

# CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

August 2020

## CITY NOTES

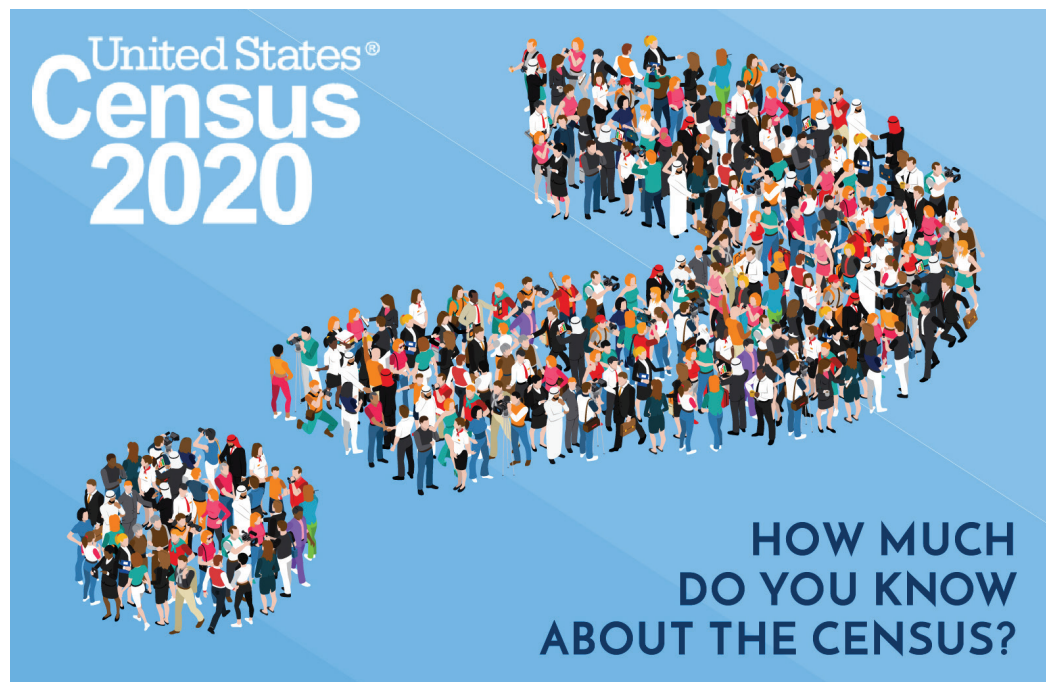
### City's Online Service Request Form Makes Requesting Assistance Easy

The City's Online Service Request Form, available at [www.wheaton.il.us/servicerequest](http://www.wheaton.il.us/servicerequest), is a simple way to report issues including a streetlight outage, vandalism/graffiti, overgrown grass in your neighborhood, a pothole or other types of requests. You can also submit an overnight parking request or ask for a Vacation House Watch with the Police Department if you will be out of town. The City will send these service requests to the appropriate department to assist you. Please note: This form should not be used for emergency situations. Please call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

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## 2020 Census: Do You Know How the Census is Used?

*Survey Uncovers Common Misconceptions About Census*



**T**he U.S. Census is mandated by the Constitution and counts the population in the United States and five U.S. territories. As you may know, billions of dollars in federal funding go to regional hospitals, fire departments,

schools, roads, and other resources each year based on Census data.

But do you know how else Census data is used – and perhaps even more importantly – how it is not used?

While studying what motivates people to

respond to the Census, a 2020 survey conducted by the Census Bureau (the Census Barriers, Attitudes, and Motivators Study) uncovered numerous misconceptions about other uses of the U.S.

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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](mailto:communications@wheaton.il.us)

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### Applications for Vote by Mail Ballots Now Available for DuPage County Voters

DuPage County voters may now apply for Vote by Mail ballots for the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election. In compliance with new state election law in response to COVID-19, the DuPage County Clerk Election Division has increased the ballot application period by nearly seven weeks. Registered voters are encouraged to securely apply online for Vote by Mail ballots at this link: <https://www.dupageco.org/Election/VoteByMail/>

### Wheaton Public Library Open to the Public

Wheaton Public Library (WPL) is now open to the public. WPL's Grab & Go service includes browsing, material check outs, and public computer use only. WPL Grab & Go and Curbside Pickup service hours will be offered Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Visit the Wheaton Public Library's website for [more information](#).

## Census

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Census.

According to the survey, most of the people surveyed believed that the Census is used to determine changes in the U.S. population, and a majority of respondents assumed that the Census is used to assist the police and FBI in keeping track of people who break the law.

The Census is used to determine changes in the U.S. population, but

it is not used to help the authorities in tracking people who break the law. It also is not used to determine property taxes, which half of the survey's respondents thought the Census was responsible for as well.

In the coming weeks, follow the City's social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter (@CityOfWheaton, or search for "City of Wheaton Government"), where the City of Wheaton will be sharing

more facts and fiction about how Census data is used.

The City of Wheaton's current Census response rate is 81% as of July 30. About 1 in 5 residents still need to complete the 2020 Census to help our community secure important funding for schools, hospitals, infrastructure and more. Filling it out is easier than ever this year: visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) and complete the Census online in about 5 minutes.

## Wheaton Presents Residents with the Good Citizens Award

*City Honors Achievements of Individuals & Groups*



The City of Wheaton was unable to recognize this year's recipients of the Good Citizens Award during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting due to restrictions in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, however the City still finds it essential to honor the achievements of this year's award recipients.

The Good Citizens Award was developed to recognize residents for their acts of selflessness, generosity, and service to our community. The Wheaton Community Relations Commission oversees this annual program which highlights the outstanding efforts of individuals and groups who have made a difference in the

community.

The following individuals and groups received the 2020 Good Citizens Award:

### Group Category:

In the Group Category, the award recipient was the *Weber Family* (Todd, Kelly, Jake, Kate), for their work with awareness and fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis and participation and contributions to other organizations and events.

### Student Category:

*Magdalena Eipert*, Whittier Elementary School, for her kindness and empathy

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towards others along with her dedication to the betterment of the community.

*Mairose Eipert*, Whittier Elementary School, for her kindness at school and service to her neighbors and community.

*Sam Amliker*, Wheaton Academy, for his continued dedication to helping others through encouragement and hard work.

*Annika Barron*, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, for her leadership and accomplishments within her school and community, and for volunteered time given to various community organizations.

*Victoria Lemon*, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, for her volunteer service with community

and international organizations, and leadership as the Wheaton Warrenville South High School Key Club president.

*Anna Makauskas*, St. Francis High School, for her volunteerism and commitment to the community, and her continued dedication to multiple school organizations.

*Jason Prince*, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, for his volunteer service with the Wheaton Warrenville High School organizations including the Key Club and National Honor Society, and multiple other community and national organizations.

*Walker Rickord*, Wheaton North High School, for his volunteer service with the Cured Foundation and Hope Presbyterian Church's Lighthouse, and additional volunteer service and accomplishments with

Wheaton North High School.

*Holly Roach*, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, for her volunteer service with the People's Resource Center in Wheaton, and multiple contributions and accomplishments with Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

*Anna Schmidt*, Wheaton Warrenville South High School, for her volunteer service with organizations including Younglife Work Crew and as a Wyldlife Leader for middle school students, along with multiple contributions and accomplishments with Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

*Sarah Wiskow*, Wheaton College, for her volunteer community service and service to other international communities.

### Adult Category:

*Sheri Billing*, for volunteer

time given to community organizations, including Wheaton Rotary Club, Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, Wheaton North High School, and service on the Ross K. McNeal Foundation Board.

*Jim Hebert*, for 30 years of substantial volunteer time given to the Humanitarian Service Project and the Wheaton Rotary Club.

*Joe Kish*, for service to Wheaton Warrenville South High School as a football coach for over 25 years and numerous contributions to the community.

*Andrew Parravano*, for involvement in the community and continued promotion of Downtown Wheaton.

*Michael Ramirez*, for his quick response in providing aid to an elderly Wheaton resident and dedication to the community.

## Public Hearing to Consider Short-Term Rentals

The Planning and Zoning Board will be conducting a public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 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.

The meeting will be held remotely and

anyone wishing to make a public statement will be encouraged to do so. Residents will be able to participate by calling (312) 626-6799 or by attending via Zoom with [instructions for how to attend virtually](#) being available on the City website. Written comments may also

be submitted to the Board prior to 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.



## Take Steps to Prevent Mosquito-Transmitted Diseases

**A**n increase in mosquito samples from Naperville testing positive for West Nile virus (WNV) has the DuPage County Health Department reminding residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites and the risk of contracting WNV. This is the first positive test of WNV in mosquitoes in DuPage County this year.

The key factors in determining the degree of West Nile virus activity

are temperatures and rainfall. In hot, dry weather, mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus (primarily Culex mosquitoes) breed in stagnant water, like street catch basins and ditches, and multiply rapidly.

### What You Can Do:

- Protect yourself, protect your family and prevent mosquitoes from breeding around your home by following the “4 D’s of Defense”:
- Drain: Drain items

that collect standing water around your home, yard or business. Scrub and refill pet water dishes and bird baths regularly.

- Defend: Use an insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors and reapply according to directions.
- Dress: Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes when outside to cover the skin.
- Dawn to Dusk: Wear repellent outdoors during these prime times for mosquito activity.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wheaton French Market**  
Saturdays through November  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.\*  
Parking Lot at Main & Liberty  
\*\*8 a.m. to 9 a.m. is reserved  
for seniors and those with  
underlying health conditions.

Please [see safety protocols](#)  
on the City’s website.

**Electronic Recycling  
Monthly Drop-Off**  
Saturday, August 8  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
820 W. Liberty Drive

Please [see safety protocols](#)  
on the City’s website.

## Wheaton Public Library Virtual Events

Register for virtual events at  
[wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar).

**Attracting Hummingbirds  
to Your Yard**  
Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m.

**Women of Cantigny**  
Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.

**Women’s Suffrage  
Centennial Celebration**  
Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

**Virtual Lecture: Fermilab –  
A Frontier History**  
Thursday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.



## CITY CALENDAR

City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions are held in the Council Chambers at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Visit [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 3** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 17** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.