



# CITY OF WHEATON

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## NEWSLETTER

June 2019

### CITY NOTES

#### Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for the following positions:

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

To learn more about these positions, visit [www.wheaton.il.us/jobs](http://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs).

#### Location Change for Electronic Recycling

Due to work at the Public Works Storage Yard, the monthly electronic recycling events for June and July are scheduled to take place at Commuter Lot 9, located near the intersection of Carlton and Liberty Drive. Please

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## Commission Announces Good Citizens Award Recipients



The Community Relations Commission presented the Good Citizens Award to residents in three categories: Group, Student and Adult.

The Wheaton City Council honored this year's recipients of the Good Citizens Award at the May 20, 2019 Council meeting, highlighting some outstanding individuals and groups who have made a difference in the community. The Wheaton Community Relations Commission oversees this annual program, which was developed to recognize residents for their acts of

selflessness, generosity, and service to our community.

The following people received the 2019 Good Citizens Award:

#### Group Category:

- In the Group Category, the award recipient was the **District 200 Board of the Student Excellence Foundation**, which supports District 200 schools and works to help all students to reach their greatest potential.

#### Student Category:

- **Emma Armbrust**, St. Francis High School, for her leadership and community service in school and extracurricular activities, including soccer, Student Ambassador Leadership Team, National Honor Society and more

- **Emma Goebel**, Wheaton Academy, for her service to families in the area through

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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](mailto:communications@wheaton.il.us)

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note that due to the location change, this collection will not be able to accept scrap metal or fluorescent tube bulbs.

Monthly electronic recycling is offered on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. More information about electronic recycling is available [on the City's website](#).

## Awards

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Replanted Ministry's work assisting foster and adoptive children, the Puente del Pueblo program, teaching youth soccer camp and more

- **Jenna Kortenhoeven**, Wheaton North High School, for her leadership and service to others as a peer mentor for the special education program, Link Crew, FLOCK Club and more

- **Karissa Paulsen**, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, for leadership as co-president of Key Club, participating in many service events, membership in the National Honor Society and Technical Theater

- **Selam Kahsay**,

## New City Council Members Sworn In

**A**t the May 6, 2019 City Council Meeting, the City of Wheaton welcomed its newly elected officials.

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

Suzanne Fitch was sworn in as an incumbent At-Large City Council member. She has served on the Council since 2015.



Members of the 2019 Wheaton City Council (from left): Michael Barbier, Erica Bray-Parker, Suzanne Fitch, Phil Suess, John Rutledge, Todd Scalzo

Newcomer Erica Bray-Parker also was

sworn in as an At-Large City Council member.

Wheaton North High School, for leadership through Key Club, Science Club, Pep Club, Speech Team, Track & Field, and extensive contributions to St. Michael Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

#### Adult Category:

- **Nancy Allured**, founder of the Bicycle Advisory Commission, for volunteer time given to many organizations, including Birding Club, People's Resource Center and the Environmental Improvement Commission

- **Mehret Asgedom**, an ESL and ELA teacher who serves her students and the local Eritrean-Ethiopian refugee community in both professional contexts through the Refugee Center Online, World

Relief and more

- **Laura Brady**, a retired teacher who launched the food pantry at One Line Church, which serves more than 30 families in the area per week with free food

- **Kristin Chmiel**, whose significant time and volunteer efforts revitalized the Student Excellence Foundation, and for helping run the annual STEM Expo for hundreds of students

- **Michael "Hawk" Gates**, for dedicating his time as a volunteer ESL tutor with Literacy DuPage and assisting students in navigating life in America

- **Robert Jacobsen**, for serving 20 years as Chairman of Milton Township Cemeteries Authority, founding Friends of Pioneer Cemeteries, and for curating and assembling

the Wheaton Golf History exhibit at Arrowhead Golf Course

- **Donald and Diane Mattison**, for creating and running the Wheaton Symphony Orchestra for six decades, dedicating extensive time, hard work and their own finances for the nonprofit organization

- **Vickie Miller**, for serving on the Community Relations Commission, serving as a tutor for Outreach Community Center, providing meals for PADS, and service to Holy Cross Lutheran Church

- **Doug Wicks**, a volunteer coach for the Wheaton Rams, who raises money and rides his bike from Akron, Illinois to Chicago to support families of police officers killed in the line of duty.

# Wheaton Celebrates Completion of Front Street Improvements & Rededication of Martin Plaza



**Mayor Phil Suess**  
welcomed residents and  
business owners to a  
ribbon-cutting for the new  
Martin Memorial Plaza.



## *Event marks completion of Phase 1 for Downtown Streetscape Project*

While work on the Downtown Streetscape project continues, the community paused to celebrate the completion of a project milestone: the new Martin Memorial Plaza. City officials led the celebration and rededication of the new plaza on Friday, May 24.

This replaces the former Martin Memorial Plaza, located on the south side of Front Street on the same block. As part of the improvements to the downtown, the City created an updated plaza with a water feature, outdoor fireplace, festive overhead lighting, plenty of seating and chairs for gathering, and decorative

planters reminiscent of Wheaton's history as a stop along the railroad line.

The plaza's namesake, Mayor Robert J. Martin, served as a City Councilman for 10 years before serving as mayor from 1983 to 1990. During Mayor Martin's service on the City Council and as Mayor, Wheaton saw a significant amount of growth, spurred by the annexation of the former Rice Farm in south Wheaton. Mayor Martin also worked to help bring Lake Michigan water to DuPage County.

For more information on the Downtown Streetscape Project, please visit [www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape](http://www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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.tasteofwheaton.com](http://www.tasteofwheaton.com) for more information.

## Vintage Rides Car Show

**Dates:** Fridays through 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 each week. For more information, see [www.downtownwheaton.com](http://www.downtownwheaton.com).

## 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.

## Ice Cream Social

**Date:** Saturday, June 8  
**Time:** 1-3 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Help us kick-off Summer Reading with free ice cream on the library's West Plaza! Featuring live music by Steel Crazy Steelband and a bubble truck!

In the case of inclement weather, event will be held indoors. No registration required.

## Chicago's History of Performance

**Date:** Thursday, June 13  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Chicago history buff Clarence Goodman chronicles the history of theater, music, film, and television in Chicago into the modern era. Registration required at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar).

## Concert on the Park: FrontRow

**Date:** Tuesday, June 18  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street, West Plaza

This rock 'n roll oldies cover band will play hits from the 60s and 70s! Featuring horns, additional percussion, and multiple vocalists. Held outdoors on the library's West Plaza.

In the event of

inclement weather, concerts will be held indoors. Limited seating provided on a first come, first served basis, please feel free to bring own chairs. No registration required.

## When Home Won't Let You Stay: A Special Community Event

**Date:** Wednesday, June 19  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

As part of the library's presentation of his exhibition, "When Home Won't Let You Stay," about refugees in America, documentary photographer James A. Bowey is presenting a special program of photography, storytelling and live music to consider the refugee issue, and our responses to the needs of displaced people around the world. Registration required. Find more information at [wheatonlibrary.org](http://wheatonlibrary.org).

## Meet YA Author Joelle Charbonneau

**Date:** Saturday, June 22  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Spend the afternoon with Joelle Charbonneau, the NY Times Best Selling author of the Testing Trilogy. Find more information at: <https://wheatonlibrary.org/content/meet-author>.

## "Make Music Wheaton" Event Debuts June 21

Get ready for a new event in downtown Wheaton making its debut on June 21.

Make Music Wheaton is part of Make Music Day, a global music celebration that takes place on the summer solstice each year and brings people of all ages and skill levels together to make music. Wheaton is one of only two Illinois cities that will host thousands of Make Music performances as part of the world's largest annual music event.

Make Music Day began in France in 1982 as the Fête de la Musique and has spread to more than 800 cities across 120 countries. Different from a typical musical festival, Make Music concerts are performed by anyone who wants to take part. From classical to folk, hip hop to opera, jazz to rock, live music of all kinds resounds on streets, sidewalks, porches, parks, stores and other public spaces on the longest day of the year.

The Downtown Wheaton Association hopes to have a variety of music-making events throughout Downtown Wheaton and invites any musician, amateur or professional, young or old, to take part in this wild and wonderful mix of free outdoor and indoor musical events.

Have musical talent you want to share? All genres and methods of making music are welcome. Register to participate today at [www.makemusicday.org/wheaton](http://makemusicday.org/wheaton).

# Help Prevent Mosquito-Transmitted Diseases

## Wheaton served by Mosquito Abatement District

Each year, the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District (a separate government entity from the City of Wheaton) monitors the area for mosquito-transmitted diseases with the Illinois Department of Health, DuPage County Health Department and Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

Under the authority of the Illinois Mosquito Abatement District, field technicians from Clarke Mosquito perform mosquito control activities on properties for the control of mosquitoes and protection of public health. This includes larval site monitoring, biological control and strategic use of EPA-labeled and registered pesticide products, if necessary.

### West Nile Virus

West Nile virus is spread through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Symptoms are initially similar to the flu, with muscle weakness and disorientation. Though the majority of those infected will have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, in some individuals, WNV can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis)



### Mosquito Hotline

To be notified by phone when mosquito spraying will take place in Wheaton or for questions about Wheaton's program, call 1-800-942-2555.

and in severe cases, paralysis, coma or death. The disease is most serious – even fatal – in those with compromised immune systems and the elderly.

### Zika Virus

Zika virus (ZIKV) is a mosquito-borne disease that is transmitted primarily by the Aedes aegypti mosquito and sexual transmission. Aedes aegypti is a tropical mosquito that does not occur in northern Illinois.

While ZIKV symptoms are generally mild in adults (fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis), pregnant women who contract ZIKV can pass the virus to their unborn children, increasing the risks of serious birth defects like microcephaly.

For the latest information, consult the Illinois Department of Health website at [www.idph.illinois.gov](http://www.idph.illinois.gov), or the DuPage County Health Department website at [www.dupagehealth.org](http://www.dupagehealth.org).

### What You Can Do:

- If outdoors when mosquitoes are active, dress in light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, long pants and socks when outdoors during prime mosquito hours.
- Apply mosquito repellent with DEET to clothing and exposed skin in accordance with label directions.
- Neglected swimming pools can be ideal sources for larval development to the mosquito species that transmits WNV. Report neglected pools to 1-800-942-2555 or email [wmad@clarke.com](mailto:wmad@clarke.com).
- Discard any outdoor container that might hold water or empty water from wading pools and birdbaths once a week.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house so adult mosquitoes will not hide there.
- Do not dump grass clippings into low lying areas that collect water after rainfalls.
- Report dead birds on your property to the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7400. Dead birds can be the first indicators of the presence of West Nile Virus in the area.

# "See you around town!"

~ Michael J. Gresk  
City of Wheaton Mayor, 2007 - 2019



## Library Wall Honors Former Mayor

In honor of former Mayor Michael Gresk's longtime service and involvement in the community, the Wheaton Public Library recently dedicated its Community Wall to Gresk. This area of the library features community announcements and happenings.

## Wheaton Police Offering Car Seat Safety Checks June 15

The Wheaton Police Department will provide car seat safety checks from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Kids Urgent Care, 290 West Loop Road. Certified safety personnel will

assist residents with the proper installation of car seats to ensure they are used safely.

No registration is required, and the event is free and open to the public.



City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions are held in the Council Chambers at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Visit [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events.

# Tips for Outdoor Fire Safety This Summer

Nearly nine out of 10 wildfires, nationally, are caused by humans and could have been prevented. With warmer weather, residents are making plans to enjoy outdoor activities. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) ask people to enjoy summer safely with these fire safety tips.

### Camping Fire and Burn Safety

- At campgrounds at state parks and other IDNR-managed sites, fires are allowed in stoves, grills or other designated areas only. Many sites do not allow ground fires of any kind. Check with the campground host for fire regulations.

- Have water or fire extinguisher and shovel readily available before building a fire.

- Small children should never build a fire, even with adult supervision.
- Always supervise children around fires.
- Never use a flammable liquid to start a fire or on hot coals. Explosions can result.

- When near campfires and grills, wear snug-fitting, tightly woven, or short-sleeved garments.

- Pitch tents at least 15 feet upwind from grills and fire pits.

- Never leave a fire unattended.

- Before you leave your campsite, make sure coals are thoroughly extinguished before disposal.

- If your fire gets out of control, note your location and call 9-1-1 for assistance.

- Don't forget to "Stop, Drop, and Roll" if any of your clothes catch on fire.

## CITY CALENDAR

### June 2019

- 3 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 10 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 17 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.