

November 2013

City Notes

Change Clocks and Batteries

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 3. When you set your clocks back, the Wheaton Fire Department encourages you to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Changing the detectors' batteries about every six months helps ensure that devices will function properly.



Leaf Pickup Notes

Leaf pickup in Wheaton will continue throughout November, with the final week for leaf collection being Dec. 9-13.

Place leaves in containers 33 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 green leaf sticker, which is

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This rendering shows the proposed changes to Liberty Street, including a park.

Downtown Plan Presented Nov. 11

Council to see final recommendations from consultant

At the Nov. 11 City Council Planning Session, consulting firm Design Workshop will present their final draft plan with a strategic vision for downtown Wheaton. The City enlisted Design Workshop to create a downtown strategic plan and streetscape plan to enhance economic development, which is a strategic goal of the City Council.

Since this project began in the summer of 2012, Design Workshop has drawn

Downtown Plan Presentation

- When:** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m. Nov. 11
- Where:** Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Council Chambers

[See the final draft plan on the City's website](#)

from community and stakeholder input to create this

long-term plan that will guide the future development of the downtown.

The draft plan is available for review on the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/DowntownPlan. The City will send out additional information to people who subscribe to the City's Email Updates.

In addition, the City will be scheduling a public hearing regarding the final plan. [Subscribe to Email Updates](#) to be notified once the public hearing date is set.

Contact the City

Police/Fire: 911

After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161

General Information: 630-260-2000, 630-260-8090 (TDD)

City Hall Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Feedback:

Please mail your comments to:

Mayor's Office, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187

Or, email comments to: feedback@wheaton.il.us

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available at City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., and at many local grocery and hardware stores. Advanced Disposal also takes credit card orders by phone by calling 630-587-8282. [More information about leaf collection is available on the City's website.](#)

Animal Carcass Removal

To have a dead animal removed from a roadway, residents should call 9-1-1. The Wheaton Police Department will dispatch a Community Service Officer.

No Trash Pickup

There will be no garbage and recycling pickup on Thursday, Nov. 28, in observance of Thanksgiving. Pickups for Thursday and Friday routes will be one day later during this week.

City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. They will reopen on Monday, Dec. 2.

Business News

Now open: Mariano's Fresh Market, 625 S. Main St., opened Oct. 29 on the site of the former Hubble Middle School.

Commission News

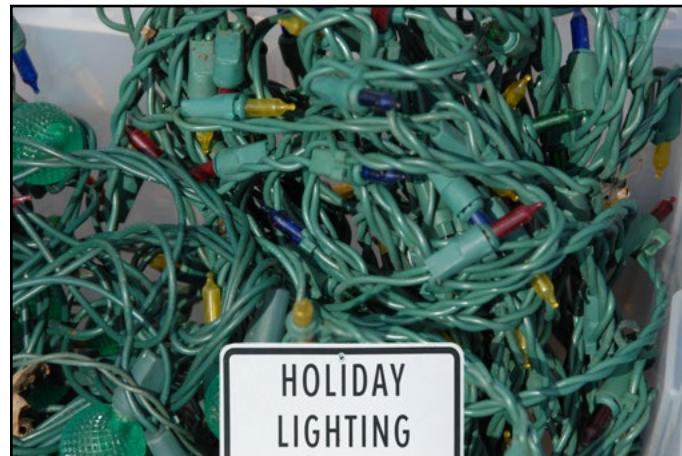
The City Council appointed Anthony Pope and reappointed Sterling Price and Ted Witte to the Environmental Improvement Commission; reappointed Kathleen Young to the Fine & Cultural Arts Commission; and appointed William Gilbertson to the Community Relations Commission. All of these appointments are for three-year terms.

Holiday Light Recycling Available Nov. 25-Feb. 10

Keep your old holiday lights out of landfills by bringing them to Wheaton's light recycling drop-off site. Wheaton is again partnering with Elgin Recycling (www.elginrecycling.com) for this free program.

Starting Nov. 25, 2013, you can bring strands of incandescent or LED lights and extension cords in any condition to the Public Works Storage Facility at 820 W. Liberty Drive any time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Look for signs directing you to the holiday light recycling area just inside the gate. The Public Works Department will accept lights for recycling through Feb. 10, 2014.

The lights will be col-



lected and then stripped and recycled for their copper and plastic parts.

No materials will be shipped overseas.

In addition to residents, the City also welcomes busi-



nesses, schools and other organizations wanting to dispose of holiday lights to participate in the program. There is no limit as to how many lights you can drop off for recycling.

City Council to Soon Consider Adopting Updated Building Codes



The City currently enforces the 2003 ICC Building Codes but will consider updating to the 2012 ICC Building Codes.

The City's Building Department is reviewing the 2012 ICC Building Codes for consideration by the City Council in the coming months. The City currently enforces the 2003 ICC Building Codes.

Copies of the 2012 ICC Building Codes are available for inspection at the Building Department, Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., during normal business hours. Forms are available for comments.

For questions, please contact Joe Kreidl, Director of Building and Code Enforcement, at 630-260-2050.

Make Your Neighborhood Coyote-Unfriendly

Removing food sources and “hazing” among key actions to discourage coyotes from frequenting residential areas

While coyotes are instinctively afraid of humans, their fear can diminish if they become used to seeing people without experiencing negative consequences. And if coyotes find an easy food source – such as dog food left outside or unsecured trash – they will keep returning for this easily accessible food.

However, simple actions can discourage coyotes from becoming comfortable in your neighborhood and can teach them where they are not welcome.

Remove Food Sources

To discourage coyotes' presence, cut off their access to things such as pet food, garbage and small prey.

- Feed pets indoors or promptly remove dishes after pets eat outside.
- Store pet food indoors.
- Clear brush and dense weeds from around property to deprive rodents of shelter and reduce protective cover for coyotes.
- Use trash barrels equipped with tight clamping devices on the lids.
- Do not feed or provide water for wildlife. This attracts increased numbers of rodents, birds, snakes and other creatures that provide major portions of the coyote's natural diet.

The City reminds you that feeding coyotes is a violation of City Code. In May 2010, the City passed an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of coyotes, feral cats and dogs, raccoons, skunks and opossum.

Scare Away Coyotes

Equally important is teaching coyotes where they are not welcome. “Hazing,” which involves scaring off coyotes through actions that make them uncomfortable, teaches coyotes that your yard is an undesirable place for them to be, and they must leave.

If you encounter a coyote, you can use hazing techniques such as making eye contact and yelling at the coyote, waving your arms to make yourself appear as large as possible, using a noisemaker/whistle, throwing objects toward the coyote, stomping and clapping, running toward the coyote, spraying a hose at the coyote, and acting threatening.

Hazing does not include the use of weapons or any method that could physically harm coyotes.

Be persistent and keep hazing until the coyote leaves. Coyotes are intelligent animals that will quickly learn to avoid these places where they feel uncomfortable.

Wildlife experts do not recommend hazing if a coyote is injured, sick or has become cornered; in these situations, coyotes may act unexpectedly.

Watch Your Pets

While pets do not comprise a large portion of a coyote's diet, it is important to watch your pets, even in a fenced yard. Coyotes are opportunistic and can go after easy prey, such as an unattended pet.



Report Coyote Activities

The City adopted a policy guiding its response to the presence of coyotes that spells out specific actions that should be taken by the City if certain issues are occurring. These actions depend upon receiving accurate information about coyote activities from observations in the community.

The City encourages you to [report coyote activity](#) [through this online report form](#) to help the City determine when actions need to be taken. However, please note that if a coyote is acting in a threatening manner toward a human, you should first call 9-1-1, and an officer will respond. If you do not have internet access but would like to report a coyote incident, you can call the Police Department at 630-260-2161.

For more information, [see the Coyote Information section of the City's website](#).

Panel Discussion on Coyotes

Aurora University will lead an educational panel discussion on living conflict-free with coyotes from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 7, 2013 at the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center in St. Charles. Panelists will include a veterinarian, a wildlife biologist, a dog trainer and a member of the Urban Coyote research project.

Upcoming Events

Chili Cook-Off

When: Saturday, Nov. 2, 1-5 p.m.
Where: Participating Wheaton restaurants

The Downtown Wheaton Association encourages you to help pick your favorite chili during the Chili Cook-Off. Participants can try chili samples from 12 restaurants and vote for their favorite. Three category winners will be named: people's choice, critics' choice and kids' choice. For more information, visit www.downtownwheaton.com. Front Street between Hale and Main Street will be closed for a portion of this event.

Library Holiday Book & Art Sale

When: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Nov. 7; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 8-9; and 1-5 p.m. Nov. 10

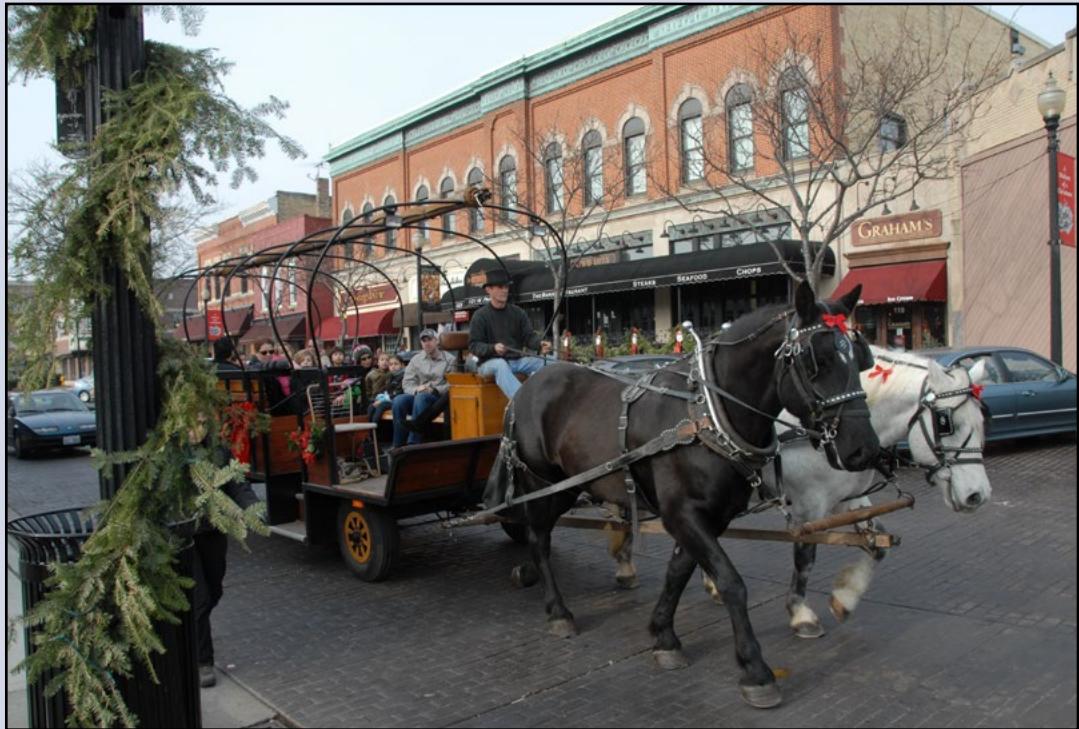
Where: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., First Floor East Reading Room

The Wheaton Public Library encourages anyone searching for gifts for book-lovers to visit the Friends of the Library Holiday Book and Art Sale Nov. 7-10. Proceeds benefit library programs.

The sale features like-new gift books for adults and children, collectible books, leather-bound treasures, first editions, signed copies, pop-up books and unique gifts of all kinds. All items are individually priced. Framed and unframed art work of all sizes and formats are also included.

The sale will take place in the library's First Floor East Reading Room.

Donations of art for this sale are accepted through Nov. 4. For more information, visit the library's website at www.wheatonlibrary.org.



Electronic Recycling

When: Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-noon

Where: Wheaton Public Works Storage Facility, 820 W. Liberty Drive

Drop off your unwanted electronics for recycling during the City's monthly collection event. Electronics such as televisions, computers, printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted.

Also, Wheaton residents can now bring fluorescent bulbs for safe disposal (no businesses, please). The types of bulbs accepted include T-12, T-8 and T-5 fluorescent bulbs (often found in light fixtures used in utility rooms and basements); aquarium tubes; under-counter fluorescent tubes. Please do not tape fluorescent tubes together. CFLs and household batteries are not accepted at the monthly electronic recycling collection. [More information is available on the City's website.](#)

To volunteer at an electronic recycling event, people of high school age or older can call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877.

Plaza, with special activities happening on those days. For more information, [see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Lighted Holiday Parade

When: Friday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

Where: Front Street, Downtown Wheaton

Storybook characters, lighted floats and Santa will help kick off the holiday season on Friday, Nov. 29. The Lighted Holiday Parade marches down Front Street and starts the Dickens of a Christmas Celebration. For more information, [see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

French Market

When: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. through Nov. 9; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 16-Dec. 21

Where: Parking lot at Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton

The Wheaton French Market's season has been extended this year. It takes place each Saturday near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive, just south of the railroad tracks.

Hours will be 8 a.m.-2 p.m. through Nov. 9 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 16-Dec. 21. Inspired by the outdoor markets of France, vendors at this weekly event sell much more than your typical farmers market. Find pastries, flowers, art, jewelry, handmade gifts, locally grown produce and many specialty items at the French Market.

Dickens of a Christmas

When: Nov. 30-Dec. 21

Where: Downtown Wheaton

Carriage rides and visits with Santa will take place Saturdays, Nov. 30 through Dec. 21, at Martin Memorial



Cell Phone Law Changes Coming Soon

Ban on using hand-held devices while driving starts Jan. 1

It is not too early for motorists to start thinking, planning and getting into the habit of complying with a Jan. 1, 2014 law that bans the use of hand-held devices while driving.

Drivers will still be able to use hands-free technology with hand-held devices.

The potential fine for violating the law the first time will be \$75 and as much as \$150 for subsequent violations. Three moving violations within a 12-month period can result in a driver's Illinois license being suspended.

Drivers are also reminded that a 2010 Illinois law prohibits cell phone or hand-held device use in any school zone or construction zone.

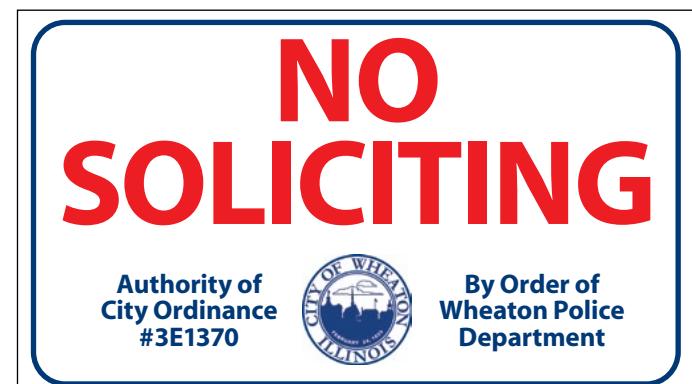


Reminder on Rules for Solicitors

'No Soliciting' sign available online, at City Hall, Police Department

The City reminds residents and solicitors of its ordinances relating to soliciting on private property. These rules are meant to protect the First Amendment Rights of solicitors while allowing property owners or tenants to determine whether or not solicitors are invited onto their property.

Residents who want to prohibit solicitors, canvassers and peddlers from their private property should post a "No Soliciting" sign near the main entrance to their home or business. The sign's text must be at least one-third inch in height. The City has "No Soliciting" signs available for purchase at City Hall and the Wheaton Police Department for \$1 each. Or, you can print a sign from the City's website by going



You can download and print a sign like the one above on the City's website or purchase one at City Hall or the Wheaton Police Department.

to the City's website, www.wheaton.il.us, select "Forms, Permits and Licenses" in the Quick Links section, and then select "[No Soliciting Sign](#)" under the "Police" heading.

Solicitors should look for "No Soliciting" signs near the main entrance of every building or home they approach.

If a sign is posted, solicitors should immediately leave. Soliciting only is allowed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekend days.

To read the full ordinances related to soliciting, see [Chapter 46 of the Wheaton City Code](#).

Health Department Launches Enroll DuPage

County provides information about Affordable Care Act

The DuPage County Health Department launched Enroll DuPage, the county's one-stop source of information regarding the Affordable Care Act, and more specifically, the Illinois Health Insurance Mar-

ketplace. The Health Insurance Marketplace is the central location where qualifying residents can review and register for affordable health care coverage.

Enroll DuPage offers a website, enrolldupage.org, and a call center, 888-724-0077, to help residents learn about how the Marketplace works, as well as provide news and updates about key Affordable Care Act dates and activities.

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 Planning Session, 7 p.m.
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