

June 2014

## City Notes

### Thank You, Blood Drive Participants

Thanks to all the City of Wheaton residents and employees who took the time to participate in the Wheaton Police Department's annual blood drive, conducted by the American Red Cross. Donors helped us give back to the community and honor those in law enforcement.

The drive resulted in 17 drawn units. Since each blood donation helps three recipients, those units will help touch the lives of 51 patients. Within 72 hours of your donation, your blood is ready to be used for someone in need.

The Wheaton Police Department looks forward to seeing everyone in 2015 for its annual Blood Drive.

### Lawn Watering Reminder

Lawn watering restrictions are in effect May 15 to Sept. 15 each year. Residents with odd-numbered street addresses can water their lawns on odd-numbered days. Those

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## Sidewalk Program Underway

### *Long-term program replacing squares*

Contracted crews began replacing sidewalk squares included in the 2014 Sidewalk Replacement Program the week of May 19. This is the third year in a long-term program to replace squares deemed "highly defective" according to the City's survey of more than 265 miles of sidewalks in Wheaton.

This year's program will focus on the north section of Wheaton, bounded by Harrison Avenue to the south. A contractor will be removing the existing sidewalk, framing and pouring the new sidewalk, and completing



### See a map

[Visit the City's website](#) to see which sidewalk squares are scheduled for replacement.



restoration work.

The City anticipates this portion of the project will be complete by the end of summer.

Questions about work in your area can be addressed

to the City's contractor, Nick Dibenedetto, at 630-675-6176.

You can [read more about the program and track its progress on the City's website](#).

## Please Keep Signs Out of the Parkways

As the weather warms up, garage sale signs start popping up around the city. For the safety of drivers and to avoid a ticket, please note where signs can and can't be placed.

According to Wheaton City Code Section 42-17, **signs** can't be placed in any publicly owned right-of-way,

sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, curbstone, parkway, lamp-post, hydrant, tree, shrub, tree stake or guard, or attached to any public utility, street sign or traffic sign. Violators can be ticketed for this offense.

In addition to cluttering the parkways, garage sale signs and other signs in the parkway can block sight lines

for drivers and bicyclists, creating blind spots that could create dangerous conditions.

Garage sale signs can be placed on private property, such as your own yard, or you can ask a neighbor to allow you to post a sign in their yard. Please remove the sign when the event is done.

The City appreciates your help.

## 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)

# Garbage Sticker Price Change Effective July 1

*Current stickers still valid after July 1*

**A**s set by the City's contract with Advanced Disposal Services, the price of garbage/yard waste and leaf stickers will increase on July 1, 2014. Garbage and yard waste, which both use the same blue stickers, will increase from \$3.48 per sticker to \$3.55. Green leaf stickers will increase from \$2.86 per sticker to \$2.92.

Stickers are available at City Hall; a number of gro-

cery, hardware and convenience stores; and by calling Advanced Disposal Services at 630-587-8282.

Please remember that each container must be no larger than 33 gallons and must weigh no more than 50 pounds in weight.

You may place your garbage, recycling and yard waste at the curb between 7 p.m. the night before your collection day and 6 a.m. on the



day of collection.

Please remove contain-

ers from the curb by 7 p.m. on your collection day.

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with even-numbered street addresses are limited to even-numbered days. However, watering is prohibited between noon and 6 p.m. every day for all addresses. Residents who have new sod or seed can contact the Water Division at 630-260-2090 for a 10-day variance from this requirement.

Lawn watering restrictions are used to minimize evaporation during the hottest time of the day, which aids in water conservation.

## Commission News

The Council approved the appointment of Nancy Flannery to a three-year term on the Historic Commission and Brett Mathieson to a two-year term on the Police Pension Board of Trustees.



Members of Wheaton's Bicycle Advisory Committee will be providing free bike valet service on Saturday, June 7 at the Taste of Wheaton to encourage bike riding in the community.

## Bike Valet Service at Taste of Wheaton

**Y**ou can skip searching for a parking spot at the Taste of Wheaton June 7 by using two wheels instead of four. The Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Committee encourages you to take advantage of free valet bike parking between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Volunteers from the Bicycle Advisory Committee will be stationed on [Karlskoga Avenue](#) (on the south



### Bike Valet Service

**Date:** Saturday, June 7

**Time:** 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Drop-off station on [Karlskoga Avenue](#) (just south of Memorial Park).

[side of Memorial Park](#)) and will provide you with a numbered ticket. When you are done enjoying festivities at the Taste of Wheaton, simply return to the bike station in the same place you dropped

it off and present your ticket. A volunteer will retrieve your bike and bring it to you. This is a free service; no tips will be accepted.

# 15 People Making a Difference in Wheaton



Good Citizen Award recipients in the adult category are (from left): Lynn Rule, Scott Rule, Joe Cascio, Lisa Keup, Mary Suess and Sandee Schlickman.



## *City Honors Good Citizen Award Recipients*

From repairing tombstones to tutoring, the actions of these 15 Wheaton residents have not gone unnoticed. Wheaton's Community Relations Commission honored 15 recipients of the 2014 Good Citizen Award during the May 19 City Council meeting.

The Community Relations Commission selects recipients for these awards from nominations submitted by residents. The awards honor service to the community through volunteering or other extraordinary actions that improve the lives of others in Wheaton.

### **Adult Category Award Recipients**

- Scott and Lynn Rule, who run a program for District 200 special needs students that provides vocational training
- Joe Cascio, who puts extraordinary effort into his volunteer role as Cub Scout leader of Pack 382
- Lisa Keup, who devotes her time to helping refugees in Wheaton
- Mary Suess, who is dedi-

cated to helping young people learn about government and encourages them to help elderly residents

- Sandee Schlickman, who has spent many years volunteering at the People's Resource Center and serves as a first responder for the organization

- Mary King, who started a green club at Whittier Elementary School to educate students about the environment and turned the school's courtyard into a garden classroom.

### **Student Category Award Recipients**

- Joseph Keegan, St. Francis High School, who leads a tutoring program for Marion Park residents
- Josh Brenc, Wheaton North High School, who restored and cleaned the tombstones and headstones of 21 Civil War veterans buried in the Wheaton Cemetery for his Eagle Scout project
- Hannah Koropp, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, who founded the Apples and Carrots pro-



Wheaton Good Citizen Award recipients in the student category are (from left): Joseph Keegan, Josh Brenc, James Zurawski and Eddie Dreyer.

gram, providing thousands of pounds of fresh produce to local food pantries

- James Zurawski, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, who built compost bins for Hubble Middle School

- Eddie Dreyer, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, who leads the activities supporting local organizations for more than 375 Key Club members

- Rosemary LaBelle, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, who managed a food drive that collected more than \$15,000 for local food banks

and served as a volunteer leader at the DuPage Convalescent Center.

### **Senior Category Award Recipients**

- Gayle Bloink, who helped a young family when the father was terminally ill by taking care of the family's children and bringing meals to the family

- Carol Kincaid, who started an art outreach program at the DuPage Art League that encourages children to learn the importance of art.

# Upcoming Events

## Taste of Wheaton

**Dates:** June 5-8

**Location:** [Memorial Park](#), and [Hale Street](#) and [Liberty Drive](#) in downtown Wheaton

The Wheaton Park District and Wheaton Chamber of Commerce encourage the community to attend the Taste of Wheaton June 5-8. This community festival kicks off summer with entertainment for all ages. Live entertainment, food, beer garden, a carnival and family activities are among many events. For the schedule, visit [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/taste](http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/taste).



## Vintage Rides

**Dates:** Fridays through Sept. 5 (no event on July 4)

**Time:** 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

**Location:** [Front Street](#) in [Downtown Wheaton](#)

Each Friday, May 30 through Sept. 5 (except July 4), classic cars roll into town for the Vintage Rides car show. This free family-friendly event allows you to stroll down Front Street and admire some outstanding automobiles. Each week features a different make, model or theme. For information, visit the Downtown Wheaton Association's website at [www.downtownwheaton.com](http://www.downtownwheaton.com).

## French Market

**Date:** Saturdays through Nov. 15

**Time:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Location:** [Parking lot near Main Street and Liberty Drive](#) in downtown Wheaton (just south of the railroad tracks)

More than a typical farmers market, the Wheaton French Market offers a wide variety of vendors. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Nov. 15, 2014, visit

the French Market near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive to find fresh produce, locally made gifts, art, specialty foods, handmade jewelry, flowers and more. Items sold change seasonally, offering visitors variety. For more information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0286.

## Summer Reading Kick-off Day

**Date:** Saturday, June 7

**Time:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](http://225 N. Cross St.)

A day of fun for the whole family at Wheaton Public Library! Stop by to board the StoryBus (ages 3-6 with adult), hear Steve Justman perform the music of Pete Seeger, pose for your own READ poster, and much more. Don't forget to sign up for Summer Reading while you're here. Details at [www.wheatonlibrary.org](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org).

## Dave Rudolf Presents: "It's a Jungle Out There!"

**Date:** Wednesday, June 11

**Time:** 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](http://225 N. Cross St.)

This Grammy-nominated family entertainer presents an interactive program about animals, jungles, and

dinosaurs to the Wheaton Public Library. This all-ages event will be held outdoors on the West Plaza of the library next to Adams Park. Free tickets at the Children's Desk.

## Wheaton Municipal Band Summer Concerts

**Dates:** Thursdays, June 12 through Aug. 14 (except first week of July, concert on Wednesday, July 2)

**Time:** 8 p.m. (except June 26 concert begins at 7:30 p.m.)

**Location:** Memorial Park, located at [208 W. Union Ave.](http://208 W. Union Ave.)

The Wheaton Municipal Band is carrying on a long-standing Wheaton tradition with its summer band concerts in Memorial Park. The concerts are free to attend and feature various music styles and themes. For information about each concert, visit the band's website at [www.wheatonmunicipalband.org](http://www.wheatonmunicipalband.org).

## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, June 14

**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon

**Location:** Public Works Storage Yard, [820 W. Liberty Drive](http://820 W. Liberty Drive)

Bring your unwanted electronics to the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive, between 9 a.m. and noon. It is a drive-through

event; volunteers will unload items from your car. No refrigerators, air conditioners or other items with refrigerant/coolant liquids. [Read the list of items that will be accepted.](#)

## Author Visit and Book Signing: Joanne Zienty

**Date:** Wednesday, June 18

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](http://225 N. Cross St.)

Joanne Zienty, Wheaton resident and winner of the first Soon to be Famous Illinois Author Project, will discuss her book, "The Things We Save." She will answer audience questions and sign copies of the book. For information, visit [www.wheatonlibrary.org](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org).

## Wheaton Smooth Jazz Fest

**When:** Saturday, June 28

**Time:** Park opens at 3 p.m.

**Location:** Memorial Park, [Karlskoga & Wheaton Ave.](http://Karlskoga & Wheaton Ave.)

The Wheaton Park District will host the Wheaton Smooth Jazz Fest, featuring Roland Gresham, Scott Allman (featuring Darren Rahn) and Donald Hayes. Music, food, beer and wine are part of this festival. For ticket information, visit [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/jazz](http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/jazz).

# Aerial Spraying for Gypsy Moth

**A**ccording to the Illinois Department of Agriculture, parts of Wheaton are scheduled in June for an aerial application to eliminate European Gypsy Moth.

This invasive species is one of the most damaging forest and tree pests in the U.S. Treatment is part of a statewide program to prevent the species from establishing itself outside the northeast corner of Illinois. The European Gypsy moth can strip multiple species of trees with its huge numbers of caterpillars associated with an infestation, causing trees to die in 1-3 years. The caterpillars create a substantial nuisance, making residential yards nearly unusable from mid-June to early July.

During the aerial application, a yellow fixed-wing aircraft will apply 6 grams (about 1/8 cup) per acre of the biological product Disrupt II. Application could occur any day of the week. This product, which is the chemically copied female pheromone of the European Gypsy Moth, does not pose a risk to humans, animals, non-target organisms or the environment. When an area is saturated with Disrupt II, males are not able to find the females, preventing mating.

Gypsy Moth Specialists with the Illinois Department of Agriculture will be in the field on the spray team during the program. If you have questions, contact the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 815-787-5476.

# Latex Paint Recycling Available through DuPage County Program

**D**uPage County residents can get rid of latex paint or pick up some re-blended paint through an annual recycling program returning to Woodridge Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility.

In order to be accepted, paint must not have been frozen at any time, must be less than 10 years old and must not have been mixed with other products. You can drop off latex paint June

*Drop off paint or pick up re-blended paint*

9 through July 3, 2014 free of charge at the Woodridge Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7900 S. Route 53, Woodridge. Hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on two Saturdays: June 14 and June 28.

Starting June 16, residents can pick up paint that has been filtered and re-blended into a variety of colors, types and finish-

es. Paint is offered free of charge to any resident, business or nonprofit in 5-gallon containers. Recycled paint will be distributed to residents for free during same hours and location.

For more information, contact DuPage County Public Works Dept. at 630-985-7400 or the DuPage County Dept. of Economic Development & Planning at 630-407-6700.

## Summer Crime Prevention Tips

*Keep these in mind when biking, on vacation or driving*

**T**he Wheaton Police Department recommends the following crime prevention tips for summer:

### 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.

### Vacation Watch

- When leaving town on vacation, stop by the police department or visit our website [www.wheaton.il.us/servicerequest](http://www.wheaton.il.us/servicerequest) 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 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 voicemail/text message.

Have a safe summer. It is the Wheaton Police Department's 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 City Hall. Visit [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 9 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 14 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 16 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

