

March 2012

City Notes

Change Batteries for Daylight Saving

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11. The Wheaton Fire Department encourages you to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Changing the batteries about every six months helps ensure they will function correctly, and Daylight Saving Time can serve as a reminder of when to change your batteries.

Yard Waste Pickup Resumes April 2

Yard waste pickup in Wheaton resumes on your collection day during the first week of April. As a reminder, yard waste can be placed either in containers no larger than 33 gallons in volume or in biodegradable bags. Each container or bag needs a blue yard waste sticker – the same sticker that is used for garbage collection.

If containers are not feasible, brush and tree trimmings must be placed in stacks no longer than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter. Stacks do not need

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Learn About ComEd's Planned Improvements at Open House

City of Wheaton staff members have been working with ComEd for a number of months to address specific areas in which residents have experienced repeated power outages. In addition to working to fix problems in these specific areas, ComEd also is starting a number of improvement projects aimed at upgrading infrastructure.

The City of Wheaton will be hosting an Open House with ComEd representatives from 7-9 p.m. April 4 at City Hall to discuss what is being done locally to improve service reliability and the infra-



structure projects the utility company is planning.

In October 2011, the Illinois legislature passed the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act, commonly

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Open House with ComEd

- **Date:** April 4, 7-9 p.m.
- **Location:** Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.

General Primary Election is March 20



The Early Voting site in Wheaton is at the DuPage County Election Commission Office.

The General Primary Election to nominate federal, state and county candidates by an established party will take place on March 20, 2012.

If you were unable to register to vote or change your registration by the traditional deadline (28 days before an election), DuPage County offers a "grace period" to

register and vote. This may only be done at the DuPage County Election Commission office, 421 N. County Farm Road, in Wheaton. The grace period is through March 13, 2012.

Early Voting began Feb. 27 and ends March 15, 2012. In Wheaton, the early voting location is at the DuPage

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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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to be bundled with twine but must have a garbage/yard waste sticker attached.

For more information, [visit the City's website](#).

Save Dates for Green Events

Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission is preparing for a number of events it sponsors each April, and the commission hopes you will save the dates for these upcoming community events.

- Recycling Extravaganza: April 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., parking lot at Carlton Avenue and Liberty Drive. The drive-through event will collect scrap metal, eye glasses, cell phones, wheelchairs, electronics (except no refrigerators or air conditioners), propane tanks, bikes, clothes and more.

- Arbor Day Celebration: April 27. More information will be announced closer to the date of the event.

- Native Illinois Plant Sale: April 28, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Wheaton Public Works Building, 821 W. Liberty Drive. Purchase native trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers; pick up



Sandburg Elementary School hosted the 2011 Arbor Day Celebration. This year's event will take place April 27. More information will be posted on the City's website closer to the event.

some free wood chips; or pre-order and pick up a rain barrel at the sale.

- Prairie Path Cleanup: April 28, 9 a.m.-noon, Stevens Park at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and the Illinois Prairie Path. Groups and individuals are encouraged to bring work gloves and help clean up a portion of the path that runs through Wheaton.

More information about all of these events is available [on the City's website](#).

Wheaton Fourth for Energy Savings

Since June 2010, Wheaton

residents have collectively saved more than \$20,615 and nearly 185,000 kWh in energy by using the CUB Energy Saver program. Recently released standings from the Citizens Utility Board place Wheaton fourth in Illinois for energy saved by using the Energy Saver program.

This free online tool uses information from residents' ComEd bills to build customized money-saving plans for households by showing them ways to reduce their energy use. It also gives users the ability to track over time their energy usage.

Wheaton currently has 327 households participating in the program.

To learn more or enroll in the CUB Energy Saver program, visit www.CUBEnergySaver.com.

Commission News

The Council approved the reappointment of Cathy Coleman to the Environmental Improvement Commission for a three-year term. The Council also appointed Councilman John Rutledge to the TIF Joint Review Board to replace former Councilwoman Liz Corry.

Open House

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known as a "smart grid," through which ComEd will invest \$2.6 billion in its utility grid. Its long-term plan includes installing "smart meters," digital electric meters that will allow the utility company to automate service and receive information from meters remotely. The system would no longer rely on customers calling to report outages; ComEd would be able

to tell exactly which customers are without power. Smart grid infrastructure plans for Wheaton have not yet been determined.

ComEd is in town making improvements in five areas in Wheaton where underground cables have reached the end of their useful lives. An outside contractor will be completing work this spring mostly in the public utility easements located in residential backyards. Customers will be notified of any outages necessary to complete this

work. The end result will be greater reliability of service for the pockets of customers affected by the aging cable.

The Open House will begin with a presentation by ComEd officials addressing improvements planned for Wheaton and the utility's long-term upgrade plan. After the presentation, ComEd will provide representatives to talk to residents about different aspects of service, such as the storm restoration process, tree trimming and smart grid improvements.

Election

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County Election Commission office, 421 N. County Farm Road, in the office foyer. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Polls will be open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20. Candidate lists, registration status and polling place information is available on the DuPage Election Commission website at www.dupageelections.com.


Council Endorses Energy Savings Program

Gives you ability to choose alternate energy supplier

Just a few minutes of your time will save you more than 21% on the cost of electricity. The City of Wheaton is joining other communities in promoting the [Energy Savings Program](#), which allows you to purchase energy from an alternate supplier, Integrys Energy Services, for a rate that is significantly less than ComEd charges. It is an opt-in program, and there is no obligation for you to participate.

An amendment to the Illinois Power Agency Act now allows municipalities to create a program to obtain lower rates for residential and small business electricity customers by jointly purchasing electricity for the aggregated customers.

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus has created an Energy Savings Program through its Clean Air Counts Campaign with a secured rate of 6.1 cents per kWh through June 2013. The rate has been reduced from 6.2 cents. This will provide an immediate savings of more than 21% for participants compared with ComEd's current rate of 7.733 cents per kWh. To assist you in saving even more energy and improve our air quality, you will be eligible to receive four CFL (compact fluorescent



Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Clean Air Counts Campaign and Energy Choices are proud to present the following electricity supply offer from Integrys Energy Services. You'll still get your service and bills from ComEd. With Integrys Energy, you pay a rate that's **lower than ComEd's** current rate¹.

Residential Customers **Business Customers**

View our Enrollment FAQs

Saving on your electricity is only a few clicks away.

Save 26.77%¹

With Integrys Energy's Price Match Fixed Rate through June 2013 of 6.100 ¢ vs. ComEd's current Price to Compare of 7.733 ¢

Switch and save with Integrys Energy Services today!

6.100¢
per kWh
(through June 2013 Billing Cycle)

Price Match Fixed Rate
[Show Details](#)

Enroll

To enroll online, please be sure to have the following information about your ComEd account:

- Account Number
- Service and Mailing Address
- Telephone Number

1 - Integrys' Price Match Fixed Rate will not exceed ComEd's current Price to Compare through May 31, 2013, such that if ComEd's Price to Compare drops below the customer's Price Match Fixed Rate Integrys will lower the customer's Price Match Fixed Rate to match ComEd's Price to Compare commencing with the first billing cycle after the change becomes effective. Integrys Energy's current Price Match Fixed Rate is 20% lower than ComEd's current Price to Compare for residential non-heating customers. Savings result from a comparison of Integrys' current Price Match Fixed Rate for identified delivery classes for a term through the June 2013 meter read, as compared to ComEd's October 2011 to May 2012 Price to Compare. "ComEd's Price to Compare" means ComEd's electric supply charge, plus ComEd's transmission services charge, as set forth on the ICC's Plug in Illinois website, but does not include ComEd's delivery charges or ComEd's "purchased electricity adjustment". ComEd's rates will change each June and October. A contract through your June 2013 meter read is required and there are fees for early termination.

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When you visit the Energy Savings Program website, the signup page is specifically for the Clean Air Counts Energy Savings Program.

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If you choose to enroll in the Energy Savings Program, ComEd will continue to be your energy provider; this program applies to the energy you are purchasing from a different supplier, Integrys Energy Services. You will continue to receive only one bill, as Integrys



Energy Services incorporates their charges into the same familiar monthly bill you receive from ComEd.

All you need to enroll is your ComEd account number and name as it appears on the bill. Then, visit www.integrysenergy.com/Marketing/MEC/default.aspx and

follow the prompts provided through a few quick steps, or call 888-688-1236 and ask for the Clean Air Counts Savings Program. No offer code is needed.

You will receive a confirmation email, and once your request is processed, you will begin seeing savings on your next energy bill.

For more information about the program, [see the City's website](#).

County Farm Road Study Presented during Open House

A study of the County Farm Road corridor is looking at ways to enhance transit and connectivity in this area. The corridor includes sections of Wheaton,

Bloomington, Carol Stream, Hanover Park and a number of other municipalities and unincorporated areas.

There will be an open house from 7-8:30 p.m. March

12 at the Village of Hanover Park, 2121 W. Lake St., Hanover Park to give an overview of initial findings from the draft discovery and diagnosis report and to solicit

input on transit needs and desires in this corridor.

To provide comments or learn more about the study, visit www.landvision.com/countyfarmroad.

Learn About Budget during Workshops

The Wheaton City Council and City staff members will conduct three Budget Workshop Sessions to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. Residents are welcome to attend the sessions to learn more about the budget process and the City's proposed budget.

The three workshop sessions will take place:

- **9 a.m. Saturday, March 10**
- **7 p.m. Monday, March 12**
- **9 a.m. Saturday, March 17**

Each session will take place in the Council Chambers of Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. You can share your input about the proposed budget during the City Council Budget Public Hearing on Monday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Upcoming Event

March Electronic Recycling

March 10, 9 a.m.-noon

Remember that state law now prohibits disposal of electronics in your curbside garbage. Drop off your unwanted electronics and old batteries for recycling during the City's monthly collection event from 9 a.m.-noon March 10 at the Public Works Storage Facility, 820 W. Liberty Drive. Electronics such as televisions, computers and printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted along with household batteries. [More information is on the City's website.](#)

City Council Approves Sale of Main Street Property as New Aveda Salon

A City-owned property will soon become an internationally known salon and retail storefront, selling exclusive Aveda brand products.

At its Feb. 21, 2012 meeting, the Wheaton City Council approved a sales contract for 109 N. Main Street. The City previously acquired this property through eminent domain proceedings, and the property has been vacant since 2006.

Roy and Karen Millonzi of Glen Ellyn purchased the

property with the intent of renovating the downtown building as the new home of an Aveda Lifestyle Salon. Aveda is a health and beauty brand selling hair care, styling, skin care, body care, perfume, makeup and unique gifts. There are only 18 existing Aveda Lifestyle locations in the state of Illinois.

"The City is pleased to see this internationally respected brand choose downtown Wheaton for its newest location," said James Kozik, Director of Planning and Economic

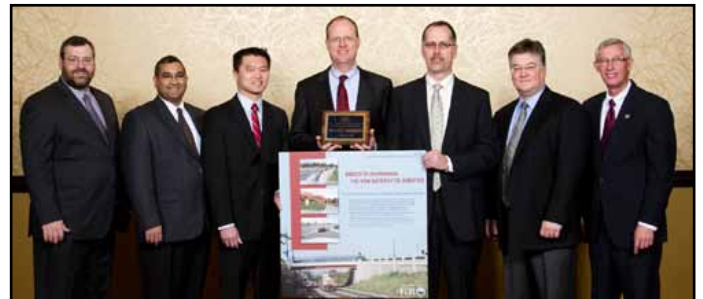
Development. "It also puts this property back on the tax rolls, which is good for the City and the entire community."

In addition to the 109 N. Main St. property, the City also acquired the 111-113 N. Main St. property through eminent domain proceedings. The 111-113 N. Main St. property is still available for purchase. Interested buyers can find out more about the property by visiting the [Available Properties section of the City's website.](#)

City Honored for Bridge Project

On Feb. 3, 2012, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois recognized the City of Wheaton and HDR Engineering Inc. for the Manchester/Wesley bridge project. The project received an award in the Engineering Excellence Awards Competition, which are given for projects that are deemed "worthy of recognition for the engineer and the client."

The City's Engineering Department worked for a



number of years on plans to replace the bridge. The roadway bridge was demolished and completely reconfigured to improve safety, ease traffic flow and add enhancements

such as decorative street lighting, fencing and pedestrian access. The project also included reconstruction of the adjacent Illinois Prairie Path structures.

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.

March 2012

- 5** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10** Budget Workshop Session, 9 a.m.
- 12** Budget Workshop Session, 7 p.m.
- 17** Budget Workshop Session, 9 a.m.
- 19** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20** Election Day
- 26** City Council Public Hearing & Planning Session, 7 p.m.