



# CITY OF WHEATON

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## NEWSLETTER

April 2018

### CITY NOTES



#### Big Changes Coming Soon to Downtown Wheaton

The City will kick off construction on an exciting portion of the Downtown Streetscape Project. Once this portion is complete this fall, residents can enjoy a new Martin Memorial Plaza on the north side of Front Street, wider sidewalks along Front Street, a water feature and more.

Details and drawings for this project are available on the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape](http://www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape).

Be sure to follow the progress of this

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## Paper Shredding Offered April 7

The City's Environmental Improvement Commission will host a paper shredding event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 7 in the commuter parking lot at Carlton Avenue and Liberty Drive. This is a drive-up event for Wheaton residents.

Participants will enter from the Carlton Avenue entrance to Lot 9, and documents will be shredded on-site. You must remove rubber bands, plastic page protectors, plastic

### Free Paper Shredding Event

**Date:** Saturday, April 7

**Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Location:** Lot 9, Carlton Ave. & Liberty Drive



bags, plastic file tabs and binders. However, staples and paper clips do not need to be removed.

Lot 9 will be closed from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 7 for this event. While there will be no street closures during

this event, motorists in this area may experience traffic delays due to the volume of cars dropping off paper for shredding. Wheaton Police Officers will be assisting with traffic near the entrance and exit to this parking lot.

## "Summer of Golf" Coming to Wheaton



This July will be an exciting time for our community, as the first-ever U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship will take place at the Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton. To celebrate, City commissions and

community organizations are planning a community art project, events featuring Wheaton's golf history, exhibits and more.

Find out more and how to apply to volunteer at the tournament on the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/golf2018](http://www.wheaton.il.us/golf2018).

### 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](mailto:communications@wheaton.il.us)

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project by following the City on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton](http://www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/CityOfWheaton](http://www.twitter.com/CityOfWheaton)).

## Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for seasonal workers in the Public Works Department and a temporary seasonal Forestry Intern. The City is also seeking applicants for a seasonal administrative assistant position with the Building Department. For more information or to learn how to apply for any of these positions, visit [www.wheaton.il.us/jobs](http://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs).

## Commission News

The Wheaton City Council approved the reappointment of Scott Weller for a 5-year term on the Planning & Zoning Board and Kevin Illia to a 3-year term on the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners.



The 2017 Good Citizen Award recipients are pictured above.

# Last Call to Submit 2018 Good Citizen Award Nominations

**D**o you know someone who you think deserves to be recognized for his or her service in the community? Wheaton's Community Relations Commission encourages you to nominate a person or group for Wheaton's 2018 Good Citizen Awards.

This award helps recognize those who make generous and often extraordinary contributions that make Wheaton an outstanding community. This may be volunteer service for a

***Nominations are due by April 10***

school, church, nursing home, civic group or nonprofit organization. A person may also be nominated for service to an individual, such as tutoring, assisting an elderly neighbor, etc.

The categories for nominees are: high school student, adult and group. To be considered for this award, a nominee must be a current Wheaton resident who has done something for the benefit of Wheaton and its citizens.

To nominate someone, submit an application at [www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen](http://www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen), or mail an application to Wheaton City Hall, Attn: Sharon Barrett-Hagen, 303 W Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187. **Nominations are due by April 10, 2018.**

The Community Relations Commission will review nominations, and the City will honor award recipients at the May 21 City Council meeting.



## Check Out New City of Wheaton Videos

**W**ant to see what's happening in Wheaton? Check out these City of Wheaton videos:

- A Chat with the

Mayor: Downtown Wheaton Association & Chamber of Commerce

- Inside Your Community Schools: eLo
- Wheaton North High

School Orchestra

- Talk About Choices: Heather Locus

These programs are available for viewing at [www.wheaton.il.us/videos](http://www.wheaton.il.us/videos).



## Join Annual Prairie Path Cleanup April 28

Once a year, volunteers of all ages join together to clean up a local gem that runs through our area: the Illinois Prairie Path. Wheaton's Environmental Commission encourages individuals, families, scout groups, community groups, churches, businesses and others to help clean up the 16 miles of the path that run

### Prairie Path Cleanup

**Date:** Saturday, April 28  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon  
**Location:** Meet at Lincoln Avenue & Prairie Path (two blocks west of Gary Avenue)

through Wheaton from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 28.

While registration is not necessary, if you'd like to request a location, contact the Environmental Improvement Commission at [wheatoncleanup@gmail.com](mailto:wheatoncleanup@gmail.com). Volunteers should check in on April 28 at Lincoln Avenue and the Prairie Path (two blocks west of Gary Avenue). You will receive bags to collect garbage and

recycling, but please bring work gloves.

This event will take place rain or shine.

Planning on participating? Share your photos from the cleanup with the City by emailing them to [communications@wheaton.il.us](mailto:communications@wheaton.il.us) or sharing them with us on Facebook or Twitter (@CityofWheaton).



## Native Illinois Plant Sale is April 28

Wheaton's annual Native Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the City's Public Works building, 821 W Liberty Drive. You will find flowers, grasses, trees and other plants native to Illinois available for sale.

This event is a partnership between the City of Wheaton, Wheaton Environmental Commission and Wheaton Park District to

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promote environmentally friendly planting in the community. Native plants are adapted to the soils and climate of our area. They're beneficial because they don't require irrigation or fertilizer, are resistant to drought and insects,

and won't harm native ecosystems.

You can also pre-order a rain barrel to pick up at the sale, or pick up free wood chips (bring your own container). To preorder a rain barrel from the Conservation Foundation, visit <http://www.upcycle-products.com/wheatonil.html>. For a list of the plants and more information, see the Wheaton Park District's website. Please note that this event only accepts cash or checks.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Hidden Memory: An American Story

**Date:** Thursday, Apr. 5

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street  
Storyteller Anne

Shimojima tells the story of her family's experience in the Japanese American incarceration camps during WWII. Registration required at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) or call 630-868-7520.

## Paper Shredding

**Date:** Saturday, April 7

**Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Location:** Commuter Parking Lot 9, Carlton Ave. & Liberty Drive

Wheaton residents can bring up to 3 boxes of paper for shredding. For more information, see page 1.

## The Science of Climate Change

**Date:** Thursday, Apr. 12

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Michelle Nichols of the Adler Planetarium will put politics aside and focus on the science of this hot topic and discuss what science says is happening, where the data comes from, and what our future might be.



Registration required at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) or call 630-868-7520.

## French Market

**Date:** Saturdays, starting April 14

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

**Location:** Municipal Parking Lot at Main Street & Liberty Drive

The popular Wheaton French Market will start its 2018 season on Saturday, April 14. Each week, vendors will sell specialty foods, fresh produce, locally made goods and more. Vendors vary by week.

## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, April 14

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

**Location:** Wheaton Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W Liberty Drive

Bring your electronics for recycling at this monthly drop-off event. Also accepted: cooking oil, scrap metal and fluorescent tube bulbs (no CFLs). Please note there is a charge for TVs and monitors. For more information, see the City's website.

## Maureen Christine: Broadway Hits

**Date:** Sunday, April 15



**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Concert vocalist and national recording artist Maureen Christine sings the Songs of Rodgers, Hammerstein, and Hart with a keyboard accompanist. No registration required.

## Money Smart Week

**Dates:** April 23-26

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Visit [wheatonlibrary.org](http://wheatonlibrary.org) for list of programs.

## Arbor Day

**Date:** Friday, April 27

**Location:** Franklin Middle School

The City of Wheaton's Forestry Division and Environmental Improvement Commission will join students from Franklin Middle School in planting a new tree in honor of Arbor Day. For more information, see the City's website closer to the date of the event.

## Prairie Path Cleanup

**Date:** Saturday, April 28

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

**Location:** Starting at Illinois Prairie Path and Lincoln Ave. (2 blocks west of Gary)

Volunteers of all ages

are welcome to take part in the annual cleanup of the Illinois Prairie Path in Wheaton. For more information, see page 3.

## Native Plant Sale

**Date:** Saturday, April 28

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Works Building, 821 W Liberty Drive

Find trees, flowers, shrubs and more at this annual sale organized by the Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission, City of Wheaton, and Wheaton Park District. For information, see page 3.

## Low Vision Tech Petting Zoo

**Date:** Monday, April 30

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Learn about new and exciting developments in low vision technology. Portable magnification screens, electronic monoculars, and wearable artificial vision devices featured. Staff from Enhanced Vision and Spectrios Institute for Low Vision will be available to answer questions and hands-on learning is encouraged! No registration required.

# Yard Waste/Food Scrap Collection Resumes

You can include much more than just yard waste through Wheaton's program

**R**esidents served by Lakeshore Recycling Systems will have pickup for yard waste, food scraps and organic materials resume the week of April 2.

You can use containers no larger than 35 gallons in size or biodegradable paper bags. Each container or biodegradable bag must weigh no more than 50 pounds and must have one yard waste/organics/garbage sticker attached in order to be collected. All of the types of items below use the same type of sticker.

If containers are not feasible for yard waste, place brush and tree trimmings in stacks no longer than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter. Stacks do not need to be bundled with twine, but each stack must have 1 garbage/yard waste sticker attached.

Reminder: It is illegal



to pile, blow or rake leaves onto the streets. Doing so can clog storm sewers, preventing them from working properly during a storm and possibly leading to flooding.

Items that can be included with your yard waste/organics collection:

#### Plants:

Floral trimmings  
Tree trimmings  
Leaves  
Grass  
Brush  
Weeds

#### Foods:

Fruits & Vegetables  
Meat  
Poultry  
Seafood  
Shellfish  
Bones  
Rice  
Beans  
Pasta  
Bread  
Baked goods  
Grains  
Cheese  
Eggshells

#### Other Compostable Items:

Waxed cardboard

Napkins  
Paper towels  
Paper plates  
Pizza boxes  
Food-contaminated paper (Example: fast-food bags)  
Paper milk cartons  
Tea bags  
Coffee grounds/filters  
Wooden crates  
Sawdust

#### Do Not Include:

Grease  
Cooking oil  
Stickers on produce  
Any sort of plastic  
Polystyrene  
Bottles  
Cans  
Aluminum foil  
Liquids  
Hazardous waste  
Cleaning supplies  
Rags  
Wooden tools  
Diapers or pet litter.

If you have questions about what you can/can't include with your yard waste, contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at 773-685-8811.



## CITY CALENDAR

City Council Meetings & 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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- 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.