

CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

June 2021

CITY NOTES

DuPage County Health Department Offering Open Walk-In Vaccinations

The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) Covid-19 Community Vaccination Clinic at the DuPage County Fairgrounds is offering walk-in vaccinations to anyone age 12 years and older. Anyone under 18 years old must have a parent or legal guardian accompany them. Walk-in opportunities will be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and Thursday between 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to register any time before their visit at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineregistration, or call (630) 682-7400 if assistance is needed with registration.

Additional vaccine

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New City Council Members Sworn In May 3



Wheaton welcomed four newly elected officials. The City congratulates each member on their election to the Wheaton City Council and thanks each for their service to the community.

At the May 3, 2021 City Council Meeting, the City of Wheaton welcomed four newly elected officials. Scott Brown was sworn in as the new Councilman for the North District; Scott Weller was sworn in as the new Councilman for the South District; Lynn Robbins was sworn

in as the incumbent Councilwoman for the West District; and Michael Barbier was sworn in as the incumbent Councilman for the East District.

The City congratulates each member on their election to the Wheaton City Council and thanks each for their service to the

community. Councilman Brown, Councilman Weller, Councilwoman Robbins and Councilman Barbier join two at-large City Council members, Councilwoman Erica Bray-Parker and Councilwoman Suzanne Fitch, plus Mayor Philip Suess on the Wheaton City Council.

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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Send feedback to communications@wheaton.il.us

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information about local efforts, frequently asked questions, and vaccination data, is available at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine.

Rental Assistance Available to DuPage Residents Impacted by Covid-19

DuPage County residents who are behind on their rent due to Covid-19 may be eligible for up to \$25,000 in emergency rental assistance from the Illinois Housing Department Authority (IHDA). Eligible DuPage households may receive up to 15 months of assistance for payments from June 2020 through August 2021. Tenants must work with landlords to apply for the program, as grants are paid directly to the housing provider.

Visit the Illinois Housing Department Authority (IHDA) website for [more information](https://ilrpp.ihda.org) at <https://ilrpp.ihda.org>.

Business News

- Amante

Marketplace, shop offering handcrafted, modern home goods and decor curated from around the globe

opening in May at 102 Hale Street.

Commission News

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

- Anne Wanzenburg, reappointed to a three-year term on the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners
- Benjamin Mau, appointed to a three-year term on the Bicycle Advisory Commission
- Nicole Aranas, appointed to position of chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board

Employment Opportunities

The City currently seeks applicants for the following job opportunities:

- Forestry Superintendent
- Grant Coordinator
- Lateral Police Officer
- Part-time Emergency Management Specialist
- Part-time Plan Examiner
- Crossing Guard

To find out more about these opportunities and how to apply, visit <https://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs>.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As a Wheaton resident, it brings me great pride to acknowledge all the public service efforts of our community. The City would like to highlight some of the significant individual service achievements by our board and commission members.

On page 5 of the newsletter you will find community members who have been recognized for serving on various boards and commissions for 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year terms.

Included with these great achievements are two special commission members, Kay McKeen of the Environmental Improvement Commission and Mark Taylor of the Liquor Control Commission. Both Kay and Mark have served in their roles for over 30 years. The City greatly appreciates their service and dedication to our community.

We greatly appreciate the service contributions



of all our residents and encourage those interested in serving on a board or commission to view current vacancies and complete an application by visiting the City's website at wheaton.il.us/commissions.

We again thank all our amazing board and commission members who have played an integral role in maintaining the character of our community. Wheaton remains the community it is today because of the continued dedication to public service of our generous volunteers.



City Updates Mask Requirements for Facilities to Match State Guidance

Following updated COVID-19 safety guidance issued by the CDC and the Illinois Department for Public Health, individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need to wear a mask/face covering in City facilities. This change applies to individuals inside City Hall, the Wheaton Public Library, Wheaton's Public Works facilities, and Wheaton's Police and Fire stations.

Individuals are considered fully vaccinated when they are at least 2 weeks past the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination, or 2 weeks past receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccination.

However, masks are still required in City facilities for individuals who have not been fully vaccinated, and the new state and federal guidance still requires

masks for all individuals – regardless of vaccination status – in the following settings:

- on public transportation
- in congregate facilities
- in healthcare settings
- in schools
- in daycares.

Private businesses such as stores may choose to ask patrons to wear masks upon entering the premises.

The State of Illinois is currently in the [Bridge Phase](#) of its Restore Illinois Plan, which allows for slightly less restrictions on gathering sizes and capacity for different types of facilities. Barring significant reversals in the state's key COVID-19 statewide indicators, the state is expected to fully reopen under Phase 5 of its Restore Illinois Plan on June 11.

2021 Good Citizens Awards Winners Announced

Most years, the Community Relations Commission invites the recipients of its annual Good Citizens Awards program to City Hall to be honored by the City Council. This year's awards were presented via Zoom during the May 17 City Council meeting, and the accomplishments of 11 individuals and 2 groups who received 2021 Good Citizens Awards were spectacular. Prior to the City Council meeting the Community Relations Commission distributed gift boxes



and award certificates to those selected for the awards.

You can [watch a video recording of the Good Citizens Awards](#)

[Presentation](#) (starting around the 16:10 mark) on the City's website.

In the adult category, the recipients are:

• Bill Anderson, who dedicated over 400 hours of his time over the last year to the People's Resource Center (PRC)

• Anjali Bharadwa, Leader/Founder of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for D200 (DEI200), who spearheaded the successful creation of the "Talking about Race" series, which was a 5-part series of discussions to engage the community

• Jacob Kniep, the Founder of OUTspoken Leaders, a local nonprofit

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dedicated to serving, empowering, and lifting up voices of LGBTQ+ members of society

- Chuck Smith, chairman of Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT Council), who organized an effort to shop for seniors at risk during COVID-19

- Vickie Tabbert, DuPage PADS Board of Trustees Chair, who helped make it possible for 379 individuals to receive safe shelter so far during the pandemic

In the student category, the recipients are:

- Kyla Farrell, a founding member of the Baking to Give Back Cookies program, which bakes and sells cookies to support the Naomi's House shelter in our community

- Michael Foster, co-president of the Wheaton Warrenville South High School Key Club, who tutored a 5th grade student who struggled with ADHD, building a lasting relationship and helping the student to succeed

- Henry Lytle, who demonstrated concern and awareness for teen drivers with special needs and coordinated with WNHS and Wheaton Police Department to host a Teen Driver Safety Event in April

- Jackson Moran, who each year volunteers with Re-member, an organization with the Oglala Lakota people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and raised \$5,000 for the organization by biking 100 miles and soliciting donations while the reservation was closed to

outsiders in 2020.

- Maryam Tourk, who participates in Medium and Communications Practicum at Wheaton North High School and co-founded a virtual summer camp through Civics Unplugged Fellowship to help more than 150 students address feelings of isolation during the pandemic.

- Natalie Worniak, who held a quarter drive to help Bridge Communities, an organization that assists homeless families build a better future, and set up a GoFundMe site for the organization, raising more than \$1,000.

In the group category, the recipients are:

- Immigrant Solidarity DuPage, which provided weekly, monthly and pop-up food distributions during 2020 to help the Latino community

in DuPage County, and has arranged 100 vaccinations in the past month for community members.

- Milton Township CERT Team, which provided numerous volunteers in several instances over the past year, including searching for a young missing person who had fallen into Branch River in Winfield, assisting with searching for a missing person in Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, and assisting in redirecting traffic away from a serious automobile accident on Butterfield Road.

You can [view the web page highlighting the award recipients](#) on the City of Wheaton Community Relations Commission's section of the City website.

Walk Your Wheels in Downtown Wheaton



As the warm weather begins to encourage more outdoor activities, the City reminds residents and visitors in the downtown area to “walk your wheels” on sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians. The City of Wheaton does not allow riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters or in-line skates on the sidewalks within the

heart of the downtown, which includes:

- Wesley Street to the north
- Cross Street to the east
- Willow Street to the south
- West Street to the west

While you can still ride on the streets, if you choose to go on the sidewalk, you must

walk your wheels on the sidewalks. This rule is set by City Code, and violators can be fined.

Please note that riding is allowed on the portion of the Illinois Prairie Path that runs through the downtown, just south of the railroad tracks.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping make our downtown a pedestrian-friendly place for all to enjoy.

City Recognizes Board and Commission Members for Their Continued Service

The City is grateful for the contributions of all its board and commission members for their past and continued service.

The City would like to highlight the significant individual service achievements by our board and commission members who have served for 5 years, 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years to recognize them for their continued commitment to serving our community.

Band Commission

- Donald G. Westlake (20 years)
- Nancy McDonal (10 years)
- Dottie Mackie (10 years)
- John C. Dalby (10 years)

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

- Penni Cannova (20 years)
- Anne Wanzenberg (10 years)
- Edward Dulaney (10 years)
- Kevin Illia (5 years)

Downtown Design Review Board

- Tracy Jones (10 years)
- Nathan Bossenga (10 years)
- Steph McGrath (10 years)



- Kevin Maguire (5 years)

Environmental Improvement Commission

- Kay McKeen (30 years)
- Ted Witte (20 years)
- Cathy Coleman (20 years)
- Robert Young (20 years)
- Shamili Ajgaonkar (5 years)
- Nancy Flynn (5 years)
- Anthony Majszak (5 years)
- Anthony Pope (5 years)
- Christine Richardson (5 years)
- Allison Torrence (5 years)

Fine & Cultural Arts Commission

- Mike Bock (10 years)
- Dee Hicks (10 years)
- Sarah Antas (10 years)
- Kathleen Young (10 years)
- Anthony Asta (5 years)

Group Care Home Commission

- Chris Ellerman (20 years)
- Ted Rodgers (5 years)
- Emily Consolazio (5 years)

Historic Commission

- Steph McGrath (20 years)
- Emelie Engling (20 years)
- Barbara Dutton (10 years)
- Nancy Flannery (5 years)

Housing Commission

- Stu Johnson (20 years)
- Jan Kay (20 years)
- Michael Rybinski (20 years)
- Bill Gilbertson (5 years)

Library Board

- Laurie Metanchuk (5 years)
- Joe McHaley (5 years)
- Christine Fenne (5 years)

Liquor & Tobacco Control Commission

- Mark Taylor (30 years)
- Donald Sender (20 years)
- Eileen Pearse (10 years)
- Jennifer Brown (5 years)
- Robert Wolgemuth (5 years)

Planning & Zoning Board

- Nicole Aranas (5 years)
- Mark Plunkett (5 years)
- Robert Gudmundson (5 years)
- Dan Wanzung (5 years)

Police Pension Fund Board

- Brett Mathieson (5 years)

Sister City Commission

- Teri Ash (20 years)

Wheaton Police Invite Residents to Attend Neighborhood Roll Call Events

The Wheaton Police Department is taking its roll calls out into the neighborhoods to connect with you.

Prior to the start of each tour of duty, Wheaton Police Officers gather to report for a roll call, where they are briefed on calls for service in the past 24 hours, emerging crime trends, intelligence information, locations in need of extra watches and more. This is the time for officers to share what has been going on in their assigned beats.

Now, we are bringing our roll calls out into the community, where you can meet with the officers who are assigned to your part of town. Officers will be on hand to discuss local issues and concerns about your neighborhood as well as providing tips to keep you



and your family safe. We encourage you to attend the Neighborhood Roll Call that is happening in your neighborhood, as the topics discussed will be specific to your area. A map on the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/rollcall will show you the City's seven police beats and the event happening in your area.

At the Neighborhood Roll Call, officers will also

show you how to initiate online requests for city services and register for SMART911, and you can make officers aware of issues directly related to your neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Roll Calls will be occurring on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. between June and August, with a different location each week. The first three Neighborhood Roll Calls will be:

- June 8, 6:30 p.m.
Briar Knoll Park
532 Tennyson Drive
- June 15, 6:30 p.m.
Hoffman Park
411 N. Prospect Ave.
- June 29, 6:30 p.m.
Lawson Field
517 Forest Ave.

Please continue to watch the City of Wheaton's website, Facebook and Twitter (search @CityOfWheaton to follow the City on Facebook and Twitter) to see when a Neighborhood Roll Call will be coming to your area! Wheaton Police will also be posting signs and sharing flyers in the immediate area of the roll calls before they happen.

For more information, please contact Sergeant Angela Smith at asmith@wheaton.il.us or 630-260-2076.

Wheaton Public Works Department 2020 Annual Report Available on City Website



Residents can now [view the Wheaton Public Works Department 2020 Annual Report on the City's website](http://www.wheaton.il.us/publicworks). This document is prepared with the

intent of providing a transparent report for the community to help further inform and educate residents about this large component of the city's work force. Residents

are encouraged to learn more about the six divisions that make up this essential city department and view some of their more recent accomplishments.

National Weather Service Provides Lightning Safety Tips

The National Weather Service has provided some important tips about being safe when lightning is present and what to do if someone is struck.



- Use an Automatic External Defibrillator if one is available. These units are lifesavers!

- Don't be a victim. If possible, move the victim to a safer place. Lightning CAN strike twice.

Don't get Caught Outside

No place outside is safe when a thunderstorm is in the area. Get inside as soon as you hear thunder. Run to a substantial building or hard-topped metal vehicle as fast as you can. If you can't get to a safe building or vehicle:

- Avoid open areas. Don't be the tallest object in the area.
- Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers

or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike the taller objects in an area.

- Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences. Metal does not attract lightning, but lightning can travel long distances through it.

- If you are with a group of people, spread out. While this actually increases the chance that someone might get struck, it tends to prevent multiple casualties, and

increases the chances that someone could help if a person is struck.

What To Do If Someone Is Struck

Cardiac arrest is the immediate cause of death for those who die. Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge and may need first aid immediately.

- Call for help. Call 9-1-1. Give first aid. Begin CPR if you are trained.

It's essential that people in charge of organized outdoor activities understand the dangers of lightning and have a lightning safety plan. Don't be afraid to ask what the plan is if lightning is present. If you hear thunder, it's time to get to a safe building or vehicle. Speak out!

Visit the National Weather Service website to [learn more about lightning safety](#).

Field of Honor to be on Display Beginning June 30



Two thousand United States flags will fly in a solemn formation at Seven Gables Park Wednesday, June 30 through Sunday, July 4. The flag display will be open to all without charge and presented as a tribute to honor individuals currently

serving in our active-duty military, fallen servicemen and women, first responders, veterans, and other heroes in our lives. For more information on sponsoring a flag, [visit the Wheaton Park District website](#) or call 866-375-3524.

Wheaton Public Library to Resume Normal Hours Beginning June 1

Wheaton Public Library resumed normal hours without time limits on Tuesday, June 1. The library will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekend hours will remain Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Curbside service hours remain the same Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Following updated COVID-19 safety guidance issued by the CDC and Illinois Department for Public Health, individuals who are fully vaccinated



against COVID-19 do not need to wear a mask/face covering in the facility. Tables and chairs will be available and 2nd floor study rooms will

reopen for patron use. The Early Childhood Area collection will reopen for browsing, but toys and games will not be available. Programming

will remain virtual except for outdoor events. Meeting rooms will not be available for public use.

Wheaton Public Library is also pleased to announce Altiro Wheaton Coffee Shop as the new vendor in the library café space, run by the owners of Altiro Latin Fusion. The Friends of the Library will also begin accepting material donations and the Book Nook will reopen.

For the most updated information on WPL's reopening status and hours and services offered, visit wheatonlibrary.org.

Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts to Return to Memorial Park this Summer



The Wheaton Municipal Band will be back and in person this season! The band will be hosting their outdoor concerts again in Memorial Park near downtown Wheaton on each Thursday from June 10 through Aug. 5 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, all performances have a reduced audience capacity and require a

free reservation ticket prior to each event. The link to reserve tickets will be posted one week prior to each concert on the Wheaton Municipal Band website: <http://www.wheatonmunicipalband.org>. Audience procedures will follow CDC guidelines. Also, audience attendees need to bring their own chairs or blankets, as the Park District will not provide benches this summer.

Further information is also available on the Band's Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

The City of Wheaton reminds residents and visitors that the City Hall parking lot is open for event parking at Memorial Park during the evening and weekends, and the library parking lot is available when the library is closed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Frida Friday

Friday, June 4
2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association presents a celebration in downtown Wheaton in connection with the Frida Kahlo: Timeless exhibit at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art. Fun activities are planned for everyone from family-friendly daytime celebrations to evening adult festivities.

Visit the Downtown Wheaton Association's website for a [map of specific event locations](#).

Vintage Car Rides

June 4 & June 18
5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Clare Woods Academy
Parking Lot
125 E Seminary Ave.

The Downtown Wheaton Association in community partnership with Clare Woods Academy will be hosting a car show with food trucks, music, and more in downtown Wheaton. This

event is free to attend.

Visit the Downtown Wheaton Association website for [more information](#), or to [register your car for the event](#).

Electronic Recycling Monthly Drop-Off

Saturday, June 12
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
820 W. Liberty Drive

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

Wheaton Art Walk

Saturday, June 12 –
Sunday, June 13
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (each day)

Downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association will be hosting a juried art festival in downtown Wheaton on Hale Street and Karlskoga Avenue featuring the work of juried artists in a variety of mediums. In addition to artwork being available for purchase, attendees will also be able to interact with artists. This is a free event.

Visit the Downtown Wheaton Association website for [more information](#).

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Visit the Wheaton Municipal Band's website for [more information](#) and to reserve a ticket.

Wheaton French Market

Visit the Wheaton French Market Saturdays through Nov. 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new temporary 2021 location of Reber Street and Liberty Drive near Courthouse Square

and the City's Water Department facility. Visit the City's website for more information or to [review the health and safety guidelines](#).

Wheaton Public Library Events

For more information about these events please visit the Wheaton Public Library's website at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar.

Latin Fusion Cooking Demo with Altiro

Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m.

The LGBTQ+ Experience

Thursday, June 10 at 7 p.m.

Frida Kahlo: Timeless

Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m.

...and Justice for All: The Case for Juneteenth

Thursday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

Wheaton Plaza del Zócalo
Saturday, June 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Concert on the Park: Cielito Lindo

Tuesday, June 29 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 for a complete list of meetings and events

June 2021

- 7 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.