

CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

May 2019

CITY NOTES

No Garbage Pickup

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no garbage/recycling/yard waste pickup on Monday, May 27. All pickups for the week of May 27 will be one day later than usual.

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

Hydrant Flushing Underway

The City's Water Division began its 2019 hydrant flushing program on April 28, and it will continue for approximately three 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.

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City Thanks Mayor for Many Years of Service to Wheaton

Mayor Michael J. Gresk presided over his last Wheaton City Council meeting on Monday, April 15. In recognition of his 12 years serving as mayor, and his legacy of volunteerism, concern and caring for the entire Wheaton community, its residents and its businesses, the City Council [declared April 15, 2019 as Michael J. Gresk Day with a proclamation](#).

Before serving as mayor, Gresk served on the Wheaton City Council and in leadership capacities on a long list of community organizations, including Wheaton Park



The City held a reception before Gresk's final City Council meeting.

District Board, Wheaton Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Wheaton Association. As mayor, he participated in more than 300 ribbon cutting ceremonies, 36 parades,

attended services at 75 local churches and took part in countless community and school events. Thank you, Mayor Gresk, for many years of service to the community.

City Honors Councilman Prendiville

The City honored outgoing City Councilman John Prendiville on April 15 with [a proclamation recognizing his three terms on the](#)

[Wheaton City Council](#).

The City highlighted his knowledge of the issues, listening to both sides, and making decisions based on what he believed was best

for Wheaton.

The City thanks Councilman Prendiville for his 12 years of dedicated service to the Wheaton community.

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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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.

Downtown Parking Available

Just a reminder, free customer parking is always available in downtown Wheaton. Parking is available in the Wheaton Place Garage (between Wesley & Front Street), Willow Avenue Garage (220 S. Cross Street) and Lot #2 (south side of Wesley between Main & Hale).

The City has added six more daily fee spaces for downtown Wheaton employees, which are available on the top floor of the Wheaton Place Garage.

City Government Among Healthiest Companies

The City of Wheaton has been named one of the "Healthiest Companies in America" by Interactive Health, whose workplace wellness program helps businesses invest in the health of their employees. Wheaton is one of 151 companies across the

country recognized this year for empowering employees to make significant and sometimes life-saving changes to improve their health. This is the third year the City of Wheaton has won the award. For more information, visit the City's website.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has several employment opportunities and is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Superintendent – Street Division
- Assistant Director of Finance
- Maintenance Worker – Forestry Division
- Seasonal Crossing Guard
- Seasonal Summer Laborer

To learn more about these positions and how to apply, please visit www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Commission News

The Wheaton City Council approved the following:

- Reappointed Erica Nelson to a 3-year term on the Community Relations Commission
- Reappointed Charles Hartman and Michael Savegnago to 3-year terms on the Board of Trustees Firefighter's Pension Fund
- Reappointed Teri Ash to a 3-year term on the Sister City Commission.

New Mayor, City Council Members to be Sworn In

Swearing-In Ceremony Takes Place May 6



Philip Suess



Suzanne Fitch

At the May 6 City Council Meeting, the City of Wheaton will welcome its newly elected officials. Wheaton voters elected two City Council At-Large positions and the position of Mayor during the April 2 municipal election.

Philip Suess will be sworn in as Mayor of Wheaton. He has served on the Wheaton City Council as the North District representative since 2005.

Suzanne Fitch will be sworn in as an incumbent At-Large City Council member. She has served on



Erica Bray-Parker

the Wheaton City Council since 2015.

Newcomer Erica Bray-Parker will also be sworn in as an At-Large City Council member.

Lawn Watering Restrictions Begin

Lawn watering restrictions start May 15. Annual lawn watering restrictions go into effect from May 15 to September 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.

If you will be placing sod or planting grass seed, contact the Water Division at 630-260-2090 for a 10-day new sod/seed variance.

New Martin Memorial Plaza Dedication Taking Place May 24

Join the City of Wheaton and the Downtown Wheaton Association for a special rededication of the Martin Memorial Plaza on Friday, May 24. It will also serve as the “We’re Back on Front Street!” kickoff of the Vintage Rides classic car show season, which returns to Front Street on Friday nights for the summer.

Check out the vintage cars starting at 6 p.m., and celebrate the rededication of Martin Memorial Plaza (on Front Street just west of Main Street) with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The special evening will celebrate the new Front Street improvements and will feature vintage cars, music, strolling entertainment,



cake and food vendors.

A focal point of the work completed in Phase 1 of the Downtown Streetscape Project, the new Martin Memorial Plaza features an outdoor fireplace, water feature, unique planters with a nod to Wheaton’s railroad history, a gathering space with tables and chairs, and overhead light strands that set a festive mood at night.

If you plan to attend

Martin Memorial Plaza Rededication

- **Date:** Friday, May 24
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Martin Memorial Plaza, Front Street & Main Street

the event, free parking is available in the Wheaton Place Garage.

Please Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig

If you’re planning to install a swing set, do some landscaping that requires digging, put up a fence, build a deck or even install a mailbox post, the City of Wheaton urges you to call JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) before digging to ensure you do not cut or damage underground utility lines when you dig.

All you need to do is call 811, or submit an online request at least two business days before digging. JULIE Inc., a nonprofit organization, will come out and mark utility lines free of charge so homeowners and contractors know where underground utilities are located.

For more information, visit the JULIE website at www.illinois1call.com.

Crews Working on Wesley/Hale/Cross Improvements

Crews have completed pouring the main sidewalks on the north side of Wesley and the east side of Cross Street. They will pour the red concrete bands, planter curb areas, driveways, and sidewalk corners over the next two weeks as weather allows, then move to the south side of Wesley and the west side of Cross Street.

Electrical crews will continue to install conduit and wiring for new lighting

and traffic signals. The electrical contractor has installed temporary street light fixtures on the north side of Wesley Street. These are not the permanent light poles, but they are an interim measure to provide lighting when the old poles on the south side of Wesley are removed.

Parking reminder: Nearby free parking is available in Lot #2 (off Wesley) and the Wheaton Place Garage (off Front Street).



Crews poured new sidewalks on the north side of Wesley and the east side of Cross Street.

Wheaton Police Taking Part in Cop on a Rooftop Event

Stop by and support the Wheaton Police Department as they take part in the Cop on a Rooftop event from 5 a.m. to noon Friday, May 17 at Dunkin' Donuts, 956 E Roosevelt Road, Wheaton. This statewide event is in partnership with Special Olympics Illinois.

During the event, hundreds of local law enforcement officers will stake out Dunkin' rooftops to heighten awareness and

raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. You can visit with members of the Wheaton Police Department and show your support any time between 5 a.m. and noon May 17. One hundred percent of donations benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois.

For more information about the Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop event, visit www.soill.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Preservation Month Activities

Wheaton's Historic Commission has a number of events planned for Preservation Month in May. See page 5 for a listing of these events.

Wheaton French Market

Dates: Saturdays through November

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

Location: Commuter lot at Main Street and Liberty Drive

Wheaton's French Market is a French styled open-air market where you will find fresh local produce, bread, cheese, meat, flowers, artisan foods & crafts, clothing, jewelry and gifts for the home sold by local vendors in open-air pavilions. Visit each week for a different selection of vendors and goods.

Go Fly a Kite Festival

Date: Saturday, May 4

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

Location: Graf Park, 1356 N.

Gary Avenue

Go Fly a Kite is a free event held in Wheaton's Graf Park that encourages the community to come out and enjoy spring and fly kites. This free event is hosted by the Wheaton Park District. No registration required. For more information, visit www.wheatonparkdistrict.com.

Friends of WPL Annual Meeting & Concert

Date: Thursday, May 9

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 and a ribbon cutting of the new Book Nook, musician Steve Justman will perform the hits of Pete Seeger. Light refreshments will be served. No registration required.

ALICE Training

Date: Friday, May 24

Time: 10 a.m.-Noon

Location: Wheaton Public

Library, 225 N Cross Street

Join the Wheaton Police Department for ALICE Training (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate). ALICE helps teach individuals and groups how to proactively handle the threat in a violent encounter or active shooter event. Ages 16 + up, please. RSVP required: www.wheatonlibrary.org or call 630-868-7520.

Vintage Rides Car Show

Dates: Fridays, May 24-Aug. 23

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Front Street, downtown Wheaton

Enjoy classic cars, music, and entertainment Friday nights on Front Street. The Downtown Wheaton Association sponsors these free community events, with a different theme or type of car featured each week.

For more information, see www.downtownwheaton.com.

Memorial Day Parade

Date: Monday, May 27

Time: 10 a.m. parade, 11 a.m.

ceremony

Location: Downtown Wheaton to Wheaton Cemetery

The City of Wheaton and American Legion Post 76 invite the community to honor those who have served our country during the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. The parade steps off at 10 a.m. from Memorial Park, 210 W Union Avenue, continuing west on Union, and then south on West Street until the Wheaton Cemetery. A Memorial Day ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at the cemetery.

Taste of Wheaton

Dates: May 30-June 2

Location: Memorial Park & downtown Wheaton

Join the Wheaton Park District and Wheaton Chamber of Commerce for Wheaton's annual kick-off to summer. Taste of Wheaton offers food, live entertainment, a carnival, arts & crafts fair and much more. Visit www.wheatonparkdistrict.com for more information.

Celebrate Local History during Preservation Month

The Wheaton Historic Commission encourages the community to help honor Wheaton's history with a number of activities for Preservation Month in May.

Home History Exhibit

Dates: May 1 – 31

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross Street

See an exhibit of historic Wheaton landmarks in the Library's Arts & Culture Center. Stop by to enjoy the photos and to learn more about home history research and the Wheaton Historic Register of Historic Places.

Pride in Preservation Signs

Dates: May 11-19

Look for "Pride in Preservation" purple lawn signs throughout Wheaton at designated Wheaton Historic Landmarks and locations listed on the Wheaton Register of Historic Places. For an online tour of Wheaton's Landmarks, [visit the City's website](#).

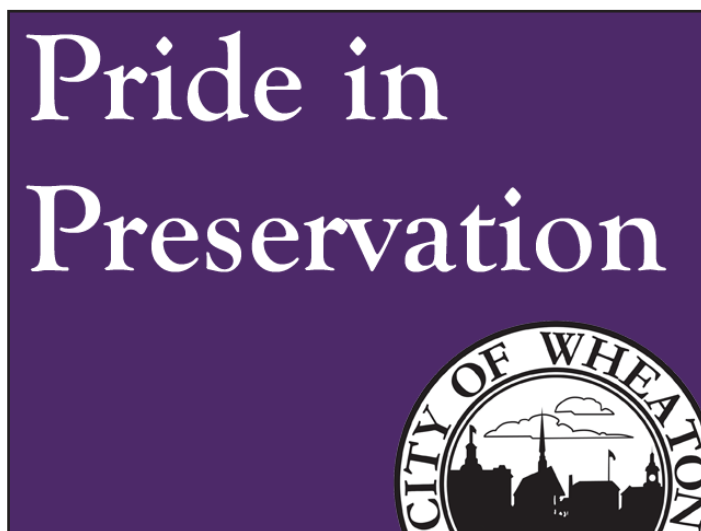
Prophet Without (Much) Honor: The Wheaton-Area, Classically Influenced Architecture of Jarvis Hunt

Date: Thursday, May 2

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Wheaton architectural historian Bob Goldsborough presents a look at the Wheaton-area work of architect Jarvis Hunt, who came to Chicago to work at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893 and stayed to build a thriving



architectural practice in the Loop. Goldsborough takes a close look at the factors behind Hunt's Wheaton-area designs, which include the Chicago Golf Club's clubhouse. Registration is required at www.wheatonlibrary.org/events/calendar.

Home History Research

Date: Saturday, May 4, 1-4 p.m. & Monday, May 6, 6-8 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Learn how to research the history of your home with free one-on-one instruction. Reservations for appointments are being taken at 630-868-7520 or email askref@wheatonlibrary.org.

Free Parking at Cantigny Park for Wheaton Residents

Dates: May 11-19

Location: Cantigny Park: 1S151 Winfield Road

From May 11-19, Cantigny Park will provide free parking days for Wheaton residents in honor of Preservation Month. Just show proof of Wheaton residency at the parking booth for admittance. Museums, gardens and other attractions

inside the park are always free admission.

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre estate of Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The Robert R. McCormick Museum was listed on the Wheaton Register of Historic Places in 2011 by the City of Wheaton Historic Commission.

For more information on Cantigny Park, please visit www.cantigny.org.

Mid-Century Modern Architecture with Timeless Appeal: The Wheaton Designs of Edward Dart

Date: Monday, May 13

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Wheaton architectural historian Bob Goldsborough provides a look at the prolific work of architect Edward Dart, who dotted Wheaton's landscape with more mid-century modern homes than any other architect.

Registration is required for this program at www.wheatonlibrary.org/events/calendar.

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Building Up a Sweet Tooth Walking Tour

Date: Saturday, May 18

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Location: Starting from DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E Wesley Street

Take a sweet trip through history with the DuPage County Historical Museum where you will learn about the buildings and people who have shaped our downtown community. On the tour, you will be able to taste some of the best confectioneries in the area. Destinations include Graham's Chocolates, Kimmer's Ice Cream, Kilwins and the Little Popcorn Store. Fee applies.

To register, call 630-510-4941 or visit <http://dupagemuseum.org/calendar/>

Architects without Acclaim: The Work of Andrew N. Rebori, M.E. Bell and Robert H. Salisbury

Date: Thursday, May 23

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E Wesley Street

Architectural historian Bob Goldsborough looks at three largely unheralded architects, Andrew N. Rebori, M.E. Bell and Robert H. Salisbury, who left their mark on DuPage County. Goldsborough traces the three men's careers through important national events like the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition and discusses how they designed their landmark structures. Fee applies. To register, call 630-510-4941 or visit <http://dupagemuseum.org/calendar/>.

Wheaton Celebrates Being a Tree City USA

Students at Lowell Elementary School helped the City of Wheaton's Forestry Division and Environmental Improvement Commission honor Arbor Day with a tree-planting ceremony and celebration of trees on April 26. [See a video of the event.](#)

The City also celebrated being named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Wheaton has received this award each



year since 1986 in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. "Wheaton's Arbor Day

celebration has become a community tradition that the Forestry Division looks forward to each

year," said City of Wheaton Forestry Superintendent Kevin Maloney. "It's an opportunity to educate our younger residents about the importance of trees in a community, and by helping plant a tree at their school, students see how their actions will benefit others for decades to come."

For more information about the Tree City USA program and the Arbor Day Foundation, please visit www.arborday.org.

Learn about Signs of Stroke and Prevention

May is National Stroke Awareness Month

Did you know that Wheaton is one of the first cities to benefit from having a Mobile Stroke Unit? [See more about the Mobile Stroke Unit from Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital that serves the Wheaton area in this video.](#)

Stroke is the leading cause of preventable medical disability in the U.S. Learn how to recognize a stroke and what you can do to help prevent one by [watching this presentation given at Wheaton Public Library.](#)

IDOT Resurfacing Butterfield Road

The Illinois Department of Transportation will begin resurfacing Butterfield Road west of East Loop Road to Route 355 in Downers Grove starting Monday, May 6.

The resurfacing project is expected to be complete by the end of October.

The work will include replacing sidewalk corners for ADA compliance and will involve the removal of

brush and some trees that are currently encroaching on sidewalks.

For more information and project details, please visit <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/>.

AT&T Utility Easement Work

Currently, AT&T is installing nearly 50,000 feet (10 miles) of underground conduit for its fiber cable network in the City of Wheaton. Utility work, including excavation, may occur on your property. Work may necessitate the cutting and/or removal of trees and shrubs that have been planted in the easement.

The City Engineering Department is available to assist residents with any questions or concerns



regarding utility work in easements. For questions or more information,

please call 630-260-2065 or email engineering@wheaton.il.us.

Tips Help You Be Prepared for Severe Storms

Spring weather can be very unpredictable in Illinois. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is encouraging people to stay aware of local forecasts and be prepared to act quickly if weather warnings are issued.

“The first line of defense against any emergency or hazard is personal preparedness,” said Acting IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. “Take this time now to prepare your family for severe weather. Personal preparedness lessens the impact on families, workplaces and our communities.”

Follow these four steps to better prepare you family for severe weather:

1. Ensure each member of your family can receive emergency alerts and notifications.

It is critical that you have multiple ways to receive notifications and updated information about severe weather. Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) are available on most smartphones. Check your



phone’s notification settings under ‘Government Alerts’ to ensure ‘Emergency Alerts’ is turned on. With a WEA-enabled phone, you will receive tornado and flash flood warnings issued for your location, even if you’re traveling outside your home county or state.

FEMA offers a free mobile app that provides fast and reliable weather alerts from the National Weather Service and can help you locate open shelters and disaster resource centers in the event of an emergency.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather alert radios can be programmed to issue a tone alarm and

provide information about a warning that has been issued for your county. The tone alarm provides a 24/7 alert to approaching hazards, even during overnight hours when many people are sleeping.

2. Identify your shelter location at home, work and school.

If a tornado warning is issued for your area, seek shelter immediately, preferably in a basement underneath the stairs or a sturdy piece of furniture. If there is no basement, go to an interior hallway or a small interior room without windows, get under sturdy furniture and use pillows or cushions to protect your

head and neck.

3. Develop and practice a family communication plan.

Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes. Know how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated during a storm or other emergency. Remember, during a disaster, phone lines may be overwhelmed by emergency calls. To let loved ones know you are safe, consider a check-in on social media or send a text.

4. Review your emergency supply kit.

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for work, home and your vehicle. Remember to consider the needs of all your family members, including your pets. After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several hours or several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies. To find a list of basic disaster supplies, visit ready.illinois.gov.



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.

May 2019

- 4 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 City offices closed; No garbage pickup
- 28 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.