

May 2012

City Notes

No Garbage Pickup on May 28

There will be no garbage, recycling and yard waste pickup on Monday, May 28, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Pickup for the week of May 28-June 1 will be delayed by one day.

City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, May 28. They will reopen on May 29.



Applicants for Police Officer Position

The Wheaton Board of Fire & Police Commissioners seeks applications for the position of Police Officer for the City of Wheaton.

Applicants must complete a detailed application available online at www.wheaton.il.us.

Applications must be completed and all required
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ComEd Officials Outline Planned Improvements during Open House

Learn about long-term and short-term utility upgrades being made in Wheaton

Officials from ComEd spoke to residents about short-term and long-term improvements to energy infrastructure and equipment during an open house April 4 at City Hall. The City of Wheaton hosted the open house for interested residents to hear what the utility company is doing to reduce outages in

specific areas within the city and to inform residents of large-scale projects planned over the next decade.

John O'Halloran, ComEd External Affairs Manager, summarized the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act, the state legislation that will allow ComEd to modernize the electric grid, and improve reliability and in-



Watch the Video

If you missed the open house, you can [view the presentation on the City's website](#).

frastructure. The legislation invests \$1.3 billion in infrastructure improvements over a five-year period, including replacing underground cables, manholes, utility
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Superintendent Addresses Bullying in Video

When it comes to bullying, no child is too young to learn what District 200 expects of its students. This is one message District 200 Superintendent Dr. Brian Harris discusses in the City's newest video, "[A Community Effort: Working Together to Combat Bullying](#)." This final installment in the City's video series on bullying with the Wheaton Police Department encompasses how Wheaton schools are addressing bullying at every grade level and



Dr. Brian Harris discusses how the schools are working to prevent bullying with their proactive approach.

the important roles parents, teachers and students play.

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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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documents submitted by June 22, 2012.

Information is [available online at www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us) or by contacting Connie Barfield at 630-260-2025.

City Offers Free Drainage Reviews



Many homes have drainage problems that range from major flooding to persistent standing water. Flooding is a personal, psychologically exhausting event that leaves many confused and unsure of what to do or what is best to do to protect their property.

A drainage review is a comprehensive evaluation of everything having to do with drainage and your property performed personally by the City's stormwater engineer. Topics discussed include where the water comes from, how it gets there and, most importantly, what can be done to alleviate your property's problems. Drainage reviews are entirely free of charge and can be scheduled by calling 630-260-2868.

Also, [see flooding prevention tips on the City's website](#).

Commission News

The City Council

approved the reappointment of John Dalby to a three-year term on the Band Commission; the reappointment of William Simmons to a three-year term on the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners; the reappointment of Laurie Oberhelman to a three-year term on the Community Relations Commission; the reappointment of Tracy Vought and Robert Young to three-year terms on the Environmental Improvement Commission; the reappointment of Donald Sender to a three-year term on the Liquor Control Commission; and the appointment of Christopher Derrick to a five-year term on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Annual Watering Restrictions Begin



To minimize evaporation during the hottest time of day and promote water conservation, annual lawn watering restrictions go into effect from May 15 to Sept. 15. Residents with odd-numbered street addresses can water their lawns on odd-numbered days and those with even-numbered addresses are limited to even-numbered days. All sprinkling is prohibited between noon and 6 p.m. every day. Contact the Water Division at 630-260-2090 for a 10-day new sod/seed variance.

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poles and making the utility system more resistant to storms. In Wheaton, about 5 miles of underground cable will be replaced, many of which were originally installed decades ago. [A map of these areas](#) is available on the City's website.

The utility company will invest an additional \$1.3 billion to digitize its system. This project will be implemented over 10 years to automate many processes that are currently manual. This digital system is commonly referred to as the "smart grid." Automatic switches will be able to reroute power during an outage to restore power to more homes quickly, without the need for a technician in the field.

This project also includes a plan to install automated electric meters, or "smart meters," which would give ComEd the ability to pinpoint exactly where there are outages. Currently, unless there is a large-scale outage affecting an entire circuit, the only way ComEd knows that cus-

tomers are without power is if those customers report the outage. Digital meters would provide automatic feedback on how the system is working and provide customers with more information on their energy use.

O'Halloran explained to residents some of the other local improvements that have been or are being made outside of the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act projects. The utility company worked with City staff to identify areas where repeated outages have occurred. ComEd is making improvements in more than 20 areas of the city to address these pockets of repeated outages. However, ComEd officials stressed that the improvements made will benefit more than just the specific areas where improvement work is being done due to the way the energy circuits are configured. A fix that is made in one part of the circuit may help homes that are located miles down the same circuit that are experiencing outages.

[A video of the open house presentation is available on the City's website.](#)

Bullying

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teachers receive to the creative ways Wheaton schools are teaching students social/emotional lessons to prevent bullying, Dr. Harris discusses how the district's schools are being proactive in dealing with bullying. He also discusses the important role parents play in preventing bullying and how the district works to educate parents about bullying, too.

Wheaton Police Officer Ed Hasan, who serves as the School Liaison Officer at

Wheaton Warrenville South High School, also discusses how the district's approach to prevent bullying works in cooperation with the Police Department.

This new [video is available on the City's website](#) for viewing anytime and is also being shown on [City of Wheaton Channel 10](#) (CWC10).



Watch the Video

Watch ["A Community Effort: Working Together to Combat Bullying"](#) on the City's website

Purple Signs, Tours and Events Highlight Wheaton's History

Commission Celebrates Preservation Week May 4-14

Purple signs will soon begin popping up in front yards around Wheaton, noting some of the city's historic homes and sites during Wheaton Preservation Week, May 4-14, 2012. But that's not all the Historic Commission has planned to help honor Wheaton's history. The commission encourages you to participate in a number of Preservation Week events it coordinated with other local organizations to coincide with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual national celebration, Preservation Month.

Look for purple "Pride in Preservation" lawn signs posted throughout the city designating Wheaton's historic landmarks and locations listed on the Wheaton Register of Historic Places. Many of these sites include a plaque with the estimated date of construction or a permanent interpretive sign with additional information. For an online tour of some of these sites, with images and brief information, [see the Wheaton Landmark Homes Tour on the City's website](#).

Interested in learning more about your old home, such as when it was built, what architectural style it is or who used to live there? During the month of May, the commission arranged, with the Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., to have a home history research display available for residents. The display will help you find research methods and materials for researching old homes. The exhibit will include information on how



to use a newly available resource, the recently released 1940 U.S. Census. The commission and the library also compiled a "Historic Landmark Research File" and the "Guide to Wheaton Sources" to direct you to appropriate resources. Consult old city directories, newspapers, census returns, Sanborn maps, aerial views, cemetery records and local histories at the library.

The commission also coordinated the "Walking Tour of Billy Graham's Wheaton" led by staff of the Billy Graham Center Archives during Preservation Week. The free tour will be from 9-10:30 a.m. May 5, including sites associated with evangelist Billy Graham on Wheaton College's campus and throughout Wheaton. For more information or to attend, call 630-752-5910 or email bkgarc@wheaton.edu.

On May 12, the DuPage County Historical Museum will lead two architectural walking tours to celebrate Wheaton Preservation Week. A special architectural tour especially for kids age 6 to 12 will take place from 10-11

a.m., starting and ending at the museum, 102 E. Wesley St. The tour will include stories about the railroad, the old DuPage County Courthouse and more. Another architectural tour for anyone age 12 and older will take place from 11 a.m.-noon, starting at the DuPage County Historical Museum. Learn about the businesses and important events that shaped Wheaton. To register for either of these events, which each charge a fee, call 630-510-4941 or email dupagemuseum@wheatonparks.org.

Another location with significance in Wheaton's history, Cantigny Park, will offer free parking and admission to Wheaton residents May 8-10 in honor of Wheaton Preservation Week. Cantigny Park is the 500-acre estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. In 2011, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, which is located within Cantigny Park, was listed on the Wheaton Register of Historic Places. The park is located at 15151 Winfield Road in Wheaton.



Bike Parking Available Downtown

Save on gas and improve our local air quality by taking advantage of new bicycle parking in downtown Wheaton. Funding provided through a federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant allowed the City to recently install new bike parking racks in the Wesley Street garage.

The new racks are located on the ground floor of the parking garage, and users can enjoy covered parking for their bicycles. Use of the racks is free. A sign in the alley between Front and Wesley streets will direct you to the bicycle parking area.

Wheaton received a \$514,000 federal grant to improve the city's energy efficiency. Funding was divided among a number of projects, one of which included developing a Bicycle Plan aimed at increasing bike traffic and decreasing vehicle traffic and emissions. The Wheaton City Council adopted the Wheaton Bicycle Plan during its Feb. 6, 2012 meeting. It is [available on the City's website](#).



Donate Blood at May 18 Event

Blood drive honors National Law Enforcement Week

Just one blood donation can help save three lives. In acknowledgement of National Law Enforcement Week, the City of Wheaton Police Department will sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18. LifeSource Blood Services will operate the blood drive at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive.

LifeSource must register 1,500 donors every 24 hours



to meet patients' needs in the Chicagoland area. While nearly 75 percent of the population is medically able to donate blood, fewer than 5

percent actually do. The goal for this blood drive is a minimum of 35 appointments.

Blood donation opportunities will be available to any-

Wheaton Police Dept. Blood Drive

- **Date:** Friday, May 18
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Location:** Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive

one wishing to donate. To set up an appointment to donate blood, visit www.lifesource.org.

For assistance with registration or questions, contact Sherry at the Wheaton Police Department at 630-260-4861.

Assist District in Fight against West Nile Virus

Tips can help protect you against infection

Since 1999, West Nile virus has rapidly spread across the United States, causing more than 31,000 human cases during the decade. Because the virus is so widespread in bird and mosquito populations, it has become established as an annual mosquito-borne disease threat.

In 2011, Illinois recorded 34 human cases of West Nile Virus. Only four states in the U.S. recorded more cases than Illinois. Two of these human cases – one of which was a fatality – occurred in DuPage County.

Intensive mosquito population surveillance performed by the State of Illinois Department of Health, DuPage County, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and Clarke Mosquito Control continues to demonstrate that the potential exists for significant West Nile Virus activity within DuPage County.

Symptoms of the disease

are initially similar to the flu, with muscle weakness and disorientation. Though the majority of those infected will have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, in some individuals, West Nile Virus can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and in severe cases, paralysis, coma or death. The disease is most serious – even fatal – in those with compromised immune systems and the elderly.

The City of Wheaton is within the boundary of the 22-square-mile Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District. Its objectives are to control nuisance mosquitoes, reduce the potential of mosquito-borne disease transmission, and provide a comfortable and healthy atmosphere for district residents.

Environmentally sensitive and effective mosquito control is accomplished within the district utilizing Integrated Pest Management, an ap-

proach that includes: larval site monitoring, biological control, and the careful and strategic use of EPA-labeled and registered pesticide products.

You can take the following steps to protect yourself against infection and assist in the fight against West Nile Virus:

- If outdoors during prime mosquito hours, dress in light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, long pants and socks. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET to clothing and exposed skin in accordance with label directions.
- Discard any outdoor container that might hold water or empty water from wading pools and birdbaths once a

week.

- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.
- Do not dump grass clippings into low lying areas that collect water after rainfalls to prevent mosquito larvae development.
- Report dead birds on your property to the DuPage County Health Department. Dead birds can be the first indicators of the presence of the virus in the area.

For the latest information on WNV, consult the Illinois Department of Health website at www.idph.state.il.us, or the DuPage County Health Department website at <http://www.dupagehealth.org/west-nile-virus>.

To report areas of standing water that you think could develop excessive mosquito annoyance conditions, you can call Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management Inc. at 1-800-942-2555.

Report areas of standing water that may develop excessive mosquito annoyance conditions to: 1-800-942-2555.

Upcoming Events

Electronic Recycling

When: May 12, 9 a.m.-noon

Where: Wheaton Public Works Storage Facility, 820 W. Liberty Drive

Please note that household batteries are no longer accepted at the monthly electronic recycling collection. However, you can drop off your rechargeable batteries or unwanted electronics for recycling during the City's monthly collection event. Electronics such as televisions, computers and printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted. [More information is on the City's website.](#)

Friends of the Library Garden Sale

When: May 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Wheaton Public Library West Plaza, 225 N. Cross St.

The Friends of the Library annual Garden Day Sale features perennials donated by members of the group and local gardeners, garden tools and accessories. Past sales have included hostas, day lilies, ferns, daisies, herbs, sedum and ground covers. This event also features a gardening help desk staffed by Master Gardeners of the DuPage County Office of the University of Illinois Extension.

The Friends of the Library seeks donations of plants and other gardening items for the sale. Non-plant items may be brought to the library anytime. Plant donations may be brought to the library West Plaza from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 18 or from 8-9 a.m. May 19.

All proceeds benefit the Wheaton Public Library. Additional information is available at 630-868-7592.



Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

When: May 28, 10 a.m.

Where: parade, 11 a.m. ceremony
Where: Downtown Wheaton, concluding at Wheaton Cemetery on Warrenville Road

The American Legion Post 76 will host Wheaton's annual Memorial Day Parade through downtown Wheaton on Monday, May 28. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Memorial Park, heading south on Hale Street, turning right (west) onto Wesley street, then turning left (south) onto West Street, which turns into Warrenville Road once it crosses Roosevelt Road. The parade will conclude at the Wheaton Cemetery on Warrenville Road. A Memorial Day Ceremony at Wheaton Cemetery will take place at 11 a.m.

Taste of Wheaton

When: May 31-June 3

Where: Memorial Park, Hale Street and Liberty Street

This year's Taste of

Wheaton event will include carnival rides, live entertainment, craft booths, food vendors, a wine and beer garden and more. The four-day event is sponsored by the Wheaton Park District and the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce. The event will take place in Memorial Park; on Hale Street between Front and Wesley streets; and on Liberty Street from Wheaton Avenue to Cross Street. For more information, [visit the Wheaton Park District's website.](#)

French Market

When: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Main Street and Liberty Drive

Flowers, locally grown produce, baked goods, art, gifts, specialty food items, jewelry, crafts and more are sold from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at Wheaton's popular outdoor French Market. For information, contact Bensidoun USA at 630-784-0862.



Road Construction Under Way

Find out if your street will be repaired soon

The City's annual road construction program has begun. Each year the City determines which roads need improvements based on a number of factors including age, condition and a long-term schedule.

There are three main types of road improvements that the Engineering Department makes: street reconstruction, street rehabilitation and street resurfacing.

Street reconstruction involves removing the pavement and the base below it. Sometimes, the curb is removed, too. Of the three types of road improvement projects, this is the most extensive. Street rehabilitation involves the complete removal and replacement of the curb, followed by resur-



Road Work Updates

See which roads are included in this year's program at www.wheaton.il.us/roadwork.aspx

facing the entire pavement surface. Street resurfacing,

which is the quickest of the three methods of pavement construction, involves grinding the existing pavement to accommodate a pavement overlay.

The City's website includes a list of roads included in this year's program and the ongoing status of the project. To find out if your road is slated for improvements, visit www.wheaton.il.us/roadwork.aspx.

Police Enforce Butterfield Construction Zone Laws

Wheaton Police Officers will strictly enforce driving violations within the construction zone along Butterfield Road in order to maintain safety for pedestrians, drivers and construction workers. The Police Department reminds drivers to use special care in construction zones. Two specific laws are very important:



• Restricted posted speed limits in construction zones (625 ILCS 5/11-605.1.e)

• No use of wireless telephones in construction zones (625 ILCS 5/12-610.1.e)

[Additional information is available in the Illinois Vehicle Code.](#) Please drive safely!

Sister City Commission Seeks New Members

Are you interested in England or Sweden? The Wheaton Sister City Commission encourages residents to attend a commission meeting if you want to become a member or connect to people in Wheaton's sister cities, Wheaton Aston, Eng-

land, and Karlskoga, Sweden.

The commission meets on the fourth Wednesday of odd-numbered months. The next meeting is at 7:30 p.m. May 23 at the Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

The commission is looking for ways to stay in touch with

residents of the sister cities via email, websites, Facebook and mail. If you would like to facilitate classroom-to-classroom communications or other communications, come to the meeting and share ideas on how to make it possible.

More information about

the commission is [available on the City's website](#), or email sscwheaton@yahoo.com. If you are interested in joining the commission, [fill out the Boards and Commissions Application](#) and return it to the City Clerk, City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

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.

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- 5 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 7 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 City Offices Closed; No Garbage Pickup
- 29 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

