

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

February 2020

CITY NOTES

City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day. Garbage pickup will not be affected.

Employment Opportunities

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

- Director of Engineering
- Part-time Customer Service Representative
- Part-time Police Services Representative
- Part-time Property Maintenance Inspector
- Police Services Representative
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Seasonal Summer Laborer

You can read more

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Mayor Suess Presents 2020 State of the City Address



A video featuring highlights from 2019 and what's to come in 2020 is available on the City's website.

Mayor Phil Suess presented his first State of the City Address on Jan. 16, reflecting on milestones of the past year in Wheaton and previewing what the community can expect as we begin a new decade.

A video highlighting these projects, achievements and more is now available on the City's website, City of Wheaton Channel 10,

and the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Among the most visible of the City's achievements was the completion of year 2 of the 4-year Downtown Streetscape Project, an extensive capital project to improve downtown Wheaton. This past year completed portions of Wesley Street, Cross Street and Hale Street in the heart of the downtown,



creating wider sidewalks, planting new trees, replacing decades-old underground infrastructure, and reconfiguring parking and intersections to improve walkability in the downtown.

Other projects included water main

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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

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about these positions and find out how to apply at www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Commission News

The Wheaton City Council approved the appointment of Pam Cavanaugh and Krista Selvey to the Community Relations Commission.

City to Seek Input through Community Survey

The City will soon be seeking your input as the City Council begins to develop its strategic priorities for the next four years. Management Partners, an outside consultant, will administer an online survey in the coming weeks for community input about the City's services and priorities for the future.

This survey, which will be available by mid-February, will allow you to share your opinions and ideas, and will help the City Council and the leadership team understand what is most important to the community.

All survey responses will be anonymous. Management Partners will prepare a summary after the survey closes. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Summer Positions Available

Opportunities available for May through August

It's not too early to start thinking about summer. The City of Wheaton is currently hiring Summer Laborers to work out of the Public Works Department over the months of May through August.

This position works both independently and in groups and assists various divisions: Facilities, Forestry/Parks and Grounds, Streets, Signs, Water and Sewer, with multiple projects that directly impact the City and our residents.

This is an excellent opportunity for those who enjoy staying busy, working outdoors, and want to learn new skills and gain experience. Come see what it takes



to keep the City going from a behind-the-scenes perspective.

For more information

and to fill out an application, please see the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

State of the City

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replacement on Manchester Road, the implementation of new technology for daily fee parking, the renovation of Adams Park's paths to make them accessible to all, the addition of new sidewalks in five areas

that had no sidewalks and much more.

The State of the City also highlighted the members of the City Council who joined the Council in 2019: Erica Bray-Parker, Lynn Robbins and Chris Zaruba.

Coming in 2020, the City Council will be establishing a new Strategic Plan that will set priorities for the City while refining the

vision, values and goals for the next four years. The City will also be analyzing downtown parking with a comprehensive parking study. In addition, the City has approved more than \$18 million in capital projects for the 2020 budget.

[Check out the video on the City's website](#) to see additional highlights from 2019 and a preview of 2020.

Nominate Someone for Good Citizen Awards

Student category expanded for 2020

Do you know someone who you think deserves to be recognized for his or her service in the community? Wheaton's Community Relations Commission encourages you to nominate an individual or group for Wheaton's 2020 Good Citizen Awards.

New this year is an expanded student category, allowing residents to nominate outstanding students in elementary, middle school, high school and college.

This award helps recognize those who make the generous and often extraordinary contributions that make Wheaton an outstanding community. This may be



Pictured above are the 2019 recipients of the Good Citizen Awards.

volunteer service for a school, church, nursing home, civic group or nonprofit organization. A person may also be nominated for service to an individual, such as tutoring, assisting an elderly neighbor, etc.

The categories for nominees are: student, adult and group. A

nominee must be a current Wheaton resident who has done something for the benefit of Wheaton and its citizens.

To nominate someone, fill out an application and submit it on the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen or mail your application to Wheaton City Hall, Attn:

Andrea Rosedale, 303 W Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187.

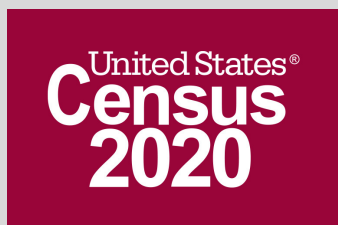
Nominations are due by March 16.

The Community Relations Commission will review nominations, and the City will honor award recipients at the May 18 City Council meeting.

2020 United States Census Launches in March

The U.S. Census Bureau is preparing to launch the 2020 census in mid-March, with a goal of counting every person in the United States. Once every 10 years, the census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the



U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of

the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail.

When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous. They are used only to produce statistics.

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers

and keep them strictly confidential. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

Be on the lookout for official mail from the U.S. Census Bureau with information on how to complete the census. For more information, visit www.2020census.gov.

Citizen's Police Academy Accepting Applications

The Wheaton Police Department is accepting applications now through Feb. 14 for a 10-week [Citizen's Police Academy](http://www.wheaton.il.us/cpa), a chance for community members to learn the inner workings of police operations, practices and objectives. Classes will take place from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 7 through June 9 at the Wheaton Police Department, 900

W Liberty Drive, and nearby locations.

The academy will consist of classroom instruction, interactive discussions and hands-on practical exercises focusing on various aspects of police work, including investigations, forensics, patrol response, traffic stops, specialty teams, critical incidents and more.

To be eligible,

individuals must be at least 21 years old and live or work in the City of Wheaton. All applicants will be subjected to a criminal background investigation.

The academy will be limited to 20 individuals. Classes are free and will be held at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive, and nearby locations.

Applications are due

by Feb. 14. You can apply through the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/cpa, or you can mail your application to the Wheaton Police Department, Attn: Patricia Potter, 900 W Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187.

The Wheaton Police Department will notify citizens if they have been accepted to the academy by March 17.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Feb. 8

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive

Bring unwanted electronics, cooking oil, clothing, and scrap metal for recycling at the City's monthly drop-off collection. Please note that there is a charge to recycle TVs and monitors. For program specifics, please visit www.wheaton.il.us/electronics.

Ice Art Walk & Cocoa Crawl

Date: Saturday, Feb. 8

Time: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

Enjoy a family winter tradition in Downtown Wheaton! Stroll through Downtown Wheaton to view the many custom-carved ice sculptures and enjoy a live ice carving demonstration. Plus, participants can purchase a souvenir mug

to stop at more than 10 stops on the Cocoa Crawl. For more information, see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website at www.downtownwheaton.com.

Ice-A-Palooza

Date: Saturday, Feb. 8

Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Central Athletic Complex Ice Rinks, 500 S. Naperville Road, Wheaton

The Wheaton Park District will host Ice-A-Palooza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Central Athletic Complex Ice Rinks. This free event will include a meet-and-greet with Anna and Elsa, open skating, hockey, kids games, ice skate rental/purchase on-site, performances by Center Ice of DuPage, and concessions. This is a Wheaton Park District event.

Murder, Mayhem & the Mob

Date: Thursday, Feb. 13

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Join Chicago history buff Clarence Goodman as he discusses Chicago in the Roaring Twenties, including prohibition, Al Capone, and the true story of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Registration required.

Library Concert: John Primer

Date: Sunday, Feb. 16

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Two-time Grammy nominated American blues legend John Primer performs with harmonica player Steve Bell. John was bandleader and guitarist for Muddy Waters and Willie Dixon and has played/recorded with Johnny Winter, The Rolling Stones, and Buddy Guy. No registration required.

10 Greatest Presidential

Decisions

Date: Thursday, Feb. 20

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Join Professor Gary Midkiff for an investigation of momentous presidential decisions: some good, some bad, all important. Pastries and coffee will be provided. Registration required.

Legalized Cannabis

Date: Thursday, Feb. 27

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Learn the truth behind this ancient plant. Many find relief from pain and inflammation, but what about "recreational" use? Get answers to your questions and concerns. Kirsten Velasco, Board Member of Illinois Women in Cannabis will cover the history, medical options, safe use, and the new law in Illinois. Registration required.

Clothing Recycling Added to Wheaton's Monthly Electronic Recycling Drop-offs

The City's monthly electronic recycling drop-off events have expanded with a new program to collect textiles. The monthly events take place from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month at the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W Liberty Drive.

Residents can now donate unwanted clothing and shoes for reuse and recycling through the nonprofit RewearAble. Accepted items can be in any condition.

Reusable items will be resold, with proceeds benefiting RewearAble's mission to provide employment for people with developmental disabilities. Items that can't be reused will be recycled as industrial rags.

The monthly



The City will now collect clothing in any condition for recycling or reuse along with electronics, cooking oil and more at the monthly drop-off events.

recycling events also accept many different types of electronics, liquid vegetable oils,

fluorescent tube lights and scrap metal. Please note that a fee applies for recycling TVs and

monitors. For full program information, please see the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/electronics.

DuPage County Stormwater Management Hosting Public Meeting Feb. 4 in DuPage County Board Room

Wheaton residents are invited to attend a public meeting hosted by DuPage County Stormwater Management during the regularly scheduled Stormwater Management Planning Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, in the County Board Room, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.

This meeting is being

held for the public to provide input on the adequacy of their municipality's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program. The City of Wheaton will have engineering staff in attendance to answer any questions.

The DuPage County Stormwater Management Program Plan can be found [on DuPage County's website](http://on.DuPageCounty.org).



Census Jobs Available

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. Temporary positions for the 2020 Census feature flexible hours—a perfect fit if you are looking to earn extra money, even



if you already have other commitments.

To see available jobs and find out how to apply, visit www.2020census.gov/jobs.

Public Hearing Feb. 25 to Consider Short-Term Rentals

The Planning and Zoning Board will be conducting a public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25 in the Council Chambers of City Hall to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow short-term rentals available through hosting platforms such as Airbnb.

Currently, the City prohibits short-term rentals. The proposed amendment would allow short-term rentals of individual rooms where the homeowner, or "host," is present. The proposed

amendment would not allow the short-term rental of an entire home.

At the public hearing, anyone wishing to make a public statement will be encouraged to do so. Written comments may be submitted to the Board prior to or at the public hearing.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review in the office of the Director of Planning and Economic Development, 303 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois during normal business hours.

IEMA Shares Earthquake Preparedness Information

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency shares the following tips to be prepared for an earthquake, no matter where you live.

Illinois is at risk from two major seismic zones, the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone and the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ). The Wabash Valley Zone is located between southeastern Illinois and southwestern Indiana. The NMSZ is located in the Central Mississippi Valley and includes portions of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Whether you are in your home, a classroom or another building, it is important to know how to protect yourself during an earthquake.

If you are indoors, follow these steps:

Drop: Drop down to the floor.

Cover: Take cover

under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture. If that is not possible, seek cover against an interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms. Avoid danger spots near windows, hanging objects, mirrors or tall furniture.

Hold: If you take cover under a sturdy piece of furniture, hold on to it and be prepared to move with it. HOLD the position until the ground stops shaking and it is safe to move.

If you are outside when the shaking starts, get into an open area away from trees, buildings, walls and power lines. If driving, stop safely as soon as possible. Do not stop under overpasses or bridges. Turn off the engine and turn on the radio. Stay inside your vehicle below window level until the shaking stops. Do not get out of your vehicle if downed power lines have fallen across it.



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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February 2020

- 1 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 3 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 17 City Offices Closed
- 18 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.