

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

June 2020

CITY NOTES

Police Department Offering Child Safety Seat Assistance via Facetime

While the Wheaton Police Department is currently unable to provide in-person child safety seat inspections, officers are scheduling Facetime appointments to provide assistance. Please call 630-260-2161 for more information.

Bulk Item Pickup Resumes

Wheaton residents served by Lakeshore Recycling Systems for garbage and recycling service can begin to put out bulk or extra items with the appropriate sticker(s) on their regular pickup day(s).

Illinois Regions Enter Phase 3 of State's Re-Opening Plan

Restaurants allowed to offer outdoor seating

Governor Pritzker announced on Friday, May 29 that every region (Wheaton is part of the Northeast Region) within Illinois has met the requirements to proceed to Phase 3 of the state's phased reopening plan. During Phase 3, Illinois residents are still required to practice safe social distancing measures while continuing to wear face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures cannot be met.

Provided are highlights regarding the new and amended restrictions that include updated guidelines for social gatherings, reopening of outdoor spaces and recreational activities, and new modifications



Outdoor drinking and eating, with proper social distancing, is allowed during Phase 3 of reopening plan.

for businesses. For [full details regarding Phase 3 of the state's reopening plan](#) please visit the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's website.

Gatherings

All gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed, with the limit being subject to change based on the latest data and guidance.

Travel

Travel should follow [IDPH and CDC approved guidance](#).

Education & Childcare

Schools (preschool-grade 12 and higher education) should continue remote learning; Limited childcare and summer programs open with IDPH-approved safety guidance.

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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

Hale Street Being Used for Outdoor Dining

As the state of Illinois now allows for outdoor dining, the City has temporarily closed Hale Street between Front and Wesley streets to allow restaurants to provide outdoor dining. Two large tents are in place to facilitate the reopening of restaurants in this space, and a number of other restaurants throughout the community are also setting up outdoor dining spaces in private parking lots and outside their restaurants.

Wheaton French Market Continues to Operate with New Restrictions

Bensidoun USA opened a modified format of the Wheaton French Market season on Saturday, May 16 with numerous changes in place to protect the health of shoppers and vendors, including booth spacing, one-way aisles, social distancing requirements, limits on occupancy levels

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Reopening

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Outdoor Recreation

State parks are open with activities restricted to groups of 10 or fewer with proper social distancing measures.

Indoor and outdoor tennis may resume operation.

Golf courses can open, with all players to be grouped in foursomes with tee times being spaced at a minimum of 10 minutes apart. Golf carts are permitted for members of the same household, with individuals who are not members of the same household being required to use individual carts. Driving ranges, practice ranges, chipping greens, and putting greens are permitted with 50% capacity. Individual caddies are prohibited.

Campgrounds will be allowed to reopen, with proper social distancing procedures in place. Groups of 10 or fewer people will also be allowed to travel together on boats but must continue to wear masks when social distancing is not possible.

Youth sports will be allowed to practice drills only, with no contact sports or games. No walk-in or pick-up games. Groups must be limited to 10 children per adult and each group must be 30 feet apart from one another with a

designated staff member being responsible for monitoring social distancing.

Businesses

Under Phase 3, more businesses will be able to reopen with new guidelines and restrictions. All employees will continue to be required to wear face coverings while maintaining 6-foot physical distancing with others.

Provided are highlights for service-related businesses. Detailed restrictions and resources for all types of business are available on the [Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's website](#).

Health and Fitness Businesses

One-on-one personal training and outdoor fitness classes will be allowed with a maximum of 10 participants. Equipment must be sanitized before and after each use. Reservations are required.

Saunas, hot tubs, and public pools remain closed.

Personal Care Services (Salons, Barbers, etc.)

Customers and employees must wear face coverings. Magazines and shared items from waiting areas must be removed, and no food or beverages may be served. Workstations

and reusable customer articles are to be sanitized after each use. Reservations are required.

Restaurants and Bars

Outdoor drinking and dining will be allowed, including rooftops, patios and areas with removable walls. Social distancing must be kept at least 6 feet between tables and no more than six people will be allowed per party. Customer beverage refills and self-service stations are prohibited.

Retail Businesses

Businesses must sanitize common areas and frequently touched areas every two hours with checkout keypads, self-checkout stations, shopping carts and baskets being disinfected after every use. Occupancy is limited to 50 percent of store capacity or five customers per 1,000 square feet. No reusable shopping bags allowed, and customers must bag their own items.

Service Counters (including dry cleaners, repair shops)

Businesses must remove magazines and any shared items from waiting areas, and incoming items and finished items must be kept separate from one another. Occupancy is limited to 50 percent of store capacity or five customers per 1,000 square feet.

Wheaton City Council Congratulates 2020 Graduates

CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2020



The Wheaton City Council provided a special message of support for 2020 graduates as they voiced their encouragement and showed videos of themselves taking their

hats off to graduates. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Order restricting large public gatherings, graduates were unable to have normal ceremonies,

but the Wheaton City Council and the City of Wheaton are proud to congratulate each of Wheaton's 2020 graduates. [View the video on the City's social media platforms.](#)

Market

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and transaction methods. The market will continue to open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot located near Main Street and Liberty Drive, with the hours between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. being reserved for seniors and those with underlying health conditions.

The market is provided as a venue to obtain fresh foods directly from vendors, and the types of items being sold will be limited to produce, plants, flowers, bakery items and specialty foods that are shelf-stable, and vendors supplying items allowed under the state guidelines as essential items. Visitors are not to congregate with others or stay to socialize; and food will not be allowed to be consumed on site.

Both vendors and shoppers will need to continue to follow the specific health and safety measures developed in accordance with

the Governor's current Executive Order, the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the DuPage County Health Department:

- Stay at home if you are sick.
- Face covering or mask is required.
- When possible, send just one family member/person to market. No family groups.
- 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. is reserved for the at-risk population (seniors age 65+ and those with underlying health conditions). Anyone within the at-risk population should visit between these times or stay home.
- No dogs or animals will be allowed unless they are service animals.
- Pre-order food items if vendors offer services.

[The Virtual French Market](#) on Bensidoun's website has more than 100 vendors providing items that can be pre-ordered.

- There will be one entrance and one exit to the market on Main Street. The market will operate in a one-way



The Wheaton French Market will continue operating with guidelines to protect patrons and vendors.

direction marked by arrows on the ground.

- Maintain at least an arm's length distance between other shoppers and vendors. Lines showing a 6-foot distance between shoppers will be provided.
- No hand-to-hand contact will be allowed between vendors and shoppers.
- When purchasing an item, point to the product that you would like and allow vendors to bag and set it down on table before picking up.
- Quickly move through the market, pick up items, and depart.
- Limit interactions as much as possible. Please no hugs or handshakes.
- Pay with credit or

debit when possible. If you must pay with cash, please note that vendors may not be able to give change in an effort to lessen contact.

- No consumption of food will be allowed on site.
- No congregating of any form will be allowed.
- Maximum occupancy is 117 people at one time.

The provided protocols may be revised throughout the season based on the region's progress through the stages to fully reopen. All questions should be directed to the French Market organizer, Bensidoun USA, at bensidounmarkets@gmail.com.

Wheaton Public Library Offering Curbside Drop-Offs and Pickups



The Wheaton Public Library is allowing curbside pickup and return services for patrons.

The Wheaton Public Library will begin Curbside Pickup service starting June 1. This service will be available to WPL cardholders only and items must be requested in advance. Curbside Pickup will be available Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm as well as Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Patrons must request items through their online library account at [catalog.wheatonlibrary.org](#) or by calling 630-909-9698. When items are ready, patrons will be notified and should follow the instructions in the notice.

Library book returns will also reopen starting June 1 and will be open all hours. Returned materials are quarantined for 7 days. No fines will be charged while the library is closed. For more information on WPL's Curbside Pickup service, please visit [wheatonlibrary.org/curbside](#) or call 630-909-9698. Return hours will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon to 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Curbside Returns will be closed once capacity is reached and the bins are full.

City Operations Continue with Limited Facility Access

The City of Wheaton will be reopening City Hall with restrictions in place consistent with Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan in mid-June. The health, safety and well-being of the community is at the highest of priorities, and City staff is taking protective measures to minimize risks to visitors, facilities and employees. Changes will

include requiring face coverings inside City Hall, spaces marked for where to stand to ensure social distancing in line at service counters, one-way walking route through City Hall and more. For more details about current city services, please visit the City website. More information will be coming soon about City Hall's reopening.



The City of Wheaton continues to limit access to City facilities from the public.

Wheaton City Council Continues To Host Virtual Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Governor Pritzker's Executive Order, the Wheaton City Council began live streaming City Council meetings on April 20 while allowing virtual participation. Agendas for future meetings will

be posted on the City's website by noon on the prior Friday, and meetings will be recorded and posted on the City's website the Tuesday after the meeting(s). Learn [how to virtually attend the meetings and/or submit public comments](#) on the City's website.

Resurfacing President Street & Manchester Road

Completion anticipated for end of July



Crews began working on resurfacing portions of President Street and Manchester Road. The City anticipates these improvements will be completed by the end of July, barring unforeseen circumstances. The project limits include: President Street from Harrison Avenue to Geneva Road, and

Manchester Road from County Farm Road to Gables Boulevard.

Both projects will consist of spot curb replacements and sidewalk replacement at intersections for ADA compliance, followed by pavement resurfacing. During construction, electronic message boards will be in place to notify drivers of detours and road work.

U.S. Census: Help Wheaton Reach 100%

The U.S. Census response rate for the State of Illinois is currently at 65.5%, with the City of Wheaton's current Census response rate being at 79.7% as of May 31. Let's continue to make Wheaton count and keep pushing for 100%!

You can [complete the](#)

[U.S. Census online](#), or all households should have received at least one letter from the U.S. Census bureau providing ways to complete the census by mail, or by phone. In addition, the City's website has [information on the U.S. Census](#).

Tips to Prepare Your Home for Emergencies

Guidelines to keep your home safe

Make sure your house is as safe as possible by following these few simple guidelines.

- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and change batteries every six months. Smoke detectors should be installed within 15 feet of all bedrooms (state law). The detector should be placed so it will be easily heard in all sleeping areas and should be installed according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Have a set place for storing your Emergency Supply Kit and Go Bag.
- Have a weather radio and extra batteries in your home.
- Establish the safest places in your home in case of tornado (basement or small interior room or hallway) or earthquake (under sturdy table, desk, or against inside walls).
- If your home is susceptible to flooding: elevate the furnace, water heater and electric panel; install check valves in sewer traps to prevent flood water from backing up into your home; construct barriers (levees, beams, sandbags, or floodwalls) to stop floodwater from entering your home; and seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds to avoid seepage.
- Know how and when to switch off your utilities.
- Keep utility company emergency phone numbers in one place near the telephone.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors on each level of your home and change batteries every six months. Carbon monoxide

detectors should be installed within 15 feet of all bedrooms (state law). The carbon monoxide detector should be placed so it will be easily heard in all sleeping areas and should be installed according to manufacturer's instructions.

For information on how to be prepared for home emergencies, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/isma>.

Monthly Electronic Recycling Drop-off Events Resume June 13

Help Us Keep Our Volunteers Safe & Healthy!

The City of Wheaton in association with e-Works will restart monthly electronic recycling drop-off events on June 13 with new safeguards in place to protect volunteers, staff and residents dropping off items. 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 (near the Wheaton Police Department).

Accepted items include electronics, scrap metals, textiles, fluorescent bulbs and cooking oil. Please be patient with staff and volunteers as they adjust to the new

changes. All staff will be wearing a mask or face covering and gloves and participants are asked to stay in their vehicle after entering the event. The following guidelines will be in place to reduce potential COVID-19 exposures and maintain proper social distancing with the public.

- All items to be recycled must be placed in the trunk of the vehicle prior to entry into the event.
- Volunteers cannot enter the passenger compartment of any vehicle.
- Participants are not allowed to exit their vehicle after entering the event.

- All textiles should be placed in a clean plastic bag and small electronics should be in a cardboard box. Cooking oils should be in a sealed container.

- Unbagged textiles and small electronic items will not be accepted.

- Televisions and monitors must be paid for in cash (No change given) or prepaid through the e-Works website. A receipt for prepaid items must be displayed to staff prior to a television or monitor being accepted.

- Participants who are experiencing any respiratory illness or have ill family members are asked to stay at home. Another recycling event is only a month away.

Portions of 2021's Streetscape Work Moved Up to This Summer

The Wheaton City Council approved moving forward with some improvements originally scheduled for 2021 for the City's Streetscape project at its City Council Meeting on Monday, May 18. Portions of construction work scheduled for next summer as part of Phase 4 of the City Streetscape project will now be completed this summer because crews are ahead of schedule

with this year's work. This is due to the significant reduction in vehicular and pedestrian traffic as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and Illinois's coinciding Stay-at-Home Executive Order, allowing them to close a portion of Main Street and complete work more quickly.

The additional construction work to be completed this summer will now include:

- Reconstruction of the alley south of Wheaton

Meat, the alley north of Carlson True Value, and the alley north of Paoletti's.

- Regrading and replacement of all sidewalks and curbs at the Southwest corner of Karlskoga Avenue and Hale Street

- New curb placement adjacent to Memorial Park's new Southwest corner plaza

- New sidewalk along the north side of Karlskoga Avenue

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wheaton French Market

Parking Lot at Main & Liberty
Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
**8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. is reserved for seniors and those with underlying health conditions.

Electronic Recycling Monthly Drop-Off

820 W. Liberty Drive
Saturday, June 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wheaton Public Library Virtual Events

Register for virtual events at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar.

Local Author Fest

Thursday, June 11 & Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Zoom as Wheaton area authors of different genres share their writing process and read aloud some of their work. We will be featuring a special night with Children's authors on June 11 as they share ideas to engage children with stories and reading while at home.

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Virtual Our Wild Neighbors

Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Join DuPage County Animal Services Humane Educator Andy Salis for a presentation all about how to share our space with wildlife.

Virtual Cooking at Home with Chef Maddox

Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Chef Susan Maddox for a cooking demo via Zoom! She will be preparing two recipes utilizing mostly ingredients from the pantry, refrigerator, and garden.

Virtual Meditative Garden Design

Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Create a garden space that offers rest and renewal. Vallari Talapatra, president of EcoScapes and Arboretum instructor, will explain the elements that create meditative places and invite us to linger, relax, and contemplate.

Virtual Pet Chat: Cat Behavior

Tuesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Join DuPage County Animal Services Humane Educator Andy as she dispel behavioral myths about cats, translates cat body language and behavior, and address common behavioral issues that often mystify and frustrate even the most dedicated cat owner.

Continue Supporting the City of Wheaton's Local Businesses

The City of Wheaton encourages the community to continue supporting local businesses, including restaurants, retail establishments, service providers and others. For ideas on how you can support local businesses in these challenging times, the [Downtown](#)



**DOWNTOWN WHEATON
ASSOCIATION**
Discover your favorite place.

[Wheaton Association](#) and [Wheaton Chamber of Commerce](#) are resources for information and updates.

DuPage County Provides Map of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

The DuPage County Health Department launched a map on its website showing the number of lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19. This tool also includes a breakdown of confirmed cases by municipality, including the City of Wheaton.

Please note that

information on how many individuals in Wheaton have tested positive for COVID-19 is collected and maintained by the DuPage County Health Department. Visit the [DuPage County Health Department's COVID-19 webpage](#) for more details and information.

COVID-19: INFORMATION & RESOURCES



The City of Wheaton will continue to provide COVID-19 updates, information on services, and resources that are specific to impacts on our community. Please visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/COVID-19

Available Resources

- Community Updates
- City & Community Service Updates
- Community Resources
- Business Resources
- Senior & Caregiver Resources