

June 2012

City Notes



Garbage Sticker Rates Increase July 1

The rates for Wheaton's garbage/yard waste and leaf stickers will increase starting July 1, 2012, as set by Wheaton's four-year contract with Veolia, the City's waste hauler. From July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, garbage/yard waste stickers will cost \$3.48 each, and leaf stickers will cost \$2.86 each. For complete information about Wheaton's garbage, recycling and yard waste program, [see the City's website](#).

Wheaton on Twitter

The City added Twitter to its communication tools. Twitter is a free social media network that allows users to send messages and links to web pages, photos and videos in 140 characters or less.

The City uses Twitter to

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Stand-Out Citizens Honored

Eight residents receive Good Citizen Awards

Out of nearly 53,000 residents, these eight people really stand out. On May 21, 2012, Wheaton's Community Relations Commission presented Good Citizens Awards to a small group of residents who the commission believes exemplify what it is to be an outstanding member of the community.

During the May 21 Wheaton City Council meeting, the commission presented its annual awards in three categories: student, volunteer and senior.

In the student category, the honorees are:

- **Sara Tonne**, Wheaton Academy, for her volunteer work with Puente de Pueblo,



The student honorees are, from left: Sara Tonne, Daniel Krc, Cole Manschot, Adam Erickson and Jonny Behrens.

a tutoring group with local elementary students, and with PADS and her school's Project LEAD, a group of student leaders focused on serving the community.

- **Daniel Krc**, Wheaton North, for service activities such as volunteering with

Key Club, teaching computer skills to DuPage Convalescent Center seniors, collecting for the Salvation Army at Christmas and more.

- **Cole Manschot**, Wheaton North, for organizing

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Mosquito Prevention Efforts Under Way



Illinois Department of Public Health photo

Starting in May, the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District began placing larvicide tablets into storm water catch basins to prevent mosquito larvae from developing into biting adults. Mosquitoes have a four-stage life cycle:

egg, larva, pupa and adult. The first three stages occur in water, and the design of catch basins makes them a perfect site for mosquitoes to begin their development. It is easier to locate and

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Contact
the City

Police/Fire: 911
After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161
General Information: 630-260-2000, 630-260-8090 (TDD)
City Hall Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Feedback:
Please mail your comments to:
Mayor's Office, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187
Or, email comments to: feedback@wheaton.il.us

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food drives that have collected more than 13,000 pounds of food for local families, an ongoing "Food Pantry Fridays" service project and teaching others how to give back.

• **Adam Erickson**, Wheaton Warrenville South, for his work as president of Key Club, which has supported the People's Resource Center, PTA, VFW, Taste of Wheaton, school Fun Fairs, and the homeless. He also led an effort to raise nearly \$100,000 for cancer research.

• **Jonny Behrens**, Wheaton Warrenville South, for helping form an environmental group and leading recycling programs for things such as old gym shoes and lunch scraps. He also helps with a student organization that assists local homeless individuals.



James Whitlock, left, received the award in the senior category and Nancy Carlson received it in the volunteer category.



Watch the Video

[Watch the awards presentation](#), which took place during the May 21 City Council meeting.

In the volunteer category, the honoree is:

• **Nancy Carlson**, a member of the Give Back Club who contributes her time as a math and reading placement volunteer in local schools, as a volunteer in local resale shops and working with groups that

provide living arrangements for adults with developmental disabilities.

In the senior category, the honorees are:

• **James Whitlock** and **Fred Wayland**, for the Common Ground, a 6,600-square-foot garden that grows truckloads of fresh produce for the People's Resource Center. They secured grants to devise an irrigation system to keep the large garden watered, and it yielded more than 1,200 pounds of produce last year for local people in need of food.

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control mosquitoes when they are in the larval stage before they turn into adults.

This year the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District anticipates treating 6,500 catch basins located throughout the district using contractor Clarke Mosquito Control (www.clarke.com). Residents might notice their bicycle and truck crews conducting these treatments this month.

Now is a good time for you to begin checking your yard for standing water that will attract egg-laying mosquitoes. Removing containers that hold water or simply dumping the water out can significantly reduce the number of adult mosquitoes that both annoy us and pose a risk to our health.

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share important messages, such as emergencies, reminders about City services, notifications about new content on the City's website and more. To find Wheaton on Twitter, visit www.twitter.com/CityOfWheaton.

Commission News

The Wheaton City Council approved the appointment of Christine Fenne to the Library Board for a term expiring on June 30, 2014; the reappointments of Robert Paolicchi and Anne Wanzenberg to three-year terms on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners; Robert Glonek to a three-year term on the Liquor Control Commission; and Robert Hesterman to a two-year term on the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

Rate Lowered for Energy Program

Program offers significant savings on the cost of energy

There's good news for anyone who is participating in the Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program – and anyone who is interested in enrolling. The rate for the cost of energy has dropped again, just in time for summer energy costs to start adding up.

The rate offered through the Clean Air County Energy Savings Program has been lowered from 6.1 cents per kWh to 5.95 cents per kWh. Participants now save 15.4 percent on the cost of energy, compared with ComEd's current rate of 7.033 cents per kWh.

Enrolling in the Energy Savings Program does not change who delivers energy to your home; you continue

to receive the same familiar bill through ComEd, and in case of a power disruption, you should continue to call ComEd. The only difference is that energy is being purchased from Integrity Energy Services instead of ComEd.

This program is a result of an amendment to the Illinois Power Agency Act allowing municipalities to jointly purchase electricity for aggregated customers. The contract set through the Energy Savings Program will charge a lower rate for electricity or match ComEd's rate should it go below 5.95 cents per kWh.

To sign up, you can visit



Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program

To register or to learn more about the Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program, visit www.integrityenergy.com/esp or call 888-688-1236 and ask for the Clean Air Counts Savings Program.

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More information about the program is [available on the City's website](#).

Upcoming Events



Summer Band Concerts

When: Thursdays, June 7-Aug. 9, 8 p.m.* (See exceptions below)

Where: Memorial Park Bandshell, Wheaton and Karlskoga avenues

The Wheaton Municipal Band presents its summer concerts in Memorial Park (Karlskoga and Wheaton avenues). Concerts take place at 8 p.m. Thursdays, *except the Children's Concert, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. June 14, and the concert the first week of July will be on July 5 due to the Independence Day holiday. Specific information about each concert is available on the [Wheaton Municipal Band's website](#).



French Market

When: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Main Street and Liberty Drive

Flowers, locally grown produce, baked goods, jewelry, crafts and more are sold from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at Wheaton's popular outdoor French Market. For information, contact Bensidoun USA at 630-784-0862.



Vintage Rides

When: Fridays, 6:30-9 p.m.

Where: 100 East and 100 West blocks of Front Street (on either side of Main Street)

Check out antique cars during this popular weekly summer car show on Front Street each Friday night. The free family-friendly event is hosted by the Downtown Wheaton Association, and a different make or model of a classic car will be featured each week. Enjoy music, cars and more on the 100 East and 100 West blocks of Front Street (on either side of Main Street) in downtown Wheaton. To see the model of cars featured each week, [visit the DWA's website](#).



Taste of Wheaton

When: May 31-June 3

Where: Memorial Park, Hale Street and Liberty Street

This year's Taste of Wheaton event will include carnival rides, live entertainment, craft booths, food vendors, a wine and beer garden and more. The four-day event is sponsored by the Wheaton Park District and the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce. The event will take place in Memorial Park; on Hale Street between Front and Wesley streets; and on Liberty Street from Wheaton Avenue to Cross Street. For more information, visit the [Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Electronic Recycling

When: Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m.-noon

Where: Wheaton Public Works Storage Facility, 820

W. Liberty Drive

Please note that household batteries are no longer accepted at this collection. However, you can drop off your rechargeable batteries or unwanted electronics for recycling during the City's monthly collection event. Electronics such as televisions, computers and printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted. More information is on the [City's website](#).

Library Outdoor Concert Series

When: Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m.

Where: West plaza of the Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

The Friends of the Wheaton Public Library outdoor concert series begins Tuesday, June 19 with a high-energy tropical rock performance by Od Tapo Imi Steel Drum Band. The family friendly performance includes singing, steel drums and choreography. The concert will be moved inside the library if it rains. More information about the other concerts in the series is available at www.wheatonlibrary.org or by calling 630-868-7592.



Police Share Summer Crime Prevention Tips

The following crime prevention tips are recommended by the Wheaton Police Department:

Bike Safety Tips

- Learn and follow the [rules of the road](#).
- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing while riding.
- Always ride with traffic – never against it.
- Parents should be aware of where their children are riding to.
- Always keep bicycles locked up.

Vacation Watch

- When leaving town on vacation, stop by the Police Department, 900 W. Liberty



Drive, or visit our website www.wheaton.il.us to fill out a vacation house watch. We will keep an eye on your home.

- Have someone pick up your mail and newspapers.
- Leave a lamp on a timer.
- Always lock your home, garage or office.

General Safety

- Do not leave valuables in your car.
- If you must leave items in your car, put the items in the trunk.
- When driving, always lock your doors.
- When transporting small

Going on Vacation?

Fill out a [Vacation House Watch request online](#) or at the Police Station.

children, use rear door child safety locks. (Your owner's manual will give you the specifics.)

- Always let loved ones know where you're going and how to reach you. It could be as simple as a note on the refrigerator, or leaving a message on the answering machine.

Have a safe summer. It is the Wheaton Police Department's honor to "Protect and to Serve" you.

Learn When to Replace Your Carbon Monoxide Alarm

Did you know that your carbon monoxide (CO) detector may have more than one kind of beep? All devices produced after Aug. 1, 2009, have an end-of-life signal that activates once the device reaches its projected end of life, meaning it is time to replace it with a new CO detector.

A carbon monoxide detector will have three signals: alarm, trouble and end-of life. When a CO alarm detects the presence of carbon monoxide, it would give a series of four rapid beeps followed by

a five-second pause and then repeating. A trouble signal, indicating some type of fault with the detector or low battery, is a half-second beep every 30-60 seconds – just like a low battery alert on a smoke alarm. The end-of life signal may be a distinct signal, or the same as a trouble alarm, providing that there is a visual indicator on the CO alarm to indicate that this is an end-of life alarm.

Depending on the manufacturer, some end-of-life signals can be silenced for up to 30 days; others cannot. What

is important is that when an end-of-life signal is sounded, the CO alarm must be replaced. This is true if the unit is a standalone CO alarm, or in a combination unit with a smoke alarm.

Since January 2007, Illinois law has required a working CO alarm to be in all living units. Many CO alarms now in service were made prior to the incorporation of the new requirements and will not have an end-of-life signal. As a result, many of these alarms may not function now, as designed. If your alarm does not

have the end-of-life feature, was manufactured prior to August 2009, or you cannot find a manufactured date (located on the back of the alarm) consult any paperwork that came with the unit or research the company's website for information. If none can be found, then serious consideration should be given to replacing the CO alarm.

Illinois law requires that CO alarms must be battery powered as a primary or secondary power supply. They cannot be solely electric-powered.



City Calendar

City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions are held in the Council Chambers at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Coffee with Council takes place in the Gamon Room at Wheaton City Hall. Visit www.wheaton.il.us for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 4 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 11 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 18 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.