

May 2013

City Notes

No Garbage Pickup on May 27

There will be no garbage, recycling and yard waste pickup on Monday, May 27, 2013 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Pickup for the week of May 27-31 will be delayed by one day.

City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, May 27. They will reopen on May 28.

Lawn 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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Portion of North Main Street Closed during Flood Control Construction

Southbound traffic will be rerouted around work area

The City of Wheaton is scheduled to begin work on the North Main Street Flood Control Project in early May with an anticipated completion in late October 2013. The purpose of this project is to reduce the frequency of flooding on North Main Street during storm events.

The scope of this project includes replacing the existing culvert pipes with a bridge, widening the channel and stabilizing the stream bank to reduce erosion. These enhancements will help convey storm water downstream to Northside Park.

There will be two detour routes (see map). North Main Street at the bridge will remain open only to northbound traffic throughout construction.

The City will provide construction updates throughout the project at www.wheaton.il.us/northmain.

Two Detour Routes:

1. For southbound Main Street traffic wanting to continue beyond the construction zone, a detour will route traffic west on Geneva Road, south on Gary Avenue, east on Harrison Avenue and back to Main Street.
2. To access local businesses/homes located in the North Main Street construction zone (between Parkway Drive and Cole Avenue): use the local business route posted at Cole Avenue



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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Northside Interceptor Sewer Open House

The Wheaton Sanitary District will be holding an open house from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22 at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., for residents to find out more about the results of a study to replace the Northside Interceptor Sewer. This is a large-diameter sewer that transports waste from areas in southern Carol Stream and western Wheaton to the Wheaton Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant. Its route includes the Marionjoy facility, residential areas west of downtown Wheaton, Northside Park and Carol Stream.

Representatives from the Wheaton Sanitary District and Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers, the firm conducting the study, will provide information at the open house.

For more information, visit www.wsd.dst.il.us.

Art Walk in Downtown May 10

Wheaton's Fine & Cultural Arts Commission encourages the community to take part in an Art Walk, an event taking place in downtown Wheaton and organized by Franklin Middle School students, in partnership with the commission. The event will run from 5-8 p.m. May 10, starting on Hale Street, in the walkway between Ivy and Front Street Cocina.

It will include choir, drama and orchestra

performances and students' visual art throughout downtown Wheaton. Guests at the event will receive a program at the kick off location, which outlines the evening's agenda in addition to a map illustrating performances locations and visual art displays.

Business News

New businesses in Wheaton:

- **Bella Flora Mia**, 124 N. Main Street: Custom floral designs and home accents
- **Hot Mama**, 121 Wheaton Town Square: Designer women's clothing
- **With Love, A Dessert** Boutique, 6 Danada Square West Shopping Center: Gourmet donuts, cupcakes, ice cream, self serve frozen yogurt, coffee & tea
- **Home Again**, 123 W. Wesley St., Upscale home décor consignment shop

Commission News

The City Council approved the appointment of Mark Plunkett to the Planning and Zoning Board for a term expiring Nov. 19, 2016 (filling Laura Christensen's vacated term), and the appointment of Robert Thomas to the Sister City Commission for a three-year term.

The Council also approved reappointments of Al Seagren to the Housing Commission, Scott Anderson to the Liquor Control Commission, and Teri Ash and Sarah Meisels to the Sister City Commission for three-year terms, respectively.



The Wheaton Police and Fire departments encourage residents to donate blood May 17 at a blood drive as part of National Law Enforcement Week.

May 17 Blood Drive for Law Enforcement Week

Goal for drive is 35 donations or more

In acknowledgement of National Law Enforcement Week, the Wheaton Police and Fire Departments will be sponsoring a blood drive from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2013, at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive. LifeSource Blood Services will operate the blood drive.

The Wheaton Police and Fire Departments, in partnership with LifeSource Blood Services, will be participating in the Everyday Heroes Police, Fire and EMS Giveback Program. Points will be earned for each participating donor, and upon fulfilling required donations, LifeSource will make a monetary donation to the Hundred Club of DuPage County. The Hundred Club offers assistance to families of law enforcement and fire personnel who have been killed or injured. The first of two qualifying blood drives was

Blood Drive

- **Date:** Friday, May 17
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive

held on Sept. 11, 2012, which resulted in 34 donations.

One blood donation can help save three lives. LifeSource must register 1,500 donors every 24 hours to meet patients' needs in the Chicago area. The goal for this blood drive is a minimum of 35 appointments.

Blood donation opportunities will be available to anyone wishing to donate. If you are interested in setting up an appointment, go to www.lifesource.org and select "donate blood," then "find a mobile blood drive." If you need assistance with registration or you have any questions, please contact Sherry at the Wheaton Police Department at 630-260-4861.

Help in the Fight Against West Nile Virus

Since it was first diagnosed in 1999, West Nile Virus has become a well-established annual mosquito-borne disease threat nationwide. Last year saw a dramatic resurgence, with 5,387 human cases reported nationally, including 289 Illinois cases and 12 fatalities. DuPage County accounted for 56 of the West Nile Virus cases in the state, 5 of which were fatal.

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 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. The objectives of the district are to control nuisance mosquitoes,

reduce the potential of mosquito-borne disease transmission, and provide a comfortable and healthy atmosphere for district residents. The program primarily targets the floodwater mosquito – the dominant nuisance species, and the northern house mosquito – the potential disease carrier.

Environmentally sensitive and effective mosquito control is accomplished utilizing Integrated Pest Management, an approach that includes larval site monitoring, biological control, and the careful, strategic use of EPA-labeled and registered pesticide products. The key is to concentrate on larval control within the district boundary, scientifically assess the adult population, and perform adulticiding only on an as needed basis.

What Can You Do?

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

- If outdoors when mos-

quitoes are active, dress in light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, long pants and socks when outdoors during prime mosquito hours. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET to clothing and exposed skin.

- Report neglected pools to the mosquito hotline at 1-800-942-2555. Technicians are dispatched to inspect and treat the pool, as necessary to eliminate the risk.

- 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.

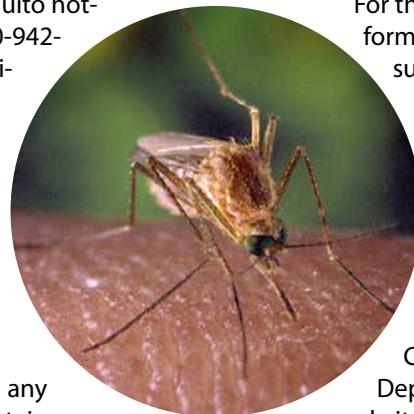
- Do not dump grass clippings into low lying areas that collect water after rain falls to

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 West Nile Virus.

For the latest information, consult the Illinois Department of Health website at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm or the DuPage County Health Department website at www.dupagehealth.org/west-nile-virus.

The Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District encourages you to report standing water areas that could develop larvae, and excessive mosquito annoyance conditions. Call the district's contractor, Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management Inc. at 1-800-942-2555.



City Thanks Outgoing Councilman

The City of Wheaton thanked Councilman Tom Mouhelis (above left) for his years of service to the city at his last City Council meeting, which was April 15. Mouhelis served as the East District City Council representative for 12 years.

Five Councilmen to be Sworn Into Office May 6

Wheaton voters cast ballots on April 9, 2013 for their district City Council representative (north, south east and west districts), plus the remaining two-year term for one at-large City Council position.

The DuPage Election Commission reported the following unofficial results:

- Philip J. Suess received the most votes for the North District City Council position.

- Unopposed candidates John K. Rutledge (South District), W. Thoreson Saline (East District) and Todd Scalzo (West District) will serve in the remaining district positions.

- Unopposed candidate John R. Prendiville will serve an unexpired 2-year term as Councilman At-Large.

These individuals will be sworn into office at the May 6 City Council meeting.

Preservation Week Celebrates Wheaton History

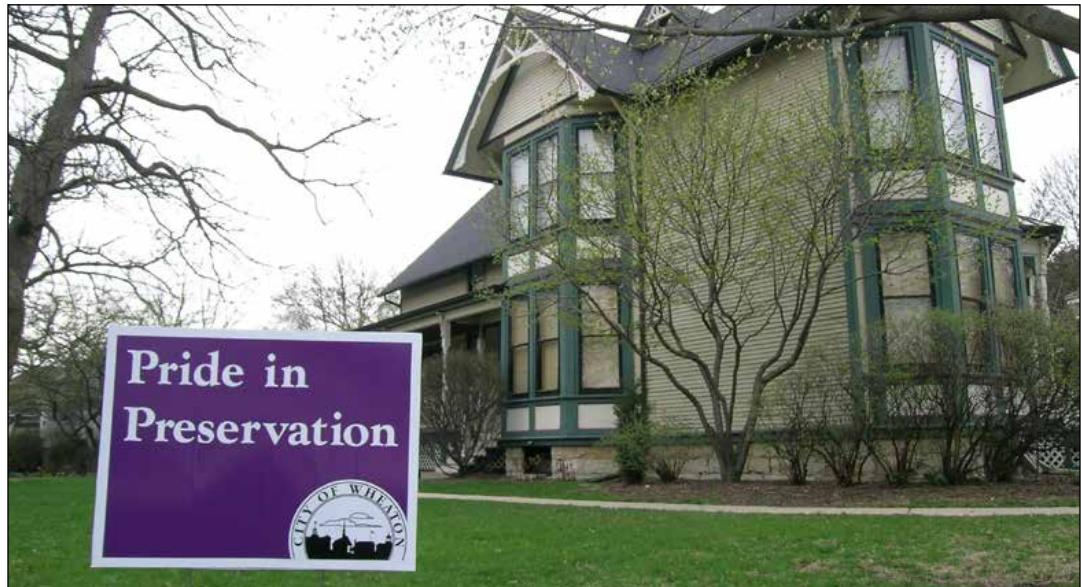
Wheaton's Historic Commission encourages you to share in celebrating Wheaton's history during Preservation Week, May 10-20, 2013. Below are some highlights of events happening during Preservation Week. Look to the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/preservation-week in the near future for complete information.

- Included in this year's celebration will be a behind-the-scenes tour of the Wheaton Grand Theater, which is currently being restored.

- Retired Wheaton College history professor Dr. David Maas will give a special lecture on the local impact of the Civil War and the Underground Railroad.

- Look for the Pride in Preservation lawn signs marking 150 landmark properties throughout the community.

- The commission will bring back the Billy Graham in Wheaton Walking Tour start-



Look for these purple signs throughout Wheaton during Preservation Week in May. The signs point out 150 landmark properties throughout the community that have historical significance.

Preservation Week: Celebrate Wheaton History

- **Date:** May 10-20, 2013 with events throughout the city
- **More information:** www.wheaton.il.us/preservationweek

ing from the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College.

- Cantigny Park will offer free parking for Wheaton resi-

dents May 10-20 with proof of residency. Museums, gardens, and other attractions inside the park are always free ad-

mission.

- The Wheaton Public Library will feature an exhibit on home history research and the commission's Wheaton Register of Historic Places.

- DuPage County Historical Museum staff will lead historic walking tours of downtown Wheaton.

Rebates Extended for Energy Efficiency Improvements

Low-cost energy assessments available to area homeowners

Energy Impact Illinois, a program partnership of local government, utility companies like ComEd, Nicor Gas, and other non-profit groups, has extended rebates and loans available to homeowners who complete energy efficiency home improvements by August 2013. Interested homeowners are encouraged to sign up for the program soon to allow for time to complete improvements before the August deadline.

The extension will allow more area homeowners an opportunity to get a low-cost energy assessment and complete home energy improvements that will result in

immediate improved comfort and cost savings.

Rebates of up to \$1,750 – or up to 70 percent off the cost of home energy upgrades like sealing air leaks and improving insulation – are available to homeowners who complete improvements by

Aug. 26, 2013 or when funds are expended. Energy assessments, which typically cost hundreds of dollars, are also available for \$99. In addition, Energy Impact Illinois is offering a free home assessment

for homeowners who host a house party where family, friends and neighbors learn about energy efficiency from a program expert and a certified contractor by using your home to illustrate building

science concepts. Sealing air leaks and insulat-

ing a home are two of the most cost-effective and permanent improvements that homeowners can make. More than half of total energy costs come from heating and cooling a home,

and almost all homes let too much air escape or penetrate. Most homes also have incorrectly installed or insufficient amounts of attic insulation. Energy Impact Illinois connects homeowners with certified and vetted contractors who take a whole-home approach to maximize savings.

Energy Impact Illinois is run by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Call 855-9-IMPACT to take advantage of the rebate offer or contact Liz Opholt at 708-203-2559 or liz@energyimpactillinois.org.



Final Chance for Downtown Plan Input is May 29



The City will be hosting a final opportunity for input on the Downtown Wheaton Streetscape and Strategic Plan at a public meeting at 7 p.m. May 29 at the DuPage County Historical Museum Auditorium, 102 E. Wesley St.

The Design Workshop team will be presenting the ideas to be included in the

downtown strategic and streetscape plans and seeking final public input. In particular, the consultants will be focusing on how to promote redevelopment south of the tracks, how to prioritize the various ideas and improvements outlined in the plan, and the initial moves the City and local businesses can make to move the Down-

town forward over the next few years.

The session will include a short series of survey questions, and the consultant team will incorporate information received from the public at the meeting into the final product from the study, which will be presented to City Council this summer.

Upcoming Events

Library Garden Day Sale

When: Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., west plaza next to Adams Park

This garden sale will feature perennials from local gardens and garden accessories. Donations of plants and garden-related items needed. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Wheaton Public Library. For more information, visit www.wheatonlibrary.org or call 630-868-7592.

French Market

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

Where: Parking lot at Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton

Wheaton's popular outdoor French Market takes place from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. each Saturday near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive, just south of the railroad tracks in downtown Wheaton. Inspired by the outdoor markets of France, vendors at this weekly event sell much more than your typical farmers market. Find pastries, flowers, art, jewelry, handmade gifts, locally grown

produce and many specialty items at the French Market.

Electronic Recycling

When: Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.-noon

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

Drop off unwanted electronics for recycling during the City's monthly collection event. Electronics such as TVs, computers, printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted. Wheaton residents can now bring 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 and household batteries are not accepted at the monthly electronic recycling collection. [More information is on the City's website.](#)

The Environmental Improvement Commission needs help with these events. To volunteer, call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877.



Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

When: Monday, May 27, 10 a.m. 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 27. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Memorial Park, heading south on Hale Street, turning west onto Wesley street, then turning 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.

For more information, visit www.americanlegionpost76.org.

Taste of Wheaton

When: May 30-June 2

Where: Memorial Park and downtown Wheaton

Join the Wheaton Park District and Wheaton Chamber of Commerce for this summer festival in Memorial Park Thursday through Sunday, May 30-June 2. There you'll find food vendors, arts & crafts, carnival rides, live entertainment a beer garden and much more.

For more information, visit the Wheaton Park District's website at www.wheatonparkdistrict.com.

Be Ready for Tornadoes this Spring

Know the difference between a tornado watch or warning and what you should do

Tornados are violent, rotating storms with winds that can exceed 300 miles per hour. Nearly 1,000 tornadoes touch down in the United States every year.

Know what to do to prepare for a tornado:

- Be alert to weather conditions
 - Designate a shelter area in your home, such as the basement, storm cellar or the lowest building level available and go to center of an interior room, away from walls
- Know the danger signs of a tornado:
 - Dark, often greenish sky
 - Large hail
 - Large, dark, low-lying clouds (particularly if rotating)
 - Large roar, similar to that of a freight train

Tornado Watch: Severe thunderstorms or tornadoes are possible in the area. Stay tuned to radio or TV and watch the sky.

Tornado Warning: Severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm.

What to do during a tornado watch

- Stay tuned to radio or TV for updates
- Watch for danger signs of a tornado
- If you see approaching storms or any danger signs, be prepared to take shelter at any time; some tornadoes advance so quickly that advance warning is not possible.
- Stay out of large, flat buildings with wide-open areas such as supermarkets or shopping malls



- Stock your home shelter area with a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, extra batteries, water and a first aid kit

What to do during a tornado warning

If you are under a tornado WARNING, seek shelter immediately!

- Go to your designated shelter area
- If in any structure, head to the basement. If there is no basement head to the lowest building level, go to the center of the room away from windows, corners walls, and outside walls
- Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect head and neck.
- Do not open windows
- If you are in a vehicle, trailer, or mobile home, get out immediately and seek shelter in a nearby building
- If outside with no shelter, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head and neck with your hands. Do not get under an overpass or bridge
- Watch out for flying debris

When are tornado sirens activated in Wheaton?

1. When requested by an official
2. Observed by trained weather spotters and confirmed by Police Officer
3. Tornado warning or damaging storm heading toward City based on National Weather Service reports

There is no all clear signal given.

In the event that the tornado sirens have been activated, please stay tuned to your TV or radio for severe weather information and updates.

Note: Tornado sirens are tested the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m.



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.

City Calendar

May 2013

- 4 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 City offices closed; no garbage pickup
- 28 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.