

March 2016

City Notes

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Friday, March 25. They will reopen on Monday, March 28.

Change Batteries for Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 13. 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.

Employment Opportunities

The City currently has several employment opportunities posted on its website, including:

- Director of Human Resources
- Maintenance Worker, Public Works
- Plan Examiner, Building Department

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Help Choose Designs for Downtown Improvements



People who attend the March 2 meeting will see conceptual drawings of possible designs for improvements to the French Market and other proposed downtown improvements.

Attend Meeting March 2 to See Proposed Design Choices

Big changes are coming for downtown Wheaton, and you can help determine what those changes will look like.

The City will host a public meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., to get your input on downtown streetscape improvements.

The City has contracted with Design Workshop, a landscape architecture firm, to assist with the first phase of implementing elements of the Downtown Strategic Plan. This plan will focus on streetscape improvements,



gathering areas, signage and other changes to enhance downtown Wheaton.

Design Workshop will present options and solicit input to help guide the final design plans during the

March 2 meeting. If you are unable to attend, there will be an opportunity for residents to share their feedback online. More information will be posted on the City's website after the meeting.

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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- Summer Temporary Seasonal Workers (college students)
- Summer Engineering Intern

To read more about these opportunities and find out how to apply, [visit the City's website](#).

Yard Waste Pickup Resumes April 4

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

For more information about yard waste and garbage/recycling collection, [visit the City's website](#).

Commission News

The City Council appointed Raymond Sanguinetti to the Library Board to fill a 4 ½-month vacancy created by a board member resignation.

Police: Be Alert for IRS Tax Scams

Learn what you should watch for to avoid being scammed

As Tax Day for 2016 approaches, criminals will be trying to take advantage of taxpayers by impersonating Internal Revenue Service and Treasury employees. The phone fraud scam uses automated robo-calls to contact victims. The criminals provide fake names, badge numbers and may even have basic information about the victim.

The Wheaton Police Department would like to remind you that the Internal Revenue Service will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the IRS call about taxes owed without first corresponding by mail.
- Demand that you pay



Want to learn more?

More information is available from this [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration public service video on YouTube](#).

taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

- Require you to use specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to have mem-

bers of the Wheaton Police Department or DuPage County Sheriff's Office come to your home and arrest you for not paying.

If you don't owe taxes and receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS asking for money:

- Do not give the caller any information and hang up immediately.
- Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml) 800-829-1040
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.FTC.gov
- Report it to the Wheaton Police Department.



Workshops Discuss City Budget

Residents can attend to learn about City's proposed budget

If you would like to learn about the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget, attend the City's Budget Workshop Sessions, which will take place:

- 9 a.m. Saturday, March 12
- 7 p.m. Monday, March 14

• 9 a.m. Saturday, March 19

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.

The proposed budget will be available on the City's website before the budget workshop sessions.

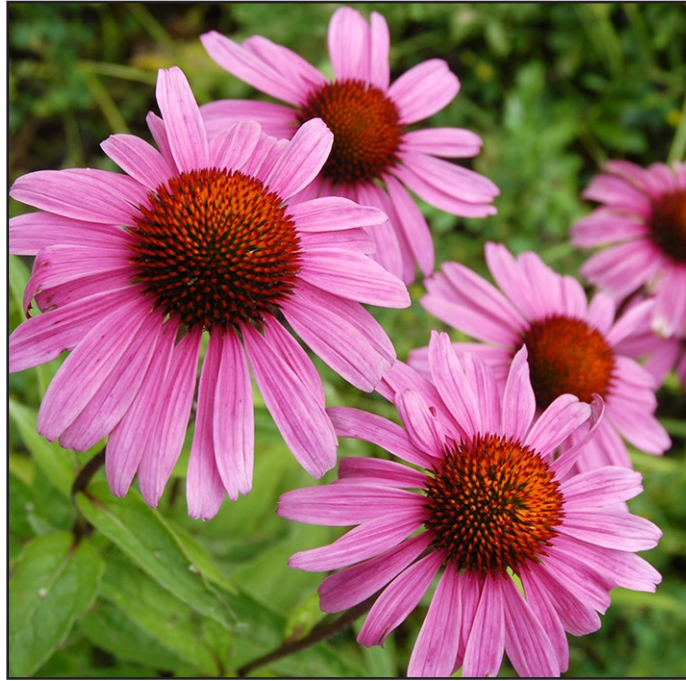
The City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the budget for April 11.

Native Plant Sale is April 30

Enter photo contest to bring home some free plants at sale

Want a chance to bring home some free plants from the 2016 Native Plant 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 2016 Native Plant Sale, which will

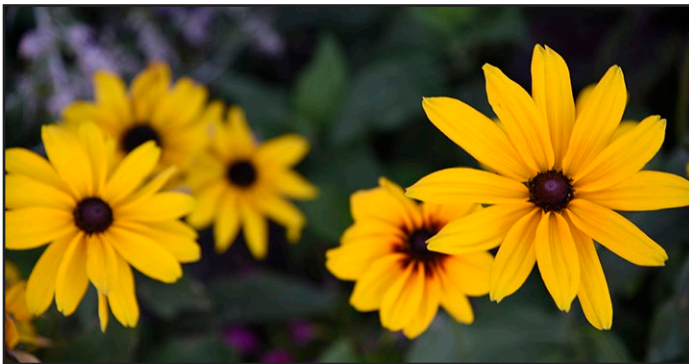


take place April 30, 2016.

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. Entries are due by April 8, 2016.

Interested in reducing your water bill and conserving water? You can pre-order a rain barrel and other accessories from the Conservation Foundation at <http://upcycle-products.com/static.asp?path=5081> and then pick them up at the Native Plant Sale.



Paper Shredding Offered April 9

Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission will host a paper shredding event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9 in Commuter Parking Lot 9, located at Liberty Drive and Carlton Avenue.

Please note that this event and the monthly electronic recycling collection will replace the annual Recycling Extravaganza.

See page 4 for more information on the monthly electronic recycling collections.

Upcoming Eco-Friendly Events

- **April 9:** Paper Shredding
- **April 9:** Electronic Recycling Collection
- **April 29:** Arbor Day
- **April 30:** Native Plant Sale
- **April 30:** Illinois Prairie Path Clean-up

Early Voting Open; More Options for Registering

The General Primary Election to nominate federal, state and county candidates by an established party will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Registered voters who would like to use the early voting option to vote in the General Primary Election may

New law allows Election Day voter registration at polling places

do so through March 14.

The Wheaton location is at the DuPage County Election Commission Office, 421 N. County Farm Road. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

In addition, if you are not yet registered to vote but would like to register, you can use the expanded "grace period" registration and voting option. Recent Illinois legislation allows residents who are eligible to vote to register up to and on Election Day. You

can register at the Election Commission office through March 14, or register at your polling place on Election Day (March 15).

For information, see the DuPage County Election Commission website at www.dupageco.org/election/.

Upcoming Events

In Good Taste Restaurant Week

Dates: Through March 6
Location: Participating downtown Wheaton restaurants

The Downtown Wheaton Association encourages the community to watch for Restaurant Week specials at downtown Wheaton restaurants. This celebratory week is dedicated to appreciating the many dining options in downtown Wheaton. For more information, [see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Beginner's Guitar Lessons

Date: Thursdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 7 p.m.

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

The Wheaton Public Library is offering a weekly class in beginning guitar for adults only. Students will learn the basics of how to play the guitar in a supportive group setting. This nine-week course will cover the basics of the guitar, easy-to-learn chords through playing selected songs, and using the computer to augment your playing ability. You must bring your own guitar. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520 to reserve your spot.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, March 12

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Public Works Storage Yard, [820 W. Liberty Drive](#) (just east of the Police Station)

Recycle unwanted electronics including



computers, video game consoles, microwaves, blenders, hair dryers, and almost anything with a cord (except no CRT – large tube – TVs, projection-screen TVs or console TVs can be accepted; only flat-screen TVs and monitors). You can also bring scrap metal, household batteries, cooking oil and fluorescent tube bulbs (no CFL bulbs, please).

This is a drive-through event where volunteers will help unload items from your car. Memory will be destroyed from devices, and electronics will be recycled. [More information](#)

Mearra: Selkie of the Sea

Date: Sunday, March 13

Time: 2 p.m.

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

Singer-songwriter Linda Smith returns to Wheaton Public Library to perform her latest musical multimedia

extravaganza. Mearra is a heartwarming story based on the ancient Celtic tale of the Selkie, a mythical seal with the mysterious ability to transform into a human being. Pick up free tickets at the Checkout Desk or call 630-868-7510 to reserve.

History of St. Patrick's Day

Date: Thursday, March 17

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by learning about the history surrounding the beloved holiday. Learn about Irish mythology, Finn McCool, leprechauns and more. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520 to reserve your spot.

Founding Fathers and Sustainability

Date: Wednesday, March 23

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Join SCARCE Founder and Executive Director Kay McKeen as she discusses the history of composting and how founding fathers George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and others were leaders in sustainability. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520 to reserve your spot.

Celebrate Spring, Celebrate Easter

Date: Saturday, March 26

Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: [Memorial Park](#)

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for this annual celebration of spring and Easter. The day begins at 10 a.m. with the Easter Egg Hunt for kids in Memorial Park, followed by the Easter Bonnet Contest at 10:30 a.m. at the Memorial Park band shell. [See the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#) for more information.

ComEd Issues Scam Alert

ComEd has seen an increase in reports of individuals calling ComEd customers and falsely claiming their electric service will be disconnected unless payment is made.

These impersonators instruct customers to buy a prepaid credit card and call back to a different phone number with the personal identification number (PIN) or other personal information. They also use a tactic called "spoofing" to manipulate the Caller ID displayed phone number so that it appears as a ComEd number.

ComEd representatives will never call you to ask you for cash or request that you purchase a prepaid credit card to make a payment on your bill. If you have concerns about the status of your account, call ComEd's Customer Service line at: 800-334-7661.

If you believe you have been the target of a phone scam, ComEd urges you to contact the Illinois Attorney General's office at 800-386-5438, or visit the Illinois Attorney General's website and [click on the "Protecting Consumers" link](#).

Recognize an Outstanding Resident with Good Citizen Award Nomination

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 nonprofit organizations. A person may also be nominated for service to an individual, such as tutoring or assisting an elderly neighbor.

Nominations are due by April 11, 2016.

The three categories for nominees are: 1) high school student, 2) adult and 3) group.



Wheaton's Community Relations Commission is looking to honor residents who give back to the community through service or volunteering.

A nominee must be a current resident of Wheaton and have done something for the benefit of Wheaton and its citizens.

To nominate someone, you can either:

- Fill out and submit the online nomination form at www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizens
- Email a completed nomination form to lqualkenbush@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: Executive Assistant Lindsay Qualkenbush, Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

The Community Relations Commission will review the nominations and honor award recipients at the May 16, 2016 Wheaton City Council meeting.



March 2016 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.

- 5** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 7** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12** Budget Workshop Session, 9 a.m.
- 14** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 14** Budget Workshop Session, 7 p.m.
- 19** Budget Workshop Session, 9 a.m.
- 21** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25** City offices closed
- 28** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

