

# CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

March 2019

## CITY NOTES

### Crews Filling Potholes

It's the time of year when potholes appear throughout our region due to extreme shifts in temperature. Public Works crews are out during the day and at night working to fill potholes. To report a pothole in Wheaton, visit [www.wheaton.il.us/242](http://www.wheaton.il.us/242).

### School Safety Events

The Wheaton Police and Fire Departments will take part in Safety Town Halls hosted by Community Unit School District 200. The events will focus on school safety and are open to the community. The Safety Town Halls will be:

- Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m., Wheaton North High School
- Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m., Monroe Middle School

For more information, see District 200's website at [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org).

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## Municipal Election Takes Place on Tuesday, April 2

### Early Voting & Grace Period Registration Now Available

Registered Wheaton voters can weigh in with their choice for Wheaton Mayor and two At-Large positions on the Wheaton City Council during the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election. This election will also include Park District Board and School Board positions.

The DuPage County Clerk's Election Division opened Early Voting on Thursday, Feb. 21 at the DuPage County Election Division. Voting takes place at the DuPage County Administration Building, 421 N County Farm Road, Wheaton, on the first floor, Room 1-600.

If you have changed your name or address, you can update your voter's registration by Tuesday,



March 5 at Wheaton City Hall, or by utilizing Grace Period Voting Registration at the DuPage County Election Division. Two forms of identification are needed to register to vote; at least one form must display your current residential address.

### Grace Period Registration & Voting:

Grace Period Voting will begin at the DuPage County Election Division, Room 1-600 on March 6.

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### Key Dates:

- **Feb. 21:** Early voting began at DuPage County Election Authority
- **March 5:** Last day for regular voter registration
- **March 6:** Grace Period Registration & Voting begins
- **March 18:** Early voting begins at multiple locations throughout DuPage County
- **April 1:** Last day for early voting
- **April 2:** Election Day; last day of Grace Period registration & voting

## 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)

## Election

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Voters that register during Grace Period Registration must vote at the time of registration.

### Vote By Mail:

Currently registered voters can apply for a Vote by Mail Ballot through March 28. To be valid, a completed Vote by Mail ballot must be postmarked



### Watch the Video

See the [Mayoral Candidate Forum](#) and [City Council Candidate Forum](#) videos.

earlier but not later than midnight on April 2.

If voting using the Vote by Mail option, please remember to sign and date your envelope before mailing it back to the DuPage County Election

Commission.

The DuPage County Clerk's Office lists the following candidates on its Unofficial Candidate List: **Candidates for Mayor of Wheaton:**

- John R. Prendiville
- Philip J. Suess

**Candidates for Councilman At-Large:**

- Suzanne M. Fitch
- Ronald A. Almiron
- Erica Bray-Parker

The Wheaton League

of Women Voters held a Candidate's Forum at Wheaton City Hall on Feb. 28. You can watch a video of the [Mayoral Candidate Forum](#) and the [City Council Candidate Forum](#) online, or Wheaton Comcast cable subscribers can see it on Channel 17.

For election information or voter registration requirements, [see the DuPage County Election Division's website](#).

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### Volunteer Openings

More than 100 residents serve on City Boards and Commissions, leading volunteer efforts, organizing events, making recommendations to the City Council and more. The following commissions are accepting applications from Wheaton residents: Bicycle Advisory Commission, Environmental Improvement Commission, Historic Commission, Sister City Commission

To apply, [complete this application](#) or send your resume to sbarrett-hagen@wheaton.il.us.

### Change Your Clocks, Change Batteries

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. March 10. When you change your clocks, the Wheaton Fire Department recommends changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Replacing

batteries about every 6 months helps ensure they operate correctly, and Daylight Saving Time is a way to remember when you last replaced them.

### Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks candidates for the following positions: Civil Engineer – Summer Intern, Seasonal Crossing Guard and Seasonal Summer Laborer. To find out more, see the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/jobs](http://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs).

### Business News

Prairie Path Books, Wheaton's local, independent bookstore, has relocated to 255 Town Square (the former space of Yankee Candle).

### Commission News

The City Council reappointed Tim Bayee to a 2-year term on the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees.



## Commission Wants Your Help to Recognize Good Citizens

Do you know someone who you think deserves to be recognized for his or her service in the community? The Community Relations Commission encourages you to nominate a person or group for Wheaton's 2019 Good Citizens Award.

This award helps recognize those who make the generous and often extraordinary contributions that make Wheaton an outstanding community. This may be volunteer service for a 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. A nominee must be a current Wheaton resident who has done something for the benefit of Wheaton and its citizens.

To nominate someone, fill out an application and submit it on the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen](http://www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen) or mail your application to Wheaton City Hall, Attn: Sharon Barrett-Hagen, 303 W Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187.

Nominations are due by April 8. The Community Relations Commission will review nominations, and the City will honor award recipients at the May 20 City Council meeting.



# Wheaton Event Offers Paper Shredding, Syringe Collection and Paint Recycling

The City of Wheaton and Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission are partnering with the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, DuPage County and SCARCE to offer an opportunity for DuPage County residents to safely dispose of many materials at an upcoming event.

From 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 6, in the City's Commuter Lot 9 (located at Carlton & Liberty Drive), the DuPage County Sheriff's office will assist in offering the first collection event in DuPage County for syringes and epipens. Collecting syringes helps keep them out of landfills, and out of the hands of people who may reuse syringes for drug use. This event will collect any type of syringe for safe disposal – including those used for pets. Syringes



must be brought in a plastic container, such as a laundry detergent bottle. Syringes will be collected whether they are empty or filled with medication.

You can also safely dispose of documents with sensitive information. Three shredding trucks will be available on-site for residents who want their documents shredded and safely disposed. Bring up to 3 office-sized boxes of documents, and be sure to remove things such as binders, report covers, file folders, photos, rubber



## Collection Event

**Date:** Saturday, April 6

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

**Location:** Commuter Lot 9, Carlton & Liberty Avenue. Enter from Carlton Avenue.

bands and plastic bags.

This event will also collect mercury thermometers, thermostats and barometers for safe disposal.

In addition, E-Paint will



collect oil-based and latex paint for a fee. Disposal of latex paint will cost \$1 per quart, \$3 per gallon, and \$10 per 5-gallon pail. Disposal of oil-based paint and stains will cost \$4 per quart, \$8 per gallon, and \$20 per 5-gallon pail. Oil-based paint can be accepted even if it appears dried out.

This event is being funded in part by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office and DuPage County.

This is a drive-up event. Please use the entrance to Lot 9 from Carlton Avenue.

## Yard Waste Pickup Resumes Week of April 1

Yard waste, food scraps and organic materials are collected at the curb from the first full week of April through the second full week of December. Please do not place yard waste at the curb before the week of April 1, as Lakeshore Recycling Systems can't accept these materials before the pickup

season begins.

Use containers no larger than 35 gallons in size or biodegradable paper bags. Each container/bag must weigh no more than 50 pounds and must have one Lakeshore Recycling Systems sticker attached to be collected. For more about yard waste, visit the City's website.

## Summer Job Opportunity

The City of Wheaton is accepting applications for its Seasonal Summer Laborer Program at Public Works. This paid opportunity offers full-time hours throughout the summer months and provides hands-on experience in various divisions such as Forestry, Streets, Water and Sewer.

This is an excellent

way to stay busy this summer, make some extra cash and get a behind-the-scenes look at the department that keeps the City running in many ways. Early applications are encouraged and can be found at [www.wheaton.il.us/jobs](http://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs).

Also, [see this quick video](#) about the benefits of being a summer laborer.

# Police & Fire Dept. Preparing for March 26 Exercise

While Wheaton students are on spring break, Wheaton's Police and Fire Departments will be busy taking part in a training exercise with Community Unit School District 200 staff, DuPage County Emergency Management, and Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. Officials from the City have been working with these partners for months in advance of training, administered by the DuPage County Emergency Management staff.

The exercise will take place at Wheaton North High School and Wheaton Warrenville South High School on March 26, simulating the response of local agencies to an active

shooter incident. During the March 26 event, there will be many emergency vehicles in the vicinity of Wheaton North High School, but you should not be alarmed. Wheaton's Police and Fire personnel are using this as a tactical training exercise to practice their emergency response training, while District 200 staff and administration will practice their emergency response procedures and reunification plan using volunteers, who will be bussed to a second location.

"While Wheaton's Police, Fire and EMS personnel are consistently training for all types of incidents, it is very beneficial to hold exercises like this, where we can practice together with our community partners," said



Fire Chief Bill Schultz and the Wheaton Fire & Police Departments have met with District 200 staff in preparation for the exercise.

Police Chief Bill Murphy. "The City of Wheaton and District 200 take school safety very seriously, and drills like this help us to work through our response plans and be ready for any type of emergency that we may face."

This exercise will focus on not just the immediate response to the incident,

but also practicing the plans District 200 has in place to efficiently move students to a second location and reunify them with their parents.

Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital will also be participating in a coordinated exercise to practice its response to an active shooter incident.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, March 9

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

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

Bring unwanted electronics, cooking oil, scrap metal and compact fluorescent tubes to the City's monthly electronic recycling drop-off event. There is a charge to recycle televisions and monitors.

### Preparing Your Home for Sale Seminar

**Date:** Tuesday, March 12

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

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

A panel of experts including longtime Wheaton real estate broker Josie Morrison, a real estate

attorney, mortgage broker, and home inspector will present and answer questions about selling your home. Registration required at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) or call 630-868-7520.

### Edouard Manet: Painter of Modern Life

**Date:** Thursday, March 14

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street, Meeting Room A

Edouard Manet took on the conservative art world in Paris by painting modern life as opposed to "accepted" subjects. Historian Jeff Mishur will discuss how Manet inspired Morisot, Renoir, Monet and others. Registration required at

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

### Home Buying Seminar

**Date:** Thursday, March 21

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

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

A panel of experts including longtime Wheaton real estate broker Josie Morrison, a real estate attorney, mortgage broker, and home inspector will present and answer questions about buying a home. Registration required at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) or call 630-868-7520.

### Art Contest Reception

**Date:** Wednesday, March 20

**Time:** 4-7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public

Library, 225 N Cross Street, Arts & Culture Center

Drop by the library's Arts & Culture Center between 4-7 p.m. and enjoy hands-on art projects, crafts, live music by guitarist Jim Green, refreshments, and the unveiling of the final pieces by the Art Contest winners.

### Sunday Concert: Character Fleadh

**Date:** Sunday, March 24

**Time:** 2 p.m.

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

Celebrate St. Patty's with this lively acoustic traditional Irish and Scottish five-piece ensemble. No registration required. Attendees seated on a first come, first served basis.



# Save Date for Prairie Path Cleanup & Native Plant Sale

**W**heaton's Environmental Improvement Commission encourages you to mark your calendar for two of its annual events, which will both take place on April 27.

## Prairie Path Cleanup

The Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission encourages the community to take part in the annual Prairie Path Clean-up on Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.-noon. The event will take place rain or shine. This is an all-ages event, and all volunteer groups, families, businesses, student groups and others are welcome.

Meet at Lincoln Ave & Prairie Path, 2 blocks west

of Gary Avenue. Plastic bags for trash and recycling will be provided. Please bring work gloves. Please contact [wheatoncleanup@gmail.com](mailto:wheatoncleanup@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## Native Plant Sale

The annual Native Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the City's Public Works

Department Facility, 821 W Liberty Drive.

Sponsored by the City of Wheaton, Environmental Improvement Commission and Wheaton Park District, this event encourages residents to grow native. Native plants provide a habitat for a wide variety of native wildlife species, provide an attractive, low maintenance landscape and are beneficial because they do not require irrigation or fertilizer, are resistant to drought and insects, and will not harm or degrade native ecosystems. See information about the plants offered at the sale.

For information about pre-ordering a rain barrel, [see the Wheaton Park District's website](#).



# IEMA Spreads Earthquake Preparedness Information

## Drop, cover & hold on

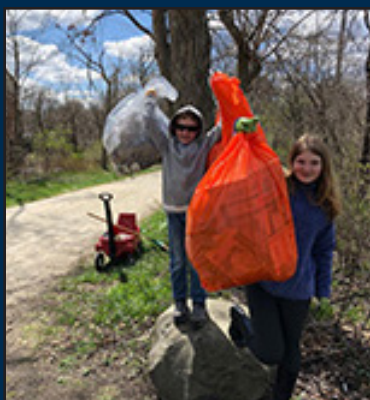
**E**arthquakes aren't likely to be at the top of most people's minds in this region. However, Illinois is flanked on its western and

eastern borders by two active seismic zones: the New Madrid Seismic Zone and the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency encourages people to learn how to "Drop,

Cover and Hold On," which helps prevent injuries during an earthquake. The phrase reminds you to drop down to the floor, take cover under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture, and hold on to that object and

be prepared to move with it until the shaking ends.

Most casualties result from falling objects and debris caused by the earth shaking. For more information, [visit IEMA'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](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 2 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 4 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 18 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.