

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

October 2018

CITY NOTES

Trick-or-Treating Hours

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

Wheaton Named Top Place to Live

The City of Wheaton earned high praise from Money Magazine in its 2018 Best Places to Live rankings, earning the #1 spot in Illinois and #27 in the nation. Among the features highlighted in Money Magazine were the authentic character of the downtown, outstanding schools, and community events.

Main Street Paving

The contractor for the North Main Street Resurfacing Project is scheduled to place the final layer of pavement on North Main between Cole

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Streetscape Project Moving from Front Street to Hale & Wesley

Crews this month are nearing a significant milestone in the Downtown Streetscape Project: completion of Phase 1.

Front Street from Cross Street to West Street received significant underground utility work upgrades in fall 2017, including replacing water main and sanitary sewer pipes dating back many decades.

Now, above-ground improvements are near completion. The finishing touches are going into the brand new Martin Memorial Plaza on Front Street, just west of Main Street. The plaza has been reconfigured with community gathering spaces, an outdoor fireplace and a water feature. Wider sidewalks allow for more outdoor



Some of the improvements you will now see on Front Street are wider sidewalks with room for outdoor dining and gathering; permeable brick pavers; and new trees with room underground for roots to flourish.

dining opportunities, and permeable pavers surround new trees planted to give maximum space for growth. Also incorporated into this part of the project are new directional and wayfinding signs directing visitors to parking, attractions, parks and more.

As Phase 1 concludes, crews are following suit with the

same process for Phase 2, with underground utility work happening this fall, and above-ground work beginning in the spring of 2019. The Phase 2 work area includes Wesley Street between Wheaton Avenue and Cross Street, as well as on Hale Street between Front Street and Seminary Avenue.

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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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and Seminary Avenue starting in the middle of the week of Oct. 1. There may be significant delays while work is completed. If possible, the City encourages motorists to use an alternate route during this work.

Vacancies on City Commissions

The City of Wheaton is looking for volunteer residents to serve on local boards and commissions. Vacancies are available on the following commissions: Bicycle Advisory, Community Relations, Environmental Improvement, Historic, Housing Commission & Sister City. Visit www.wheaton.il.us/commissions for more information and for an application.

Help Keep Storm Sewers Clear

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.

Note that burning leaves, tree trimmings, brush and related materials is a violation of City Code.

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.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for a Maintenance Worker position in the Public Works Department and for part-time seasonal school crossing guards. Read more about these positions and find out how to apply at www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Business News

New retail shop Joy and Favored is at 119 N Main Street. This boutique features women's clothing and accessories.

Commission News

The City Council appointed Anna Orland to a 3-year term on the Band Commission.



The new Martin Memorial Plaza is taking shape with elements including an outdoor fireplace.

Front St.

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Above-ground work will also take place on Hale Street to Liberty Drive.

The underground utility work is currently underway and will wrap up this fall. Work is being done in stages of a few blocks at a time. The work will involve installing underground pipes in trenches, which will require traffic control. The contractor will work to maintain a lane of traffic during construction, but some detours will occur as needed.

Crews will be onsite, in general, Monday

through Friday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. with some days extending longer. Occasional Saturday work may be required. Additionally, street parking in the work zone area will be inaccessible during the daytime during construction. The contractor will reopen spaces at the end of the day wherever possible.

Free parking is always available in the Wheaton Place Garage, 232 W Wesley Street, and Willow Avenue Garage, 220 S Cross Street. For more information on downtown parking, visit www.wheaton.il.us/parking.



Underground work is happening on Wesley Street as part of the next phase of improvements.

Reminder: New Neighborhood Speed Limit

Police are enforcing reduced neighborhood speed limit

The City would like to remind drivers that a new speed limit is in place for neighborhood streets, and Wheaton Police are now enforcing the speed limit, which is posted on neighborhood street signs throughout the community.

On July 16, 2018, the Wheaton City Council voted to lower the speed limit for City of Wheaton residential neighborhoods from 30 mph to 25 mph to improve safety for the community. The City Council explored the process of lowering the speed limit based on a traffic study conducted



by the engineering firm Kenin, Lindgren, O'Hara, Aboona, Inc. (KLOA). The change became effective Aug. 1.

While 25 mph is the speed limit for the majority of residential streets, there are some streets considered major

collector and arterial streets, where traffic volumes exceed 6,000 cars per day. These streets serve as major access routes to and from Wheaton, and they maintained their previous speed limit.

Streets maintaining a speed limit of 30 mph:

- Main Street north of Seminary
- President Street
- Blanchard Street south of Roosevelt
- West Street south of Willow
- Warrenville Road south of Roosevelt
- Wiesbrook Road
- Orchard Road south of Wiesbrook
- Manchester Road
- East Loop Road
- West Loop Road
- Leask Lane
- 22nd Street
- Lorraine Road south of Roosevelt

Streets maintaining a speed limit of 35 mph:

- Gary Avenue north of Harrison
- Shaffner Road

Participate in Make a Difference Day October 27

Each year volunteers across Wheaton show their support for the community by participating in Make a Difference Day, the national day of volunteering. This year it will take place on Saturday, Oct. 27. Some of the ways you can get involved include:

• **Take part in the Stuff-a-Truck with Food Drive for the People's Resource Center.** This food drive is collecting healthy, nonperishable, non-glass food items and/or donations to fill the food pantry's shelves for people in

Make a Difference Day 2018

Date: Saturday, October 27

Get involved: Donate food for the Stuff-a-Truck with Food Drive or start your own project.

need. Businesses, organizations and schools interested in having their donations collected should check the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/madd.

• **Bring food donations to the Wheaton Public Library during Food for Fines.**

The library will accept food donations for the People's Resource Center on Saturday,

Oct. 27, and in return will forgive up to \$5 in library fines.

• **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, or visiting a senior center – let the City know about it on Facebook or Twitter. Be sure that you tag



@CityOfWheaton to show us what you're doing to make a difference in our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pumpkin Fest

Date: Oct. 1-31

Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Cosley Zoo,
1356 N Gary Avenue

Take in the fall colors at Cosley Zoo, and enjoy a straw pyramid, thousands of pumpkins, apples, cider, cornstalks and more. Regular admission applies, and there is a fee for rides.

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 takes place every Saturday. Each week, vendors will sell specialty foods, fresh produce, locally made goods and more. Vendors vary by week.

Auto Inspection for Seniors

Date: Saturday, Oct. 6

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Fire Station 1, 1 Fapp Circle

The free annual auto inspection for Milton Township seniors is sponsored by the Milton Township SALT (Seniors and Lawmen Together) Council. Certified mechanics and volunteers will check your car's safety and make recommendations for winter. For more information, call Milton Township at 630-668-1616. Cars inspected on a first-come, first-served basis.

Two-Part Fiction

Writing Workshop

Dates: Wednesdays, Oct. 10 & 17

Time: 6:30 p.m.



The Boo-Palooza Festival is Saturday, Oct. 27.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

In this two-part workshop, author Karen Schreck will discuss what makes a great story, then the group will work together to generate ideas for your work through a variety of exercises sure to inspire. Registration required.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Oct. 13

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Commuter Lot 9, Carlton & Liberty Drive

Please note this change in location for the monthly electronic recycling drop-off event. See page 6.

Octoberfest

Date: Saturday, Oct. 13

Time: 4-10 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park

Join the Wheaton Park District for Octoberfest in Memorial Park, with proceeds benefitting the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation. The event features live music, beer garden, children's area and food vendors.

Danada Fall Festival

Date: Sunday, Oct. 14

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

Location: Danada

Equestrian Center, 3S507 Naperville Road

Presented by the DuPage County Forest Preserve District, enjoy a parade of breeds, continuous equestrian performances, hayrides, pony rides, face painting, grooming demonstrations, educational displays, food and more. Free admission and parking; fees for some activities. Questions? Call 630-668-6012.

Sunday Concert: Girls Like Us – It's My Party

Date: Sunday, Oct. 14

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Join this fabulous all female trio as they celebrate the ladies of the '60s: Leslie Gore, Mary Wells, the Supremes, and more!

Nosferatu with Live Organ Accompaniment

Date: Thursday, Oct. 18

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Get into the Halloween mood as organist Jay Warren plays along to the silent horror classic

"Nosferatu." Registration required.

Halloween Happening

Date: Friday, Oct. 19

Time: 5-7:30 p.m.

Location: Community Center, 1777 S Blanchard Street

This family event of the Wheaton Park District includes strolling magic, carnival games, touch-a-truck, a bounce house and more.

Maker Day

Date: Saturday, Oct. 20

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

WPL will feature hands-on maker stations and presentations throughout the library for all ages! Join us for STEAM, arts & crafts, robotics, and much more! No registration required. See page 4.

Boo-Palooza Festival

Date: Saturday, Oct. 27

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

Location: Martin Memorial Plaza & downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association will host the Boo-Palooza Festival, starting with a Halloween costume contest in Martin Memorial Plaza (on Front Street west of Main Street) at 10 a.m. Enjoy trick-or-treating from store to store, a trunk-or-treat at Gary United Methodist Church. free hay rides, a giant pumpkin carving demonstration and face painting in Martin Memorial Plaza. For more information, see www.downtownwheaton.com.

Wheaton Public Library Hosting Maker Day

Wheaton Public Library will hold its first Maker Day for all ages on Oct. 20 from 1-4 p.m. to celebrate the Maker Movement, which embraces innovation, creativity, and learning.

There will be maker stations throughout the library and will include hands-on demonstrations, make-it take-it, and presentations that relate to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics).



Presenters include Winfield KinderCare, TechNo Turtles, Village Woodwright, Arman

Academy, His Wheels, Chicago Technology for Kids, Kindness Kids Yoga, DuPage County

Historical Museum, People's Resource Center, Bonnie Anderson and Dee Bauman, Daniel Malone, Krista, Majewski, and Tony Venezia and Bob Fritz.

Attendance is free and open to all ages. Each participant will receive a passport highlighting each station. The passport will also include a raffle ticket to be entered in for a prize.

For more information, visit wheatonlibrary.org/makerday.

Heating Assistance Available for Low-Income Residents

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will begin accepting applications for winter heating assistance for seniors and people with disabilities beginning Oct. 1.

Disconnected households and families with children ages 5 or under can begin applying for LIHEAP assistance beginning Nov. 1. Individuals not eligible for priority enrollment can apply beginning Dec. 1. LIHEAP applicants will be served on a first-come, first-served basis until May 31, 2019 or until funding is exhausted.

LIHEAP is a state- and federally-funded energy assistance program for low-income families, in which

heating bill payments are made on behalf of households. A single-person household can qualify with a monthly income of up to \$1,518; a two-person household up to \$2,058; a family of three can earn up to \$2,598; and a family of four can earn up to \$3,138. Benefits are paid directly to energy vendors on behalf of eligible households. The exception is households whose heating costs are included in their rent.

For a listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the program, go to www.liheapillinois.com or call the LIHEAP toll-free hotline at 1-877-411-WARM (9276).

New Fire Dept. Ladder Truck

Take a look at the view from the new Wheaton Fire Department ladder truck.

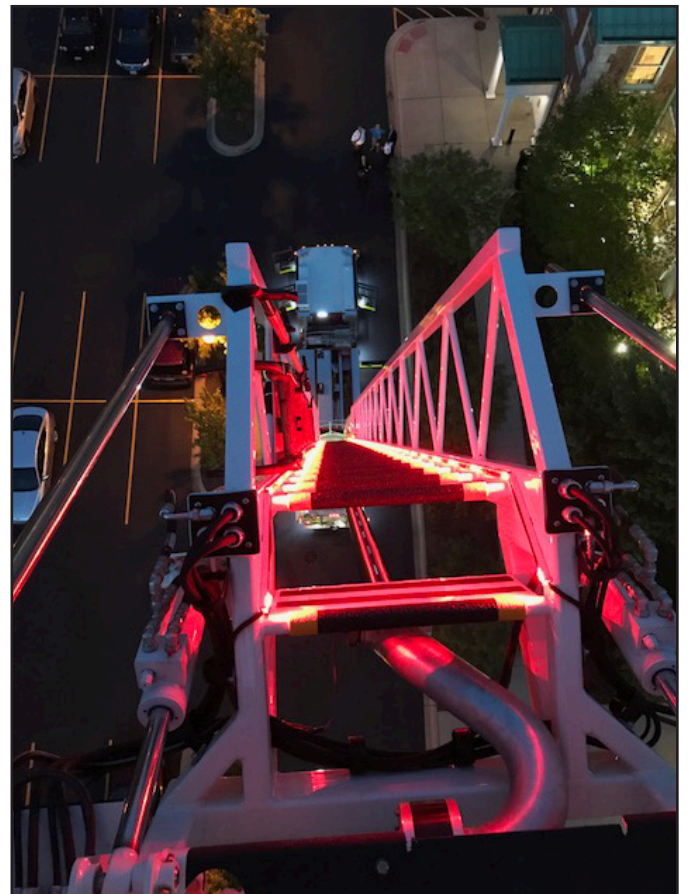


Photo: Councilman John Rutledge

Library Art Contest

Wheaton Public Library is holding an art contest for all ages throughout the community, co-sponsored by Dick Blick Art Materials and the DuPage Art League. There will be four winning pieces chosen, one for each literary genre: science fiction, graphic novel, mystery, and classic literature. Submissions will be accepted until November 1. For full contest rules, visit www.wheatonlibrary.org.

Location Change for Recycling

Because of construction in the City's Public Works Storage Yard, the Oct. 13 Electronic Recycling drop-off will take place in Commuter Lot 9, located near the intersection of Carlton and Liberty Drive.

This collection is for electronics only. No cooking oil, scrap metal or fluorescent tube bulbs will be collected.

Please note that there is a charge to recycle TVs and monitors.

Candidate Petitions for 2019 Municipal Election Available

Petitions for candidacy for the 2019 Wheaton municipal election are now available in the Office of the City Clerk at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL. One 4-year position for Mayor and two 4-year positions for Councilman At-Large are up for election. Candidates shall:

- Be a qualified elector of the City of Wheaton. Candidates must reside within the corporate limits of the city at least one year preceding the election; and
- File Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination signed by at least 330 registered City of Wheaton voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Wheaton. Please note: This information is provided solely as a public service. The City of Wheaton and



its City Clerk make no representations regarding the accuracy or validity of this information. Please consult with an attorney and/or review the State Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-3) before taking any action.

- The Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination should be filed together with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and a receipt indicating the candidate has filed a Statement of Economic Interest with the DuPage County Clerk.

Petitions for nomination are filed with the Wheaton City Clerk, City Hall, 303 W Wesley Street, Second Floor, Wheaton, Illinois. The

filing period is Monday, Nov. 19 through Monday, Nov. 26, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding weekend days and holidays.

A Consolidated Primary election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019 if more than four candidates file for the position of Mayor and if more than eight candidates file for the positions of Councilman At-Large. The Consolidated General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, with the successful candidates taking office at the latter of either the first regular or special meeting after receipt of the official election results or at the first regular or special meeting in the month following their election.

For further information, please contact the Wheaton City Clerk's office at 630-260-2012.



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.

October 2018

- 1 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 6 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 9 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 15 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.