

June 2013

## City Notes



### Railroad Crossing Closed June 3-14

The railroad crossing at Chase Street in Wheaton will be closed from June 3 through June 14, 2013, while Union Pacific completes track replacement and maintenance at this site. The crossing will be closed to both vehicles and pedestrians. Traffic will be detoured to President Street for both northbound and southbound traffic. This work will not affect Prairie Path traffic.

### No Increase for Garbage Stickers

There will be no increase for the next year in the cost of garbage and leaf stickers. The City renewed a contract with Advanced Disposal Services (formerly Veolia) that will last from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016. The contract calls for no increase in sticker price

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## Curbside E-Waste Starts July 1

*New program provides curbside electronic recycling*

In order to give residents an additional convenient and legal way to dispose of electronics, the City is adding curbside electronic pickup (E-waste) to its residential garbage contract. Wheaton's residential garbage hauler, Advanced Disposal Services, will begin collecting electronics as part of Wheaton's curbside service.

Starting July 1, 2013, you can place electronics at the curb for collection on your regular garbage day if you

call Advanced Disposal Services at 630-587-8282 one day before your pickup day to notify the hauler that you have electronics to be picked up. Place items at the curb by 6 a.m. on your pickup day.

### Basic Guidelines for E-Waste Pickup:

Acceptable electronics (see below) require one garbage sticker for each item. However, up to four small items may be bundled together using one sticker.

For example, a hair dryer, blender and alarm clock may be bundled.

For your security, clear off files and information from your computer and devices before placing them at the curb. The City and garbage hauler are not responsible for the security of items placed at the curb. If you're concerned about the security of your information, you can use the City's monthly

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### Acceptable Items:

#### Electronics

- Examples of items **requiring one sticker apiece**: Televisions, printers, computers, gaming consoles, docking stations, fax machines, scanners, stereos, copy machines
- Up to four smaller items can be bundled together with one sticker, such as: cell phones, keyboards/mice, extension cords, phones, cameras, computer cords

#### Small household appliances

- Examples: Blenders, microwaves, toasters, alarm clocks, hair dryers, etc. Nearly any-



thing with a cord.

- Larger items require one sticker apiece; smaller items like hair dryers can be bundled together, up to 4 items, with one sticker.

### NOT Accepting:

- Electronics containing liquids or other hazardous materials, including air conditioners, refrigerators and dehumidifiers. (These are considered "white goods" and are collected through a separate program, one sticker apiece.)
- Household batteries
- Batteries for cars, boats or sump pumps
- Smoke detectors
- Thermostats
- CFL light bulbs or fluorescent bulbs
- Gas-powered engines

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](mailto:feedback@wheaton.il.us)

## E-Waste

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drop-off. (See information below about the monthly drop-off.)

There are no weight restrictions for e-waste items.

### Monthly Collection Information:

Wheaton continues to provide a free monthly drop-off site for recycling electronics from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month at the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive. [More information is available on the City's web-site](#) about this program.

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during the first year of the contract (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014), followed by a 2% increase for the following two contract years.

### Business News

New Businesses:

- Claire's, 401 Wheaton Town Square: Fashion trends, accessories and jewelry for young women
- Bella Roba, 104 N. Hale St.: A specialty retail store featuring jewelry, one-of-a-kind designed furniture and art, found objects, luxury clothing, hand-selected home accessories and candles.

### Commission News

The City Council reappointed Matthew Litfin to a two-year term on the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

# One Lane of N. Main Street to be Closed Through October

**T**raffic travelling south on North Main Street will be rerouted starting on Friday, May 31, 2013 as the City continues work to reduce flooding in this area. This detour is expected to last through late October. This closure, between Cole Avenue and Parkway Drive, will only affect southbound traffic; the northbound lane will remain open.

Where Winfield Creek crosses under Main Street just south of Cole Avenue, heavy rainfall sometimes requires the City to close North Main Street to traffic, as the volume of water flowing downstream to Northside Park is greater than the culverts can convey downstream. This project, the North Main Street Flood Control Project, will allow more stormwater to flow under Main Street at Winfield Creek by widening the creek channel and replacing roadway culverts with a bridge.

This project will also affect riders on Pace Bus Route 711. All southbound trips will follow a detour route from Schmale Road (which becomes Main Street), east on Geneva Road, south on President Street, west on Parkway Drive and resuming regular routing south on Main Street. During this detour, southbound trips on Route 711 will not operate on Main Street between Geneva Road and Parkway Drive.

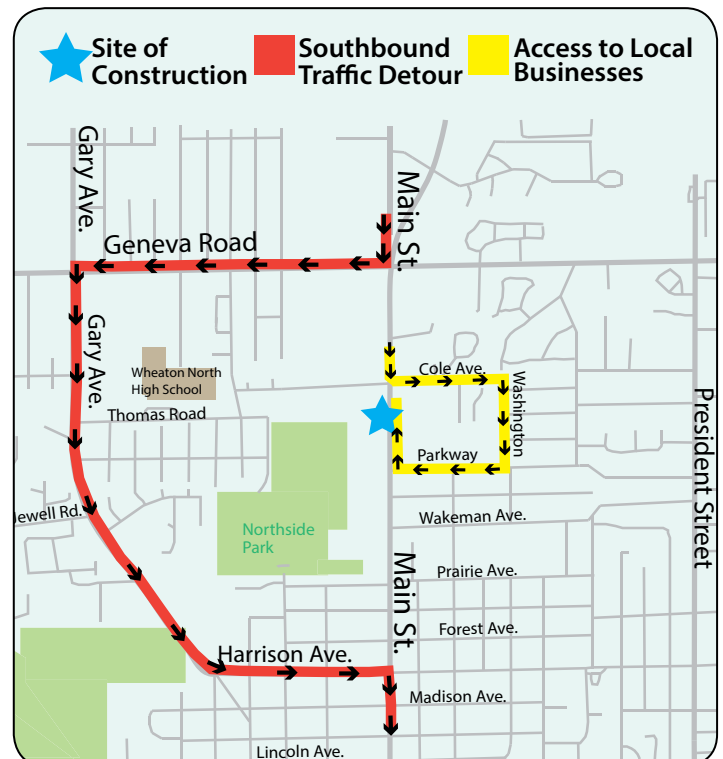
The City will provide construction updates throughout the project via the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us).



This project will help reduce the incidence of flooding on North Main Street near Cole Avenue.

### Two Detour Routes:

- 1. For southbound Main Street traffic wanting to continue beyond the construction zone,** a detour will route traffic west on Geneva Road, south on Gary Avenue, east on Harrison Avenue and back to Main Street.
- 2. To access local businesses/homes located in the North Main Street construction zone** (between Parkway Drive and Cole Avenue): use the local business route posted at Cole Avenue





# Apply for Flooding Recovery Assistance

*Federal aid now available through FEMA for damage*

**W**heaton residents who experienced flood damage can now apply for assistance with storm-related losses through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Assistance is available in the form of grants to individuals and households to help with temporary housing; home repairs or replacement and other disaster-related expenses; as well as low-interest SBA loans to residents and businesses.

In addition to the previously announced registration online and by phone, FEMA also opened a Disaster Recovery Center in Lisle where you can apply for assistance in-person.

## How to Apply

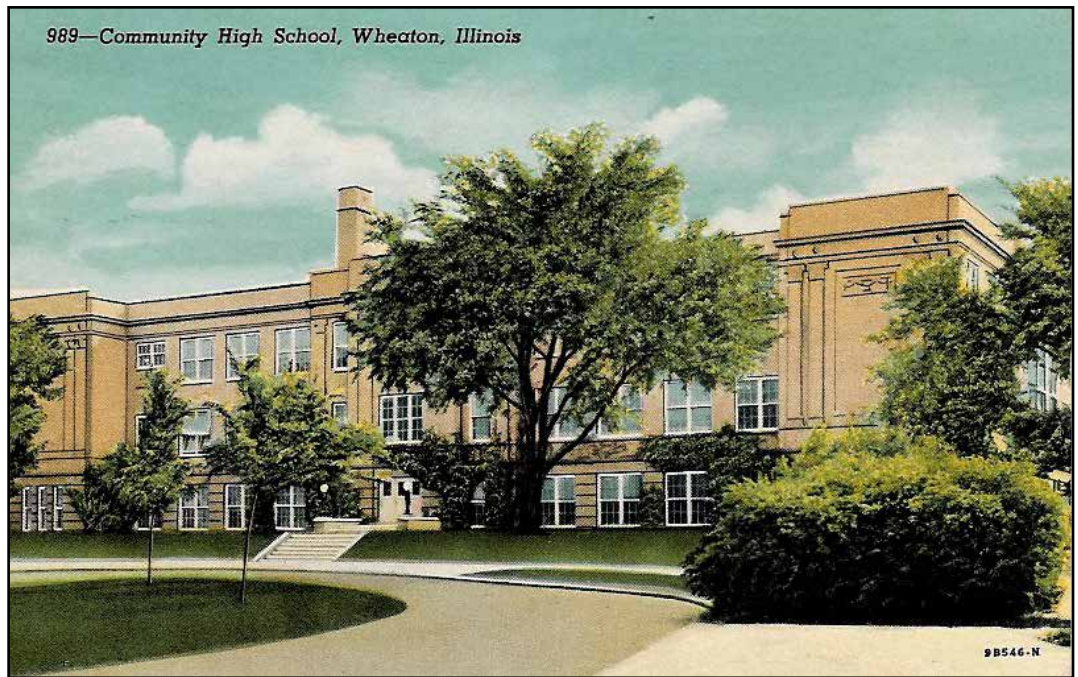
You can apply for assistance in any of these ways:

**In-person:** FEMA set up a Disaster Recovery Center at the Lisle Police Department, 5040 Lincoln Ave. The Disaster Recovery Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, including weekends, until further notice.

**Online:** Register online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)

**By phone:** Call the Federal Emergency Management Agency at 1-800-621-FEMA.

Assistance offered via the Disaster Recovery Center is identical to assistance available to residents who register by phone or internet.



## New Video Recalls 1950s Wheaton

**I**t's been a long time since high school kids in Wheaton went to sock hops or listened to Elvis. Yet these are the memories Dave Young and Brian Ebbert have of their teenage years at Wheaton Community High School.

Back when Young and Ebbert were students, "American Bandstand" and rock and roll hit their stride. Muscle cars sped around Wheaton streets, and the bonfire at the high school was a big deal. Hear about these stories and others in a brand new episode of "Wheaton



**Watch the Video**

[Watch this new edition of "Wheaton Remembers" now on the City's website.](#)

Remembers," which looks back at high school in 1950s Wheaton.

Former principal Chuck Baker talks with Young and Ebbert in this latest installment of "Wheaton Remembers," a recurring television series in which longtime Wheaton residents share

their stories of growing up in Wheaton to educate residents and preserve Wheaton's history for future generations. You can watch this video now on the City's website and on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10).

If you or someone you know are a longtime Wheaton resident and are interested in being a guest on "Wheaton Remembers," contact Richard Sagen at 630-260-2036 or [rsagen@wheaton.il.us](mailto:rsagen@wheaton.il.us). The City is seeking both individuals and small groups to participate in the series.

## Final Input for Downtown Plan Welcome

**T**he Design Workshop consultant team presented final recommendations for the Wheaton Downtown Plan at a public meeting on May 29. However, the City welcomes your input concerning the final recommendations, the priorities the City and downtown leaders should pursue with improvements and initiatives, and related questions in an [online](#)



[survey available on the city's website](#). This survey will be available through the end of

June to gather public input as the consultant team wraps up its reports for the City.



# William Schultz Appointed Wheaton Fire Chief

**W**heaton City Manager Donald Rose has appointed William R. Schultz to the position of Fire Chief in the City of Wheaton effective June 3, 2013. Chief Schultz replaces current Fire Chief Greg Berk, who retired on May 31.

Chief Schultz currently

serves as Wheaton's Deputy Fire Chief and has been employed by the City since January 2003. In January 2003, Chief Schultz was appointed to the position of Battalion Chief in the City's Fire Department. In May 2006, Chief Schultz was appointed to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. His prior em-

ployment was with the Village of Hazel Crest, Ill., where he was employed for 12 years.

Chief Schultz possesses a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Governor's State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Management from Southern Illinois University.

## Upcoming Events

### Taste of Wheaton

**When:** May 30-June 2

**Location:** Downtown Wheaton

Join the Wheaton Park District and Wheaton Chamber of Commerce for this summer festival in Memorial Park Thursday through Sunday, May 30-June 2. There you'll find food vendors, arts & crafts, carnival rides, live entertainment a beer and wine garden and more. For information, visit the Wheaton Park District's website at [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com](http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com).

### Electronic Recycling

**When:** Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m.-noon

**Where:** Wheaton Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Dr

Drop off your unwanted electronics for recycling during the City's monthly collection event. Electronics such as televisions, computers, printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted. Also, Wheaton residents can now bring fluorescent bulbs for safe disposal (no businesses, please). The types of bulbs accepted include T-12, T-8 and T-5 fluorescent bulbs (often found in light fixtures used in utility rooms); aquarium tubes; under-counter fluorescent tubes. Do



not tape fluorescent tubes together. CFLS and household batteries are not accepted. [More information is on the City's website.](#)

To volunteer at these events, call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877.

### Summer Band Concerts

**When:** Thursdays, June 6-Aug. 8, 8 p.m.\*

\*NOTE: June 27 concert starts at 7:30 p.m.; concert the week of July 4 will be on Tuesday, July 2.

**Where:** Memorial Park Bandshell, Wheaton and Karlskoga avenues

Join the Wheaton Municipal band for a community tradition: Thursday night concerts in Memorial Park. Concerts are free and begin at 8 p.m. (note

exception above). Memorial Park is located near City Hall at the corner of Wheaton and Karlskoga avenues. Each concert has a different theme. The band will play an indoor concert July 27 at Edman Chapel. For more information, visit the [Wheaton Municipal Band's website](#).

### Vintage Rides

**When:** Fridays, 6:30-9 p.m. through Sept. 13

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

Check out antique cars during this weekly summer car show on Front Street each Friday night. The free 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 in downtown Wheaton. For more information, [visit the DWA's website](#).

### French Market

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

**Where:** Parking lot at Main St. and Liberty Dr. in downtown

Wheaton's outdoor French Market takes place from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. each Saturday near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive, just south of the railroad tracks in downtown Wheaton. Inspired by the outdoor markets of France, vendors at this weekly event sell much more than your typical farmers market. Find pastries, flowers, art, jewelry, handmade gifts, locally grown produce and many specialty items.



# Congratulations Good Citizen Award Winners

*Commission honors residents for their good deeds*

Each year, Wheaton's Community Relations Commission calls attention to some stand-out residents. From helping children with disabilities to honoring fallen soldiers, the recipients of this year's Good Citizen Awards represent the spirit of giving back to the community that the Community Relations Commission seeks to foster in Wheaton. Fellow residents and teachers nominated these award winners based on their good deeds and accomplishments that have benefited others in Wheaton.

## Senior Category Award Recipients:



• **Herb Wehling**, an 86-year Wheaton resident, is an active volunteer in the Fallen Soldiers Memorial, and was one of the original participants in the "Wheaton Remembers" television series. He serves as resource for Wheaton history and has been part of many community organizations.

• **Sue Novicki** has been very active volunteering with the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association for 37 years, including as a coach, driver and much more, helping children with disabilities and their families.

## Adult Category Award Recipients:

• **Heather Amwoza** is the PTA Vice President for Jefferson Early Childhood Center and is active volunteering at Lowell Elementary and Jefferson for things such as Make a Difference Day and Green Club, served as a library tutor and more.

• **Judy Casaccio** has been a Wheaton Junior Women's Club volunteer for 16 years, is a buddy baseball volunteer, and was involved in the club's Garden Walk and fashion show. She volunteers at the DuPage Community Clinic, as a church deacon and for Taste of Wheaton and more.

• **Robert Donisch** has served as the volunteer president of Christmas Share for 15 years, which serves an average of 900 families in District 200, helping them



to receive clothing, food and toys during the holiday season. He is also an active church volunteer and a long-time coach.

• **Nela Isic**, who is a college student studying to become a pediatrician, has put in many hours volunteering at Cadence Central DuPage

Hospital, volunteers for the Run for the Animals, Chicago Fire Juniors and World Relief.

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## **Student Category Award Recipients:**

• **Alexandra Burda** (Wheaton Warrenville South High School) received the award for volunteering with numerous groups, including Key Club, DuPage Community Clinic, Wheaton Historical Society, High Schools Against Cancer; for tutoring students in English, coaching first-grade soccer players, and volunteering for her church.

• **Laura Bucci** (Wheaton North High School) is involved in Student Council, National Honors Society, Key Club, and the French and Math Honor Societies. She was recognized for organizing many activities to raise funds for groups inside and outside of school, including the Wheaton homeless.

• **Caroline French** (St. Francis High School) led the organization of the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Drive to benefit Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, tutors for Marion Park, was a group leader for Vacation Bible School, and served meals at soup kitchens.

• **Sarah Griffin** (Glenbard



South High School), who is part of National Honors Society, was recognized for volunteering at her church, as a Park District volunteer teaching Tae Kwan Do, a band tutor and a community children's theater volunteer.

• **Nikki Molino** (Wheaton Warrenville South High School) spearheaded a col-

lection of sporting equipment to go to less fortunate children at Marion Park Apartments.

• **Jon Mondragon** (Glenbard South High School) was a representative for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference and teaches language classes through the People's Resource Center.

• **Amanda Schmitt** (St. Francis High School) tutors children in Marion Park Apartments and enhanced a mentorship program with students from St. Francis and these children. She served as a baseball buddy for handicapped children, prepared meals for those in need, and coached track at St. Michael grade school.



## **Group Category Award Recipients:**

• **The Loretto House Mentors** received the award for their work assisting women in need who come to the transitional housing shelter. The mentors provide support and help women work toward autonomy and find a housing solution.



# Wheaton World Tour: Celebrate Our Diversity

**W**heaton's Community Relations Commission encourages you to mark your calendar for the Wheaton World Tour: Celebrate Our Diversity, a night celebrating diversity and culture within our community. Activities will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 2013 in Memorial Park, followed by the Wheaton Municipal Band concert at 8 p.m.

Food vendors will feature ethnic foods from around the world. Check back at [www.wheaton.il.us/worldtour](http://www.wheaton.il.us/worldtour) closer to the date of the event for more information about the food available for purchase.

Watch performances by Real Women Belly Dance and Burundi and Rwanda Performers in native dress. Listen as international performer, educator and composer Yin Han plays the Er Hu, a two-stringed violin, joined by her daughter, who will sing in three languages.

Women's Wisdom Artisans, a social enterprise program of the People's Resource Center, will be displaying and selling their multicultural handcrafted creations at the Wheaton

World Tour.

Joy Wilcox of the Wheaton Public Library will present a 30-minute story-telling program called "Tales from Around the World."

This event will include a number of kids cultural activities, where children will travel to different tables playing games, doing crafts and learning what makes our community diverse as they have their "passports" stamped.

Finally, listen to the sounds of the Wheaton Municipal Band, which will take the bandshell stage at 8 p.m. to perform a selection of music from around the world. The band performs a mix of popular and classical music designed to provide summer outdoor music that is enjoyable for all ages.

Wheaton's Community Relations Commission is responsible for promoting community involvement and volunteering. Since its formation in 1965, the Commission has worked to foster understanding and promote cultural diversity among citizens and groups within the city.



## Summer Crime Prevention Tips

**T**he following crime prevention tips are recommended by the Wheaton Police Department:

- Leave one or more lamps on a timer.
- Always lock your home, garage, or office.

### Bike Safety Tips

- Obey 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.

### 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 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 voice-mail message.

### Vacation Watch

- When leaving town on vacation, stop by the Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive, or [visit our website](http://www.wheaton.il.us) to fill out a vacation house watch form. We will keep an eye on your home.
- Have someone pick up your mail and newspapers.

Have a safe summer. It is our honor to "Protect and to Serve" you.



## 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](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 3** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 10** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 17** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.