

CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

November 2017

CITY NOTES

Change Batteries in Smoke Alarms

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5. When you change your clocks, the Wheaton Fire Department recommends you also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. You should change the batteries about every six months to ensure the detectors will work correctly. Using Daylight Saving Time as a reminder of when you last changed batteries is an easy way to remember when it's time to replace them.

No Garbage Pickup

Lakeshore Recycling Systems will not collect garbage, recycling or yard waste on Thursday, Nov. 24 due to the

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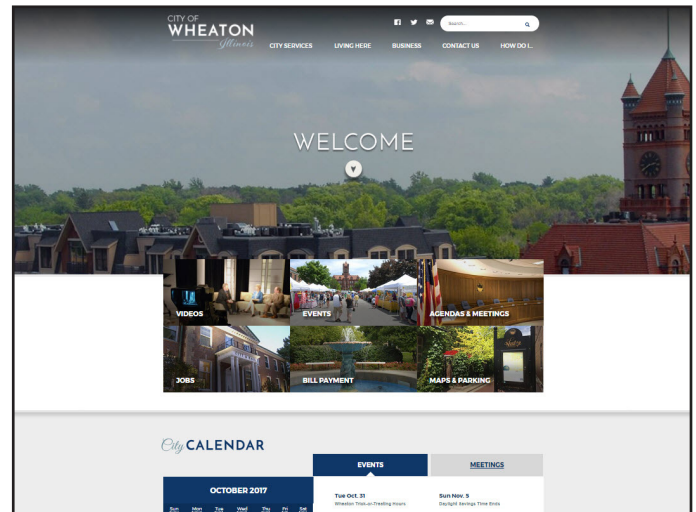
Welcome to Your New Website!

User-friendly site works well on mobile phones and computers

We are pleased to unveil the City of Wheaton's new website to the community. Created with the user in mind, the new website, www.wheaton.il.us, is designed to work well on any type of device, from cell phones and tablets to desktop computers.

The website features a brand-new look using a clean, more modern design that features images from around Wheaton.

We also reorganized the site to feature the most frequently requested information in easy-to-find places. For example, if you're a resident looking for information on community events, garbage/recycling



The City of Wheaton's new website presents information in a more user-friendly format with a fresh design.

information, utilities or other resident-related information, you'll find it all in the "Living Here" drop-down menu from anywhere on the site. Or, if you're trying to accomplish a specific task, like finding job postings, choose the "How Do I ..." drop-down menu, and there you'll find "Jobs."

The new site allows you to sign up for email or text message notifications when

certain items are added to the website, like new jobs, emergency alerts, news items, bid postings, or meeting agendas. [Go to the "Notify Me" section](#) and choose which types of updates you'd like to receive. This is also where you can sign up to receive the City's weekly email newsletter.

What do you think? How is the new website working for you? [Share your feedback with us.](#)

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: Communications Department, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187 Or email communications@wheaton.il.us

Dump Your Pumpkins Here 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 third annual pumpkin compost collection. Lot 9 is located near the intersection of Carlton Avenue and Liberty Drive.

Please remove all decorations, plastic and candles.



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Thanksgiving holiday. Pickups for Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 will take place one day later than usual.

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24. They will reopen on Monday, Nov. 28.

Front Street Work Update

Want to know what's happening with downtown construction? Contractors for the Downtown Streetscape Project are in the process of replacing underground utility pipes. While this work has at times required lane closures, please note that downtown businesses remain open throughout this process.

For updates, [see the City's Facebook page](#) and watch the weekly update videos with City staff.

Message from ComEd to Customers Affected by Oct. 16 Power Surge

On Monday, Oct. 16, a power outage in Wheaton affected approximately 900 ComEd customers. The outage was caused by a downed electrical line and resulted in a power

surge. ComEd crews repaired the electrical line and power was restored to impacted customers.

If you have questions related to this outage or the power surge, please call ComEd at

1-800-EDISON1.

If you want to file a property damage claim, please visit www.ComEd.com/MyAccount and look under customer support to download a claims form.

Wheaton Municipal Band Performing at International Convention Dec. 21

The Wheaton Municipal Band heads to the prestigious International Band and Orchestra Convention at McCormick Place in Chicago on Thursday, Dec. 21. Rehearsals and are under way.

The Midwest International Band and Orchestra Convention is the leading convention of its type in the world, with over 17,000 in attendance every year. The Wheaton Municipal Band is honored to be



one of the selected performing groups.

To thank the audience and the City of Wheaton, there are a few tickets available for

audience members to attend this performance. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket, contact Steve Klaus at sklaus00@comcast.net.

Hundreds of Bike Signs Coming Soon

Project funded with help of grant

The City of Wheaton will soon be a friendlier place for bicyclists. Thanks to the assistance of a federal grant, the City will be gaining 752 signs throughout the community aimed at identifying bicycle routes and encouraging biking in Wheaton.

Want to know which way to the Illinois Prairie Path or how far it is from a location to the library, parks, downtown Wheaton, or local schools? You will soon

see directional signs, mile marker signs and much more once the Bikeway Signage Program is completed. Crews contracted by the City will install the signs citywide by early December.

This program is a joint effort supported by the City, the Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Committee and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement federal grant funding. The grant covered 80% of the program's cost, with the City contributing 20%.



"This Bicycle Signage program began in 2012, and the signs will help with congestion mitigation as well as way-finding and mile marker signs," said Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair Dan Dlh. "We believe the placement

of these signs will help bicyclists with finding approved bike routes as well as make motorists aware of bicyclists on the roads."

For more about the Bicycle Advisory Committee, [visit the City's website](#).

Temporary Traffic Change during Wesley Street Work

Bolder Construction has been contracted to install 30-inch diameter storm sewer pipe along Wesley Street between Ellis Avenue and Western Avenue for drainage improvements.

Wesley Street between Ellis Avenue and Western Avenue will be closed to through traffic, but temporary two-way travel for local traffic only will be permitted during construction to allow residents to access their driveways during evening hours. A detour will be posted to direct traffic around the area of

construction. Vehicles will not be permitted to park on Wesley Street from 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, while construction is in progress. Residents may park on Wesley Street during evening hours and on the west side of Ellis Avenue during daytime hours.

This project is expected to be complete in 4-5 weeks, depending on weather conditions. For questions and more information, please contact the City of Wheaton Engineering Department at 630-260-2065.



Keep Leaves Out of Streets

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

In addition to

tossing leaves in yard waste bags/containers, Wheaton's yard waste/organics service provider also allows you to include food scraps with your yard waste.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chili Cook-off

Date: Saturday, Nov. 4

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

The 9th Annual Chili Cook-Off will take place in Downtown Wheaton on Nov. 4 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Taste more than 15 varieties of chili made by local restaurants. Your admission gets you unlimited tastings, so come hungry! Stick around afterwards as the Downtown Wheaton Association awards the 2017 Chili Cook-Off awards at last year's People's Choice Winner, Ivy, at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.downtownwheaton.com.

Songs of WWI

Date: Sunday, Nov. 5

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.

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

Roger Kotecki plays guitar and sings the songs of WWI with bass and percussion accompaniment. Registration required; please call 630-868-7520 or register online at wheatonlibrary.org.

Library Holiday Book & Art Sale

Dates: Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Nov. 10 & 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Nov. 12, 1-5 p.m.

Where: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., Main Floor

Shop the Friends of the Library Holiday Book & Art Sale for treasures of all kinds. The sale features like-new gift books for adults and children, collectible books, leather-bound treasures, first editions, signed copies, pop-up books and unique gifts. Fantastic framed



and unframed art work of all sizes and formats are also included. All items are individually priced. All proceeds benefit the library. Donations of art for this sale are accepted through Nov. 4. For information, visit www.wheatonlibrary.org/friends.

U.S. First Division in WWI

Date: Thursday, Nov. 9

Time: 7-8 p.m.

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

Dr. Paul Herbert, Executive Director of the First Division Museum of Cantigny, discusses the history behind the legendary First Division infantrymen of WWI. Registration required; please call 630-868-7520 or register online at wheatonlibrary.org.

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, Nov. 11

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. There is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event.

Wheaton Christmas Parade

Date: Friday, Nov. 24

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton, Front Street

Wheaton comes together to celebrate the coming of Christmas with a hometown parade organized by the Downtown Wheaton Association. Stick around until the end, because someone special and jolly pays his first visit to Wheaton! The parade begins at Wesley Street and Wheaton Avenue, heading south to Front Street, then heads east on Front Street, ending at Cross Street.

Visits with Santa

Date: Saturdays, Nov. 25 through Dec. 23

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

Location: Martin Memorial Plaza, 134 W. Front St.

Come pay Santa a visit as he gets ready for Christmas! This free event is presented by the Downtown Wheaton Association.

Holiday Carriage Rides

Date: Saturdays, Nov. 25 through Dec. 23

Time: Noon-3 p.m.

Location: Starting from Martin Memorial Plaza, 134 W. Front St.

Enjoy complimentary horse-drawn carriage rides through downtown Wheaton, courtesy of the Downtown Wheaton Association.



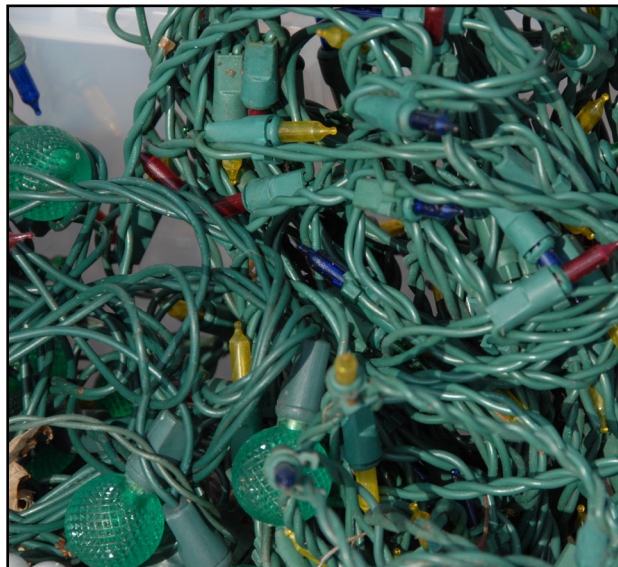
Wheaton Reads: WWI



The Wheaton Public Library is continuing a month-long event entitled Wheaton Reads: World War I, commemorating the centennial of The Great War. Wheaton residents can enjoy historical presentations, musical performances, a panel discussion, as well as programs for teens and tweens.

Through a grant from World War I and America, the library hopes to educate the community and honor those who have served. The featured book of Wheaton Reads is Ernest Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*.

Some events require registration. Find out more about all of the Wheaton Reads: World War I events on the library's website at www.wheatonlibrary.org.



Recycle Your Old Holiday Lights

Annual program starts Nov. 20 and runs through Feb. 5

Kee your old holiday lights out of landfills by bringing them to Wheaton's holiday light recycling drop-off site.

Starting Nov. 20, you can bring strands of incandescent or LED lights and extension cords in any condition to the Public Works Storage Facility at 820 W. Liberty Drive any time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Look for signs directing you to the

holiday light recycling area just inside the gate on the south side of Liberty Drive. The Public Works Department will accept lights for recycling through Feb. 5, 2018.

This program is for light strings and extension cords only. Please do not drop off lawn ornaments, and do not put lights in a bag or box.

Elgin Recycling, www.elginrecycling.com, will

collect the lights, which will then be stripped and recycled for their copper and plastic parts. No materials will be shipped overseas.

In addition to residents, the City also welcomes businesses, schools and other organizations wanting to dispose of holiday lights to participate in the program. There is no limit as to how many lights you can drop off for recycling.



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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- 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.
- 23 City offices closed; no garbage pickup
- 24 City offices closed
- 27 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.