

CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

November 2019

CITY NOTES

Use the City's Request Form

Want to report a streetlight outage, pothole, water billing issue or request another City service? We are here to help. The City of Wheaton offers a convenient Service Request Form on the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/servicerequest.

No Garbage Pickup Nov. 28

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Lakeshore Recycling Systems will not pick up garbage, yard waste or recycling on Thursday, Nov. 28. Thursday and Friday routes will be one day later during this week.

City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and

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New Adams Park Paths Make Park Accessible for All Users

Ramp up to fountain, wider concrete paths among features

New paths are complete, making Adams Park accessible to all, and the park has reopened for all to enjoy.

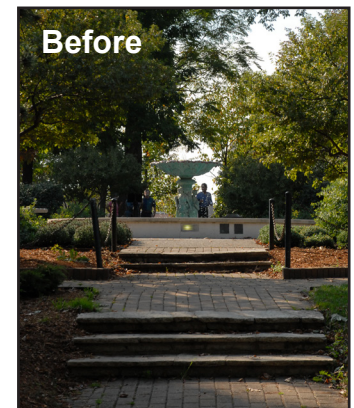
The master plan for Adams Park called for updates to the park to make pathways ADA-accessible, including eliminating the raised sidewalk in the northeast corner of the park, widening the main walkways to the fountain to 8 feet, and making them ADA compliant. Crews replaced brick paver paths with stamped concrete, making for a more accessible surface



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for all, and the park now has a ramp leading up to the fountain. The project also widened the perimeter pathway that encircles the park to 6 feet, addressed drainage issues in the southeast corner of the park and provided landscaping updates.

This project is funded in part by a state grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.



Before

Previously, brick pavers and steps led up to the fountain in the center of Adams Park.

CONTACT THE CITY

Police/Fire: 911
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

Bring Pumpkins to the Pumpkin Smash Drop-off

Green your Halloween by keeping your pumpkins out of landfills. The City's Environmental Improvement Commission is bringing back its Pumpkin Smash drop-off from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 2, at the City's Commuter Lot 9, located at Liberty Drive and Carlton Avenue.

Organizers ask that you please remove stickers, candles and other decorative objects from pumpkins. Simply drive

up and drop off your pumpkins for composting into nutrient-rich soil.

Why Keep Pumpkins Out of the Landfill?

- Decomposing organics make landfills the third largest producers of methane
- Composting returns nutrients and water back to the soil
- Pumpkins are 90% water: good for our soil, bad for our landfills
- Most of the pumpkins



processed in the U.S. are grown in Illinois; keep the water and nutrients here. This collection will be

run by Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission, the City of Wheaton and SCARCE.

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Friday, Nov. 29. Offices will reopen on Monday, Dec. 2.

Leaf & Yard Waste Pickup

Lakeshore Recycling Systems will continue to pick up leaves and yard waste through the week of Dec. 9. You must place a Lakeshore Recycling Systems sticker on each bag or yard waste/tree trimming stack. Stacks must no longer than 4 feet and no more than 18 inches in diameter. You do not need to bundle stacks with twine.

Change Smoke Detector Batteries

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3. When you change your clocks, the Wheaton Fire

Department recommends you also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

You should change the batteries about every six months to ensure the detectors will work correctly. Using Daylight Saving Time as a reminder of when you last changed batteries is an easy way to remember when it's time to replace them.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks candidates for the following employment opportunities:

- Downtown Wheaton Association – Executive Director
- Maintenance Worker – Sewer Division
- Mechanic
- Seasonal Crossing

Guard

To find out more about these positions and find out how to apply, please visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Business News

Jeans & a Cute Top Shop, a women's clothing boutique, is reopening in November at its new location, 123 W Wesley Street. Their tagline is: "It's what you're wearing tonight."

Commission News

The City Council approved the following appointments/reappointments to City boards and commissions:

- Janet Gellert, appointed to a three-year term on the Bicycle Advisory Commission
- Khizar Jafri, appointed to a three-year term on

the Environmental Improvement Commission

- Nancy Flynn, reappointed to a three-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission

- Anthony Pope, reappointed to a three-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission

- Ted Witte, reappointed to a three-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission

- Kathleen Young, reappointed to a three-year term on the Fine & Cultural Arts Commission

- Finny Rajchel, appointed to a three-year term on the Wheaton Downtown Design Review Board.

Council Ordinance Bans Recreational Cannabis Businesses

New Illinois state law on recreational cannabis use becomes effective on Jan. 1

At the Oct. 7, 2019 City Council meeting, the Council approved an ordinance banning recreational cannabis business establishments in the City of Wheaton.

This ordinance is in response to an Illinois law that becomes effective Jan. 1, 2020, allowing for the legal sale and

use of recreational cannabis in Illinois. Municipalities were given the opportunity to determine whether cannabis businesses would be allowed in their municipality, and if so, in which areas such businesses could be established. By prohibiting businesses from being established

in the City limits, sales of recreational cannabis are not allowed in Wheaton. Wheaton previously passed an ordinance allowing for medical cannabis facilities to be located in certain zoning districts, but the City does not currently have any such facilities.

The City Council held a public hearing seeking

input on the matter on August 26, and the Council discussed the proposed ordinance at the Sept. 16 and Oct. 7 City Council meetings.

To see videos of the discussions or to see the supporting agenda materials regarding this issue, see the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/AgendaCenter.



Workshops Set to Discuss City's Annual Budget

If you would like to learn about the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, attend the City's Budget Workshop Sessions, which will take place:

- 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11
- 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16

During the sessions, which will take place in the Council Chambers of City

Hall, 303 W Wesley Street, City staff and the City Council will discuss and review the proposed City budget for the upcoming year. The proposed budget will be available on the City's website before the budget workshop sessions.

These workshop sessions will be recorded and will be available on the City's website.

Some Meters Free during Downtown Streetscape Work



On October 21, the City Council approved temporarily eliminating metered parking for select meters located on College Avenue and in the South Central Business District during the duration of the downtown streetscape project. The meters are located on College Avenue, Main Street and

Willow Avenue.

The intent is to remove any barrier for prospective customers visiting Wheaton during the Downtown Streetscape Project improvements. The affected meters are marked with stickers.

Please note there is a 2-hour parking limit for these spaces.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wheaton French Market

Dates: Nov. 2 & 9

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

Location: Main Street & Liberty Drive

Catch it before it closes for the season! Flowers, locally grown produce, jewelry, crafts seasonal items and more are sold at Wheaton's French Market. The outdoor market is at Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton.

Chili Cook-Off

Date: Saturday, Nov. 2

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Participating Wheaton restaurants

Local Downtown

Wheaton restaurants will once more enter the fray and fun of the 11th Annual Chili Cook-Off taking place Saturday, Nov. 2. Chili lovers will be able to sample a variety of chili recipes prepared and served by participating restaurants. This event is sponsored by the Downtown Wheaton Association. For more information, visit www.downtownwheaton.com.

Library Holiday Book & Art Sale

Dates: Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Nov. 8 & 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Nov. 10 1-5 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street, Main Floor

The Holiday Book & Art Sale features like-new gift books for adults and children, collectible books, leather-bound treasures, first editions, signed copies, pop-up books, framed & unframed art and unique gifts. All items are individually priced. All

proceeds benefit the library.

From Chicago to Vietnam

Date: Thursday, Nov. 7

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Author of the powerful memoir, *From Chicago to Vietnam*, Michael Duffy discusses the United States' involvement in Vietnam along with his personal experiences as an Army draftee during the war. Registration required.

Sunday Concert: Avanti Guitar Trio

Date: Sunday, Nov. 10

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

This world-class chamber ensemble blends together pristine technique and sensitive interpretation. Their repertoire ranges from the Baroque to Contemporary. No registration required.

A Veterans' Day to Remember

Date: Monday, Nov. 11

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Honor Veterans' Day with this program presented by the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Join us for a children's book read by a veteran, personal stories, an interactive "what would you do" activity, and information about ways you can support the shelter. No registration required.

Living History: Sally Field

Date: Thursday, Nov. 14



Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Jenny Riddle brings to life Sally Field based on Field's memoir, *In Pieces*. Join Jenny for this in-character presentation to find out how Sally Field eventually finds her own voice in this unforgettable story. Registration required.

Festival of Lights & Tree Sale

Dates: Nov. 29-Dec. 30

Time: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. (lights come on at 3 p.m. daily)

Location: Cosley Zoo, 1356 N Gary Avenue

Don't miss this winter wonderland featuring 20,000 twinkling lights, Christmas trees, hot chocolate, and holiday gifts. The zoo is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily; lights come on at 3 p.m. All proceeds support the zoo, its animals, programs, and exhibit development.

Living Wheaton Christmas Parade

Date: Friday, Nov. 29

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

Wheaton comes together to celebrate the coming of Christmas with a hometown parade. Stick around till the

end because some special and jolly pays his first visit to Wheaton! The parade will begin at City Hall near Karlskoga and Wheaton Avenue, continuing south on Wheaton Avenue. It will turn east (left) onto Front Street, concluding at Cross Street.

Living Wheaton Christmas Festival

Date: Saturday, Nov. 30

Time: 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, cookie decorating, a visit with Santa's reindeer, roaming entertainment and more in downtown Wheaton. [Find out more on the Downtown Wheaton Association's website.](http://www.downtownwheaton.com)

Wheaton Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Date: Saturday, Nov. 30

Time: 5-6 p.m.

Location: Wheaton City Hall, 303 W Wesley Street

Join the festivities of a new tradition in Wheaton. The official City of Wheaton Christmas Tree is moving to City Hall this year and is a tree that we can watch grow from year-to-year.

Winter Weather Emergency Preparedness Tips

During the month of November, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency encourages you to prepare for winter weather emergencies. Extreme winter weather is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of people in the U.S. each year, primarily due to vehicle crashes, fires from improper use of heaters, overexertion, and exposure. Here are some tips to prepare for winter storms.

Familiarize yourself with the following terms to stay alert:

- **Wind Chill Advisory** - dangerous wind chills of 15 below to 24 below zero are expected.
- **Wind Chill Warning** - potentially life threatening wind chills of 25 below zero or colder are expected.
- **Frost Advisory** - damaging frost is expected during the growing season.
- **Freeze Warning** - below freezing temperatures are expected during the growing season.
- **Ice Storm Warning** -



dangerous accumulations of ice will occur and are expected to result in hazardous travel, extended power outages, and damage to trees.

- **Heavy Snow Warning** - snow accumulations of six inches or greater, which will result in hazardous travel conditions.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** - cold, ice, and/or snow (two to five inches) are expected.
- **Winter Storm Watch** - severe winter weather, such as heavy snow or ice, is possible within the next day or two.
- **Winter Storm Warning** - severe ice and/or snow (six inches or more) have begun or are about to begin.

- **Blizzard Warning** - heavy snow and strong winds will produce a blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts, and life-threatening travel conditions.

Winter storm tips for home:

- Make sure your Emergency Kit is stocked and winter storm ready.
- Use sand to improve traction and apply products that melt ice on walkways.
- Keep emergency heating equipment and fuel so you can keep at least one room of your house warm enough to be livable.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand.

- Winterize your home. Insulate walls, attics, doors, and windows.
- Do not overexert yourself outside for extended periods of time.

Winter storm tips for traveling:

- Make sure your car is in good operating condition before using it in extreme cold.
- Keep condensation (water) out of your gas tank by keeping the tank as full as possible.
- Maintain a storm kit in your car with such items as a cell phone and charger; blankets; clothing; jumper cables; a flashlight; batteries; high-calorie, non-perishable food; and matches/a lighter.
- Plan your trip carefully. If cold, snowy, or icy conditions exceed your ability or your car's ability, don't travel. If you must travel be cautious.
- Tell someone about your travel plans.
- Never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed or partially enclosed space, such as a garage.



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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- 4 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 City Council Budget Workshop, 7 p.m.
- 16 City Council Budget Workshop, 8 a.m.
- 18 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
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