

# CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

April 2019

## CITY NOTES

### See Construction Projects Planned

As the weather warms up, construction projects will begin to improve Wheaton roads and infrastructure. Want to see if your street is near a project area? You can see a map on the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/roads](http://www.wheaton.il.us/roads), which includes a list of the road resurfacing and reconstruction projects for this spring and summer.

### Employment Opportunities

The City seeks applicants for the following job opportunities:

- Civil Engineer – Summer Intern
- Seasonal Summer Intern
- Seasonal Crossing Guard

For more information

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## Municipal Election is April 2

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 Consolidated Election. This election will also include Park District Board and School Board positions. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2.

If you have changed your name or address, you can use Grace Period Voting Registration at the DuPage County Election Division, 421 N County Farm Road. Two forms of identification are needed to register to vote; at least one form must display your current residential address.

The DuPage County Clerk's Office lists the following candidates on its 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 Candidates Forum at Wheaton City Hall on Feb. 28. You can watch a video of this forum on the City's website, or Wheaton Comcast cable



#### Watch the Video

See the videos of the Candidate's Forum hosted by the Wheaton League of Women Voters:

[Mayoral Candidates](#)  
[City Council Candidates](#)

subscribers can view it on Channel 17.

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

## 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)

# Yard Waste Collection Program Resumes the Week of April 1

*Food scrap program also returns*

Residents served by Lakeshore Recycling Systems will have pickup for yard waste, food scraps and organic materials resume the week of April 1.

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.

In addition to grass clippings, tree trimmings, weeds and other plant materials, you can also include food scraps in with your yard waste. Just be sure you do NOT include grease, cooking oil, any sort of plastic, wooden tools, liquids,

rags, cleaning supplies, pet litter, stickers on produce, bottles, or cans. For more information, see the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us).

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



As the City Council evaluates options for the pedestrian underpass at Wheaton Avenue and Roosevelt Road, you can submit your feedback.

## Take Survey about Roosevelt Road Pedestrian Underpass

The Roosevelt Road Pedestrian Underpass on Wheaton Avenue was closed in September 2017, after it was determined the structure needed safety repairs. The Wheaton City Council is evaluating various options and would like feedback from residents regarding the future of

### Share Your Opinion

You can take the online survey at [www.wheaton.il.us/underpass](http://www.wheaton.il.us/underpass).

the underpass. Thank you for your time in completing our survey at [www.wheaton.il.us/underpass](http://www.wheaton.il.us/underpass).

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and to find out how to apply, visit [www.wheaton.il.us/jobs](http://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs).

### Commission News

The Wheaton City Council appointed Elizabeth Bishop

to a 3-year term on the Bicycle Advisory Commission, appointed Sandy McKeen to a term ending 7/7/21 on the Community Relations Commission, and reappointed Allison Torrence to a 3-year term on the Environmental

Improvement Commission.

### Check Out Wheaton Videos

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

City of Wheaton:

- A Chat with the Mayor: Habitat for Humanity
- Wheaton Library Sunday Concert: Classical Spanish
- Wheaton North High School Orchestra



Crews are digging to replace storm sewers on Wesley Street as part of the project.

## Update on Downtown Improvements

Phase 2 of Wheaton's Downtown Streetscape is underway. Crews are working on the north side of Wesley Street upgrading the

storm sewer system and will soon be moving to the east side of Cross Street.

This summer, Wesley, Cross and Hale Street will see wider sidewalks,

new lighting, new benches and amenities, and all new roadway. For more information and a project timeline, please visit [www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape](http://www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape).

## City Services Temporarily Relocated

*Pay bills, purchase yard waste stickers and more on 2nd floor*

If you're looking to pay a bill, purchase yard waste stickers, obtain real estate transfer tax stamps or seek any other service at City Hall that takes place at the Finance counter, please note a new temporary location within City Hall. These services are located on the second floor of City Hall in the Gamon Room while crews renovate a portion of City Hall. You can take the elevator or stairs

### WE'VE MOVED!

Finance Department  
temporarily located  
on 2nd Floor

up to the second floor of City Hall for these services.

Please note that you can also drop off City bills using the drive-through mailbox just west of City Hall. The entrance to reach this mailbox is from Wesley

Street. This is for City business only; the City will not accept U.S. mail in this mailbox.

You can also take advantage of online payment options, including paying parking tickets, water/sewer bills and other City bills online at [www.wheaton.il.us/billpay](http://www.wheaton.il.us/billpay).

We appreciate your patience during this renovation, and we apologize for any inconvenience.

## Good Citizen Nominations Due April 8

Do 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 them for a Good Citizen 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.

The categories for nominees are: high school student, adult and group. A nominee must be a 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 [wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen](http://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 recipients at the May 20 City Council meeting.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Recycling Extravaganza

**Date:** Saturday, April 6  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon  
**Location:** Commuter Lot 9, Carlton & Liberty

Take advantage of this special event, where you drop off up to 3 boxes of documents for paper shredding, dispose of syringes, and get rid of paint (for a fee), mercury thermometers, barometers and thermostats. See page 2 for more information.

## Film Screening: American Creed

**Date:** Monday, April 8  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

The PBS documentary "American Creed" is constructed around a seminar-style conversation co-led by Condoleezza Rice and David M. Kennedy. We will have a brief discussion following the film screening that will continue April 15. Registration required at [wheatonlibrary.org](http://wheatonlibrary.org) or call 630-868-7520. This is a project of Citizen Film in partnership with the American Library Association and the National Writing Project, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## French Market

**Date:** Saturdays, starting April 13  
**Time:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Location:** Commuter Parking Lot near Main & Liberty

The weekly outdoor French Market returns to downtown Wheaton April 13. Each week features a

different mix of vendors, including fresh produce, specialty foods, baked goods, handmade gifts, jewelry and much more.

## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, April 13  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon  
**Location:** Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W Liberty

Bring unwanted electronics, cooking oil, scrap metal and fluorescent tube bulbs (no CFLs) for recycling. Please note that there is a charge for TVs and monitors. To see the full list of items that will be accepted at this event, please see [www.wheaton.il.us/electronics](http://www.wheaton.il.us/electronics).

## Celebrate Spring, Celebrate Easter

**Date:** Saturday, April 13  
**Time:** 2-4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Memorial Park, 208 W Union Avenue

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for an Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet contest, Miss Jamie's Farm and Easter Bunny train rides. For more information, see [www.downtownwheaton.com](http://www.downtownwheaton.com).

## Community Conversation: American Creed

**Date:** Monday, April 15  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Join the Library for a community discussion that delves deeper into the themes of the PBS documentary "American Creed." Who gets to be counted as "American" and why? How can we make a difference to our immediate

community? Led by Dr. Caroline Kisiel of DePaul University. Registration required at [wheatonlibrary.org](http://wheatonlibrary.org) or call 630-868-7520.

## Arbor Day

**Date:** Friday, April 26  
**Location:** Lowell Elementary School

Wheaton students from Lowell Elementary School will help the City recognize Arbor Day with the City's annual Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 26. This event will include students, the City's Forestry Division and Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission in a tree planting ceremony marking the City's appreciation for trees. For more information, visit the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us).

## Native Plant Sale

**Date:** Saturday, April 27  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Works Department, 821 W Liberty Drive

The City of Wheaton, Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission, and the Wheaton Park District encourage residents to plant native plants in future landscape projects. You can find many varieties for sale at the annual Native Plant Sale on April 27. See page 3 for more information.

## Wheaton Prairie Path Cleanup

**Date:** Saturday, April 27  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon  
**Location:** Start at Lincoln Avenue & Prairie Path

Take part in an all-ages volunteering opportunity for families, friends, organizations and individuals. Please contact

wheatoncleanup@gmail.com to volunteer. Meet at Lincoln Ave & Prairie Path, 2 blocks west of Gary Avenue. Plastic bags for trash and recycling will be provided. Bring work gloves.

## Local Author Fest

**Date:** Saturday, April 27  
**Time:** 1-4 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Wheaton Public Library is hosting its first-ever Local Author Fest. Featuring local author tables, panel discussions, puppet show & storytimes, open mic readings, book giveaways, and hands-on activities. Fun for writers and readers of all ages. For information, visit [wheatonlibrary.org](http://wheatonlibrary.org).

## Concert: The Barb City Stompers

**Date:** Sunday, April 28  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

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

Featuring some of the musicians of the Chicago Hot Six ensemble, including clarinetist John Skillman, the Barb City Stompers will play "Hot-Swing-Trad" jazz. Co-sponsored by WDCB Jazz Jammin in the Stacks. No registration required.

## Preservation Month

Get ready to celebrate Wheaton's history during Preservation Month in May. The City's Historic Commission is planning a home history exhibit at the library, lectures from local historians, signs marking historic homes, and more. The City will post more information as Preservation Month approaches.

## Volunteer for Path Cleanup

Wheaton's 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. Please contact [wheatoncleanup@wheaton.il.us](mailto:wheatoncleanup@wheaton.il.us)

[gmail.com](mailto:gmail.com) to volunteer.

Participants should meet at Lincoln Ave & Prairie Path, 2 blocks west of Gary Avenue, on April 27. Plastic bags for trash and recycling will be provided. Please bring work gloves.

This is a great volunteer opportunity for all ages and will help keep the 16 miles of Illinois Prairie Path that run through Wheaton clean for all to enjoy.

This event will take place rain or shine.

## Recycling Event Collects Syringes, Documents & More

The City 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 these materials at an upcoming Recycling Extravaganza:

- Syringes & epi-pens
- Documents for shredding (limit 3 boxes)
- Mercury thermometers, thermostats and barometers
- Latex & oil-based paint (see fees below)

From 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 6, in Commuter Lot 9 (Carlton & Liberty Drive; enter from Carlton), the DuPage County Sheriff's office will assist in offering the first collection event in DuPage County for syringes and epi-pens. 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. Syringes must be brought in a plastic container, such as a laundry detergent bottle.

You can also safely dispose of documents with sensitive information. 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. Remove binders, report covers, file folders, photos, rubber bands and all plastic.

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.

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

## Native Plant Sale is April 27

Wheaton's annual native plant sale will take place Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the City's Public Works Department Facility, 821 W Liberty Drive.

The City of Wheaton, Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission, and the Wheaton Park District

encourage residents to plant native plants, 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 plants offered at the sale and pre-ordering a rain barrel on the Wheaton Park District'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 all meetings and events.

### April 2019

- 1 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 2 Election Day, polls open 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
- 6 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 8 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 15 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 19 City offices closed
- 22 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.