

March 2014

City Notes

Daylight Saving Time Reminder

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 9. When you set your clocks ahead, the Wheaton Fire Department suggests that you replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, too.

Replacing the batteries about every six months helps ensure they are functioning properly, and daylight saving time is a good way to remind yourself when you last replaced the batteries.

Cell Phone Ban

The Wheaton Police Department reminds residents that using cell phones or other electronic communication devices while driving is now illegal.

An Illinois law that became effective Jan. 1, 2014, prohibits using cell phones and other electronic devices while driving, unless the driver is using hands-free technology with hand-held devices.

Violating this law can result in fines ranging from \$75 to \$150, with three moving violations in a 12-month period

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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)

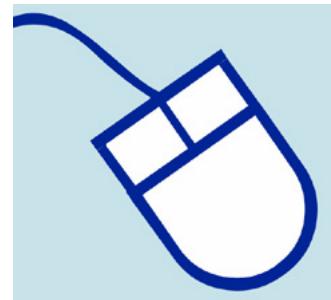
City Hall Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Online Version of Community Survey Open to All Residents

The 2014 City of Wheaton Citizen Satisfaction surveys have been mailed to some randomly chosen Wheaton households. If you don't receive one, your opinion is still important, and you can still participate. The survey is now posted online at www.wheaton2014survey.com.

The online version is identical to the mailed survey. It aims to help guide the City Council's future decisions, gauge public sentiment and identify areas where the City can make improvements.

Individual survey re-



sponses remain completely confidential, as ETC Institute is administering the survey. The City will not be informed which residents received or completed surveys.

The City encourages you to take the survey in order for the City to receive as much feedback as possible.

Community Survey

Take the survey online: wheaton2014survey.com

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

ETC will compile and present the results of both the mailed and public surveys to the City Council later this year.

For any questions about this survey, call Communications Manager Gary White at 630-260-2190.

Nominate a Good Citizen for Award

It's time again to focus a spotlight on community members who make Wheaton a better place to live. The community is invited to help select Wheaton's 2014 Good Citizens Award recipients.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their service in the



Seven high school students received 2013 Good Citizen Awards and were honored during a City Council meeting.

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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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resulting in possible driver's license suspension.

Commission News

The Council approved the appointment of Raj Salgia, William Gilbertson, Robert Willock, Andrea Petti and Jeannie Iseman, and the reappointment of Nancy Harding to the Housing Commission for a three-year term. The Council also approved the reappointment of Suzanne Fitch for a five-year term on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Interested in serving on a board or commission? Learn more in the [Boards & Commissions section of the City's website](#).

Downtown Plan

At the Feb. 3, 2014 meeting, the Wheaton City Council amended the Wheaton Downtown Strategic and Streetscape Plan to the Wheaton Comprehensive Plan. The plan creates a vision to guide the Council and City staff's future decisions relating to downtown Wheaton's streetscape and aims to support economic development efforts.

You can watch a video of the Jan. 27 Public Hearing to see a summary presentation of the plan, or view the entire plan [on the City's website](#).

Business News

- New business: Joan's Place, 120 N. Main St.: a home décor shop offering vintage-inspired mirrors, chandeliers, hand-painted furniture and accessories.
- Posh Salon and Color Bar has moved from 102 Front St. to 213 W. Wesley St.
- Pier 1 Imports has moved from 2023 Naperville Road to 110 Danada Square West.

Council Considers Adopting Updated Building Codes

The City Council is reviewing the adoption of the 2012 ICC Building Codes. The City currently enforces the 2003 ICC Building Codes.

Copies of the 2012 ICC Building Codes, significant changes to the codes since 2003, and a draft ordinance adopting the 2012 ICC Building Codes are available for inspection at the Building Department, Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., during normal business hours. For questions or feedback, please contact Joe Kreidl, Director of Building and Code Enforcement at jkreidl@wheaton.il.us or 630-260-2050.

The City Council discussed proposed changes



More Information

[View the Feb. 24 meeting video](#) or see the [Report on Updating Building Codes](#).

to the Building Codes at the Feb. 24 Planning Session.

The Council will further discuss these changes at the March 24 Planning Session. A first reading of the proposed ordinance will take place at the April 7 City Council Meeting, and the Council will vote on it at the April 21 City Council Meeting.

Good Citizen

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community? The Community Relations Commission's Good Citizens Awards help recognize and thank those in Wheaton who make quiet, generous and often extraordinary contributions to the community. This includes volunteer service for a school, church, nursing home, civic group or non-profit organizations. A person may also be nominated for service to an individual, such as tutoring or assisting an elderly neighbor.

The four categories for nominees are: 1) high school student, 2) adult, 3) senior adult and 4) group. A nominee must be a current resident of Wheaton and have done something for

the benefit of Wheaton and its citizens.

To nominate someone:

- Fill out and submit the online nomination form at www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen
- Email a completed nomination form to sbarrett-hagen@wheaton.il.us, or
- Mail a paper copy of the nomination (available at the Wheaton Public Library, Wheaton Park District Community Center, Leisure Center and City Hall) to: City Clerk, Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

Nominations are due by April 11, 2014. The commission will review the nominations and honor award recipients at the May 19, 2014 Wheaton City Council meeting.

City's Budget Workshop Sessions Open to Residents

If you would like to learn about the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget, attend the City's Budget Workshop Sessions, which will take place:

- 9 a.m. Saturday, March 22
- 7 p.m. Monday, March 24
- 9 a.m. Saturday, March 29

During the sessions, which will take place in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., City staff and the City Council will discuss and review the proposed City budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mark Your Calendar for April Environmental Events

We're just weeks away from a number of popular community events organized by Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission. Mark your calendar with these dates, start collecting things to drop off at the Recycling Extravaganza, and start planning which native plants you'd like to add to your yard.

Recycling Extravaganza

**Saturday, April 12,
9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Commuter Parking Lot at Liberty Drive & Carlton Avenue

Things you can drop off for recycling/reuse:

- Scrap metal such as pots, swing sets, hangers, shelving, lawn furniture, tomato cages, drained lawn mowers, washers, dryers, air conditioners, etc.
- Eye glasses, keys, hearing aids, worn American flags, wheelchairs
- All electronics (anything with an on/off switch and all electric cords), TVs, computers, cell phones, printer toner cartridges, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, printers, etc.
- Large batteries (car, sump pump, boat, motorcycle, etc.).
- Propane tanks, buttons, rulers, bikes, sewing machines, LP records, musical instruments
- Dry residential carpeting and padding
- Fluorescent tube bulbs from residents only.

- Clothes, blankets, towels, sheets, shoes, and any textiles in any condition for Goodwill Industries
- Document/office paper shredding on site – 3 copy box limit; please remove binders and plastic bags

Things you CAN'T drop off:

- No refrigerators or freezers.
- No household batteries.
- No hazardous waste can be accepted.
- No compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- No books

Want to volunteer at this event? Groups or individuals high school age or older can call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877.

Native Illinois Plant Sale

Saturday, April 26,

8:30 a.m.-noon

Wheaton Public Works Building, 821 W. Liberty Drive

- Native northern Illinois trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers for sale (cash or check only)
- Free wood chips (bring your



On-site shredding will also take place at the April 12 Recycling Extravaganza in the commuter parking lot at Carlton & Liberty.



The Recycling Extravaganza will accept many types of electronics, scrap metal and much more

own container)

- Rain barrels can be pre-ordered from the Conservation Foundation for pickup the morning of the sale: Call 630-428-4500 or go to www.upcycle-products.com/static.asp?path=5081
- Food scrap amended compost available for pre-order. Call 630-545-9710 to place order ahead of sale; bring your own containers.

Annual Prairie Path Cleanup

Saturday, April 26,

9 a.m.-noon

Stevens Park at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and the Prairie Path

Volunteer groups and individuals needed; bring work gloves

Any group wanting to clean a specific area should e-mail cleanuptheprairiepath@yahoo.com ahead of time.

Submit Native Plant Photos

The Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission and Wheaton Park District are seeking photos of native plants growing in your yard that were purchased at a past Wheaton Native Plant Sale.

The photos will be showcased at the next sale to help attendees see what the various plants look like in a natural setting. The person who submits the best photo will receive a certificate for free plants to use at the April 26 Native Plant Sale.

To submit a photo, email the image to Steve Hinchee of the Wheaton Park District



at shinchee@wheatonparks.org. Be sure to include the type of plant shown, along with your name, address and phone number.

Public Works Crews Filling Potholes

With numerous days of below-average temperatures and above-average snowfall, this winter has been rough on roads. Extended periods of severe cold weather, fluctuating temperatures and excessive amounts of snow have produced excellent conditions for potholes.

Two Public Works crews have been patching potholes each day, continuing throughout the city.

"This winter has produced some dramatic weather, which unfortunately creates the right conditions for potholes to form," said Mike Wakefield, City of Wheaton Street Superintendent.

Crews have been filling potholes based on the same priority routes used for clearing snow. The prioritized route system starts with main thoroughfares, then addresses secondary and residential streets, and finishes with cul-de-sacs and dead-ends. This patching will serve as a temporary fix for potholes, as crews need warmer temperatures to perform permanent repairs using new asphalt.

Residents can report a pothole through the Online Request Form on the City's website or call 630-260-2116.



Electronic Recycling

When: Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m.-noon

Where: Wheaton Public Works Storage Facility, [820 W. Liberty Drive](http://820WLibertyDrive)

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 cooking oil and 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 and basements); aquarium tubes; under-counter fluorescent tubes. Please do not tape fluorescent tubes together. CFLs, smoke detectors and household batteries are not accepted at the monthly electronic recycling collection. [More information is on the City's website](#). To volunteer at an electronic recycling event, people of high school age or older can call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877.

Toast to Restaurant Week

When: Thursday, March 13,



5-8 p.m.

Where: 124 N. Hale St.

This event features samplings offered by more than 15 downtown Wheaton restaurants, live music, cash bar, and silent auction. It will take place at 124 N. Hale St. Proceeds benefit the Downtown Wheaton Association and Wheaton local charities. Visit [www.downtownwheaton.com](#) or call 630-682-0633 for information.

Restaurant Week

When: Friday, March 14-Thursday, March 20

Where: Participating restaurants in downtown Wheaton

Celebrate the diverse dining scene that is downtown Wheaton. Participating restaurants offer prix fixe menus and individual menu specials are also featured. For a complete listing of participating

restaurants and their restaurant week specials, go to [www.downtownwheaton.com](#).

Wheaton Wedding Walk

When: Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Begins at DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 W. Wesley St.

Brides and their entourages are invited to spend a day in Downtown Wheaton, filled with champagne and wedding cake tastings, beauty treatments and consultations, wedding gown and travel tips, floral designs, invitation designs and reception inspirations. More than 40 shops, boutiques, vendors and restaurants are participating in this event. Brides must register in advance at [www.downtownwheaton.com](#).

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 for a complete list of meetings and events.

March 2014

- 1** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 3** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 17** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18** Election Day; Polls open 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
- 22** Budget Workshop Session, 9 a.m.
- 24** Budget Workshop Session, 7 p.m.
- 29** Budget Workshop Session, 9 a.m.