

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

May 2018

CITY NOTES

Storm Sewer Rate Change

Starting May 1, 2018, Wheaton residents will see an additional flat fee of \$1.50 per month on their water/sewer bills, and an increase of \$0.10 per 100 cubic feet of water used. These changes were approved by the City Council on April 2 to finance storm sewer operations and stormwater infrastructure projects.



Hydrant Flushing Underway

The City's Water Division began its annual hydrant flushing program on April 29 and will continue for

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Downtown Wheaton Construction is Rolling Along on Front Street

New sidewalks and amenities being installed

With the help of careful planning and the involvement of the downtown business community, construction is in full swing in downtown Wheaton, and improvements are beginning to materialize.

The City's Engineering Department and Primera Engineering, the City's engineering consultants, planned extensively to ensure the least amount of disruption to downtown businesses as possible. For example, while crews are removing the existing sidewalks to make way for wider sidewalks and amenities, temporary ramps over the work area allow customers



Crews installed temporary ramps to business entrances on part of Front Street while they create new, wider sidewalks. Businesses are open throughout this project.



and employees to enter and exit businesses freely.

"A lot of work went into planning exactly how we're going to make

More information

See a map of the project area and much more at www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape

these improvements yet still keep businesses open," said Assistant City Manager John

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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

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approximately two weeks. To minimize inconvenience to residents, hydrant flushing will be done between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. The purpose of this program is to flush out particles that accumulate in water lines.

During or immediately following the hydrant flushing, water discoloration may occur. It is best not to draw large amounts of water if you experience discoloration.

Residents with questions may call the Water Division at 630-260-2090.



Lawn Watering Restrictions

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. 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.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for a Maintenance Worker position in the Public Works Department. This position involves performing maintenance, service, repairs and construction to maintain the City's water system. For more information on how to apply, visit www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Commission News

The Wheaton City Council:

- reappointed Robert Young to the Environmental Improvement Commission
- reappointed John Dalby to the Band Commission
- appointed Julie Kulovits to the Community Relations Commission
- appointed Nancy Allured, Dan Dlh, Michelle Dunlap, Rita Nathanson, William Nieman, Carrie Provost and Laurel Salvador to the Bicycle Advisory Commission, and
- reappointed Jim

Knasel to the Bicycle Advisory Commission.

All appointments/reappointments are for 3-year terms.

No Garbage Pickup

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, May 28. All pickups for the week of May 28-June 1 will be one day later than usual.

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, May 28. They will reopen Tuesday, May 29.

Check Out Wheaton Videos

Want to see what's happening in Wheaton? Check out these new videos produced by the City of Wheaton:

- [Wheaton Insider: Stormwater](#)
- [Chat with the Mayor: Front Street Streetscape Update](#)
- [Inside Your Community Schools: FIT](#)
- [City Scene: Road Repair](#)
- [Talk About Choices: Tony Dileonardi](#)

Business News

Now open:

- Dollar Tree, 1790 S. Blanchard Road
- Planet Fitness, 1780 S. Blanchard Road.

Downtown

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Duguay. "We're working block by block, one side of the street at a time, so we can keep traffic moving and customers can still visit their favorite restaurants, shops and businesses."

To make up for parking spots that are unavailable during construction, the City temporarily converted Parking Lot 4, on Liberty Drive between Hale and Main streets, to a customer-only parking lot for the duration of the Front Street work. For downtown parking options, [see this map on the City's website](#).

The City of Wheaton appreciates your patience as this exciting project continues. By this fall, on Front Street you will see a new Martin Memorial Plaza with a water feature and outdoor fireplace; wider sidewalks for outdoor dining and gathering; new streetlights and signage and more.

To see this project's progress and for timely updates, follow @CityOfWheaton on Facebook and Twitter. We will be posting short video updates throughout the spring and summer highlighting this project. [See this first Front Street update of the season](#).

Wheaton Celebrates Preservation Month

Historic Commission offers numerous events honoring Wheaton's history

Each May, the City's Historic Commission coordinates Preservation Month activities to celebrate Wheaton's history. It coincides with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Preservation Month. Check out the activities planned for this year:

Colonel Robert R. McCormick: The Colonel of Cantigny

Date: Monday, May 7
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Cantigny, the first major U.S. offensive victory of WWI and a defining moment in the life of iconic Chicago Tribune publisher Colonel Robert R. McCormick. Jeffrey Anderson, Interpretation Manager at the Cantigny Park's Robert R. McCormick House, will give a lecture on the Colonel's military service and his life and legacy. The event is free, but [registration is required at the library's events page](#).

Honoring Wheaton's Preservation Citizens

Date: Monday, May 7
Time: 7 p.m. (reception at 6 p.m.)

Location: Wheaton City Hall, 303 W Wesley



Wheaton's Historic Commission will display signs in front of Wheaton's landmarked properties May 11-21.

Mayor Gresk will present the Wheaton Preservation Award to John & Deb Lorentsen, owners of the Jesse C. Wheaton home (1850), 310 W Evergreen Street, and Dr. Bryan Bauer & Dr. Danielle Bauer, owners of the Warren L. Wheaton home (1848), 623 S Naperville Road. The award honors citizens/businesses for their preservation efforts.

Pride in Preservation Signs

Wheaton's Historic Commission will display signs in front of Wheaton's landmarked properties May 11-21.

Cantigny Park Free Parking Days

Dates: May 11-21

Location: Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road

From May 11-21, Cantigny Park is waiving its parking fee for Wheaton residents who show proof of Wheaton

residency at the entrance. Museums, gardens and other attractions inside the park are free. For more information, visit Cantigny.org or call 630-668-5161.

"Let the Right Prevail!": Naperville vs Wheaton in the County Seat War

Date: Thursday, May 17
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

This year will be the 150th anniversary of Wheaton taking over the government of the county, and the opening of the county courthouse. Soon after the Civil War, the county faced another north/south conflict: whether the county government would be in Naperville or Wheaton. Lecture by Bob Shuster, archivist at the Billy Graham Center Archives of Wheaton College. Free, but [registration is](#)

[required at the library's events page](#).

Events through Partner Organizations:

Sheldon Peck: Bringing the Underground Railroad Home

Date: Thursday, May 3
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E Wesley Street

Jean Follett will present a lecture on Sheldon Peck, painter and abolitionist, one of the earliest settlers of Lombard. Presented by Landmarks Illinois with the DCHM and the Lombard Historical Society. Reservations: <https://tinyurl.com/SheldonPeckLecture>

DuPage County Historical Museum Architectural Walking Tour

Date: Saturday, May 19
Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Location: Starts at DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E Wesley Street

Walking tour through historic Downtown Wheaton hosted by the DCHM. The tour covers 1.5 miles. Begins from Museum Front Steps. Fee applies. Registration is at <https://dupagemuseum.org/events/architectural-walking-tour/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Make & Take: Greeting Cards

Date: Wednesday, May 2

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Make your own greeting cards with Laura Barto from Stampin' UP! Registration required at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

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For more information, see page 3.

French Market

Date: Saturdays through November

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

Location: Municipal Parking Lot at Main Street & Liberty Drive

The outdoor Wheaton French Market is back! Each week, vendors will sell specialty foods, fresh produce, locally made goods and more.

Go Fly a Kite Festival

Date: Saturday, May 5

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

Location: Graf Park, 1701 Manchester Road

This free event held in Wheaton's Graf Park encourages the community to enjoy spring and fly kites. Enjoy performances by the Chicago Fire Kite Team and the Kite Society of Illinois and Wisconsin. For information, visit the

[Wheaton Park District's website.](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar)

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Friends Annual Meeting and Concert

Date: Thursday, May 10

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Make some new Friends at the Friends of Wheaton Public Library annual meeting. After a brief business meeting, musician Rick Pickren will perform old time Rock 'N Roll classics.

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Vintage Rides

Date: Fridays, starting May 18

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Hale Street, between Liberty and Willow streets

The Vintage Rides antique and custom car show will take place in a new location for the summer of 2018 due to improvements being installed on Front Street. Head south of the railroad tracks on Hale Street for this year's car shows. For more information, see page 5.

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Senior Isolation: How Voice Technology Can Help

Date: Tuesday, May 22

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Patrick Yanahan of Silver Companions discusses the characteristics of senior isolation, what to look out

for, and how the new and easy-to-use "computerless" technologies like Amazon Echo can help in the home. Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Memorial Day Parade

Date: Monday, May 28

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Note new route: The parade will begin at Hale and Wesley Street, and travel: south on Wheaton Avenue, east on Liberty Drive, south on Main Street, west on Elm Street, and south on Warrenville Road, concluding at Wheaton Cemetery. A ceremony honoring those who have given their life in service will begin at 11 a.m. at Wheaton Cemetery. This event is led by American Legion Post 76.

Social Media & the Brain

Date: Thursday, May 31

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Learn the affects social media has on your brain. Presented by COD professor Ken Gray. Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Taste of Wheaton

Dates: May 31-June 3

Location: Downtown Wheaton & Memorial Park

Join the Wheaton Park District for the annual kick off to summer, the Taste of Wheaton! Enjoy food, carnival rides, entertainment and more. For information, see the Wheaton Park District's website..

New Location for Vintage Rides Car Shows This Year



Due to construction on Front Street, this year's Vintage Rides car shows will temporarily be moved to Hale Street on the south side of the railroad tracks.

The Downtown Wheaton Association is gearing up for summer with their Vintage Rides event, which takes place on Friday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., May 18 through Aug. 31. Like in previous years, this antique car show in historic Downtown Wheaton will feature all makes of cars from Model T's to Teslas and everything in between.

Due to improvements taking place on Front Street this summer, the event will move south of the train tracks to Hale Street, between Liberty and Willow streets. Space for cars will be limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. The street will be closed at 5 p.m. to allow classic cars to arrive and park, and the show officially

begins at 6 p.m. This move is temporary for the 2018 summer only, but it provides a fresh, new venue for this family-favorite event.

Spectators will admire classic cars, motorcycles and trucks of many makes, models and years. Some of the downtown restaurants will be at the show selling tasty treats for visitors' refreshment, and there will be a DJ spinning tunes. Restrooms also will be provided for visitors' convenience.

The event will have a different theme each week, including:

- May 18: Welcome Back Night
- May 25: Piano Night: Billy Joel & Elton John
- June 1 & 2: Easy & Mix*
- June 8: Country

- June 15: Movie Themes
- June 22: 70's Corvette
- June 29: 80's & 90's
- July 6: Country
- July 13: Tom Jones & Tommy and the Shondells
- July 20: Smooth/Summer
- July 27: Kenny Rodgers
- August 3: R&B
- August 10: Country
- August 17: Disco
- August 24: Southern Rock
- August 31: Last Night Blow Out

*Note that June 1 & 2 are relocated to North Hale Street between Front & Wesley streets to accommodate the Taste of Wheaton. Reservations to exhibit your car must be made for this night by calling 630-682-0633.



Interested in Becoming a Wheaton Police Officer?

Applications are due by May 22

The Wheaton Police Department will be conducting testing for those interested in applying for a police officer position. You must submit an online application and required documents by 4 p.m. May 22.

Minimum requirements to become a Wheaton police officer include:

- U.S. Citizenship
- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college/university by application deadline
- Valid driver's license
- Be at least 20 years of age and under 35 at time of application deadline, unless exempt by state statute;
- Must have corrected vision to 20/20;

The testing process includes orientation, physical ability test and written exam on Saturday, June 23.

For more information and to apply, [see the City's website](#).

Several City Commissions Seeking New Members

Several of the City's commissions are accepting applications from Wheaton residents who would like to join, including the Bicycle Advisory Commission, Community Relations Commission, Environmental Improvement Commission and Housing Commission.

The Bicycle Advisory Commission promotes safe bicycling in Wheaton, bicycling events, safety education and bike-friendly facilities. The commission also encourages residents and visitors to use the improved bicycling network developed by and for the City of Wheaton.

Wheaton's Community Relations Commission is responsible for promoting community involvement and volunteering. Its programs include the

annual Good Citizen Awards and Make a Difference Day.

The Environment Improvement Commission creates, sustains, and supports initiatives that:

- Collaborate with other commissions on common goals
- Educate the community about environmental issues
- Encourage the city to pursue environmental sustainability
- Facilitate improved recycling rates

The Wheaton Housing Commission administers a Housing Assistance Program to assist its senior citizens with their housing-related costs.

If you are interested in applying for a position on one of these volunteer commissions, you can fill out a board/commission application, which is available on the City's website, and submit it to the Wheaton City Clerk at sbarrett-hagen@wheaton.il.us.



Due to construction projects, the Memorial Day Parade route will be different for 2018.

Memorial Day Parade Using Different Route

Due to construction projects planned for the usual route that is used for American Legion Post 76's Memorial Day Parade, this year's parade at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28, will use a different route.

The parade will begin at Hale and Wesley Street, and travel:

- South on Wheaton Avenue
- East (left) on Liberty Drive
- South (right) on Main Street

- West (right) on Elm Street
- South (left) on Warrenville Road, concluding at Wheaton Cemetery.

American Legion Post 76 invites veterans, youth groups, bands and schools to participate. A ceremony honoring those who have given their life in service will begin at 11 a.m. at Wheaton Cemetery, 1209 S Warrenville Road. For information, [see American Legion Post 76's website](#).



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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- 5 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 7 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting & Good Citizen Award Presentation, 7 p.m.
- 28 City Offices Closed, No Garbage Pickup
- 29 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.