

October 2017

City Notes

Trick-or-Treating Hours

The official trick-or-treating hours in Wheaton are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Employment Opportunities

The City seeks applicants for a Public Works maintenance worker and for a firefighter position. For information, see www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

New City Website Coming Soon

The City's website is ready for a change! Later this month, look for a new mobile device-friendly website featuring a brand new look, easy-to-find information and much more. The website address will continue to be www.wheaton.il.us.

Help Keep Storm Sewers Clear

Burning leaves, tree trimmings, brush and related materials is not allowed in Wheaton and is a violation of

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Front Street Underground Utility Construction Work Under Way

Weekly update videos posted on Facebook, Twitter

If you've been to downtown Wheaton lately, you've probably noticed quite a bit of construction activity. That's because the first phase of improvements in the City's Downtown Streetscape Plan is forging ahead. This phase of work involves underground utility upgrades along Front Street from Cross Street to West Street.

Throughout this part of the project, crews may be temporarily closing lanes of traffic, and parking may be affected. Traffic may be temporarily detoured at times to allow crews to complete portions of the project. To find alternate parking, visit the City's website to see all parking options in the downtown.

For questions and more information on this project, please contact the Engineering Department



Parts of Front Street are under construction as crews replace underground sewer pipes and complete other utility work. This work is part of the Downtown Streetscape Plan to improve the downtown area.

at 630-260-2065 or visit www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape.

Weekly Updates

You can stay up-to-date with what's happening with downtown improvements by following the City on Facebook or Twitter (www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton)

and www.twitter.com/CityOfWheaton, or search for @CityOfWheaton on either platform). The City will post weekly update videos and other timely information on Facebook and Twitter.

The City will also send out information to the City's email list subscribers. To sign up, visit www.wheaton.il.us/emailupdates.

Contact
the City

Police/Fire: 911
After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161
General Information: 630-260-2000
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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City Code.

Do not blow or rake leaves into the street. This can block storm sewers and possibly lead to flooding issues. Please help remove leaves and sticks near the storm sewers that are near your house to help them function properly.

Leaf Collection Reminders

This fall, the City of Wheaton reminds you of its procedures for leaf disposal. Place leaves in containers 35 gallons in size or smaller, or in biodegradable bags. Containers or bags must weigh less than 50 pounds when filled. Each container or bag requires a Lakeshore Recycling Systems yard waste/organics/excess garbage sticker, which is available at City Hall and at many local grocery and hardware stores.

New Business

PDQ (People Dedicated to Quality) recently opened their first Illinois restaurant at 167 Danada Square East, featuring a new chef-inspired menu, including seasonal bowls, premium sandwiches and unique sides.

Wheaton Videos

Check out some of the City's original productions! These videos created by our Communications Department will keep you informed and entertained with all things Wheaton:

- [Downtown Streetscape Updates](#)
- [A Chat with the Mayor: CDH/NW Medicine/Marianjoy](#)
- [Wheaton Remembers: The Carlson Brothers – Part 2](#)
- [Talk About Choices: Bonnie Wheaton](#)

Wheaton Police: Lock Your Car

Think it's OK to leave your car unlocked in your driveway? This might change your mind.

Many Chicago suburbs – including Wheaton – have seen a significant increase in car burglaries this summer. The Wheaton Police Department has found that in each instance, the car's

owner left it unlocked.

Wheaton Police Department detectives received more than 70 reports of items being stolen from unlocked Wheaton vehicles this summer. And if the suspects found car keys in the unlocked cars, they have taken the cars, as well,

providing a means for them to commit far more serious crimes.

[Please check out this latest "City Scene" video with Detective Andrew Uhler](#) to find out how communities are being targeted, what crimes are being committed, and why you **must** lock your car.

Make a Difference Day is Oct. 28

Participate in the National Day of Doing Good

Mark your calendar to do something good on Oct. 28. That's because it is the Make a Difference Day, also known as the "national day of doing good."

Each year, Wheaton's Community Relations Commission works to raise awareness and promote projects that give back to the community on Make a Difference Day. Some of the ways you can get involved include:

- Participate in "Donuts for Donations," where you can bring much-needed items for PADS, the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans or the People's Resource Center. Visit www.wheaton.il.us/madd to find links to the wish lists for each organization. You can bring items to the City Hall parking lot, 303 W. Wesley St., on Saturday, Oct. 28.
- Take part in the Stuff-a-Truck with Food Drive for the People's Resource Center. The People's Resource Center is collecting healthy, non-



Members of Wheaton's Police and Fire Departments assisted elementary school students with Make a Difference Day projects to beautify their schools' grounds.

perishable, non-glass food items and/or donations to fill the food pantry's shelves for those in need. Businesses, organizations and schools interested in having their donations collected on Oct. 27 can contact Laurie Swanson Oberhelman at lasocareers.com for information and assistance.

- Create your own project. If you have another way you'd like to give back to the community – such as raking leaves for a neighbor, volunteering for a local organization, cleaning up your neighborhood, or visiting a senior center –

Make a Difference Day 2017

Saturday, Oct. 28

For more information or project ideas, visit www.wheaton.il.us/madd.

the Community Relations Commission encourages you to register your project through the Do Good DuPage website at <https://givingdupage.org/dogood/service-days>.

For more information about Make a Difference Day, visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/madd.

Helpful Hints for a Safe Halloween

Tips from Wheaton Police Department

Halloween is a festive and fun time of the year for children of all ages. In Wheaton, the official trick-or-treating hours are from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The Wheaton Police Department offers the following tips to promote safety and protect children:

- Remind children to trick-or-treat on one side of the street at a time. Refrain from crossing the street in the middle of the block or between parked cars. Cross the street only in the crosswalk or at the corner, using caution.
- Trick-or-treat while it is light outside. If you must be out after dark, wear white or light-colored clothing, put reflective tape on your costume and treat bag, and carry a flashlight so you can be seen.
- Dress children in non-flammable costumes that fit properly – short enough to prevent tripping. Avoid wearing facial masks, which obstruct vision. Use face paint and makeup instead.
- Trick-or-treat with friends and stay in a group;
- there is safety in numbers. Never trick-or-treat alone.
- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult (parent) or responsible teen (older brother or sister) while trick-or-treating.
- Advise children not to enter any residence or vehicle for the promise of anything. Children should wait outside the door for their treats.
- Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time, staying in your own immediate neighborhood, along well-lighted streets. Do not wander far from home.
- Instruct children never to eat any treats until they return home and the treats have been examined under sufficient light by an adult. Check the wrappers of



commercial candy for signs of tampering. Wash and cut fruit before eating. Throw away anything unwrapped. Notify the police if there are any suspicious treats.

- Always walk on the sidewalk while trick-or-treating. If there is no sidewalk and you need to walk on the street, keep to the left, next to the curb, and in single file facing (against) traffic.

- Children should be courteous and respectful of other people's property. Damaging or defacing property will not be tolerated.

- Parents should know who their children are with and which route they are taking through the area.

- Homeowners should leave outside porch lights on.

Trick-or-Treat Downtown

Boo-Palooza Downtown Trick-or-Treat

- **Date:** Saturday, Oct. 28
- **Time:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Location:** Downtown Wheaton & Martin Memorial Plaza, Front Street & Main Street

Little ghosts and goblins will be delighted with this year's Boo-palooza Halloween Celebration in Downtown Wheaton. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, children are invited to trick-or-treat store to store and participate in other activities planned for the day by the Downtown Wheaton Association.

At 10 a.m., a Halloween costume contest for all ages will be in Martin Memorial Plaza at Front and Main Street. At 10:30 a.m., students from Moves Dance Studio of Wheaton will perform a "Thriller"-inspired dance routine. Also, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy free hayrides along Front Street.

For more information, visit the Downtown Wheaton Association's website at www.downtownwheaton.com.



Where to Dump Your Pumpkins After Halloween

Don't throw your pumpkins in the trash after Halloween; take them to Wheaton's pumpkin composting collection.

From 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 drive through the City's Commuter Parking Lot 9 and dump

your pumpkins at the City's second annual pumpkin compost collection. Lot 9 is located near the intersection of Carlton Avenue and Liberty Drive.

Please remove all decorations, plastic and candles.

Free Auto Inspections for Seniors

The annual Auto Inspection Program for seniors sponsored by Milton Township SALT Council will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7, at Wheaton Fire Station #38, 1 Fapp Circle.

This is a free service to all Milton Township seniors to have their cars checked for winter driving by qualified mechanics. Tires, fluid levels, belts, lights, hoses and other items will be inspected.

Forest Preserve District Meetings

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is hosting community meetings and invites residents to help it determine which projects to address over the next five years as part of a master plan.

- **Oct. 3:** 7 p.m. at West Chicago Park District ARC Center
 - **Oct. 18:** 7 p.m. at Naperville Municipal Center
 - **Oct. 25:** 7 p.m. at College of DuPage Health & Science Center, Room 1301, Glen Ellyn
 - **Oct. 30:** 7 p.m. at Indian Prairie Public Library in Darien
- For information, see www.dupageforest.org/master-plan/.

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Fest

Date: Oct. 1-31

Location: Cosley Zoo, 1356 Gary Avenue

Join Cosley Zoo for its annual Pumpkin Fest. Included are a straw pyramid, corn stalk tunnel, rides for children and thousands of pumpkins scattered on the zoo's lawn. For more information, visit the Wheaton Park District's website.

French Market

Date: Saturdays through Nov. 11

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

Location: Main Street & Liberty Drive (just south of the railroad tracks)

Flowers, locally grown produce, jewelry, crafts and more are sold from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at Wheaton's French Market. The outdoor market is at Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Oct. 14

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive (just east of the Wheaton Police Department)

Bring unwanted electronics to the monthly electronic recycling

collection. This is a drive-through event where volunteers will help unload items from your car. Please note that there is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event.

Wheaton Garden Club Flower Show

Dates: October 5 & 6

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

The Wheaton Garden Club once again presents their Flower Show featuring the theme, "See America." Stop by the Arts & Cultural Center on the first floor to see floral arrangements and table designs including horticulture exhibits.

Danada Fall Festival

Date: Sunday, Oct. 8

Time: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Danada Equestrian Center, 35507 Naperville Road

Join a celebration of the horse and the season at this annual event. Enjoy a parade of breeds, continuous equestrian performances, hayrides, pony rides, face painting, grooming demonstrations, educational displays, food and more. Activities ongoing. Free admission and parking. For more information, see the

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's website.

Death in DuPage: Traveling While Dead

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 11

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Funeral Director Mark Hayes of Hayes Funeral and Cremation Service will educate you regarding how the dead were transported during colonial times through the Civil War to present day. The program will be of interest not only to history buffs but those interested in genealogy as well. Registration required please call 630-868-7520 or register online at wheatonlibrary.org.

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Date: Saturday, Oct. 28

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

Location: Martin Memorial Plaza, Front Street and Main Street

The Downtown Wheaton Association will host the annual Boo-Palooza Downtown Trick-or-Treat, including a costume contest at 10 a.m., trick-or-treating downtown and free hayrides. See page 3 for information.



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.

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