

May 2014

## City Notes



### **City Offices Closed; No Garbage Pickup**

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26. Due to the Memorial Day holiday, Advanced Disposal Services will not pick up garbage/recycling/yard waste on Monday, May 26. Pickup for the week of May 26-30 will be delayed by one day.

### **Watering Restrictions Begin May 15**

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

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## Smart Meters Coming to Wheaton

*Meter installations begin this month*

ComEd officials have notified the City of Wheaton that contracted crews for ComEd will begin installing digital electric meters, called smart meters, at Wheaton residences beginning this month. A digital electric meter will replace your current analog meter, which measures your energy usage.

Smart meters differ from analog meters because they can collect energy usage information digitally and securely transmit this information to ComEd. Along with the transition to smart meters, ComEd will also be upgrading the electric infrastructure, referred to as the "smart grid." Once smart meters and the smart grid are in place, ComEd will be able to better monitor outages, collect meter readings remotely, and switch service on or off remotely when customers move.

In addition, smart meters will provide tools that allow you to track your energy use, receive weekly energy breakdown emails, receive phone or email alerts when your us-



age is trending higher than normal, and more. The GE smart meters ComEd is using are the first residential smart meters to receive UL voluntary safety certification.

ComEd will provide you with a series of notifications to let you know when crews contracted by ComEd will be installing your new meter, including a phone call approximately a week before installation. The smart meter will be installed in the same location as your current meter, which is typically located outside your home. You do not need to be home for this installation, as long as crews can access your meter.

If you normally have to be present for a meter reader to access the meter at your home, you will need to be

**ComEd Official Discusses Smart Meters in Video**



[Watch the Video](#)

Before your new meter arrives, [watch this new video, "Making the Switch to Smart Meters."](#) to hear from ComEd Vice President Mike McMahan.

This video discusses infrastructure upgrades in Wheaton; benefits of smart meters and the smart grid; and what you can expect before, during and after your smart meter is installed. McMahan also answers many common questions ComEd receives about smart meters.

You can [watch this video on the City's website](#), and Wheaton cable subscribers can view it on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10).

home to allow the installer to access the meter. If ComEd can't access your meter, a representative will call you to schedule an appointment.

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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](mailto:feedback@wheaton.il.us)

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between noon and 6 p.m. every day.

Contact the Water Division at 630-260-2090 for a 10-day new sod/seed variance.

## Business News

• **DuPage Medical Group** opened its new facility at 150 E. Willow Ave. in the space that was formerly the site of Jewel Osco supermarket in downtown Wheaton. The 40,000-square-foot facility includes medical offices with family medicine, internal medicine and obstetrics/gynecology.

• **Kilwin's**, 100 N. Hale Street, is now open, offering chocolates, confections, truffles, cremes, candy, caramels and fudge.

## Commission News

The City Council approved the reappointment of Charles Hartman and Michael Savegnago to the Board of Trustees – Fire Pension Board for two-year terms.

Also, the Council approved the appointment of Dan Loftus, Tom Teune and Michelle Rollins to the Community Relations Commission; the reappointment of Michael Rybinski to the Housing Commission; the appointment of Robert Wolgemugh and the reappointment of Mark Taylor to the Liquor Control Commission; and the reappointment of Mary Scheffler to the Sister City Commission for three-year terms, respectively.

# Give Blood at Police Drive May 16

The Wheaton Police Department encourages residents to save the date for its annual blood drive. This year's drive will be from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 16 at the Wheaton Police Department, [900 W. Liberty Drive](http://900WLibertyDrive).

The American Red Cross will be operating the drive. To make an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter zip code 60187 in the "Find a Blood Drive" search window. You can also make an appointment by contacting Sherry at 630-260-4861 or [police@wheaton.il.us](mailto:police@wheaton.il.us). Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.



The American Red Cross will operate a blood drive from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 16 at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive. The community is encouraged to participate.

## Smart Meter

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Before your meter is installed, a uniformed meter installer with appropriate identification as a ComEd contractor will knock on your door. Installation usually takes about 10 minutes, with a brief interruption in electric service. Installation crews will not charge you to install the smart meter.

If installation crews encounter minor issues with the wiring that connects with the meter, ComEd will send an electrician to complete these minor repairs to ensure safety with the connection to the new equipment. These minor repairs will be at no cost to the customer.

ComEd will be installing smart meters in Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Lombard, Warrenville, Oak Brook and West Chicago in the coming months.

To learn more about ComEd's smart meters and the smart grid, or if you have any questions regarding the meter program, visit [www.comed.com/smartmeter](http://www.comed.com/smartmeter), or call 1-866-368-8326.

## Forest Preserve District Seeks Input with Community Survey

*Meeting at Wheaton City Hall on May 6*

As the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County works on a large-scale strategic plan to establish forest preserve direction, it seeks public input.

Share your thoughts by participating in a survey at [www.dupageforest.org/survey](http://www.dupageforest.org/survey) by May 16. Paper copies are available at the Forest Preserve District Headquarters, 35580 Naperville Road,

Wheaton, or in the mail by calling 630-933-TREE. Paper surveys are due by May 5.

In addition, the district is hosting community meetings to find out firsthand what residents think about topics such as facilities, programs and restoration projects. A meeting will take place at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 6.



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# Week Devoted to Wheaton History

*Wheaton Historic Commission's Preservation Week Activities Planned for May 2-12*

## Pride in Preservation

### Signs

Purple "Pride in Preservation" signs in yards and outside buildings throughout the city will identify sites designated Wheaton Historic Landmarks and locations listed on the Wheaton Register of Historic Places.

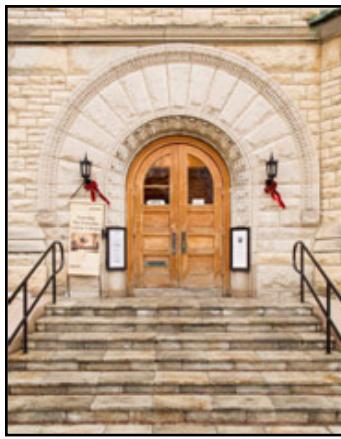


Photo by William D'Arcy

## "Landmarks of Wheaton" Exhibit

**Date:** Friday, May 2 (exhibit open May 2-12)  
**Time:** 6-8 p.m. opening reception; (otherwise exhibit open during museum hours)  
**Location:** DuPage County Historical Museum, [102 E. Wesley St.](#)  
**Contact:** [www.dupagemuseum.org](#), 630-510-4941

The DuPage County Historical Museum will have a temporary exhibit featuring architectural landmarks of Wheaton photographed by William D'Arcy juxtaposed with historical images from the museum's archive. An opening reception will be from 6-8 p.m. May 2.

## Home History Research

**Date:** Saturday, May 3  
**Time:** 1-4 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#), first floor Reference Department

Take a walk, study historic photos, dig up your old home's past or solve a history mystery during [Preservation Week](#). This annual event coordinated by the Wheaton Historic Commission will be filled with activities May 2-12 to highlight the community's history.

### Contact: [www.wheatonlibrary.org](#), 630-668-1374

Between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. May 3, members of the Wheaton Historic Commission and Wheaton Public Library staff will assist residents interested in researching their home's history. This is a free drop-in event. Throughout May, the library also will feature a Home History Exhibit displaying research methods and details.

### Lecture: "The Churches of Edward Dart"

**Date:** Monday, May 5  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Matthew United Church of Christ, [1420 S. Galbles Blvd.](#)

### Contact: [www.stmatthewucc.org](#), 630-665-1236

Chicago modernist-architect Edward Dart designed numerous structures throughout the Chicago area, including about a dozen homes and one church in Wheaton, St. Matthew United Church of Christ.

On May 5, hear a lec-



ture from Matt Seymour, who has written extensively on Dart, followed by a short discussion on Dart's residential design in Wheaton.

### Lecture: "Shadows of the Past: Wheaton in the Civil War"

**Date:** Wednesday, May 7  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#), Lower Level Large Meeting Room

### Contact: [www.wheatonlibrary.org](#), 630-668-1374

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, Robert



Girardi, past president of the Chicago Civil War Roundtable and popular speaker, author, and

historian on the Civil War, will discuss our nation's struggle for freedom. The free event is open to the public at the Wheaton Public Library on Wednesday, May 7.

### "Discover Wheaton" Mystery Hunt

**Date:** Saturday, May 10  
**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Location:** Begins at Center for History, [315 W. Front St.](#), Second Floor

### Contact: [www.wheatonhistory.org](#), 630-835-6584

Search for clues in a Mystery Hunt and enjoy a leisurely stroll of downtown Wheaton. The event begins at the

Center for History's museum at 315 W. Front St., Second Floor, at 1 p.m. May 10.

The tales told during the hunt and walking tour will include intriguing details of people, businesses and government along with the growth of Wheaton. Call 630-835-6584 or email [info@wheatonhistory.com](mailto:info@wheatonhistory.com) to register. Fee applies.

## Free Parking at Cantigny for Residents

**Dates:** May 2-12  
**Times:** Park hours  
**Location:** Cantigny Park, [1S151 Winfield Road](#)  
**Contact:** [www.Cantigny.org](#), 630-668-5161

During Preservation Week, from May 2-12, Cantigny Park will provide free parking days for Wheaton residents.

Cantigny Park is the 500-acre estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), long-time Chicago Tribune editor and publisher.

## Downtown Wheaton Historic Walking Tours

**Dates:** May 2-12 by appointment  
**Times:** 9-5 Monday through Friday, 10-4 weekends  
**Location:** DuPage County Historical Museum, [102 E. Wesley St.](#)  
**Contact:** 630-510-4941 or email [dupagemuseum@wheatonparks.org](mailto:dupagemuseum@wheatonparks.org)

The DuPage County Historical museum offers historic walking tours during Preservation Week.

Two tours are available: an architectural walking tour of downtown Wheaton and an architecture tour designed for kids. Contact the museum to arrange a tour. Fee applies.

# Upcoming Events

## Go Fly a Kite Event

**Date:** Saturday, May 3

**Time:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Location:** Graf Park, [1701](#)

[Manchester Road](#)

Join the Wheaton Park District for an annual Wheaton tradition: Go Fly a Kite. This family friendly event will include a kite demonstration by the Chicago Fire Kite Team, highest kite flying contest, most unique kite contest and kids candy drop.

The park opens at 10 a.m., and the "grand launch," where participants try to beat Wheaton's record of 834 kites flying simultaneously, will be at 11 a.m.

[See a video preview of this event.](#)

This event is free, but organizers encourage you fill out a preregistration form and bring it to the event in order for them to get an accurate count for the number of participants. For more information, visit [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/goflyakite](#).

## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, May 10



**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon

**Location:** Public Works Storage Yard, [820 W. Liberty Drive](#)

Bring your unwanted electronics to the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive, between 9 a.m. and noon. It is a drive-through event; volunteers will unload items from your car. This event also accepts cooking oil, which will be recycled and used as biofuel, and fluorescent tubes (not CFLs).

No smoke detectors, refrigerators, air conditioners or other items with refrigerant/coolant liquids.

Read the [list of items that](#)

[will be accepted at the event.](#)

## Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

**Date:** Monday, May 26

**Time:** 10 a.m. parade, 11 a.m. ceremony

**Location:** Starting from [Memorial Park](#), concluding at [Wheaton Cemetery](#)

The American Legion Post 76 will host Wheaton's annual Memorial Day Parade through downtown Wheaton on Monday, May 26. 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 becomes Warrenville Road once it crosses Roosevelt Road). The parade will conclude at the Wheaton Cemetery on Warrenville Road, where a Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. For more information, visit [www.americanlegionpost76.org](#).

## French Market

**Date:** Saturdays

**Time:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Location:** [Parking lot near Main Street and Liberty Drive](#) in downtown Wheaton (just south of the railroad tracks)

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Nov. 15, 2014, visit the French Market near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive to find fresh produce, locally made gifts, art, specialty foods, handmade jewelry, flowers and more.

Items sold change seasonally, offering visitors variety from week to week. For more information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0286.



## Learn Bike Safety at Free Class

**T**he Wheaton Bike Committee and the Wheaton Park District are teaming up to provide a free bike safety class to encourage biking for both transportation and fun. This one-day class will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 10 at the Wheaton Park District Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard Road.

This course is designed for people who wish to gain a full understanding

of how to safely operate their bicycle in a variety of situations. Participants must be at least 12 years old.

Some of the things you will learn include how to properly fit your bicycle and helmet; perform a quick and easy bicycle safety check; fix a flat tire, and perform minor mechanical adjustments.

The class will teach on-bike skills and practice, and it will include an

interactive discussion of the online portion that you can complete prior to class. Participants will take a short neighborhood ride to practice group riding skills. Bring your own bicycle and helmet to the class and wear comfortable clothing that you can ride with.

Registration is required by going to [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com](#), and registering for class #215406.

# Protect Yourself from West Nile Virus

*Deter mosquitoes by taking these steps*

Since 1999, West Nile virus has rapidly spread across the United States, causing more than 39,462 human cases, including 1,663 fatalities, during the past 15 years. Because the virus is widespread in bird and mosquito populations, it has become an annual mosquito-borne disease threat.

Mosquito population surveillance is performed by the Illinois Department of Health, DuPage County Health Department, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and Clarke Mosquito Control. While DuPage County recorded 6 human WNV cases in 2013, compared to 56 in 2012, surveillance confirmed 166 adult mosquito samples positive for WNV within DuPage County in 2013, demonstrating an ongoing risk for West Nile virus activity.

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, 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.

## **Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District**

The City of Wheaton is within the boundary of the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District. The district has contracted with Clarke Mosquito Control to control nuisance mosquitoes, reduce the potential of mosquito-borne disease transmission, and provide a comfortable, healthy atmosphere for residents.

Environmentally sensitive mosquito control is accomplished utilizing Integrated Pest Management, an approach that includes: larval site monitoring, biological control, and the careful and

strategic use of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-labeled and registered pesticide products. Biological control agents (fish, insect growth regulators, and Bacillus bacteria byproducts) are utilized whenever possible. The adult mosquito population is scientifically monitored; pesticides are strategically applied only when necessary.

## **What Can You Do?**

- If outdoors when mosquitoes are active, 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.

- Neglected swimming pools can be ideal sources for larval development to the

mosquito species that transmits WNV. Report neglected pools to the mosquito hotline at 1-800-942-2555. Technicians will be dispatched to inspect and treat the pool, if necessary.

- 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. Use a mulching lawn mower is to eliminate grass clipping disposal.

- Report dead birds on your property to the DuPage County Health Department. Dead birds (crows, blue jays and raptors) can be the first indicators of the presence of WNV in the area.

## **West Nile Virus**

**For more information, consult the [Illinois Department of Health website](#) at or the [DuPage County Health Department website](#).**



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](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events.

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