

March 2015

City Notes

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8. 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 approximately 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.

Wheaton Celebrates 25 Years of Friendship

On Feb. 20, 2015, two cities with

a special connection celebrated 25 years of friendship.

Mayor Michael Gresk declared Feb. 20, 2015 "Wheaton Aston Day" in the city to commemorate the

25th anniversary of its Sister City relationship with Wheaton Aston, England.

Situated in the heart of the English countryside, the village of Wheaton Aston is part of a small, rural community in the English West Midlands. To learn

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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

Do You Know a Good Citizen?

Nominate someone for annual award

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

The Community Relations Commission's annual 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

How to Nominate

Go to www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen or fill out a [nomination form](#).

someone, you can either:

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Liz Corry Appointed to City Council

During its Feb. 17 meeting, the City Council appointed Liz Corry to fill the vacant At-Large City Council seat vacated by Evelyn Pacino Sanguinetti. Corry was sworn into office and will serve on the Council until May 4.

Corry served on the City Council from 2003-2011 and has a long history of service to the City.



In addition to her years on

the City Council, Corry has been involved in Engage 200, the Downtown Wheaton Association, DuPage County Development Commission, Hubble School Task Force, Rotary Club of Central DuPage AM and League of Women Voters.

Contact the City

Feedback:

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

Award

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

Nominations are due by April 10, 2015. The Commission will honor award recipients at the May 18, 2015 Wheaton City Council meeting.

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more about Wheaton's sister cities, [visit the City's website](#).

RxBox Program Suspended

The Wheaton Police Department temporarily suspended its anonymous medication disposal program, RxBox. The department's storage has reached maximum capacity and can't accept any medications until late April.

Alternative locations include the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 N. County Farm Road, and police Departments in Addison, Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Glendale Heights, Lemont, Lisle, Oak Brook, Schaumburg and Wood Dale.

Thank you for your patience.

Commission News

The Council reappointed Cathy Coleman to the Environmental Improvement Commission for a three-year term.



Registered voters can vote for two At-Large Wheaton City Council positions and for Mayor of Wheaton. Early voting takes place March 23 through April 4, and Election Day is April 7.

Early Voting for Local Election Starts March 23

Election Day is Tuesday, April 7

Registered voters can vote in the April 7 Consolidated General Election for the election of Municipal, Park District and School District officials.

In Wheaton, the position of Mayor and two Councilman At-Large positions are up for election.

The candidate running for Mayor is:

- Michael J. Gresk.

The candidates running for the two At-Large City Council positions are:

- Tony Lyons
- John R. Prendiville
- Ron Almiron
- Suzanne Fitch

Voters can cast their ballots through the early voting period, which is from March 23 through April 4, or they can vote on Election Day, which is Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The Wheaton Early Voting site is at the DuPage County Election Commission Office, 421 N. County Farm Road, Room 1-500B. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Mon-

Voter Registration Available Online

You can register to vote or change your registration through the Illinois State Board of Elections' website. Visit <https://ova.elections.il.gov>

day through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

To look up your voting status, polling place and for more information, visit www.dupageco.org/election.

Workshop Sessions Discuss City Budget

If you would like to learn about the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget, you can attend the City's Budget Workshop Sessions, which will take place:

- 9 a.m. Saturday, March

14, 2015

- 7 p.m. Monday, March

16, 2015

- 9 a.m. Saturday, March

21, 2015

During the sessions, which 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.

The Council has scheduled a public hearing on the budget for April 13, 2015.

Popular Recycling Extravaganza is April 11

Event features drive-through convenience

There's a reason they call this event an "extravaganza." It's enormous, it's impressive, and it's a big deal in Wheaton.

Bring your old washing machine, car batteries, electronics, bicycles, eye glasses, swing sets and much more to the annual Recycling Extravaganza. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11, the [commuter parking lot at Liberty Drive and Carlton Avenue](#) will be transformed into a maze of cars with drop-off stations and volunteers ready to unload your stuff.

This event is run by the Environmental Improvement Commission, and volunteers are greatly appreciated. Groups or individuals high school age or older can call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8776 to volunteer.

THINGS YOU CAN BRING TO THE RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA:

- 1) **Electronics:** Anything with an on/off switch and all electric cords. Examples: TVs, computers, cell phones, printers, blenders, stereos, etc. Limit two TVs and two monitors per car.
- 2) **Scrap metal:** Pots, swing sets, hangers, shelving, lawn furniture, tomato cages, drained lawn mowers, washers, dryers, air conditioners, etc. **No refrigerators or freezers**
- 3) **Batteries:** All household batteries, plus large batteries (car, boat, sump pump batteries, etc.)
- 4) **Fluorescent tube bulbs.** No CFLs accepted
- 5) **Cooking oil**
- 6) **Bicycles:** In any condition
- 7) **Paper** for on-site shredding. 3 box limit (copy-size box). Remove rubber bands, binders, cardboard, plastic bags
- 8) **Wheel chairs, eye glasses, hearing aids**
- 9) **Miscellaneous:** Buttons, rulers, LP records, musical instruments, keys, worn American flags



DO NOT BRING:

- Refrigerators, freezers
- CFL light bulbs
- Hazardous waste
- Books (But books can be taken to SCARCE in Glen Ellyn for reuse and recycling. Visit [www.scarce.org](#) for information.)
- More than 2 TVs or 2 monitors
- More than 3 boxes of paper

Monthly Electronic Recycling Returns Soon

After April Extravaganza, monthly collection events are back

Wheaton's monthly electronic recycling events will be returning soon – and better than ever.

The annual Recycling Extravaganza on April 11 will serve as a kick-off event for you to recycle your electronics, household appliances and much more. (See above for more information.)

Then, on May 9, the regular monthly electronic recycling events will resume, taking place on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive (near the Wheaton Police Department).

New to this year's events

Monthly Electronic Recycling

- **Resumes:** May 9
- **Dates:** Second Saturday of each month
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-noon
- **Location:** Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive

will be the collection of scrap metal and batteries of all types. As in the past, you can bring cooking oil, fluorescent tube bulbs (no CFLs please) and nearly all electronics.

These events will accept almost anything with an on/off switch and a power cord, from computers, radios, DVD

players and alarm clocks to blenders, extension cords, hair dryers and cell phones. While TVs and monitors will be accepted, there is a limit of two CRT-containing devices (plastic-cased televisions, projection televisions or console televisions) per car.

To ensure the security of confidential data, memory will be removed from electronic devices and destroyed.

More information is available on the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/electronics](#).

Volunteers are needed every month. Individuals or groups high school age or older can call 630-653-8776 or 630-690-1237 to help.

Save these Dates for April Events



April 11: Recycling Extravaganza



April 24: Arbor Day



April 25: Native Illinois Plant Sale



April 25: Annual Prairie Path Clean-up

[Look for more information](#) in your March water bill, April newsletter or on the City's website.

Final Stretch for Parkway Ash Tree Removal



Less than 380 parkway ash trees remain in Wheaton. Before the emerald ash borer infestation, there were 6,321.

What started out as 6,321 ash trees lining Wheaton parkways is down to less 380 trees.

Crews contracted by the City of Wheaton are entering the final stages of parkway ash tree removal, which involves removing ash trees in locations throughout the city. The City's goal is to complete these removals by the end of spring. Another 240 trees will not be removed at this time because property owners have been privately treating these ash trees with insecticide.

To follow the progress of crews as they complete this final stage, you can see the [Emerald Ash Borer Progress Map on the City's website](#). Information about the emerald ash borer and the City's response is also available [on the City's website](#).

As a reminder, property owners are responsible for removing ash trees on private property infested by the emerald ash borer. [Under Wheaton City Code](#), infested trees are declared a public nuisance, and they can pose a safety hazard.

Upcoming Events

In Good Taste Restaurant Week

Dates: Through March 8
Location: Downtown Wheaton Restaurants

During "In Good Taste Restaurant Week," look for dining specials in downtown Wheaton. Sponsored by the Downtown Wheaton Association.

Indoor French Market

Dates: Saturdays, through March 28, 2015
Time: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Location: Downtown Wheaton Train Station, [West Street & Front Street](#)

Vendors will include a family-owned bakery specializing gluten-free breads, organic trail mixes and organic ingredients; a family-owned orchard offering winter fruits and vegetables; an organic specialty food company; a local company featuring artisan crafted pickles and more; a local sustainable farm with fresh organic produce from their greenhouse; a French-styled company featuring linens,

pottery and home decor items; and many more.

Each week will feature live music during the indoor French Market. For more information, email bensidoun@yahoo.com.

Self-Publishing: Doing it by the Book

Date: Tuesday, March 10
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Thriller author Libby Fischer Hellmann explains her move to self-publishing and discusses the differences, benefits, drawbacks and costs of doing it yourself rather than being traditionally published.

This program is part of the Inside Writing and Publishing series and is co-sponsored by the Warrenville Public Library. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

Spring Cleaning: Organizing for Everyone

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Get ready for spring cleaning with Professional Organizer Beth Randall! She will provide tips and ideas for tackling clutter and organizing your closet and kitchen to be more efficient. A step-by-step process of how to organize any space will be explained. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

Gavin Coyle Luck O' the Irish Concert

Date: Sunday, March 22
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Irish baritone Gavin Coyle teams up with Carlyn Lloyd on flute and Jon Warfel on keyboard for an afternoon of music in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Free tickets are available at the library's Checkout Desk beginning March 2.

Starting, Operating, Funding, and

Protecting Your Business 101

Date: Thursday, March 26
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Have you always wanted to start your own business? Hear from a panel of experts as they answer all of your legal questions about starting and/or operating your business. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

Agatha Christie: The Mystery of Living

Date: Sunday, March 29
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Betsey Means returns to WPL to portray the legendary Agatha Christie as she packs for a trip to Syria.

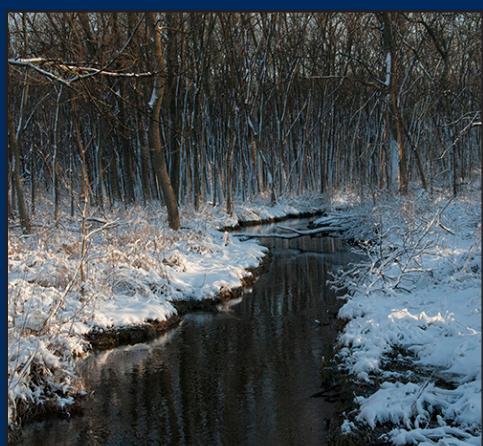
Enjoying a career that spanned over 50 years, Christie's works have inspired numerous other authors' works and have been adapted to radio, stage, and film. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

Share Your Feedback

Resident input needed for redesign

The City of Wheaton's website, www.wheaton.il.us, is getting ready for an update. Since the current website's launch in January 2008, the devices people use to access the internet, the types of services and information users want online, and even the ways many people find information online have changed. To modernize the City's website so it works easily for all users – including residents, businesses, visitors and others – the City is beginning the process of redesigning the website.

For the new website to meet your needs, the City would like your help in identifying what you would like to see on the new site. How can the site be improved? What type of information or features should the City include or not include on the new site? [Please take a moment to share your feedback through this online survey](#) collecting information about your experience using the City's website and ideas for improvement.



New Snow Ordinance Reminder

Do not shovel snow onto opposite parkway or into street

As wintery weather continues, please be mindful of Wheaton's new ordinance targeting snow removal issues.

Plowing, blowing or shoveling snow into the roadway or across the street to the opposite parkway creates several problems. When it piles up into the street, it narrows the lanes of traffic,

produces safety hazards for drivers and creates a nuisance for other property owners. It also causes plows to hit and possibly damage the curb.

For these reasons, the City enacted an ordinance in late 2014 that makes pushing snow onto an opposite parkway a violation of City Code. Please help keep our

streets safe by adhering to this ordinance. Violations yield a minimum fine of \$100 per day.

The City has seen numerous instances of violations this year. Please be mindful not to push snow onto the parkway of any other property. If you use a snow removal service, please share this information with their crews.

Submit Photos for Native Plant Sale

Winner will receive certificate for plants at this year's sale

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



25, 2015 Native Plant Sale.

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

at shinchee@wheatonparks.org. Include the type of plant shown, your name, address and phone number.

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 2015

- 2** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 9** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 14** Budget Workshop Session, 9 a.m.
- 16** Budget Workshop Session, 7 p.m.
- 16** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 21** Budget Workshop Session, 9 a.m.
- 23** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.