

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

October 2019

CITY NOTES

Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours

The official trick-or-treating hours in Wheaton are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. The City asks that drivers use extra caution on Halloween to ensure the safety of trick-or-treaters.

Pumpkin Smash Collection

The City of Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission will once again host a "Pumpkin Smash" drop-off for pumpkins right after Halloween. This collection will allow you to drop off pumpkins (please remove decorations first) to be composted, rather than going to the landfill.

The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon in the commuter parking lot at Liberty and Carlton.

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New Payment System Debuts Soon for Daily Fee Parking

Payment options include mobile app and credit card

This month, the City will roll out a new parking payment system for daily fee commuter parking, offering convenient new ways to pay.

Previously, users of the daily fee parking spaces in the City's commuter lots and spaces near the City's two Metra stations used either a pay box in the lots or street meters that only accepted coins. The new system will replace these with two options: using new digital kiosks or using the Passport Parking app on a mobile device.

Parking App

The City's new system allows users to pay for daily fee parking using an app on your phone. Simply



search for the Passport Parking app where you download apps for your phone, and follow the directions to set up an account. Using the app will allow you to skip going to a kiosk. A convenience fee of \$0.32 applies for payments using the parking app.

Payment Kiosks

New digital kiosks replace the daily fee *(Continued on next page)*



Street signs will designate daily fee parking spaces that will use this system.

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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Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day, a national day of volunteering, takes place on Oct. 26. Check the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/MADD later this month for more information about Make a Difference Day.

Business News

Welcome new businesses:

Arcade V, 126 N. Hale St., offers the newest trend in interactive entertainment in the virtual reality world.

Altiro Latin Fusion, 132 N. Hale St., offers tapas-style inspired Latin fusion cuisine of classic dishes with infused new flavors from Spain, Mexico and South America.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for the following positions:

- Part-Time Administrative Assistant, Fire Department
- Police Officer
- Seasonal Crossing Guard

To find out more, visit www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Commission News

The Wheaton City Council appointed Saleha Jawaid to fill a term on the Community Relations Commission ending in July 2021.

Applications Due by Oct. 4 for Wheaton Police Officer Position

The Wheaton Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. This is a great opportunity for a rewarding career that allows you to make a difference in the community.

How to Apply:

- Purchase, complete, and submit your application at www.iosolutions.com
- Submit all supporting documentation
- Complete your application by Friday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m.

Minimum Requirements:

- \$25 non-refundable application fee
- U.S. Citizenship
- Applicant must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university by date of hire
- Possess a valid driver's license, which will be used



for identification at all phases of testing

- Be at least 20 years of age and under 35 at time of application deadlines, unless exempt by state statute
- Must have vision/corrected vision to 20/20
- If a Veteran of the military or currently serving, include a copy of your DD-214
- If applicable, please include your POWER Card if issued between 10/4/18-10/4/19. If you do not possess a POWER Card at time of orientation, you must complete the POWER Test on test day, prior to written examination.

Orientation and Testing Information:

Candidates must attend the orientation, physical ability test, and written examination Oct. 27. The test will be at Wheaton North High School, 701 W. Thomas Road.

Salary and Benefits

The City of Wheaton offers officers an outstanding benefit package including comprehensive health and retirement options. Starting salary for this position is \$67,520.51.

If you have questions, call 800-343-HIRE or email recruitment@iosolutions.com.

Parking

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pay boxes in the City's commuter lots and some of the metered all-day parking spaces. Look for signs near these parking spaces for more information.

The kiosks accept cash (exact change only) and credit cards. The kiosks are located:

- At the corner of Liberty & Carlton (for Lot 9 daily fee parking and 12-hour spaces along Carlton)
- President Street where it meets the

railroad tracks

- College Avenue train station (2 kiosks)

Note that however you choose to pay, you will need to know your license plate number, which you will enter at the kiosk or on your mobile phone (if using the Passport app).

Leaf Collection Reminders

This fall, the City of Wheaton reminds you of the ways you can properly dispose of leaves. Place leaves in containers 35 gallons in size or smaller, or in biodegradable bags. Containers or bags must weigh less than 50 pounds when filled. Each container or bag requires a Lakeshore Recycling Systems yard waste/ organics/ excess garbage sticker, which is available at City Hall and at many local grocery and hardware stores.

When you're cleaning up leaves,



please be careful not to blow or rake them into the streets. Doing so can prevent storm sewers from functioning properly and can lead to flooding. If your house is located near a storm sewer catch basin, please help keep it clear by sweeping away

leaves and debris from the sewer grate. Also, please note that burning leaves is not allowed.

Lakeshore Recycling Systems collects yard waste, food scraps and organic materials on your garbage day through the second full week of December.

Five Steps to Disaster Preparedness

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency encourages you to prepare for potential emergencies at home, work, and in the community.

Having a plan that includes where to go and how to communicate during disasters, building an emergency supply kit and learning lifesaving skills could help you during a disaster.

Here are five steps to Disaster Preparedness:

1. Save Early for a Disaster: Can you afford an emergency? According to the Federal Reserve, 40 percent of Americans do not have \$400 in savings.

Operation Hope is a nonprofit that provides disaster preparedness planning. They work with adults, youth and disaster survivors to equip them with the financial knowledge and tools to create a secure future.

2. Learn Lifesaving Skills: Everyday citizens can be first responders. This is a great time to learn lifesaving skills, such as CPR and first aid techniques, in order to provide immediate aid until help arrives.

3. Make a Plan for When a Disaster Strikes: Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so know which types of disasters could affect your area

and how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated.

4. Teach Youth How to Prepare for Disasters: Disaster planning, response, and recovery efforts should include the unique needs of children. Get kids involved in building their own emergency kit. Include your child's favorite stuffed animals, board games, books or music in their emergency kit to comfort them in a disaster.

5. Get Involved in Community Preparedness: Check in with your neighbors to see how you can help each other before, during and after a storm.

Firefighter Honored with Award of Valor



Craig Williams

Wheaton Firefighter Craig Williams was recently selected as a recipient of the DuPage 100 Club 2019 Award of Valor. He is receiving the award for his involvement in the West Chicago structure fire that occurred April 17 in the 100 block of West Grand Lake Boulevard.

Williams and several members of Carol Stream Fire Protection District subjected themselves to extreme fire conditions to rescue a trapped 92-year-old man from the home. While all personnel operating on the scene that night worked under extreme conditions at a high level, the personnel being recognized were selected for going above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations to Craig Williams for receiving this honor.

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 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at Wheaton's French Market. The outdoor market is at Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton.



Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Date: Saturday, Oct. 5

Time: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Bensenville Public Works Facility, 711 E. Jefferson St., Bensenville

A one-day hazardous waste event will allow you to bring items such as oil-based paints, paint thinners, gasoline, motor oil, herbicides, household batteries, cleaning agents and more. This event will be on from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Bensenville Public Works Facility, 711 E. Jefferson St., Bensenville. Sponsored by the Illinois EPA and DuPage County, this event is open to all Illinois residents. For more information, [see the Illinois EPA's website](#).

Heirloom Gardening

Date: Thursday, Oct. 10

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross St.

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Alexa Newman focuses on planting and growing heirloom flowers and vegetables and discusses the definition and common

perceptions regarding heirlooms. Co-sponsored by the DuPage County Historical Museum. Registration required at www.wheatonlibrary.org.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Oct. 12

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Commuter Parking Lot 9, Carlton & Liberty Drive

Bring unwanted electronics, to this monthly drop-off event. Please note there is a charge to recycle TVs and monitors. For information on items that will be accepted, [please see the City's website](#). Note that due to the temporary relocation of this event, the City is unable to collect cooking oil, scrap metal and fluorescent tube bulbs.

Snow City Arts Reception

Date: Thursday, Oct. 17

Time: 4-7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross St.

Join us as we celebrate Snow City Arts and the wonderfully talented students' artwork. Snow City Arts is an organization

that brings art programming and instruction to children who are long-term patients in participating hospitals. Be sure to check out the month-long exhibit in the Arts & Culture Center. No registration required.



Maker Day

Date: Saturday, Oct. 19

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross St.

Join us for our second annual all ages Maker Day! Try out hands-on STEAM stations and watch makers create before your very eyes. Learn something new! No registration required.

ALICE Training

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 23

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.

The Wheaton Police Department will be offering an ALICE Training session on Oct. 23 from 6-8 p.m. at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W Wesley Street. ALICE

(Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) helps teach how to proactively handle a threat in a violent encounter/active shooter event. Register by calling 630-260-2012.

Phantom of the Opera with Live Organ

Date: Thursday, Oct. 24

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross St.

Jay Warren plays the organ accompanying the 1925 classic, "Phantom of the Opera." Registration required at www.wheatonlibrary.org.

Boo-Palooza

Date: Saturday, Oct. 26

Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association encourages the community to celebrate Halloween with the annual Boo-Palooza event in downtown Wheaton. Enjoy face painting, trick-or-treating at downtown businesses, pumpkin decorating, hayrides and more. A costume contest will be at 10 a.m. at Martin Memorial Plaza (on Front Street just west of Main Street), followed at 10:30 a.m. by a pet costume contest. Hayrides will begin from Martin Memorial Plaza at 10:30 a.m., and see artist Joe Adkins' live pumpkin carving demonstration at Martin Memorial Plaza at 11 a.m. For more information, see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website at www.downtownwheaton.com. This is a free, family-friendly event.

DuPage County Offering Energy Bill Assistance

Funding provided to assist eligible low-income households with utilities

DuPage County Community Services will be accepting applications for the annual Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) beginning Oct. 1 until May 31, 2020, or until funds are depleted. As cold temperatures are just around the corner, eligible families are encouraged to apply.

Beginning Oct. 1, DuPage County Department of Community Services will accept winter heating applications, by appointment, from seniors (60+) or people with disabilities. Beginning Nov. 1, applications will be taken for seniors, disabled, disconnected and households with children 5 or under. All other eligible households may begin applying on Dec. 2. Benefits are paid directly

to the utilities on behalf of eligible households.

If your household's combined gross income for the 30 days beginning with the date of the application is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, you may be eligible to receive assistance. A single-person household can qualify for the program with a monthly gross income of up to \$1,561; a two-person household up to \$2,114; and a family of four can earn up to \$3,219.

Customers must bring the following required documentation when applying for assistance:

- Social Security Cards for all household members;
- Proof of gross income from all household members for the 30-day period beginning with the date of application;
- Current heat and



electric bills issued within the last 30 days (if they pay for the energy directly); and

- If you rent, your lease
- For more information,

including where you can apply, DuPage County residents can call 630-407-6500, 800-942-9412 or please visit www.dupageco.org.



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.

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- 5** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 7** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 21** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.