

# CITY OF WHEATON

## NEWSLETTER

November 2020

## CITY NOTES

### No Garbage Pickup Nov. 26

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Lakeshore Recycling Systems will not pick up garbage, yard waste or recycling on Thursday, Nov. 26. 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. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27. Offices will reopen on Monday, Nov. 30.

### Change Smoke Detector Batteries

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1. When you change your clocks, the Wheaton Fire Department recommends you also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide

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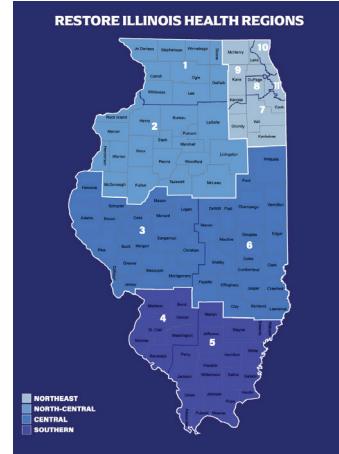
## New Restrictions Implemented for DuPage County Due to COVID-19

**O**n Friday, Oct. 23, additional restrictions for DuPage and Kane Counties were implemented due to a sustained increase in COVID-19 test positivity rates within our region. Under the State's Restore Illinois plan, additional restrictions are triggered if a region meets metrics representing a sustained increase in COVID-19 found within the [Restore Illinois Mitigation Plan](#).

The additional restrictions include:

#### At restaurants/bars:

- No indoor dining at restaurants and bars.
- Reservations required for each party for outdoor dining.
- No seating of multiple parties at one table.
- No standing or congregating while waiting for an outdoor table.



DuPage and Kane Counties are located within Region 8

- Outdoor dining closes no later than 11:00 p.m.

#### For groups/gatherings:

- Gatherings limited to the lesser of either 25 people or 25% overall room capacity for meetings/social events/gatherings

Carry-out orders, curbside pickup service, and outdoor dining (with reservations) are still allowed under the new

restrictions.

In order for these restrictions to be lifted, the region must reach a daily positivity rate of 6.5% or lower for three consecutive days. However, if our region maintains a positivity rate of 8% or greater for 14 days, additional state restrictions will go into place.

You can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community by following the guidance of the CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health with the three W's:

- Wear a mask.
- Watch your distance from people outside your household.
- Wash your hands frequently.

For additional resources on COVID-19, please visit [www.wheaton.il.us/COVID-19](http://www.wheaton.il.us/COVID-19).

## CONTACT THE CITY

**Police/Fire Emergency:** 9-1-1

**General Information:** 630-260-2000

**Wheaton City Hall:** 303 W. Wesley Street  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

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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.

## Hydrant Flushing

The City's Water Division began its 2020 Hydrant Flushing Program the week of Oct. 26 and will continue for several weeks. The purpose of this program is to flush out particles that accumulate in water lines. During or immediately following the hydrant flushing, water discoloration may occur. It is best not to draw large amounts of water if you experience discoloration. Residents with questions may call the Water Division at 630-260-2090.

## Commission News

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

- David Duve, appointed to a three-year term on the Fine & Cultural Arts Commission
- Chris Ellerman, reappointed to a three-year term on the Group

Care Home Commission  
• Emelie Engling, reappointed to a three-year term on the Historic Commission.

## Business News

- Wyckwood House, a unique shopping experience featuring goods from local artisans, opened in October at 126 N. Hale St. in Downtown Wheaton.
- McAlister's Deli, making sandwiches, soups, salads, spuds and more since 1989, opened in October at 1901 S. Naperville Road in Town Square Wheaton.

## Employment Opportunities

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

- Part-time Administrative Assistant - Public Works

To find out more about this position and to find out how to apply, please visit the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/Jobs](http://www.wheaton.il.us/Jobs).

## Leaf & Yard Debris Disposal

Residents can place leaves and yard debris 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. The City prohibits open burning of yard waste, garbage, or other materials including leaves.

The City reminds residents that it is illegal to pile, blow or rake leaves onto the streets. Doing so can clog storm sewers, preventing them from working properly during a storm and possibly leading to flooding.

For [more information about leaf and yard debris disposal](#) please visit the City's website.

## Halloween Pumpkin 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. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon in the commuter parking lot at Liberty and Carlton.

Due to COVID-19, all participating residents are required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing at the event, and items are to be placed as far back in their trunks as possible for staff/volunteers to handle.

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## Cooking Oil Collection

The City and Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission will be hosting a drop-off event for the collection of cooking oil on Saturday, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. through 11 a.m. at the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive. This is a drive-through event, where volunteers will unload items you bring to this collection from your car.

Strained corn oil, olive oil, peanut oil and any type of vegetable oil contained within a safely sealed container will be collected and turned into biofuel. Please note that this program cannot accept bacon or meat grease. The City reminds residents that pouring cooking oil down your sink's drain can cause blockages as well as sanitary sewer backups, and pouring anything down the storm drain is illegal.

Due to COVID-19, all participating residents are required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing at the event, and items are to be placed as far back in their trunks as possible for staff/volunteers to handle.

# City to Honor Veterans through Veterans Day Video Series

**V**eterans Day may be different this year with limitations on gatherings to prevent the spread of COVID-19. To help honor the many individuals in Wheaton and beyond who have served our country, the City will be releasing a series of interviews with local veterans through its social media channels,



website and City of Wheaton Channel 10. The week of Veterans Day, look for these

stories on Facebook and Twitter, at [www.wheaton.il.us/video](http://www.wheaton.il.us/video), and on City of Wheaton Channel 10.

We hope you will also take the opportunity to thank a veteran. The City of Wheaton thanks all who have served in the military and encourages you to reach out to the veterans you may know – whether it's through a phone call, a letter, a video call or an email – to express your appreciation for their service.

## Curbside Pick-Up Returns to Wheaton Place Garage

**D**ue to the recent additional restrictions implemented within DuPage County, many restaurants have increased their curbside pick-up business. The City has set aside the first floor of the parking garage on Wheaton Avenue & Wesley Street (you can also enter from Front Street) for curbside pick-up only. All spots are numbered, so when you arrive to pick up from nearby restaurants, you can call with your space number. The alley



between Wesley and Front may not be used for curbside pickup, as it prevents the flow of traffic.

Restaurants in all areas of our city will likely have increased pick-up/takeout order traffic, so we ask that drivers please use caution near restaurants and adjacent parking areas. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Workshops Set to Discuss the City's Annual Budget

**I**f you would like to learn about the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, attend the City's Budget Workshop Sessions, which will take place:

- 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9
- 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

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.

Due to limitations on gatherings to 25 people or less, the City will also stream these workshops live through Zoom. Visit the City's website for a link to the Zoom meeting once the agenda is posted.

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

# Petitions for Candidacy: 2021 Municipal Election

Petitions for candidacy for the 2021 Wheaton municipal election are available in the Office of the City Clerk at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton for one four-year position for each of the City's four Districts (North, South, East, and West). Candidates shall:

- Be registered voters of the City of Wheaton and candidates must reside within each specific district boundary within the corporate limits of the city at least one year before the election; and
- File Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination signed by no less than 5% and



no more than 8% of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in each district of registered City of Wheaton voters residing within the corporate limits of each specific district (North, South, East, and West) together with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and a receipt indicating the candidate has filed a

Statement of Economic Interest with the DuPage County Clerk.

Petitions for nomination are filed with the Wheaton City Clerk, City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Second Floor, Wheaton. The filing period is Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 through Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding weekend days

and holidays.

A Consolidated Primary election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 if more than four candidates file for each district position (North, South, East, and West). The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, with the successful candidates taking office at the latter of either the first regular or special meeting after receipt of the official election results or at the first regular or special meeting in the month following their election.

For further information, please contact the Wheaton City Clerk's office at 630-260-2012.

# Library Remains Open for Grab & Go and Curbside Service

Wheaton Public Library Remains Open for Grab & Go and Curbside Service

Wheaton Public Library remains open for Grab & Go and Curbside service, with reduced service hours and a 30-minute limit for patrons inside the building. Grab & Go service includes browsing, material check out, new card registration, and public computer use only. The Café on the Park is temporarily

## Grab & Go

**The library is OPEN for limited hours and curbside service.**

Mon-Thurs: 11 am - 7 pm

Fri: 11 am - 5 pm

Sat: 9 am - 1 pm

closed. Please visit [cafeontheparkwheaton.com](http://cafeontheparkwheaton.com) for more information.

The Early Childhood Area is closed and staff

will retrieve materials as needed. Face coverings are required for all library staff and patrons over the age of 2. Six feet

of distance must be maintained. WPL also asks that patrons stay home if they or a member of their family is ill.

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. WPL's Virtual Library programs and services will continue. For more information, visit [wheatonlibrary.org](http://wheatonlibrary.org).

# Community Relations Commission Thanks Community for Making a Difference

When faced with a worldwide pandemic, the Wheaton community still shows up to help. That's the takeaway from Make a Difference Day 2020, where Wheaton residents unloaded thousands of pounds of food for neighbors in need, raked 31 bags of leaves and raised awareness of ways to help students and families in crisis.

Organized by Wheaton's Community Relations Commission, this year's Make a Difference Day included



ways to assist the community in partnership with the Student Excellence Foundation, People's Resource Center and the City's Forestry Division. Make a Difference Day is celebrated as the national day of doing good and takes place on the fourth Saturday of October each year.

"We are delighted to have hosted both virtual and socially distant in-person events in honor of Make A Difference Day for our community to take part," said Larniecia "Nominee" Smith of the Community Relations Commission. "Volunteerism gives physical form to our thoughts and desire to do good. Our commission is thankful to everyone that participated, and we



look forward to coming together again."

For the virtual portion, the commission encouraged residents to visit the website of the Student Excellence Foundation to learn about the Essential Needs Fund for Students & Families in Crisis and find out how to help.

In-person events used a sign-up system to limit the number of individuals participating in different time slots. To

assist with the People's Resource Center's Stuff-a-Truck food drive, 27 volunteers helped receive and unload 6,789 pounds of food. The food donations came from community members and seven schools in Community Unit School District 200 and will help supply food for many neighbors in need. The other in-person event was a fall clean-up to beautify Adams Park. Twenty-two volunteers raked 31 forty-gallon bags of leaves from the park, assisting the City's Forestry Division to prepare Adams Park for fall.

The Community Relations Commission looks forward to joining together again for Make a Difference Day 2021.

## November is Winter Preparedness Month

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is recommending people start taking steps now to ensure they're prepared to stay safe and warm throughout the winter months.

Driving on snow or ice-covered roads can be extremely hazardous. Before starting a trip when the weather is bad, be sure to check road conditions on the

Illinois Department of Transportation's Winter Road Conditions Map at [www.gettingaroundillinois.com](http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com).

Drivers should be sure to stock their vehicles with an emergency supply kit, in the event they are stranded on the roadside and need to wait for assistance. The emergency supply kit should include:

- Blankets or sleeping bags

• A flashlight with extra batteries  
• A first aid kit  
• Non-perishable snack food

- Water
- Sand or cat litter
- A shovel
- Booster cables
- A cell phone charger

Winter storms also can cause power outages that can last several hours or several days. It's important to have an emergency supply kit

at home that includes a battery-powered National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio, water and non-perishable food, flashlights, extra batteries, a first aid kit and supplies for pets and family members with special medical needs. More tips for staying safe at home and on the road are available on the Ready Illinois website at [www.Ready.Illinois.gov](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wheaton French Market

Saturdays through November 28  
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.



**Wheaton Public Library - Versiti Blood Drive**  
Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois will be holding a blood drive in the library's parking lot in their mobile coach from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. Appointments will be honored first, but walk-ins are welcome.

All successful blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Visit [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) for more information.

### Halloween Pumpkin Collection Event

Saturday, Nov. 7  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Liberty & Carlton  
For [additional details about this event](#) please see the City's website.

### Electronic Recycling Monthly Drop-Off

Saturday, Nov. 14  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
820 W. Liberty Drive  
Please see [safety protocols](#) on the City's website.

### Cooking Oil Collection Event

Saturday, Nov. 28  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
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For [additional details about this event](#) please see the City's website.

## WHEATON PUBLIC LIBRARY VIRTUAL EVENTS

Register for Wheaton Public Library virtual events at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#).



Wheaton College give a historical overview of how the complex relationship Illinois has with slavery and race impacted community formation and development.



### Decoding Utility Bills

Monday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.  
The Citizens Utility Board will help you better understand the ins and outs of your bill and will discuss energy savings tips as well as various pandemic-related protections now available.

### Race in Illinois: From Southern Counties to Northern Suburbs

Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.  
Literary historian Dr. Caroline Kisiel of DePaul University and sociologist Dr. Brian Miller of

**The Real Mae West**  
Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

Mae West shattered box office records and rocketed from Broadway to become the highest-paid actress in Hollywood. Meet the woman behind the wit as actress Martina Mathisen portrays Mae West via Zoom.

## 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](#) for a complete list of meetings and events

### November 2020

- 2 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 Budget Workshop Session, 7 p.m.
- 14 Budget Workshop Session, 8 a.m.
- 16 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 26 City Offices Closed/No Garbage Pick-up
- 27 City Offices Closed