

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

September 2019

CITY NOTES

Library Card Sign-Up Month

Stop by the library during the month of September to learn what a library card can do for you. Show your Wheaton Public Library card at participating businesses to get discounts and gifts. Complete the library's Toy Story 4 scavenger hunt, and sign up or renew your WPL card for a chance to win a prize.

No Garbage Pickup Sept. 2

Due to the Labor Day holiday, all garbage/recycling/yard waste pickups will be delayed one day during the week of Sept. 2-6.

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City of Wheaton offices will be

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Festival of Cultures to Offer Music, Food & More on Sept. 15

This year's event will be at the Wheaton French Market site

Don't miss a fun afternoon of storytelling, culture, food, arts, activities, music and more during the Festival of Cultures on Sunday, Sept. 15. Come out to the Wheaton French Market location (Main Street & Liberty Drive) from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for this event, organized by the Wheaton Community Relations Commission.

Experience the more than 30 participants and groups who will be at booths sharing their heritage and cultures. Live music will fill the air, festive food trucks will be onsite, and participants can fill out a Festival of Cultures passport and win a prize.

The Community Relations Commission encourages the



Learn about different heritage and cultures with many interactive displays, art, food and more.

Festival of Cultures

Date: Sunday, Sept. 15

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Main Street & Liberty Drive

community to come together and be the best of what Wheaton is: a warm and welcoming place to live.



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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closed on Monday, Sept. 2. They will reopen on Sept. 3.

Business News Now Open:

- **Prose**, 2044 S Naperville Road: This is the first Illinois location for the hand and foot care brand, offering guests hand and foot services through its boutique products and personalized approach.

- **Dunkin**, 2040 S Naperville Road: America's favorite coffee and baked goods chain recently opened its new restaurant and drive-through.

- **Eat the Frog Fitness**, 2046 S Naperville Road: Featuring small group training that combines athletic-inspired training, cutting-edge technology, and the science of your body for an advanced workout.

Coming Soon:

- **302 Wheaton**, 302 W Front Street: Opening in mid-September, this family-focused restaurant will offer a simple menu featuring delicious burgers and craft beer in a gathering place for the community.

Lawn Watering Restrictions End

Lawn watering restrictions will end on Sept. 15. Until then,

residents can water on odd- or even-numbered days corresponding with odd- or even-numbered addresses. Watering is prohibited between noon and 6 p.m.

Check Out These City Videos

The City of Wheaton creates videos for the community that are available on the City's website and on Channels 10 & 17 for Comcast subscribers. Some recent videos include:

- [League of Women Voters: Fair Maps - Why We Need Them, with Mike Fortner](#)
- [5th Annual Bike Wheaton Festival](#)
- [ALICE Training](#)

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton is currently searching for dependable and community-oriented individuals to represent our city as Seasonal Crossing Guards during the academic school year. To find out more, see the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Commission News

The City Council appointed Katie Sivak to a term ending 11/3/21 on the Community Relations Commission to fill the remaining term of a former member.

West District Appointment at Sept. 3 Council Meeting

The Wheaton Mayor and City Council will be considering Lynn Robbins to fill the West District Wheaton City Council seat at the City Council's Sept. 3, 2019 meeting.

If approved by the Mayor and City Council, Ms. Robbins will be filling the West District

seat recently vacated as a result of Councilman Scalzo's resignation from the City Council. The appointment will expire May 2021.

The Mayor and City Council were very impressed with the number and qualifications of residents who applied for this appointment.

Commission Accepting Senior Housing Assistance Program Applications

Applications are due by Friday, Sept. 27

The City of Wheaton and their Housing Commission sponsor a program to give monthly financial assistance to senior residents who qualify in order to help with their housing costs. The commission is now accepting applications for the 2020 Wheaton Housing Assistance Program, which will provide assistance from Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020.

Seniors who meet all three of the following requirements may apply for assistance:

- **Age:** Must be at least 65 years or older.
- **Residency:** Must be an incorporated Wheaton resident for at least the last consecutive 3 years.

- **Income:** Senior's annual household income cannot exceed \$26,850.

If you meet these 3 qualifications, and would like to apply for Wheaton Housing Assistance, please complete the [Wheaton Housing Assistance Application](#) and submit with the required supporting documents to: City of Wheaton, ATTN: Lindsay Qualkenbush, 303 W Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187.

Applications are due by Friday, Sept. 27. For more information about this program, contact Lindsay Qualkenbush at the City of Wheaton at 630-260-2019 or lqualkenbush@wheaton.il.us.

Crews Working to Add Sidewalks

Program adding sidewalks as funding allows based on criteria

The City's program to install new sidewalks will begin in the coming weeks, starting with surveying. The City anticipates crews will begin construction on some streets during the first week of September. This year's program includes adding sidewalks on the following street segments:

- East side of Campbell Street from Dawes Avenue to Elm Street
- West side of Fischer Street from Dawes Avenue to Elm Street
- North side of Prairie Avenue from Main Street to south leg of Irving Avenue
- North side of Jefferson Street from Ellis Avenue to the alleyway
- South side of Wakeman Avenue from Santa Rosa Avenue to President Street

Contractors will install sidewalks on one side of the street as indicated above, as well as at some intersection corners on the opposite side.

Residents adjacent to the project should have received a notice regarding the nature of the work.



Criteria for selecting the location of new sidewalks includes the proximity to a school, the type of street, whether a partially constructed sidewalk already exists.

The project is anticipated to last until the end of October.

This work is part of the new sidewalk program approved by the City Council in February 2018, to work toward the City's goal of providing a sidewalk on one side of every street. The City selects the location of new sidewalks based

on a series of criteria including:

- the proximity to a school
- type of street
- whether a partially constructed sidewalk already exists, and
- the street's layout.

Questions about this work can be directed to the Engineering Department at 630-260-2065.

Historic Bike Tour Planned for Sept. 21

The Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Commission will lead a Historic Bike Tour through Wheaton from 2-3:30 p.m. Sept. 21. The focus will be the Underground Railroad in Wheaton.

The approximately 6-mile family ride will travel along streets named for famous Wheaton abolitionists, and the ride will include guest speakers and special advisors Glennette Tilley Turner and Dennis Rodkin. To take part, meet on the west side of the Wheaton Public Library, and be sure to [complete the safety waiver on the City's website](#).

In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Sept. 28.

Metra Provides Translation Service for Free

To ensure that people with limited English proficiency receive adequate information, understand the information, and can participate in Metra's programs, Metra provides translation services in more than 200 languages upon request. To request translation services, contact Metra at 312-322-6323.



Wheaton Fire Department Hosting Sept. 11 Ceremony

The Wheaton Fire Department will host its annual Sept. 11 Commemoration Ceremony to remember those who lost their lives at Ground Zero in New York and to honor

Wheaton fire and police personnel. The ceremony will take place in the front of the Wheaton Fire Department, 1 Fapp Circle at precisely 8:45 a.m. The community is invited to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wheaton French Market

Dates: Saturdays through November

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

Location: Commuter Parking Lot at Liberty and Main Street

Flowers, locally grown produce, jewelry, crafts and more are sold each Saturday at Wheaton's French Market. Offerings vary by week.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Sept. 14

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Commuter Lot 9, Carlton & Liberty

Bring unwanted electronics to this monthly drop-off event. There is a charge to recycle TVs and monitors. [For information on items that will be accepted, see the City's website.](#) The collection is temporarily unable to accept cooking oil, scrap metal and fluorescent tube bulbs.

Biltmore Estate: America's Downton Abbey

Date: Thursday, Sept. 12

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross St.

Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses the history, architecture, and landscape plan of Biltmore Estate while making parallels between Downton Abbey and Biltmore. Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Festival of Cultures

Date: Sunday, Sept. 15

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Main Street & Liberty Drive

Join the Community Relations Commission for an afternoon of storytelling, culture, food, arts, activities, music and more. For more information on this free event, see page 1.

OverDrive Digital Bookmobile

Dates: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 19, 1-7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross St.

Step aboard the OverDrive Digital Bookmobile in the library parking lot Sept. 17-19 and learn how you can download eBooks and eAudiobooks for free.

Friends of the Library Media Sale

Dates: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 5-9 p.m.; Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 19-22 during library hours

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Find movies, music, audiobooks, computer games and more at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit library programs. For more information, [see the Library's website.](#)

Historic Bike Tour

Date: Saturday, Sept. 21

Time: 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Starting from west side of Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

The Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Commission will lead a Historic Bike Tour with a special focus on the Underground Railroad in Wheaton. For information, see page 3.

Sleep Workshop

Date: Thursday, Sept. 26

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross St.

Sleep affects our mood, concentration, immune system and general enjoyment of our days and life. Dr. Lemke is trained in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia and will teach you strategies that will give you back control of your sleep. Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.



New Rules Adopted for Solicitors in Wheaton

Commercial solicitors must notify Police of their intent to solicit

On Aug. 19, the Wheaton City Council approved amendments to the City's ordinance on soliciting and peddlers. These changes address unsafe soliciting practices that interfere with vehicle traffic, pedestrian safety, door-to-door soliciting by criminals posing as solicitors, the time of day when soliciting is allowed, and supervision of minors who are soliciting.

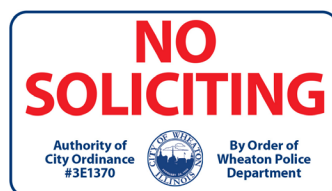
Different rules apply for commercial versus non-commercial solicitation, so it is important to know the difference between the two types. Examples of commercial solicitation include (but are not limited to): roofing companies, storm damage repair companies and lawn service companies. Examples of non-



commercial solicitation include (but are not limited to): Girl & Boy Scout Troops, youth sport teams or leagues, and youth groups.

Public Ways

- Commercial solicitation is not allowed in public ways (such as streets, sidewalks and parkways).
- Non-Commercial solicitation is allowed in public ways, however, there are certain intersections that are prohibited due to safety concerns. Please view the list of prohibited locations in the



amendment.

- Public ways will be available on a first-come, first serve basis.

Door-to-Door Solicitation

- Commercial solicitors must notify the Wheaton Police Department of their intent to solicit in the City of Wheaton. Notification will include name, date of birth, address, dates and hours

during which commercial solicitation will occur, and a statement of affirmation that the solicitor has not been convicted of a felony.

- Non-commercial solicitors do not need to notify the Wheaton Police Department for door-to-door solicitation.

Solicitation by Minors

- All minors (ages 14 or younger) must be accompanied by a supervising adult (age 21 or older).
- Minors and adults must carry photo identification when soliciting.

Wheaton residents and businesses may post "Solicitors Not Invited" notices on their property. If any resident or business has a question about a commercial or a non-commercial solicitor within the City of Wheaton, please contact the Wheaton Police Department at 630-260-2161.

Read Preparedness Tips for the New School Year

As families begin the new academic year, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and local emergency management agencies encourage parents to include emergency preparedness in their school year plans. Here are some tips:

- Find out where

children will be taken in the event of an evacuation of their school.

- Ensure your current emergency contact information is on file at your child's school.
- Teach children with cell phones about "Text First, Talk Later." Short, simple text messages, such as "R U OK?" and

"I'm OK," are more likely to get through than a phone call if phone service is unavailable during an emergency.

New this school year, state law requires schools to hold at least three evacuations drills while students are present to better prepare students and personnel

for emergencies. Specifically, within the first 90 days of the school year, schools must conduct at least one law enforcement evacuation drill. These drills must be conducted according to the school's emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and procedures.

Changes Coming Soon for Daily Fee Parking Payment

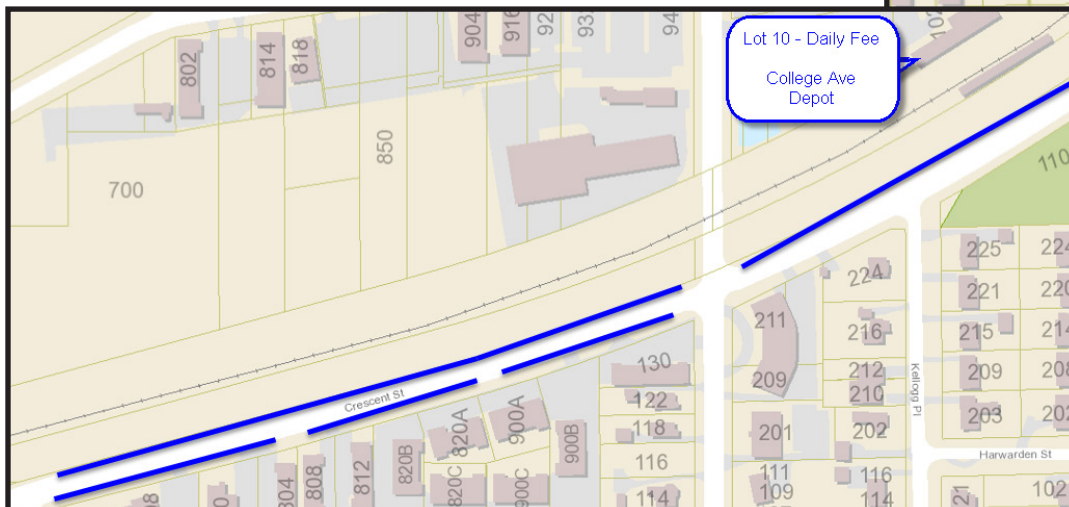
Residents who use the daily fee parking in Commuter Lot 9 near Carlton & Liberty, Commuter Lot 10 located near the College Avenue Station, and the 12-hour on-street parking on Crescent, Carlton & Liberty (west of Carlton) will soon see changes to the way they pay. The meters and daily fee pay boxes will be replaced later this month with several digital kiosks that provide convenient payment options.

The new kiosks will be located at:

- College Avenue Station
- Northeast corner where the railroad tracks cross President Street
- Southwest corner of Liberty & Carlton

Commuters will be able to pay with cash or a credit/debit card or can skip the kiosk by using the Passport Parking app to pay. Available where you download mobile phone apps, the Passport Parking app will allow you to enter your license plate number and zone where you are parked to pay on the go.

Look for signs near these parking areas with directions for how to pay at the kiosk or on the app. Please note that all options will require you to know your license plate number and enter this when you pay for parking. A convenience fee of \$0.32 applies to purchases made using the Passport Parking app.



The blue lines on these maps denote on-street commuter parking and daily fee spaces in Lots 9 & 10. These areas will utilize the new daily fee parking system. The map at left shows parking near the College Avenue Metra station, and above is parking near the downtown Metra Station.



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.

September 2019

- 2 City offices closed, no garbage pickup
- 3 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 9 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 16 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.