UNIT NUMBER TWO OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 10, 1926 AS DOCUMENT 282352; (THE FOLLOWING 6 COURSES ARE ALONG THE WEST, SOUTH, EAST AND NORTH LINES OF SAID BLOCK 7) THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, 321.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 25.81 FEET; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST, 116.42 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE WITH A CURVED LINE CONCAVE NORTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 143.80 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 209.76 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 26 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 191.65 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHWEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 277.40 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 118.31 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 26 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST, 117.42 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 162.40 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVED LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 170.15 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 69 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, 162.48 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 7 AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 268.79 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 2 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 175.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 14 IN SAID BLOCK 2; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 130.00 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER LINE OF AN ALLEY LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO LOT 10 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 149.09 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF COLUMBUS PARKWAY IN SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 166.66 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT 9 IN BLOCK 2 OF SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 184.65 FEET TO

THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4 IN SAID BLOCK 2; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, 71.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 4 AND THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 146.84 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF PRAGUE AVENUE IN SAID UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS, BEING A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 545.56 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 42.38 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 60 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, 42.37 FEET) TO A POINT ON A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1506.96 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 146.93 FEET (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 65 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, 146.87 FEET); THENCE NORTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF PRAGUE AVENUE AND THE EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 259.23 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST LINE OF PARCEL OAS 0022 IN CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 92 ED 80 FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER FILED OCTOBER 25, 1993; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 115.24 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 14 IN BLOCK 3 OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS UNIT NUMBER TWO AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND THE EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 120.74 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF AN ALLEY IN BLOCK 3 AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, 77.31 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 27 IN SAID BLOCK 3; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 27 AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 134.35 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 3, BEING A NON TANGENT CURVED LINE CONCAVE NORTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1943.10 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID EAST LINE, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 195.84 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 30 IN SAID BLOCK 3 (THE CHORD TO SAID ARC BEARS NORTH 25 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, 195.76 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 30 AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, 123.13 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTER LINE OF THE LAST DESCRIBED ALLEY; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE, 27.64 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN SAID BLOCK 3; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE AND THE EASTERLY AND WESTERLY EXTENSIONS THEREOF, 242.86 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF PARCEL NO. OAS 0027 PER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 92 ED 68 FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER FILED APRIL 28, 1993; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 28.20 FEET TO A BEND POINT THEREIN; THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 21.99 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 39.16 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL NO. OAS 0028 PER LAKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 92 ED 73 AGREED FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER FILED MAY 27, 1993; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF, THE WEST LINE OF PARCEL NO. OAS 0029 PER LAKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 92 ED 71 AGREED FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER FILED MAY 27, 1993 AND THE WEST LINE OF PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS PER WARRANTY DEED RECORDED AUGUST 12, 1992 AS DOCUMENT 3198115, IN LAKE COUNTY, 41.74 FEET TO A BEND POINT IN THE LAST DESCRIBED WEST LINE; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 38

SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 466.96 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LINCOLN CLUB SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 AND THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LAKE COUNTY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 2538297; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 656.62 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE PER WARRANTY DEED RECORDED JULY 25, 1988 AS DOCUMENT 2704362, IN LAKE COUNTY; (THE FOLLOWING 5 COURSE ARE ALONG THE EAST, SOUTH AND WEST LINES THEREOF) THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 68.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, 76.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 36.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 75.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, 170.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LINCOLN CLUB SUBDIVISION AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 361.31 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE THALWEG LINE OF A CREEK AS FIELD SURVEYED ON MAY 21, 2003; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 34 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 6.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 42.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 34.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 39.18 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 30.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 17.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 09 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 53.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 49.90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 19.09 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 45.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 40.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 154.59 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 07 SECONDS WEST, 139.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, 197.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 79.95 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, 190.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, 201.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE THALWEG LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CREEK, 35.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 35.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 44.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 35.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 43.47 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 08 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 23.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 46.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 38.51 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 17 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 39.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST CONTINUING ALONG SAID THALWEG LINE, 36.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 38 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST CONTINUING

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OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34 AFORESAID AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35 AFORESAID, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 22, 1929 AS DOCUMENT 337110, IN LAKE COUNTY; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE AND THE EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF, BEING ALSO THE NORTH LINE OF LINDEN AVENUE AND THE WESTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID, 1055.61 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 17 IN BLOCK 5 OF UNIT NO. ONE OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT, 65.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 17; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 65.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 19 THEREIN; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT, 65.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 19; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 260.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 24 THEREIN; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT AND THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 25 IN BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 75.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 10.00 FEET OF LOT 25 AFORESAID; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 124.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 15.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 25.00 FEET OF LOT 25 AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 124.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 24; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 25 AND 26 IN BLOCK 5 AFORESAID, 67.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Dated this 1st day of March, 2004.

JANET M. SIRABIAN, Village Clerk
Village of Buffalo Grove, Illinois

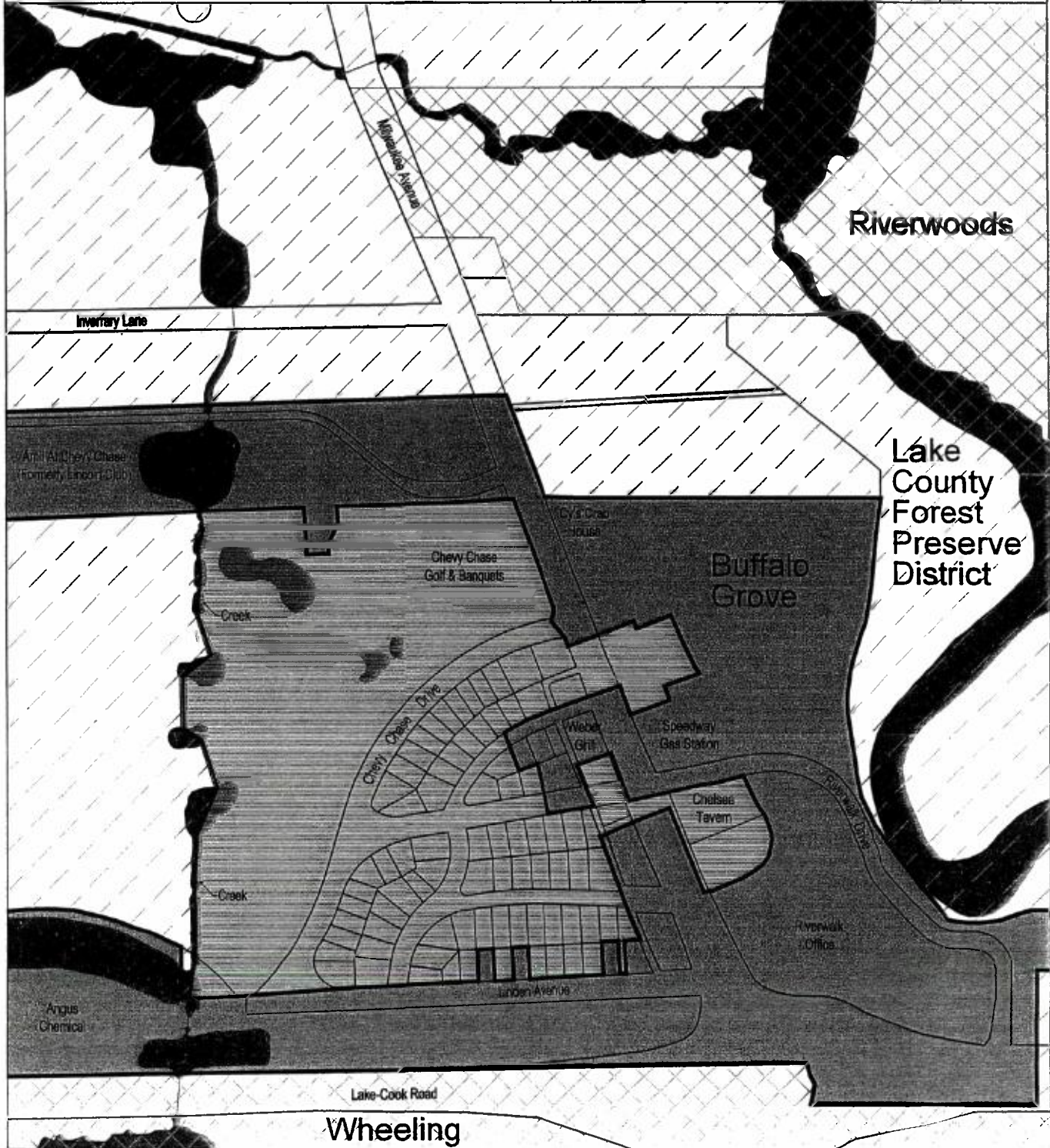
EXHIBIT C, LOCATION MAP

-  Village of Buffalo Grove
-  Other Municipality
-  Unincorporated Cook & Lake Counties
-  Waterway
-  Annexation Parcel, 57.8863 Acres



NORTH

Prepared by the Village of Buffalo Grove -- Division of Planning Services, 2/8/04



ORDINANCE NO. 2004 -32

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY
TO THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Buffalo Grove is a Home Rule Unit by virtue of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and,

WHEREAS, the unincorporated territory legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto containing less than 60 acres is wholly bounded by the Village of Buffalo Grove and a creek which is located in a county with a population of more than 400,000; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed annexation of said territory has been published pursuant to Section 5/7-1-13 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-13); and,

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed annexation of said territory has been given to the appropriate authorities pursuant to Section 5/7-1-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/7-1-1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. The foregoing WHEREAS clauses are hereby restated and incorporated herein.

Section 2. That the real property legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto be and hereby is annexed to the Village of Buffalo Grove. A true and correct map of said real property is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit B.

Section 3. That attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit C is a Location Map



Tribune photo by Jim Prisching

Don Faley gets the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling ready for Wednesday's return of ballroom dancing. The club was built in the 1930s and reportedly used by Al Capone's gang.

BALLROOM: Dances still must break even

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The Wheeling Park District-owned golf club ran the weekly dances for 17 years before discontinuing them, and many of them said it was the dancing at Chevy Chase that first got them back into the social whirl after the death of a spouse.

"It is a lonely place out there when someone loses a mate," said Ponder, president of the Spares, a singles group for seniors. "There is something about getting dressed up and going out that gets people's minds off of things."

"We can dress up and feel like youthful teenagers," said Evelyn Ekstrom, a Skokie resident who became a regular at Chevy Chase after her husband died. "It was just like prom night."

Chevy Chase is one of two ballrooms still open for dancing in the Chicago area. The other is Willowbrook Ballroom in Willow Springs.

An elderly client base shrinks every year—some pass away, others stop driving—as the costs of heating and air conditioning the large spaces continue to rise.

People who frequent the dance halls are often unwilling to pay more than \$10 at the door, and once inside, they don't spend much money at the bar, said Ken Richards, director of publicity for the U.S. Amateur

Ballroom Dancers Association.

As the old ballrooms have closed, dancers have moved to small dance studios and nightclubs.

Ponder, who came to Chicago in 1937 and lives in Gurnee, can tick off the names of the ballrooms as if he had just been dancing the night before:

"There was the Aragon; the Trianon on the South Side; Melody Mills in the western suburbs; the ballroom in the Edgewater Beach Hotel; the Wilshire at Wilson and Lake Shore. Then there was the Paradise Ballroom. That was on Pulaski. And there's some others too."

Some dancers say Chevy Chase, 1000 N. Milwaukee Rd., was built in the 1930s and operated as a gambling den frequented by members of Al Capone's mob. There was a rumor that a secret passage from the club to a distant golf course was used during Prohibition to foil police raids.

Chevy Chase managers say the ballroom remains just as it was in Capone's day, with a 6,000-square-foot dance floor, wood-paneled walls and antique brass chandeliers. Red velvet curtains frame the stage and candles flicker on linen-covered tables.

The elegance was enough to give Claire Busel of Wheeling a bit of escape after her husband died.

"The women are in evening gowns, and the men are in their best," she said. "I danced there three years. That was the best therapy."

But crowds dwindled, and when attendance dropped below 100 in 2001, down from nearly 400 in the 1980s, Chevy Chase discontinued the weekly dances.

A group of about 50 people tried to keep the tradition going by renting the ballroom and holding independent dances, but costs overwhelmed them, and the dances soon ended.

Still, "people kept coming in and saying, 'Tom, is there any chance of getting it going again?'" said Tom Dressler, a manager at Chevy Chase.

"This is something that I wanted to do personally," he said. "I've seen my parents go through the senior parts of life, and unfortunately, when you get older, there isn't a lot to do."

When a new general manager arrived about 18 months ago, Dressler approached her, and after some negotiation the Park District agreed to restart the dances.

Money is still a concern. The dances, which must break even, will be held once a month for six months to gauge interest.

People are passing the word, hoping to attract enough interest to keep the dances going.

Elenor Mamayek, 58, of Dundee, who had danced at Chevy Chase since 1986, said she has already picked out her dress.

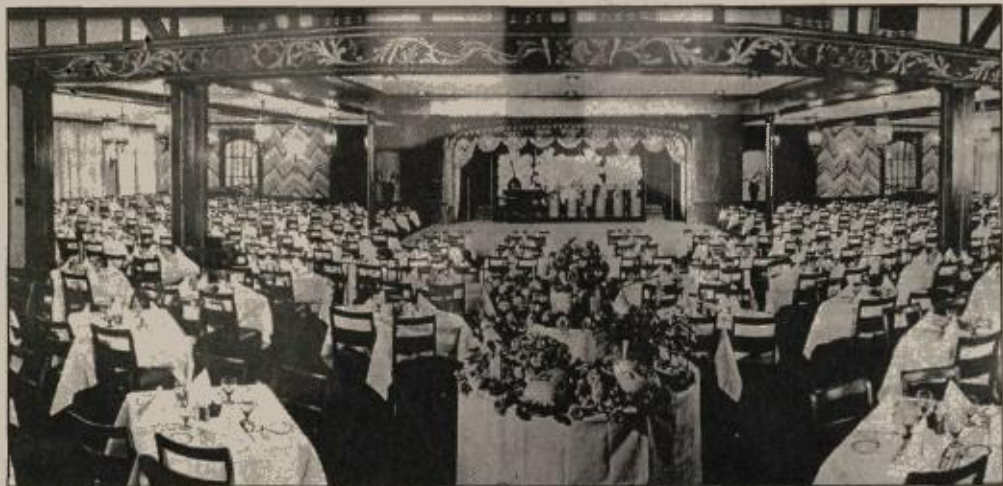
"I'm ready," she said. "I'm going to wear one of my nice ballroom dance dresses, a black chiffon."

Ekstrom said she wants a younger crowd to develop interest.

"We need young people to get out there and learn these dances," she said. "The elderly don't live forever."

She pointed out that "dancing the night away" is great exercise, more fun than walking and jogging and a great way to meet people.

"Young people don't have the fun we do," she said. "It's too bad."



The ballroom at Chevy Chase Country Club, shown in a different era, will come alive Wednesday with dancers three years after the club stopped hosting dances.

Not ready for a last dance

Chevy Chase Country Club will reopen its doors to ballroom dancers who are determined to take the floor and have fun

By Colleen Mastony

Tribune staff reporter

Ed Ponder, 82, remembers Chicago's ballrooms of yesteryear, places with shining dance floors and sparkling chandeliers that drew crowds, places where he spun young women in chiffon dresses to the music of tuxedo-clad big-band orchestras.

The ballrooms are dark now. Most have been converted or demolished. Ponder and others like him who continue to dance do so in the dusty basements of VFW halls and Elks lodges.

But on Wednesday, the Grand Ballroom at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling will reopen to ballroom dancing after a three-year hiatus, bringing back a

bit of a bygone era and bucking a trend that for decades has seen ballrooms across the country shut their doors.

A small group has spent the time since the music stopped at Chevy Chase lobbying for the return of dancing at the club, saying the ballroom gave men and women one of the few chances to don their finest suits and dresses and, in the elegance of a real ballroom, glide to the music of Frank Sinatra or the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra.

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—Evelyn Ekstrom of Skokie

The Mystery and History of Chevy Chase

MARCH 2004

By Wendy Rubin
THE ERICKSON TRIBUNE

If you weren't able to attend the event at Chevy Chase, you also missed the opportunity to visit one of the area's most historical and interesting sights. It's one of the reasons Erickson chose Chevy Chase for its premier Sedgebrook event.

Located in Wheeling on Milwaukee Avenue, between Lake Cook and Deerfield Roads, you've probably passed it many times or perhaps played golf or attended another affair there. In fact, several of the

tunnels of a very mysterious nature. It flourished as a night spot through the 30's and 40's and into the 50's seeing the likes of Al Capone, May West, Imogene Coco and Vincent Price. Every now and then the FBI raided the place looking for illegal activities. However, many a gala and festive night was spent dancing, dining, and carousing with friends.

When the Wheeling Park District acquired Chevy Chase in 1977 with a \$3.7 million dollar bond issue, they found lots of hid-



people who came to the luncheon remember going there for proms, a wedding, or a holiday theme party in years past. It's a nostalgic place teeming with memories, including big bands in the ballroom, stage shows, summer stock performances, and pool parties.

A Tudor-style manor house, Chevy Chase has been used since the Roaring 20's for a variety of sublime, and sometimes unsavory, purposes. Originally built in the 1920's by the Knights of Columbus, it was called Columbian Gardens and featured an 18-hole golf course with homes surrounding it. Then, around 1928, it was purchased by William "Big Bill" Johnson and William "Billy" Skidmore. It was named Bon Aire Country Club and over the next two years many additions were built, including dining

den nooks and crannies. There were several secret stairways into the labyrinthine basement, and from there a tunnel that went out to the 18th green. There was a large square plywood board on the boiler room floor that marks the spot of a long-since filled tunnel that also probably led to the golf course. It appears that some participants in the festivities needed to make a quick exit!

A bricklayer who used to work at the club said that there was a barrel drop for rolling barrels of liquor down a chute that led to a large secret room beyond a false wall. It was hidden from outside view by bushes and trees.

Today, life is as it should be at Chevy Chase and at Sedgebrook, as well. People out for a good time, enjoying themselves with friends

Chevy's future

What's annexed is annexed. It is time now for the Wheeling Park District and the village of Buffalo Grove to move forward with maintaining the quality of Chevy Chase Country Club and its Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

Park district officials can help move things along by agreeing to annex into Buffalo Grove what remains of the golf course in unincorporated Lake County. Buffalo Grove officials were hoping to meet with park district representatives this week to propose the transfer of property, and there is no reason why the park district should refuse.

Park district officials rightfully stood for their principles for the last decade and refused to voluntarily turn over the property. But fighting annexation of the remainder of Chevy Chase would be a waste of time and energy. The fight is over.

Buffalo Grove forcibly annexed the guts of Chevy Chase last week, when Village Board members voted to incorporate the country club, golf operations and a portion of the course into their borders.

By doing so, they pad the village's coffers by an estimated \$140,000 to \$150,000 a year in sales tax revenues. They also will have zoning and planning control over any development on the property if and when the park district ever decides to sell.

Such a possibility is remote. Park district officials have every intention to continue operating what is a quality country club, banquet facility and golf course. They believe they owe that to Wheeling Park District residents, who voted in 1997 to pay for a substantial renovation of the country club. They also owe it to the golfers who have faithfully returned to the course after extensive improvements were completed just last year.

Buffalo Grove village officials need to recognize that commitment by doing all they can to ensure that Chevy Chase stays viable. They need to help the park district market the facility while not interfering with its successful operation.

Buffalo Grove has at times had a rocky relationship with the Buffalo Grove Park District over development and operation of its parks, and we hope no such strain ever enters into the picture over Chevy Chase.

Wheeling residents may be understandably upset over "losing" Chevy Chase to a neighboring municipality. But they also need to understand that Buffalo Grove didn't annex Chevy to see it fail. They are committed to seeing one of the gems of the Wheeling Park District thrive.

But Buffalo Grove officials need to recognize that their actions have affected others, on a somewhat personal level. What is a business decision to them resulted in a significantly personal feeling of loss to the park district and its residents.

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Golf lessons

Need help with your golf game? The Wheeling Park District is offering adult group golf lessons beginning May 29 for those 16 years and older. Classes run for three weeks on Monday and Wednesday and consist of six lessons covering irons, woods, chipping and putting. Lessons are from 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. and take place at River Trails Driving Range. For more information and fees, call the Chevy Chase Pro Shop at (847) 537-0082.

Dance recital

Wheeling Park District's dance program students will present their recital, "Studio Stars," at 2 p.m. Sunday at Wheeling High School, 900 S. Elmhurst Road, Wheeling. Dance performances will include ballet, jazz, modern, creative movement and tap. Tickets are \$5 per person and doors open 20 minutes prior to the event. Call (847) 465-3333 for more information.

Sox camp

The Wheeling Park District is hosting a Chicago White Sox Baseball Camp for players ages 7-14 interested in improving their baseball skills. Instructors will teach the basics, including throwing, hitting, bunting, fielding, pitching and running. The camp runs from June 10-14, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, and will be held at Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road, Wheeling. Registration deadline is May 29. Call (847) 465-3333 for fees and information.

Outdoor hockey

The Wheeling Park District is offering a new Outdoor Hockey Camp for first-through eighth-graders who are interested in improving their shooting, passing, positioning, puck control and teamwork skills. The camp is on Sundays and Tuesdays, June 2-25 at Chamber Park, 251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling. Registration deadline is May 23. A second camp session will also be offered in July. Call (847) 465-3333 for fees and other information.

Good morning

Few from the 'I can't dance' generation still resist ballroom blitz

Once again, a coalition led by senior citizens has waged a successful battle to bring Wednesday night ballroom dancing to the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling.

There is nothing inherently column-worthy about the 8 p.m. April 28 dance that kicks off the once-a-month program. A 10-piece orchestra, a \$12 per person cost, 30 minutes of instruction — you can call Chevy Chase's Tom Dressler at (847) 465-2308 for details.

But the event sparks feelings of jealousy in me.

"When are you going to bring it back? When are you going to bring it back?" Dressler says, imitating the ballroom fanatics who "badgered" him with "their craving, their lust for ballroom dancing."

Their zeal is contagious.

"I'm thrilled for those people,"



Burt Constable

says Dressler, who is in charge of food and beverage for Chevy Chase. "Put them on the dance floor, and they look like they are 19 years old."

"How can you put it?" says 65-year-old dancer Laurel Anderson of Wheeling. "There's a romance to ballroom dancing — even if you aren't in love with the person you are dancing with."

I envy her generation's passion for the dances of their youth.

It is difficult to imagine a day in 2026 when my g-g-g-generation would rally to re-enact our

"Stairway to Heaven" prom of 1976. We came of age in a dance-less era — too late for those sock hops with "The Twist" and "The Watusi," and too early (or at least too rockin') to surrender our boogie nights to the "Saturday Night Fever" disco craze.

As a result, our slow-dance skills consisted of leaning on partners and awkwardly rocking from foot to foot, waiting for the music to end.

By the time Led Zeppelin got to the "If there's a bustle in your hedgerow" lyric, we suffered from repetitive movement disorder.

On upbeat numbers, everyone danced alone, shunning all human contact. All that separated our "dancing" from seizures were the rhythmic head bobs of the girls and the "air

guitar" solos from the boys.

We did, however, fully appreciate the irony of dancing to Leo Sayer's "Long Tall Glasses" ("with wine up to yar") while singing lyrics confessing, "You know I can't dance. You know I can't dance."

Indeed, the closest anyone from my generation got to ballroom dancing was singing along with Sweet: "And the girl in the corner said, 'Boy, I wanna warn ya, it'll turn into a ballroom blitz — ballroom blitz.'" (Add guitar licks, repeat.)

For all its grace and style, ballroom dance has run roughshod over other dance forms.

"The ballroom dances at our conventions are the most popular," says Colleen Dean, program director for the National Dance Association, part of the American Alliance for Health,

Physical Education, Recreation & Dance.

While your "folk dance" and the suitably designated "square dance" have carved out niches, ballroom dance has expanded since its glory days. It has become an athletic competition worthy of Olympic consideration, as well as an exercise at senior centers. It has swallowed up the "sock hop" dances and embraced disco's remnants.

But what about the folks in between?

"With the generation of the 1970s, it's a little different. But there are more people from the '70s doing ballroom dancing," Dean says.

"Hollywood and Madison Avenue tell us it's cool again," says Ken Richards, director of publicity and promotion for the United States Amateur Ballroom

Dancers Association (on-line at www.usabda.org). Movies, TV shows and commercials make ballroom dancing seem like the thing to do.

As my generation matures, we find ourselves in social settings more sophisticated than our proms, notes Richards, who is 43. Black-tie parties, charity balls, cruises, bar mitzvahs, weddings and reunions all feature music and dancing.

"It's not 'Stairway to Heaven,'" Richards notes. "And the expectation is that this crowd needs to know how to dance to it."

No generation is immune to the lure of the ballroom sirens. "Are the people with the body piercings and tattoos going to be ballroom dancing when they are 60 years old?" Richards ponders. "I sure hope so."

Feeling the burn

New fitness equipment gives patrons more freedom in training

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BY AVIAN CARRASQUILLO

Daily Herald Staff Writer

The Wheeling Park District is looking to overcome the limitations of traditional gyms with new free motion exercise equipment at its fitness center.

The park district fitness center at the Community Recreation Center, 333 W. Dundee Road, recently went through a makeover in March when it was closed for two days for the installation of the equipment.

Heather Kelly, fitness manager for the Wheeling Park District, said the new equipment is easier to use, burns more calories and builds more muscle from the workout.

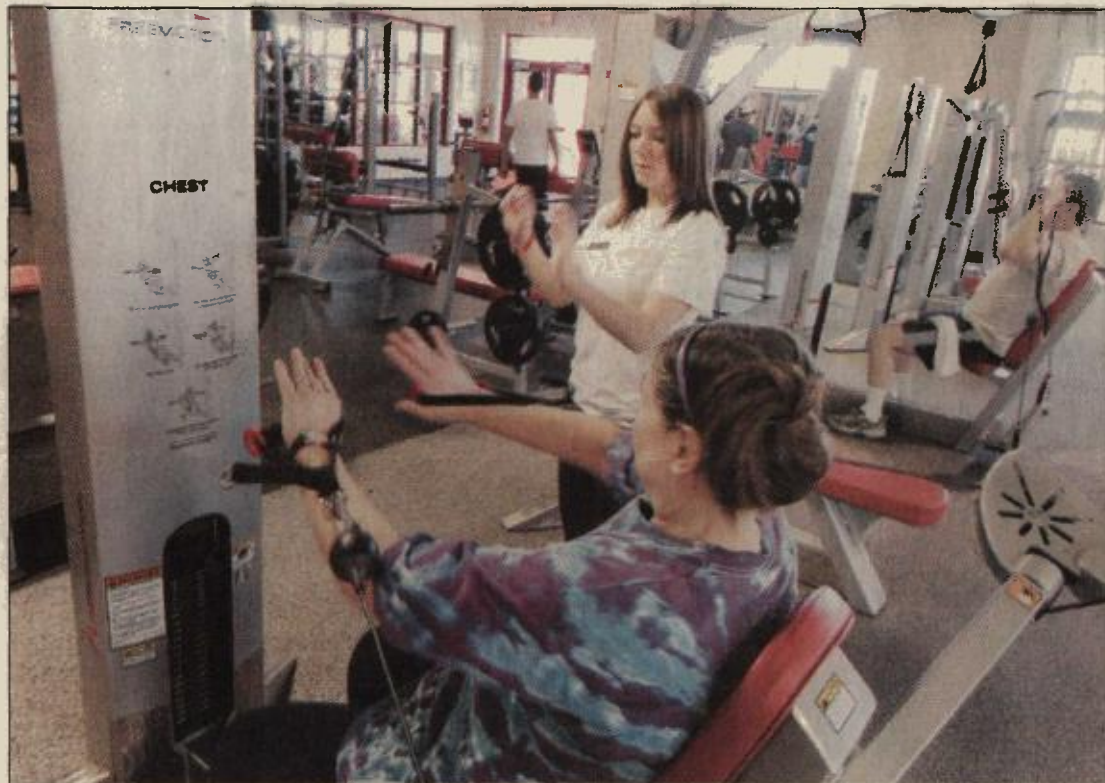
Kelly said the new exercise equipment offers the user a wide range of motion and different exercises on one machine vs. the older equipment, which was only capable of working one muscle group at a time.

With the full line of free motion equipment, Kelly said Wheeling became the first park district in Illinois to offer that type of training to its patrons.

"There's a progression in free motion, meaning beginning exercisers can sit and eventually work their way up to a sitting position," she said.

"In everyday life we don't do a chest press. We reach up to a shelf and grab something. Free motion transfers more to our daily functions," Kelly said.

The previous equipment had



BILL ZARS/DAILY HERALD

Fitness attendant Lindsay Smith shows a patron how to use the new free motion fitness equipment that has been added to the Wheeling Park District fitness center.

been in place since the opening of the fitness center 11 years ago. Free motion equipment was developed in 2000 by the Ground Zero company.

Kelly said she has had her eye on the equipment for years, so when it came time for new machines she brought up the idea of free motion equipment to the park board.

In all, the new machines include 11 free motion machines, new benches and free weights for a total price tag of \$69,000.

The park district celebrated its new acquisition at an open house earlier this month.

Wheeling resident Jerry Lichtenstein has been a member of the Wheeling Park District fit-

ness center since it opened. For Lichtenstein, who's had a history of heart trouble in his family, staying fit and healthy has him working out daily, year-round, despite being in his mid-70s.

"I do sets of 12 to 15 and I can feel burns in different parts

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Clarifying things on Chevy Chase

Buffalo Grove/Trustee Jeffrey Braiman's letter ("Trustee responds to Chevy criticism," **Countryside**, Sept. 8) requires a reply to correct his mistaken and incorrect assertions. As always, I will include references in my letter that are easily verifiable.

Braiman questions my statement on the association of Chevy Chase. I never claimed that it was within the corporate limits of Wheeling, hence the unincorporated status, but that does not preclude the association. Webster defines association with words like "assistance, relationship, affiliation, participation, familiarity, community, identification, alliance, partnership," among others.

Just ask the Wheeling voters who approved funds for Chevy, and the Wheeling Park District, if those words don't apply.

I am aware that communities can plan outside of their legal boundaries, and I didn't question the legality of what the village did. Again, I said, "I would say that you had the legal ability to take it, but also note that just because something is there doesn't make it 'right' to take it." There was nothing that forced BG to do what it did.

On the tax issue, I questioned Buffalo Grove's taking of dollars that they really didn't deserve. As far as

the police benefit Braiman mentions, I have never had a problem with the Lake County Sheriff's Police. The sheriff that had been one of the village's own commanders heads up that force. I've known Sheriff Del Re since around 1955, and I personally think he runs a pretty good department. Also, aren't there mutual aid agreements between most of the agencies?

Braiman states, "the village sought to annex at least a portion of Chevy Chase to provide contiguous property along the west side of Milwaukee Avenue." Nobody questioned that. What was questioned was the annexation of the additional parts.

Braiman states, "Hedlund criticizes the village for doing what he did several times during his 14-year tenure on the Buffalo Grove Park District Board." However, facts will show I was appointed to the board after negotiations stopped on the Didier property, after any offer was made to the family, and after the eminent domain had been filed and begun. Using Braiman's logic, I should in turn be able to pin the many problems with Town Center on him. Obviously, I don't work that way.

While I cannot comment on the proceedings that I was not included in at that time, such as the valuation issue, that is a subjective argument anyways. Thus at best

Braiman's alluding to "several times" only applies to the possible one-time issue regarding Horatio Gardens, which he evidently tosses in to remove focus from the Buffalo Grove Village Board's actions.

The history is that I had actually lived in Horatio Gardens for seven years. Every neighbor I knew wanted to be part of the park district, but not the village. After moving into Buffalo Grove proper and getting on the board, I attempted to respond to the then wishes of the Horatio homeowners. The board received positive response to our letter to them. However, suddenly a few residents came forward to squash the issue by spreading fears that once in the park district the village would annex them.

Some time later, the involuntary annexation proceedings were begun for the following reasons.

■ There were people who wanted resident access to all park district programs and facilities.

■ Horatio homeowners do use surrounding parks that were built with Buffalo Grove tax dollars.

■ An additional park was going to be created within the subdivision.

■ Many of those residents utilize the park district Clubhouse program at the local school. The school prohibited us from charging out-of-district fees to Horatio residents. Horatio people pay

only in-district fees, while our residents pay those same in-district fees and their taxes thus unfairly benefited Horatio owners at the expense of Buffalo Grove residents.

■ There is no other park district to eventually pick them up.

■ Legal counsel told us the area in question was within legal limits. Thus, I will stand on what I feel is solid ground for my decision. Are Braiman's grounds for Chevy as strong?

Unfortunately, our legal counsel made a mistake in telling us the area was within legal limits. Once it was found that counsel made a mistake and there was a problem with the annexation, we took every necessary action, including going above what we legally had to do, to correct the situation. We never tried to hide anything. Braiman can say what he wants, my conscience is clear.

Donald Hedlund

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renovations



Award-winning makeovers transform Traditions at Chevy Chase, White Manor Country Club

Golf course renovation — once a step adopted only out of sheer necessity — has gone mainstream. As more courses and clubs find it necessary to upgrade their facilities to fight newer competition, cut maintenance costs or adjust to modern player demands — and fewer new courses are being built — renovation work has become a lifeline for even golf's top course builders and architects.

To recognize the quality course-renovation projects being done throughout the country, Golf Inc. this year held its inaugural Renovation of the Year competition.

By Jim Dunlap In judging conducted at the Golf Inc. Conference and Show in Las Vegas, Nev.

in March, entries were evaluated on whether they achieved the overall goal of the renovation and on improvements in the course's aesthetics, playability and maintainability.

Winners and runners-up were recognized in both the daily fee/municipal and private club categories.

Renovations vary widely in scope of work and budget, depending on the goal of the project. They range from blow-ups, in which the course is almost entirely rebuilt, to remodels for maintenance or playability upgrades to restorations, where the clock is turned back to restore the course to something closer to its original design.

Fittingly, our two winners represented one from the rebuild mold and one project that was really more of a restoration.

DAILY FEE WINNER

Traditions at Wheeling, Ill.

Owner: Wheeling Park District

Architect: Lohmann Golf Designs

Contractor: The Bruce Co.

This \$2.6 million, 18-month renovation earned high marks for its faithfulness to the original circa 1925 Tom Bendelow design.

The prime motivation for the renovation was a horrendous drainage situation caused by the course's proximity to the Des Plaines River, nearly non-existent water retention areas and an outdated irrigation system. Historically, the course had lost play for days or weeks after a heavy rain and river flooding.

Lohmann and The Bruce Co. built three retention ponds to correct the flooding and

Chevy Chase

added swales and grass depressions to contain runoff and provide additional strategic value to the formerly flat course. New bentgrass, bunker, greens and tees work completed the project, making the course competitive with its more upscale neighbors.

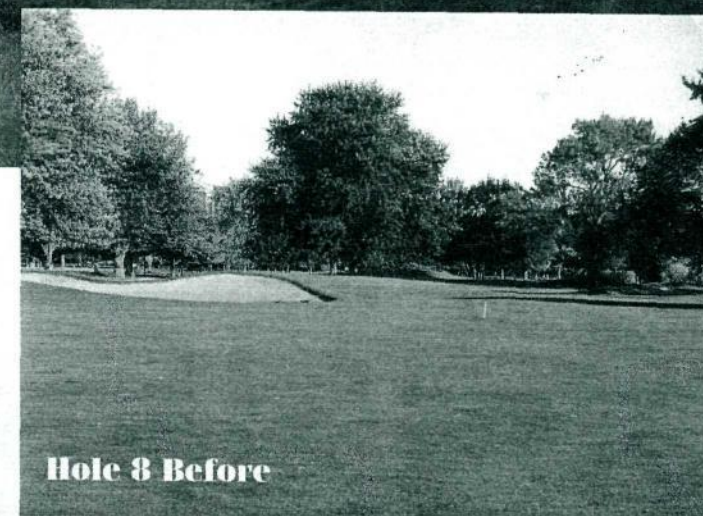
What the judges said:

"There was an undercurrent in the work that speaks to the original design and original intent, and that seemed to come through in the plan and the results."

—Forrest Richardson

"It looked like a private club restoration — bringing a private club atmosphere into the reconstruction of a daily fee."

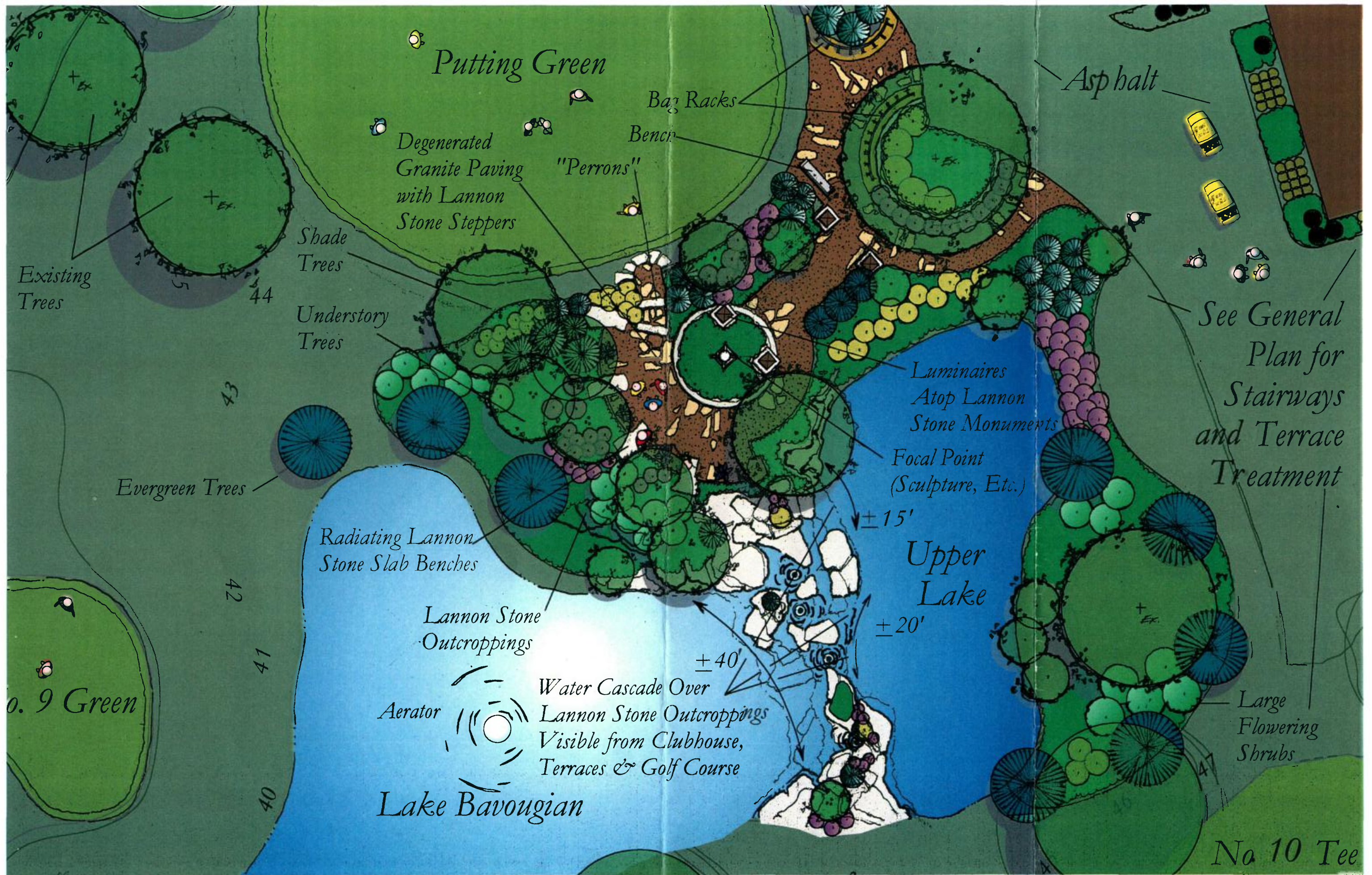
—Sam Sakocius



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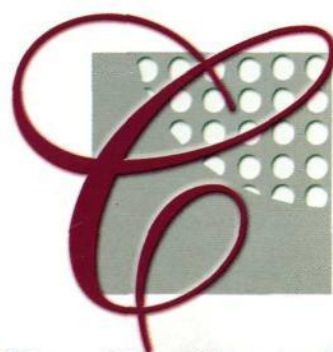


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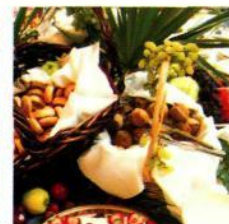
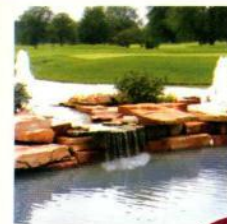
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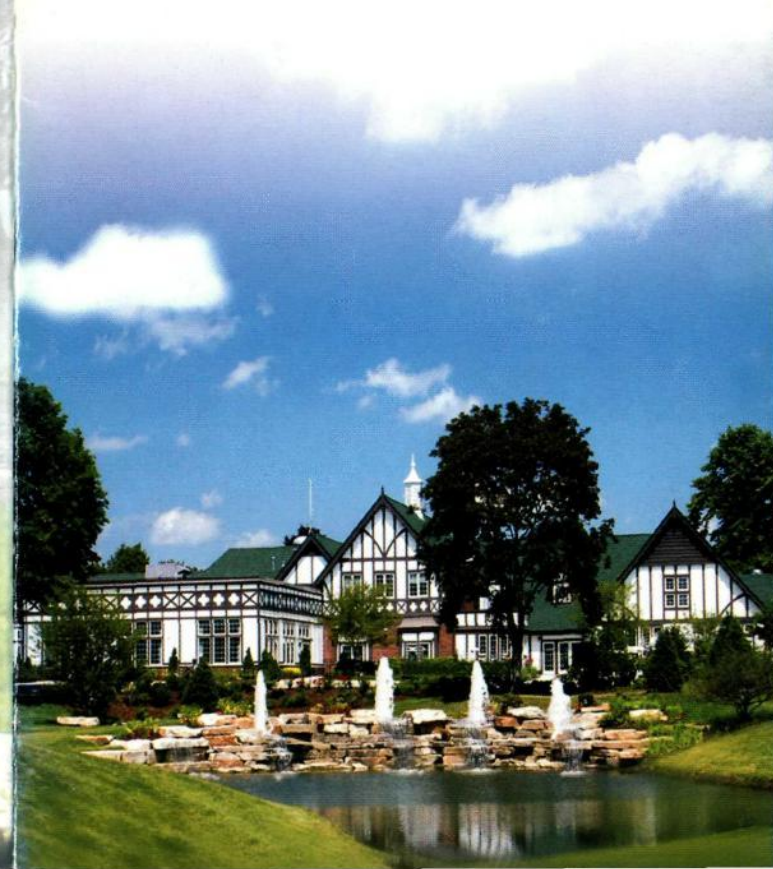
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GRAND BALLROOM

The historic Grand Ballroom, with Tudor-style façade, maintains the original integrity and charm of the 1920s. The majestic 5,000-square-foot hardwood dance floor, stage area, and state-of-the-art sound and lighting system will impress parties of 150 to 600 guests. The Abbey, with vaulted ceiling and vintage horseshoe bar, provides a comfortable area for gathering and socializing over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as a prelude to your event. The Ballroom features a private entrance through the Grand Foyer and access to a private suite on the second level for the bride and her court to relax and refresh.



DEVONSHIRE ROOM

The Devonshire Room seats up to 200 guests and offers easy access to a 1,300-square-foot patio, both with panoramic views of the scenic Traditions 18-hole golf course. The Devonshire may be divided into two smaller rooms for groups of 75 to 120, or 30 to 50 guests. A private bar and portable dance floor allows for flexibility in planning your event. Prior to entering the Devonshire Room, guests are ushered in through the Devonshire Foyer complete with cozy fireplace and informal seating and greeting areas.



GABLE ROOM

For less formal functions, the Gable Bar and Grill is available from mid-November until March. The "clubby" atmosphere of the Gable Room is perfect for groups of up to 75 guests who prefer a casual, sporty atmosphere. The Gable Room also provides the perfect venue for a "pre-party" reception before retiring to the Grand Ballroom or the Devonshire Room. When golf season begins, the Gable Bar and Grill is open for the enjoyment of golfers, as well as the general public. Opening at 6:00 a.m., the Grill serves breakfast, lunch and light dinners seven days a week. Food and beverage service also is available on the adjoining 1,000-square-foot patio with a serene view of the first tee and 18th green.



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Chevy's rebirth paying dividends

Five years after publicly funded renovations, park district enjoying club's success

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Park District reopened the doors of the Chevy Chase Country Club clubhouse in December 1999 after a 10-month, \$4 million renovation, and it has been a popular spot to host weddings, bar mitzvahs, social gatherings and holiday parties ever since.

"I think our Grand Ballroom is one of the best outside of the city because of its history," said Margie Arnold, general manager at Chevy Chase. "It's one of the only rooms in the area that sits 500 to 600 people, and it's beautiful. The decor is just awesome."

The Grand Ballroom was completely restored during the renovation, as were the other two banquet rooms the clubhouse has available — the Devonshire Room and the Gable Room Bar and Grill.

The three rooms, which range in size, provide for a variety of settings, depending on the occasion. The Grand Ballroom can seat between 150 and 600 guests. The Devonshire Room can seat up to 200 people, or it can be split into two rooms with one holding between 75 and 100 people and the other hosting 30 to 80. The Gable Room is only available for rent between November and March and can hold up to 75 people.

The Gable Room is also open to the public for lunch and dinner seven days a week. Hot breakfast is served Saturday and Sunday mornings. It also serves golfers food and drink after a round.

"We like to use the Gable Room like a restaurant," Arnold said. "It's been a challenge, because a lot of people don't know it's there. We're trying to keep it open seven days a week."

Voters approved a \$1.8 million referendum in April 1997 for the sweeping \$4 million renovation. Apart from changes to the three main rooms, the clubhouse kitchen was updated, windows were replaced and the bridal suite above the Grand Ballroom was restored. New men's and women's locker rooms were built, and employees now have new changing rooms. The mechanics of the building are all new, and the pro shop was completely gutted and remodeled.

Paying off

The clubhouse has increased in popularity since it reopened, and the added business has meant turning a profit. Al Zochowski, Wheeling Park District finance director, said all expenses for the clubhouse are paid with the revenue it generates.

"The intent is it be self-sufficient," he said. "All expenses are directly drawn from the revenue it generates."

According to figures from the park district's annual financial report, the banquet facilities generated nearly \$2.3 million in 2004, with expenses totaling about \$1.3 million. Zochowski said the park district changed its accounting procedures in 2004 to include gratuities as revenue and disbursed gratuities as expenses.

In 2003, the banquet facilities collected \$1.9 million, with expenses of \$755,960. In 2002, the facilities earned \$1.8 million, with \$685,915 spent, and in 2001 revenues were \$2 million, with expenses of \$787,464. The first year the clubhouse was open in 2000, it collected



Cathryn Montoya/Staff Photographer

A new Chevy Chase Country Club — as well as a new Traditions Golf Course — have resulted in more bookings and more revenue for the Wheeling Park District.

\$1.9 million, with expenses of \$790,561.

Zochowski said indirect costs, like those for maintenance and administration, are not included in banquet expenses. Those costs are paid with all revenues generated by Chevy Chase, including golf operations.

Future is bright

Arnold said she expects the clubhouse to become even more popular as more and more people learn that Chevy Chase is a public club.

"Many people think it's private, and that's been our biggest obstacle," she said. "A lot of first-time users tell us they've driven by it for years and never knew it was a public facility."

Arnold said she suspects the 1920s-style Tudor building is not a typical look for public facilities, and many people just assume it is a private club, as it was when it was first built by the Knights of Columbus. The Wheeling Park District has owned Chevy Chase since 1977.

Arnold said 2005 is booking quickly, especially as golf season gets into full swing. The club is particularly popular for golf outings and charity golf events, as well as the traditional weddings and other special occasions. Arnold said the holiday season is also very busy with parties. The clubhouse is also a popular place to hold corporate events.

"Mid-January to late February is our slow time," Arnold said. "Other than that, we're pretty busy all year."

The Wheeling Park District also hosts a variety of special events for the public at the clubhouse. They include a New Year's Eve celebration, Valentine's Day dinner dance, Easter brunch, Mother's Day brunch and Oktoberfest. Ballroom dancing is also held in the Grand Ballroom on the third Wednesday of each month between April and October.

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Special events, like this Daddy-Daughter Dance held in February at Chevy Chase, are a regular occurrence since renovations at the facility were completed.

Chasing Chevy

Park district knew club was vulnerable, but officials refused to cave in

By **KIMBERLY FORNEK**
AND **CASEY MOFFITT**

STAFF WRITERS

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Wheeling officials had more than one chance to annex the Chevy Chase country club before Buffalo Grove forcibly grabbed a portion of the property last week.

And while Buffalo Grove officials say they tried to avoid an involuntary annexation, they were not about to wait any longer.

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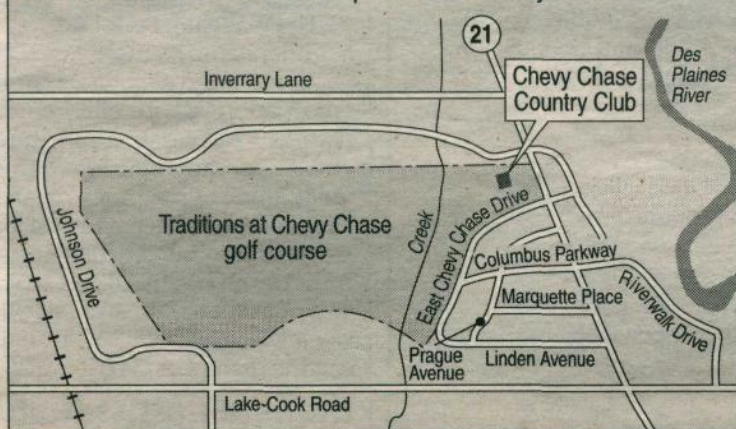
The Wheeling Park District, which owns Chevy Chase, knew at least 10 years ago that Buffalo Grove wanted the banquet facility and golf course to take advantage of the sales taxes they generate and to solidify its borders along Milwaukee Avenue. Park district officials refused to give up the property, even after Buffalo Grove offered a rebate on the sales tax the facility generates.

When the two sides "hit that roadblock" most recently in June 2002, Assistant Village Manager Ghida Neukirch said, members of the village staff knew they had to find another way to accomplish the Village Board's goal of annexing unincorporated properties along Milwaukee Avenue.

They found what they were looking for when a staff member zeroed in on the creek running north and south through the golf course. The creek served as a natural boundary Buffalo Grove could use to split the course into a piece that could be combined with surrounding properties without exceeding the legal maximum for involuntary annexations of 60 acres.

Buffalo Grove's latest addition

The Buffalo Grove Village Board last week annexed the Chevy Chase Country Club, about a third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course, as well as residential and business properties along Milwaukee Avenue. The golf course west of the creek remains in unincorporated Lake County.



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"We had pursued all opportunities for voluntary annexation, and this was the next step," Neukirch said.

Now Buffalo Grove has within its borders the Chevy Chase country club and one-third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course. The only portion remaining outside the village's boundaries is another two-thirds of golf course land, which remains in unincorporated Lake County.

And Buffalo Grove will see between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in sales tax revenues generated from the country club and course operations.

Standing firm

Park District President Tom Webber said the park district refused to "sell its soul for a few thousand dollars a year."

"We're very proud of Chevy Chase and its facilities, obviously," said Webber. "As long as we could keep it in Wheeling, that is what we wanted to do. We were not going to do anything on a voluntary basis, no

matter how much they sweetened the pot with sales tax incentives or anything else.

"It gets down to principle. For the dollars involved, it wasn't worth the backlash this community would feel for allowing it to become Buffalo Grove without some resistance. There are people who would never understand us voluntarily annexing into Buffalo Grove and changing that address."

Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Berman said the Village Board "certainly did take into account the apparent desire of the park district to remain unincorporated."

"But weighing that against the interest of our community and our long-term interest in that area and secur(ing) our borders, it outweighed the interest of the park district," he said. "We mean no disrespect to them."

Wheeling Village President Greg Klatchek lamented the fact that Wheeling did not annex a small strip of land between Lake-Cook Road and Linden Avenue before Buffalo

Grove did in 1984, allowing that village to get part of Chevy Chase.

"We should've annexed it when we had the chance," he said. "Buffalo Grove got that strip, and we didn't. That's just a statement of fact."

Sheila Schultz, who was village president at the time Buffalo Grove annexed the property, said the village had lengthy conversations with owner William Johnson that lasted more than a year before Johnson announced he was going to Buffalo Grove.

"That strip effectively cut us off," Schultz said. "That was the end of our discussion with them."

Schultz said the village saw the value in annexing the property, but officials also didn't want to rush the process.

"At the time we were talking to the Johnson family, it was a question of whether we wanted to go into another county and how the annexation agreement would be negotiated, and what the owners would agree to for development," she said. "We spent a lot of time on it. I remember stacks of documents. It was a big disappointment he decided to go to Buffalo Grove."

Lessons learned

Buffalo Grove officials are conscious of chances they missed in the past to bring valuable property into the village, said Berman. He listed the Ridge Plaza shopping center in Arlington Heights, the Wal-Mart store in Wheeling, and CityPark, a complex of movie theaters, restaurants and shops in Lincolnshire, as examples.

"Those were opportunities lost when other communities took advantage of unincorporated parcels that the village

was interested in," Berman said.

Before CityPark was built, Berman said Buffalo Grove received a proposal for annexation of the land on the southwest corner of Aptakisic Road and Milwaukee Avenue, the former location of a sand and gravel company. The Plan Commission, of which Berman was a member at the time, visited the property as part of its review.

"We were out there on a Saturday wading in the mud, when Lincolnshire jumped in and grabbed the parcel out from under us," Berman said. "The good news is, what was developed there is available to our residents. The down side is the sales tax goes to Lincolnshire."

The way Buffalo Grove was out-manuevered demonstrates, "at some point you can't sit passively by," Berman said.

Berman understands the irony of Chevy Chase being in Buffalo Grove while those responsible for its operation live in Wheeling. The taxpayers of the Wheeling Park District also paid for the renovation of the Chevy Chase Country Club, a measure they approved by referendum in 1997.

"We respect all of that," Berman said, "but they could never be part of Wheeling."

The Chevy Chase property is not adjacent to Wheeling at any point and, therefore, could not be annexed into Wheeling.

"I have to balance competing interests, and ultimately the interest of the people of Buffalo Grove is paramount," Berman said.

Buffalo Grove Village President Elliott Hartstein said he can understand the park district's resistance to becoming

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part of Buffalo Grove, but not its rejecting a proposal that would have helped their residents financially.

Park districts' borders do not always mirror those of their namesake municipalities, Hartstein said. Some Buffalo Grove residents live in the Wheeling Park District, and many certainly use Wheeling facilities. And while park district commissioners may want to be loyal to Wheeling residents, Hartstein said they also represent taxpayers.

"I would think they would

want to take advantage (of the tax incentive Buffalo Grove offered) to offset some of their expenses," Hartstein said.

Park Board member Cheri Klumpp said the money played no role in the fight to keep Chevy out of Buffalo Grove.

"This goes back to when the park district purchased Chevy Chase in 1977," she said. "It was a big thing then, and we said it is a part of Wheeling. It's what we own."

Buffalo Grove hopes the Park District Board will agree

to voluntarily annex the remainder of the golf course into Buffalo Grove. Klumpp said she believes it's just a matter of time before the rest of the golf course is annexed into Buffalo Grove, but she gave no hint if the Park Board would allow it to be annexed voluntarily.

"(Buffalo Grove officials) have every right to (annex the rest)," she said. "The writing is on the wall."

Managing editor David Kirkpatrick contributed to this report.

Buffalo Grove annexes land along Milwaukee

BY STEVE ZALUSKY

Daily Herald Staff Writer

Buffalo Grove continues to mine the rich vein of sales tax revenue known as the Milwaukee Avenue corridor.

On Monday, it annexed 57 acres just north of Lake-Cook Road, yielding in the process a particularly choice nugget, a portion of the Wheeling Park District's Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

It is an area the village has been gradually surrounding and annexing. Over the past year, the village annexed the Weber Grill and Cy's Crab House properties, lavishing both with sales tax rebate agreements.

Before that, the village already had within its boundaries the Riverwalk office complex, soon to be enhanced with an addition to the north.

The latest annexation, approved by the Buffalo Grove village board, should produce an additional \$140,000 to \$150,000 in annual sales tax revenue, Village Manager William Balling said.

"It's important to the financial stability of the village. We're looking for ways to increase and stabilize our sales tax, and this is just one of those ways," said Trustee Jeffrey Braiman.

None of that sales tax revenue

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Annex: Land on west side of street

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will be shared with the Wheeling Park District, although Village President Elliott Hartstein said an incentive deal was pitched.

"We had actually approached the Wheeling Park District on multiple occasions over a couple years' period of time and they rejected that outright, saying that they were not interested," Hartstein said.

Most of the land annexed is on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue, bounded at its western extremity by a creek, although some land on the east, including the Chelsea Tavern, was added.

Hartstein said several residents in the area are already served by village sewer and water. Those homes will have the advantage of Buffalo Grove police and fire protection. He said the primary change for them will be receiving fire protection from Buffalo Grove.

"The estimated increase in taxes for most of these residents is slightly over \$100," Hartstein said.

Hartstein said property owners will have an opportunity to comment at a special meeting one week from Wednesday.

Balling said he is sending out about 100 letters to homeowners and businesses.

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The latest news from Wheeling Park District



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New Patio Opens at Chevy Chase

Chevy Chase Country Club is now home to a beautiful, 3,900-square-foot stone patio. Located on the north side of Chevy Chase, just outside the historic Grand Ballroom, the patio adds a new aspect to the proud legacy of Chevy Chase. The patio seats up to 300 guests and features special amenities, such as an elegant wooden pergola, making it a perfect setting for an outdoor wedding. It also offers guests a spectacular view of the ninth hole of Chevy Chase's Traditions Golf Course.

"We are very pleased to offer our guests the benefits of this new amenity," said Jan Buchs, Wheeling Park District Executive Director. "This beautiful outdoor space will add to the memorable experiences of all those who visit Chevy Chase for many years to come."

The project began over the summer and was completed in late September. The entire patio was designed, constructed and landscaped by Park District staff. By doing so, the District was able to complete the new amenity at a considerable cost savings. "We have an extremely talented staff. It just made sense to put their skills to use on this project," noted Buchs.

Chevy Chase is already booking weddings and events for the patio. To find out how to reserve it, call the Chevy Chase Banquet Office at (847) 465-2311.

"The new patio is the ideal location for outdoor events" said Joe Lofsness, Food and Beverage Manager at Chevy Chase Country Club. "It gives our guests another option for their special day and adds something truly special to Chevy Chase."

To see more photos of the patio, visit the Chevy Chase Country Club Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChevyChaseCC.

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Wheeling Park District Wins State Partnership Award

Wheeling Park District was proud to receive the Illinois Association of Park Districts 2012 Best of the Best Partnership Award for its work with The ZAC Foundation. The award was presented at the 2012 Best of the Best Awards Gala held on September 28 at Chevy Chase Country Club.

The ZAC Foundation was established in 2008 by Brian and Karen Cohn after the loss of their six-year-old son Zachary Archer Cohn in a drain entrapment in their backyard swimming pool. Through education and advocacy, The ZAC Foundation is dedicated to ensuring no other family endures the death of a child in a water-related tragedy.

This June, Wheeling Park District and The ZAC Foundation teamed up to bring ZAC Camp to Illinois for the first time. For four days, children, ages 6-8 years, who never had the opportunity for formal swim lessons, came to the camp. School District 21 assisted in contacting and transporting the campers, allowing the children who most needed this experience the ability to attend the camp.

Each day, campers had one-hour swim lessons taught by certified instructors in the CRC indoor pool. Then, campers had special visits from first response teams, emergency medical providers, Village of Wheeling police, paramedics and firefighters, and Wheeling Park District staff. Each guest shared their knowledge with the campers, giving them tips on water safety. The final day of camp featured three-time Olympic gold-medal



ZAC Foundation Co-founder Karen Cohn addresses the campers at the opening ceremonies of the ZAC Camp.

swimmer and NBC swim analyst Rowdy Gaines as a guest instructor!

"Since, my husband's family is from the Chicago area, we have so many happy memories of Zachary swimming with our family here, it was a privilege to bring ZAC Camps to Wheeling," said The ZAC Foundation Co-founder Karen Cohn. "Working with the Wheeling Parks District, local first responders, Congressman Bob Dold and Olympic Gold Medalist Rowdy Gaines on this year's ZAC Camp, we were able to give more than 100 local children the tools they may need to one day save a life."

Camp concluded with a special closing ceremony for campers and their parents. Several experts returned to give the families final tips on how to keep themselves and others safe in the water.



A golfer goes for the green at the Family Learning Program Benefit Golf Outing.

Golf Outing Benefits Family Learning Program

Thank you to all who participated in the Family Learning Program Benefit Golf Outing on August 8 at Chevy Chase Country Club. The event generated over \$10,000 for this unique initiative, providing educational life skills to second language families in School District #21. By supporting the Family Learning Program, you have made our community a better place to live. To find out more about this worthwhile cause, and how you can help, please contact the Wheeling Park District at (847) 465-3333.

Heritage Park Project Update

Construction is underway at Heritage Park! The project is a partnership between the Wheeling Park District, the Village of Wheeling and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC). Once completed, Heritage Park will not only assist with flood control, but also will boast a world-class recreation area complete with an athletic complex, band shell, walking paths, basketball and tennis courts and much more!

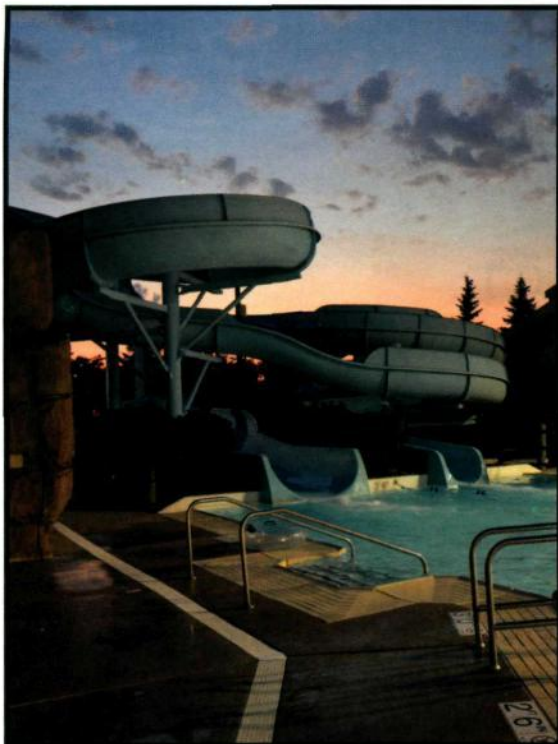
As work begins, crews are preparing for construction of two storm water basins – a key factor in flood control. In October, construction began on some of the park's major structures, including the band shell, a pavilion overlooking the lake and the pump station.

The Community Recreation Center, Fitness Center, Arctic Splash indoor pool, and Family Aquatic Center (in season) remain open throughout the project; access to Heritage Park is prohibited during construction. Traffic patterns and parking may be rearranged to best accommodate guests.

To get the most up-to-date information, download the Wheeling Park District app, visit www.heritageparkproject.info, or contact Guest Services at (847) 465-3333.



United States Senator Dick Durbin and Illinois State Representative Elaine Nekritz arrive at Wheeling Park District on October 18 to check on the progress of the Heritage Park Project.



Aquatic Center Named Top Water Park

When it comes to beaches and pools, Wheeling Park District's Aquatic Center rates among the top 10 in the Chicago area! Wheeling's Family Aquatic Center was one of only two water parks featured in Crain's Chicago Business' Chicago Area's 10 Best Beaches and Pools.

"At the Wheeling Park District Outdoor Aquatic Center, the zero-depth entry pool leads to waterfalls, slides and a mounted bucket that tips, dumping a huge pail of water on children. Dedicated lap lanes and comfortable chaises keep parents happy," Crain's notes.

Thank you to all Aquatic Center guests for a great season! Until the Aquatic Center reopens next summer, Wheeling Park District offers swimming indoors all year round at Arctic Splash. For details on swim lessons, lap swim, aquatic fitness classes and more, check out the Program Guide or call the Guest Service Desk at (847) 465-3333.

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- 12/8 Breakfast with Santa
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Celebration

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Award-winning makeovers transform Traditions at Chevy Chase, White Manor Country Club

Golf course renovation — once a step adopted only out of sheer necessity — has gone mainstream. As more courses and clubs find it necessary to upgrade their facilities to fight newer competition, cut maintenance costs or adjust to modern player demands — and fewer new courses are being built — renovation work has become a lifeline for even golf's top course builders and architects.

To recognize the quality course-renovation projects being done throughout the country, Golf Inc. this year held its inaugural Renovation of the Year competition.

By Jim Dunlap In judging conducted at the Golf Inc. Conference and Show in Las Vegas, Nev. in March, entries were evaluated on whether they achieved the overall goal of the renovation and on improvements in the course's aesthetics, playability and maintainability.

Winners and runners-up were recognized in both the daily fee/municipal and private club categories.

Renovations vary widely in scope of work and budget, depending on the goal of the project. They range from blow-ups, in which the course is almost entirely rebuilt, to remodels for maintenance or playability upgrades to restorations, where the clock is turned back to restore the course to something closer to its original design.

Fittingly, our two winners represented one from the rebuild mold and one project that was really more of a restoration.

DAILY FEE WINNER

Traditions at Wheeling, Ill.

Owner: Wheeling Park District

Architect: Lohmann Golf Designs

Contractor: The Bruce Co.

This \$2.6 million, 18-month renovation earned high marks for its faithfulness to the original circa 1925 Tom Bendelow design.

The prime motivation for the renovation was a horrendous drainage situation caused by the course's proximity to the Des Plaines River, nearly non-existent water retention areas and an outdated irrigation system. Historically, the course had lost play for days or weeks after a heavy rain and river flooding.

Lohmann and The Bruce Co. built three retention ponds to correct the flooding and

Chevy Chase

added swales and grass depressions to contain runoff and provide additional strategic value to the formerly flat course. New bentgrass, bunker, greens and tees work completed the project, making the course competitive with its more upscale neighbors.

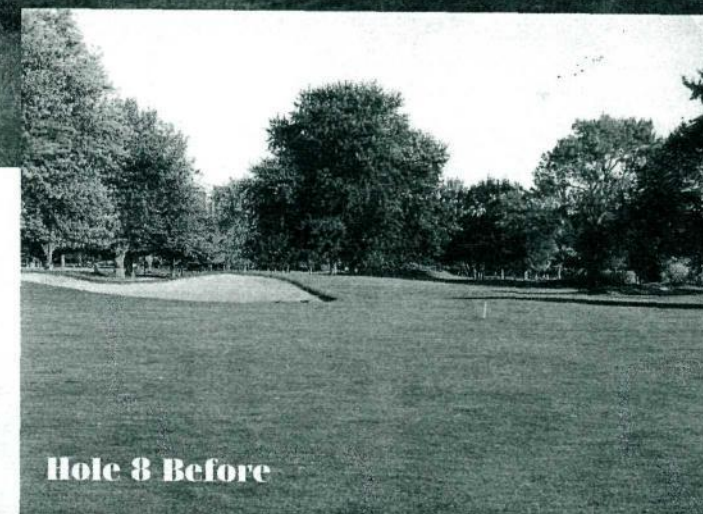
What the judges said:

"There was an undercurrent in the work that speaks to the original design and original intent, and that seemed to come through in the plan and the results."

—Forrest Richardson

"It looked like a private club restoration — bringing a private club atmosphere into the reconstruction of a daily fee."

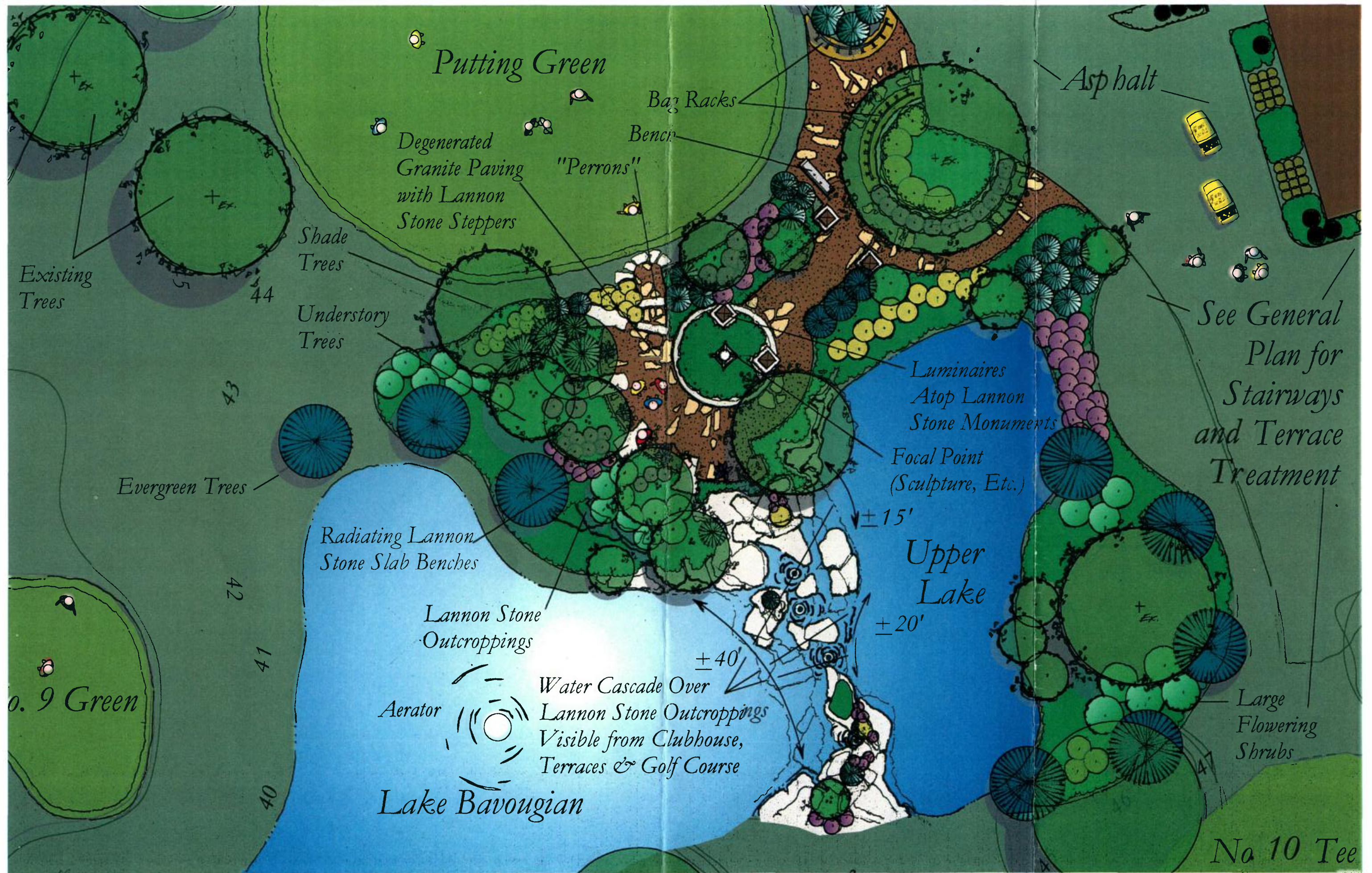
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Hole 8 Before



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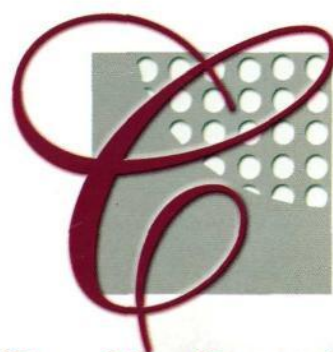


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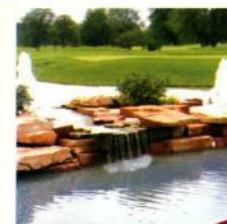


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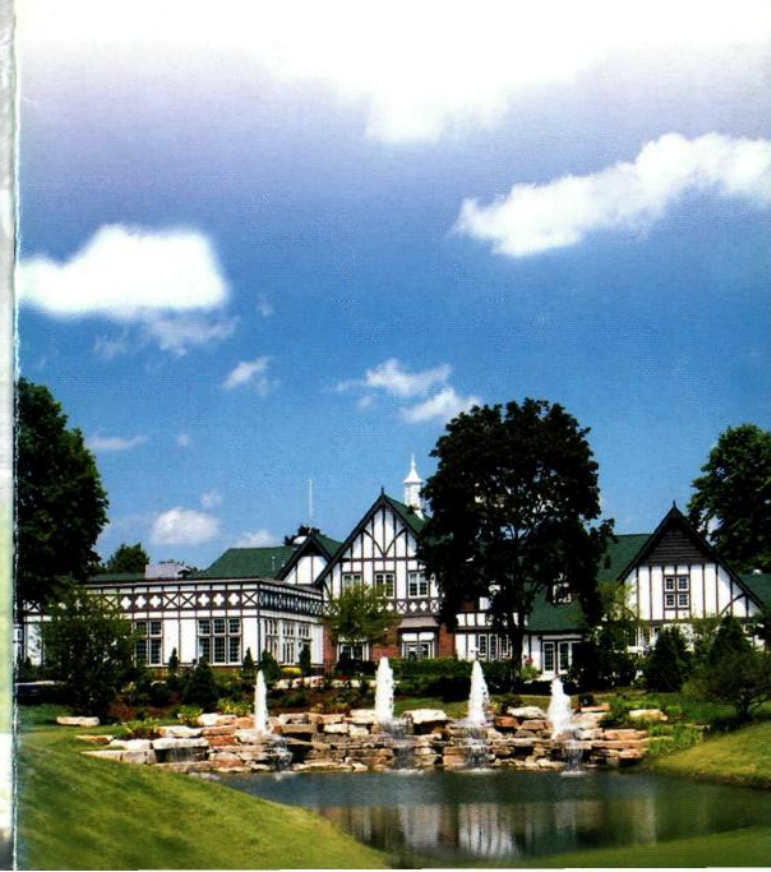
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GRAND BALLROOM

The historic Grand Ballroom, with Tudor-style façade, maintains the original integrity and charm of the 1920s. The majestic 5,000-square-foot hardwood dance floor, stage area, and state-of-the-art sound and lighting system will impress parties of 150 to 600 guests. The Abbey, with vaulted ceiling and vintage horseshoe bar, provides a comfortable area for gathering and socializing over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as a prelude to your event. The Ballroom features a private entrance through the Grand Foyer and access to a private suite on the second level for the bride and her court to relax and refresh.



DEVONSHIRE ROOM

The Devonshire Room seats up to 200 guests and offers easy access to a 1,300-square-foot patio, both with panoramic views of the scenic Traditions 18-hole golf course. The Devonshire may be divided into two smaller rooms for groups of 75 to 120, or 30 to 50 guests. A private bar and portable dance floor allows for flexibility in planning your event. Prior to entering the Devonshire Room, guests are ushered in through the Devonshire Foyer complete with cozy fireplace and informal seating and greeting areas.



GABLE ROOM

For less formal functions, the Gable Bar and Grill is available from mid-November until March. The "clubby" atmosphere of the Gable Room is perfect for groups of up to 75 guests who prefer a casual, sporty atmosphere. The Gable Room also provides the perfect venue for a "pre-party" reception before retiring to the Grand Ballroom or the Devonshire Room. When golf season begins, the Gable Bar and Grill is open for the enjoyment of golfers, as well as the general public. Opening at 6:00 a.m., the Grill serves breakfast, lunch and light dinners seven days a week. Food and beverage service also is available on the adjoining 1,000-square-foot patio with a serene view of the first tee and 18th green.



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Chevy's rebirth paying dividends

Five years after publicly funded renovations, park district enjoying club's success

By CASEY MOFFITT
STAFF WRITER

The Wheeling Park District reopened the doors of the Chevy Chase Country Club clubhouse in December 1999 after a 10-month, \$4 million renovation, and it has been a popular spot to host weddings, bar mitzvahs, social gatherings and holiday parties ever since.

"I think our Grand Ballroom is one of the best outside of the city because of its history," said Margie Arnold, general manager at Chevy Chase. "It's one of the only rooms in the area that sits 500 to 600 people, and it's beautiful. The decor is just awesome."

The Grand Ballroom was completely restored during the renovation, as were the other two banquet rooms the clubhouse has available — the Devonshire Room and the Gable Room Bar and Grill.

The three rooms, which range in size, provide for a variety of settings, depending on the occasion. The Grand Ballroom can seat between 150 and 600 guests. The Devonshire Room can seat up to 200 people, or it can be split into two rooms with one holding between 75 and 100 people and the other hosting 30 to 80. The Gable Room is only available for rent between November and March and can hold up to 75 people.

The Gable Room is also open to the public for lunch and dinner seven days a week. Hot breakfast is served Saturday and Sunday mornings. It also serves golfers food and drink after a round.

"We like to use the Gable Room like a restaurant," Arnold said. "It's been a challenge, because a lot of people don't know it's there. We're trying to keep it open seven days a week."

Voters approved a \$1.8 million referendum in April 1997 for the sweeping \$4 million renovation. Apart from changes to the three main rooms, the clubhouse kitchen was updated, windows were replaced and the bridal suite above the Grand Ballroom was restored. New men's and women's locker rooms were built, and employees now have new changing rooms. The mechanics of the building are all new, and the pro shop was completely gutted and remodeled.

Paying off

The clubhouse has increased in popularity since it reopened, and the added business has meant turning a profit. Al Zochowski, Wheeling Park District finance director, said all expenses for the clubhouse are paid with the revenue it generates.

"The intent is it be self-sufficient," he said. "All expenses are directly drawn from the revenue it generates."

According to figures from the park district's annual financial report, the banquet facilities generated nearly \$2.3 million in 2004, with expenses totaling about \$1.3 million. Zochowski said the park district changed its accounting procedures in 2004 to include gratuities as revenue and disbursed gratuities as expenses.

In 2003, the banquet facilities collected \$1.9 million, with expenses of \$755,960. In 2002, the facilities earned \$1.8 million, with \$685,915 spent, and in 2001 revenues were \$2 million, with expenses of \$787,464. The first year the clubhouse was open in 2000, it collected



Cathryn Montoya/Staff Photographer

A new Chevy Chase Country Club — as well as a new Traditions Golf Course — have resulted in more bookings and more revenue for the Wheeling Park District.

\$1.9 million, with expenses of \$790,561.

Zochowski said indirect costs, like those for maintenance and administration, are not included in banquet expenses. Those costs are paid with all revenues generated by Chevy Chase, including golf operations.

Future is bright

Arnold said she expects the clubhouse to become even more popular as more and more people learn that Chevy Chase is a public club.

"Many people think it's private, and that's been our biggest obstacle," she said. "A lot of first-time users tell us they've driven by it for years and never knew it was a public facility."

Arnold said she suspects the 1920s-style Tudor building is not a typical look for public facilities, and many people just assume it is a private club, as it was when it was first built by the Knights of Columbus. The Wheeling Park District has owned Chevy Chase since 1977.

Arnold said 2005 is booking quickly, especially as golf season gets into full swing. The club is particularly popular for golf outings and charity golf events, as well as the traditional weddings and other special occasions. Arnold said the holiday season is also very busy with parties. The clubhouse is also a popular place to hold corporate events.

"Mid-January to late February is our slow time," Arnold said. "Other than that, we're pretty busy all year."

The Wheeling Park District also hosts a variety of special events for the public at the clubhouse. They include a New Year's Eve celebration, Valentine's Day dinner dance, Easter brunch, Mother's Day brunch and Oktoberfest. Ballroom dancing is also held in the Grand Ballroom on the third Wednesday of each month between April and October.

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Jeff Krage/For Pioneer Press

Special events, like this Daddy-Daughter Dance held in February at Chevy Chase, are a regular occurrence since renovations at the facility were completed.

Chasing Chevy

Park district knew club was vulnerable, but officials refused to cave in

By **KIMBERLY FORNEK**
AND **CASEY MOFFITT**

STAFF WRITERS

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Wheeling officials had more than one chance to annex the Chevy Chase country club before Buffalo Grove forcibly grabbed a portion of the property last week.

And while Buffalo Grove officials say they tried to avoid an involuntary annexation, they were not about to wait any longer.

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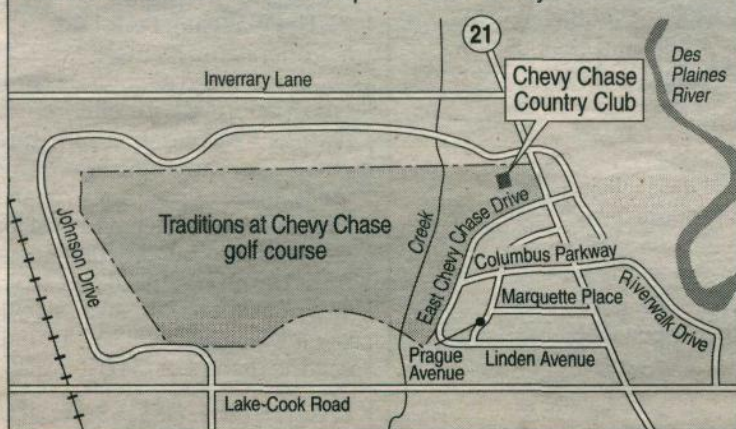
The Wheeling Park District, which owns Chevy Chase, knew at least 10 years ago that Buffalo Grove wanted the banquet facility and golf course to take advantage of the sales taxes they generate and to solidify its borders along Milwaukee Avenue. Park district officials refused to give up the property, even after Buffalo Grove offered a rebate on the sales tax the facility generates.

When the two sides "hit that roadblock" most recently in June 2002, Assistant Village Manager Ghida Neukirch said, members of the village staff knew they had to find another way to accomplish the Village Board's goal of annexing unincorporated properties along Milwaukee Avenue.

They found what they were looking for when a staff member zeroed in on the creek running north and south through the golf course. The creek served as a natural boundary Buffalo Grove could use to split the course into a piece that could be combined with surrounding properties without exceeding the legal maximum for involuntary annexations of 60 acres.

Buffalo Grove's latest addition

The Buffalo Grove Village Board last week annexed the Chevy Chase Country Club, about a third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course, as well as residential and business properties along Milwaukee Avenue. The golf course west of the creek remains in unincorporated Lake County.



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"We had pursued all opportunities for voluntary annexation, and this was the next step," Neukirch said.

Now Buffalo Grove has within its borders the Chevy Chase country club and one-third of the Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course. The only portion remaining outside the village's boundaries is another two-thirds of golf course land, which remains in unincorporated Lake County.

And Buffalo Grove will see between \$140,000 and \$150,000 in sales tax revenues generated from the country club and course operations.

Standing firm

Park District President Tom Webber said the park district refused to "sell its soul for a few thousand dollars a year."

"We're very proud of Chevy Chase and its facilities, obviously," said Webber. "As long as we could keep it in Wheeling, that is what we wanted to do. We were not going to do anything on a voluntary basis, no

matter how much they sweetened the pot with sales tax incentives or anything else.

"It gets down to principle. For the dollars involved, it wasn't worth the backlash this community would feel for allowing it to become Buffalo Grove without some resistance. There are people who would never understand us voluntarily annexing into Buffalo Grove and changing that address."

Buffalo Grove Trustee Jeffrey Berman said the Village Board "certainly did take into account the apparent desire of the park district to remain unincorporated."

"But weighing that against the interest of our community and our long-term interest in that area and secur(ing) our borders, it outweighed the interest of the park district," he said. "We mean no disrespect to them."

Wheeling Village President Greg Klatchek lamented the fact that Wheeling did not annex a small strip of land between Lake-Cook Road and Linden Avenue before Buffalo

Grove did in 1984, allowing that village to get part of Chevy Chase.

"We should've annexed it when we had the chance," he said. "Buffalo Grove got that strip, and we didn't. That's just a statement of fact."

Sheila Schultz, who was village president at the time Buffalo Grove annexed the property, said the village had lengthy conversations with owner William Johnson that lasted more than a year before Johnson announced he was going to Buffalo Grove.

"That strip effectively cut us off," Schultz said. "That was the end of our discussion with them."

Schultz said the village saw the value in annexing the property, but officials also didn't want to rush the process.

"At the time we were talking to the Johnson family, it was a question of whether we wanted to go into another county and how the annexation agreement would be negotiated, and what the owners would agree to for development," she said. "We spent a lot of time on it. I remember stacks of documents. It was a big disappointment he decided to go to Buffalo Grove."

Lessons learned

Buffalo Grove officials are conscious of chances they missed in the past to bring valuable property into the village, said Berman. He listed the Ridge Plaza shopping center in Arlington Heights, the Wal-Mart store in Wheeling, and CityPark, a complex of movie theaters, restaurants and shops in Lincolnshire, as examples.

"Those were opportunities lost when other communities took advantage of unincorporated parcels that the village

was interested in," Berman said.

Before CityPark was built, Berman said Buffalo Grove received a proposal for annexation of the land on the southwest corner of Aptakisic Road and Milwaukee Avenue, the former location of a sand and gravel company. The Plan Commission, of which Berman was a member at the time, visited the property as part of its review.

"We were out there on a Saturday wading in the mud, when Lincolnshire jumped in and grabbed the parcel out from under us," Berman said. "The good news is, what was developed there is available to our residents. The down side is the sales tax goes to Lincolnshire."

The way Buffalo Grove was out-manuevered demonstrates, "at some point you can't sit passively by," Berman said.

Berman understands the irony of Chevy Chase being in Buffalo Grove while those responsible for its operation live in Wheeling. The taxpayers of the Wheeling Park District also paid for the renovation of the Chevy Chase Country Club, a measure they approved by referendum in 1997.

"We respect all of that," Berman said, "but they could never be part of Wheeling."

The Chevy Chase property is not adjacent to Wheeling at any point and, therefore, could not be annexed into Wheeling.

"I have to balance competing interests, and ultimately the interest of the people of Buffalo Grove is paramount," Berman said.

Buffalo Grove Village President Elliott Hartstein said he can understand the park district's resistance to becoming

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part of Buffalo Grove, but not its rejecting a proposal that would have helped their residents financially.

Park districts' borders do not always mirror those of their namesake municipalities, Hartstein said. Some Buffalo Grove residents live in the Wheeling Park District, and many certainly use Wheeling facilities. And while park district commissioners may want to be loyal to Wheeling residents, Hartstein said they also represent taxpayers.

"I would think they would

want to take advantage (of the tax incentive Buffalo Grove offered) to offset some of their expenses," Hartstein said.

Park Board member Cheri Klumpp said the money played no role in the fight to keep Chevy out of Buffalo Grove.

"This goes back to when the park district purchased Chevy Chase in 1977," she said. "It was a big thing then, and we said it is a part of Wheeling. It's what we own."

Buffalo Grove hopes the Park District Board will agree

to voluntarily annex the remainder of the golf course into Buffalo Grove. Klumpp said she believes it's just a matter of time before the rest of the golf course is annexed into Buffalo Grove, but she gave no hint if the Park Board would allow it to be annexed voluntarily.

"(Buffalo Grove officials) have every right to (annex the rest)," she said. "The writing is on the wall."

Managing editor David Kirkpatrick contributed to this report.

Buffalo Grove annexes land along Milwaukee

BY STEVE ZALUSKY

Daily Herald Staff Writer

Buffalo Grove continues to mine the rich vein of sales tax revenue known as the Milwaukee Avenue corridor.

On Monday, it annexed 57 acres just north of Lake-Cook Road, yielding in the process a particularly choice nugget, a portion of the Wheeling Park District's Traditions at Chevy Chase golf course.

It is an area the village has been gradually surrounding and annexing. Over the past year, the village annexed the Weber Grill and Cy's Crab House properties, lavishing both with sales tax rebate agreements.

Before that, the village already had within its boundaries the Riverwalk office complex, soon to be enhanced with an addition to the north.

The latest annexation, approved by the Buffalo Grove village board, should produce an additional \$140,000 to \$150,000 in annual sales tax revenue, Village Manager William Balling said.

"It's important to the financial stability of the village. We're looking for ways to increase and stabilize our sales tax, and this is just one of those ways," said Trustee Jeffrey Braiman.

None of that sales tax revenue

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Annex: Land on west side of street

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will be shared with the Wheeling Park District, although Village President Elliott Hartstein said an incentive deal was pitched.

"We had actually approached the Wheeling Park District on multiple occasions over a couple years' period of time and they rejected that outright, saying that they were not interested," Hartstein said.

Most of the land annexed is on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue, bounded at its western extremity by a creek, although some land on the east, including the Chelsea Tavern, was added.

Hartstein said several residents in the area are already served by village sewer and water. Those homes will have the advantage of Buffalo Grove police and fire protection. He said the primary change for them will be receiving fire protection from Buffalo Grove.

"The estimated increase in taxes for most of these residents is slightly over \$100," Hartstein said.

Hartstein said property owners will have an opportunity to comment at a special meeting one week from Wednesday.

Balling said he is sending out about 100 letters to homeowners and businesses.

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New Patio Opens at Chevy Chase

Chevy Chase Country Club is now home to a beautiful, 3,900-square-foot stone patio. Located on the north side of Chevy Chase, just outside the historic Grand Ballroom, the patio adds a new aspect to the proud legacy of Chevy Chase. The patio seats up to 300 guests and features special amenities, such as an elegant wooden pergola, making it a perfect setting for an outdoor wedding. It also offers guests a spectacular view of the ninth hole of Chevy Chase's Traditions Golf Course.

"We are very pleased to offer our guests the benefits of this new amenity," said Jan Buchs, Wheeling Park District Executive Director. "This beautiful outdoor space will add to the memorable experiences of all those who visit Chevy Chase for many years to come."

The project began over the summer and was completed in late September. The entire patio was designed, constructed and landscaped by Park District staff. By doing so, the District was able to complete the new amenity at a considerable cost savings. "We have an extremely talented staff. It just made sense to put their skills to use on this project," noted Buchs.

Chevy Chase is already booking weddings and events for the patio. To find out how to reserve it, call the Chevy Chase Banquet Office at (847) 465-2311.

"The new patio is the ideal location for outdoor events" said Joe Lofsness, Food and Beverage Manager at Chevy Chase Country Club. "It gives our guests another option for their special day and adds something truly special to Chevy Chase."

To see more photos of the patio, visit the Chevy Chase Country Club Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChevyChaseCC.

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Wheeling Park District Wins State Partnership Award

Wheeling Park District was proud to receive the Illinois Association of Park Districts 2012 Best of the Best Partnership Award for its work with The ZAC Foundation. The award was presented at the 2012 Best of the Best Awards Gala held on September 28 at Chevy Chase Country Club.

The ZAC Foundation was established in 2008 by Brian and Karen Cohn after the loss of their six-year-old son Zachary Archer Cohn in a drain entrapment in their backyard swimming pool. Through education and advocacy, The ZAC Foundation is dedicated to ensuring no other family endures the death of a child in a water-related tragedy.

This June, Wheeling Park District and The ZAC Foundation teamed up to bring ZAC Camp to Illinois for the first time. For four days, children, ages 6-8 years, who never had the opportunity for formal swim lessons, came to the camp. School District 21 assisted in contacting and transporting the campers, allowing the children who most needed this experience the ability to attend the camp.

Each day, campers had one-hour swim lessons taught by certified instructors in the CRC indoor pool. Then, campers had special visits from first response teams, emergency medical providers, Village of Wheeling police, paramedics and firefighters, and Wheeling Park District staff. Each guest shared their knowledge with the campers, giving them tips on water safety. The final day of camp featured three-time Olympic gold-medal



ZAC Foundation Co-founder Karen Cohn addresses the campers at the opening ceremonies of the ZAC Camp.

swimmer and NBC swim analyst Rowdy Gaines as a guest instructor!

"Since, my husband's family is from the Chicago area, we have so many happy memories of Zachary swimming with our family here, it was a privilege to bring ZAC Camps to Wheeling," said The ZAC Foundation Co-founder Karen Cohn. "Working with the Wheeling Parks District, local first responders, Congressman Bob Dold and Olympic Gold Medalist Rowdy Gaines on this year's ZAC Camp, we were able to give more than 100 local children the tools they may need to one day save a life."

Camp concluded with a special closing ceremony for campers and their parents. Several experts returned to give the families final tips on how to keep themselves and others safe in the water.



A golfer goes for the green at the Family Learning Program Benefit Golf Outing.

Golf Outing Benefits Family Learning Program

Thank you to all who participated in the Family Learning Program Benefit Golf Outing on August 8 at Chevy Chase Country Club. The event generated over \$10,000 for this unique initiative, providing educational life skills to second language families in School District #21. By supporting the Family Learning Program, you have made our community a better place to live. To find out more about this worthwhile cause, and how you can help, please contact the Wheeling Park District at (847) 465-3333.

Heritage Park Project Update

Construction is underway at Heritage Park! The project is a partnership between the Wheeling Park District, the Village of Wheeling and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC). Once completed, Heritage Park will not only assist with flood control, but also will boast a world-class recreation area complete with an athletic complex, band shell, walking paths, basketball and tennis courts and much more!

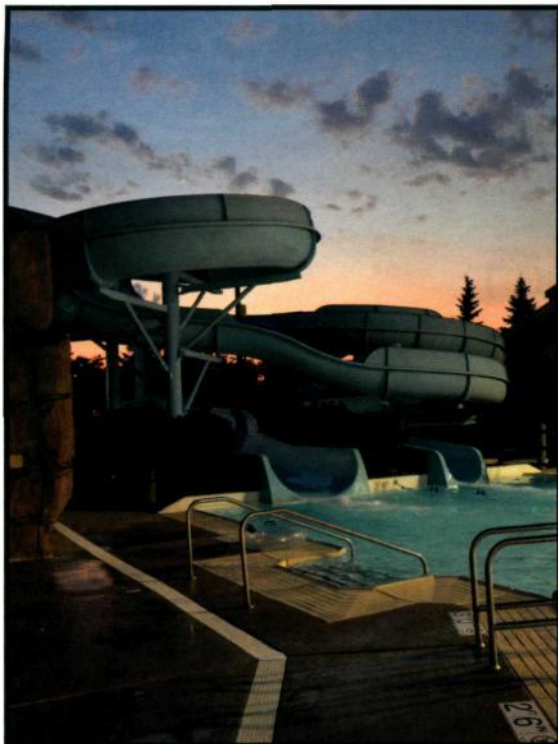
As work begins, crews are preparing for construction of two storm water basins – a key factor in flood control. In October, construction began on some of the park's major structures, including the band shell, a pavilion overlooking the lake and the pump station.

The Community Recreation Center, Fitness Center, Arctic Splash indoor pool, and Family Aquatic Center (in season) remain open throughout the project; access to Heritage Park is prohibited during construction. Traffic patterns and parking may be rearranged to best accommodate guests.

To get the most up-to-date information, download the Wheeling Park District app, visit www.heritageparkproject.info, or contact Guest Services at (847) 465-3333.



United States Senator Dick Durbin and Illinois State Representative Elaine Nekritz arrive at Wheeling Park District on October 18 to check on the progress of the Heritage Park Project.



Aquatic Center Named Top Water Park

When it comes to beaches and pools, Wheeling Park District's Aquatic Center rates among the top 10 in the Chicago area! Wheeling's Family Aquatic Center was one of only two water parks featured in Crain's Chicago Business' Chicago Area's 10 Best Beaches and Pools.

"At the Wheeling Park District Outdoor Aquatic Center, the zero-depth entry pool leads to waterfalls, slides and a mounted bucket that tips, dumping a huge pail of water on children. Dedicated lap lanes and comfortable chaises keep parents happy," Crain's notes.

Thank you to all Aquatic Center guests for a great season! Until the Aquatic Center reopens next summer, Wheeling Park District offers swimming indoors all year round at Arctic Splash. For details on swim lessons, lap swim, aquatic fitness classes and more, check out the Program Guide or call the Guest Service Desk at (847) 465-3333.

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- 12/8 Breakfast with Santa
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