

November 2014

City Notes

Change Batteries When You Set Clocks

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014. 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 they will function properly.

Commissions Seek New Members

Interested in helping the more than 100 residents who help serve the City by volunteering their time to Wheaton boards and commissions? A number of commissions have openings for new members, including:

- Fine & Cultural Arts Commission
- Community Relations Commission

- Historic Commission
- Sister City Commission

To learn more about the roles of each of these commissions and when they meet, visit the City's

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Bring Pumpkins to City's First Compost Collection on Nov. 8

Save a garbage sticker & keep out of landfills

Don't throw your pumpkins in the trash after Halloween, take them to the pumpkin dump. From 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8, drive through the City's Commuter Parking Lot 9 and dump your pumpkins at the City's first-ever pumpkin compost collection. Lot 9 is located near the [intersection of Carlton Avenue and Liberty Drive](#).

From there, pounds and pounds of pumpkins will be taken to Compost Supply for composting into nutrient-rich soil.

"Illinois grows more than 485 million pounds of pumpkins each year, which is more than any other state," said Kay McKeen of the City's Environmental Improvement Commission. "We are really excited about this new program because it will help recover some of the fantastic nutrients from pumpkins through composting, rather



than fill up our landfills."

This collection will be run by the City's Environmental Improvement Commission, SCARCE and Advanced Dis-

posal.

Please remove all candles and decorative items from pumpkins before dumping them in the bin.

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

Road Construction Program Explained

New video covers this year's road work and answers common resident questions

Keeping Wheaton streets in good shape requires budgeting, some science, a lot of math, and even more planning.

As the City's annual road construction season winds down, a new video, "[Wheaton's Road Program Explained](#)," summarizes what crews were able to accomplish this year, how the City chooses which roads crews will work on, the rating system used to grade road conditions, and the long-term and short-term plans that guide the City's budget and projects.

In this video, Senior Project Engineer Sarang Lagvanekar also explains why some projects are more involved



Watch the Video

"[Wheaton's Road Program Explained](#)" is available online and on CWC10.

than others, how two brutal winters have affected roads in Wheaton, and how the City plans for future infrastructure needs – and continually amends these plans to ensure roads are safe.

This video is now available [on the City's website](#), and Wheaton cable subscribers can view it on [City of Wheaton Channel 10](#) (CWC10).



Have you ever wondered how the City decides which streets will be repaved each year? A new video explains the process.

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website at www.wheaton.il.us/commissions. A volunteer application form is also [available on the City's website](#) or at the City Clerk's Office, 303 W. Wesley St.

No Garbage Pickup

There will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, Nov. 27. Pickup will be delayed by one day for Thursday and Friday routes during this week.

City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28.

Forest Preserve District Feedback

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District is seeking participants for an online survey regarding trail usage. The survey asks people where, when, why and how often they use District trails and what kind of signs would help make their experience more enjoyable. The district will use this information to develop a plan for trail signage.

The survey is available through Dec. 5 at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LCWQHB9>.

Note Minor Changes in New Water Bill Format

Changes begin with November bill

As the City upgrades to a new utility billing system, you might note some minor changes to the next water and sewer bill you receive from the City.

One change is the addition of a customer number and bill number just below the account number. These numbers are for internal purposes only; you should continue to refer to your account number.

Additionally, the charge listed on previous bills as

"Current Sewer/Stormwater Service" is now listed separately as "Sanitary Sewer Usage" and "Storm Sewer Usage." **Please note there is no change in the way or rate you are being charged;** the new billing system simply separates the two types of usage, whereas the previous billing system presented them as a combined total.

Again, these are simply changes to the presentation of billing information and have no effect on the amount customers are billed.

Vote in General Election Nov. 4

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day

Registered voters can cast their ballots for the election of Federal, State and County officials during the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Need to Register to Vote?

If you need to register to vote, this year, DuPage County offers expanded in-person "Grace Period" Registration through Election Day. From Oct. 20-Nov. 4, 2014, you can register at six sites, including the DuPage County Election Commission office, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, in Room 1-500B.

Early Voting Expanded

Early Voting will remain open through Sunday, Nov. 2. The Wheaton location is at the DuPage Election Commission office, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, in Room 1-500B. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

Please note: Once an early vote has been cast, the vote is final. The voter may not go to the polling place on Election Day to change a vote.

Check Your Polling Place/Registration Status

To check your registration status, polling place and to see information on candidates and propositions, visit the DuPage Election Commission's website at www.dupageco.org/election.

Overnight Parking Requests Go Online

Parking is strictly prohibited on all City of Wheaton streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. without prior Wheaton Police Department approval. However, requesting approval is more convenient now that residents can [submit overnight parking requests online](http://www.wheaton.il.us/parking) using a computer, smart phone or tablet device.

To avoid a ticket, use the online request form that can be accessed through the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/parking.

Requestors should be prepared to provide the make, model, year, color and license plate number for each vehicle, as well as the street address for the request.

Please note:

- Each household is limited to a maximum of three requests for overnight parking within a 30-day period.



- Overnight parking will not be granted when there is snowfall of 2 inches or more.

- Residents do not need to request overnight parking permission if a driveway is being repaired or replaced. Under such circumstances, citizens must park directly in front of their residence and leave any markings such as ropes or barricades indicat-

ing that work has or is being completed on their driveway. For these occasions, a written note left on the vehicle's dashboard is encouraged.

Residents and visitors who do not have internet access or need assistance with the online program may still call 630-260-2161 to seek overnight parking permission.

Interested in Running for City Council or Mayor?

Petitions for candidacy for the 2015 Wheaton municipal election are available in the City Clerk's Office at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. One four-year position for Mayor and two four-year positions for Councilman At-Large are up for election. Candidates shall:

- Be registered voters of the City of Wheaton and candidates must reside within the corporate limits of the city at least one year preceding the election; and

- File Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination signed by at least 81 registered City of Wheaton voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Wheaton.

Please note: This information is provided solely as a public service. Please consult with an attorney and/



Candidate Petitions

File candidacy petitions at the City Clerk's office between **Nov. 17-24**.

or review the State Election Code before taking any action.

The Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination should be filed 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 are filed with the Wheaton City Clerk, City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. between Nov. 17, 2014 and Nov. 24, 2014, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding weekend days/holidays.

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

Upcoming Events

Chili Cook-Off

Date: Saturday, Nov. 1

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Participating Downtown Wheaton restaurants

The sixth annual Chili Cook-Off is ready to crown a chili champion once again. Participants can travel from one restaurant to the next and try samples of each chef's take on chili. Then, vote for your favorite. [More information](#)

French Market

Dates: Saturdays through Nov. 15, 2014

Time: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Parking lot near Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton (just south of the railroad tracks)

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Nov. 15, 2014, visit the French Market near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive to find fresh produce, locally made gifts, art, specialty foods, handmade jewelry, flowers and more.

Winter (Indoor) French Market

Dates: Saturdays, Nov. 8, 2014-March 26, 2015

Time: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton train station along Front Street

Colder temperatures will bring many of the same offerings from the outdoor French Market indoors when the Winter French Market opens its season. Between Nov. 8, 2014 and March 26, 2015, enjoy live music and many of the community's favorite vendors from the outdoor market in the comfort of a warmer environment. The downtown Wheaton



train station, located at the corner of Front Street and West Street, will host this event each week. For more information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0286.

Terminal Town Exhibit

Dates: Nov. 9-22

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

The Wheaton Public Library will host the Terminal Town exhibit from Nov. 9-22. The exhibit, which features panels and displays of information about Chicagoland's transportation history, will then be replaced by a special exhibit focusing on the history of Wheaton transportation, which will be displayed from Nov. 22- Dec. 9. The library will feature a presentation on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. by Dr. Joseph

P. Schwieterman, author of the new book "Terminal Town: An Illustrated Guide to Chicago's Airports, Bus Depots, Train Stations, and Steamship Landings, 1939-Present." The library will also feature a Wrap-Up party in the exhibit area on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. More information on Terminal Town can be found at <http://terminaltown.org/>.

Sunday Sampler Concert: The Limitations

Date: Sunday, Nov. 16

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

This trio of experienced and knowledgeable musicians takes you on a journey back to the great rockabilly era of American music prior to the British invasion. The focus is on Sun Records, which

spawned Johnny Cash, Elvis, Carl Perkins, as well as many others. Free tickets are available at the library's Checkout Desk.

Lighted Holiday Parade

Date: Friday, Nov. 28

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Front Street, downtown Wheaton

Ring in the holiday with this Wheaton tradition. Following a tree-lighting ceremony at 6 p.m., a festive Lighted Holiday Parade will feature music, costumed characters and floats moving down Front Street. This event serves as the kick-off to the Dickens a of a Christmas holiday celebration. [More information](#)

Dickens of a Christmas Carriage Rides

Date: Saturdays, Nov. 29-Dec. 20

Time: Noon-3 p.m.

Location: Martin Memorial Plaza, Front and Main streets

The Downtown Wheaton Association will host complimentary carriage rides each Saturday, Nov. 29 through Dec. 20, through downtown Wheaton. [More information](#)

Visit with Santa

Date: Saturdays, Nov. 29-Dec. 20

Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Martin Memorial Plaza, Front and Main streets

Visit Santa in his holiday house at Martin Plaza. Sponsored by the Downtown Wheaton Association, this is part of the Dickens of a Christmas Holiday Celebration. [More information](#)



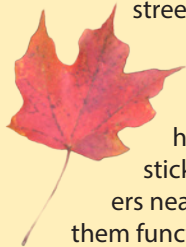
Helpful Leaf Collection Reminders

This fall, the City of Wheaton reminds you of its procedures for leaf disposal. 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 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.

Please note that leaf burning is not permitted. It is also illegal to rake or blow leaves onto the street, as this practice can clog storm sewers and cause flooding. If possible, please help clear leaves and sticks off of storm sewers near your house to help them function properly.

Leaves will be collected on your regular garbage/recycling pickup day through Dec. 12, 2014.

An environmentally friendly alternative to placing your leaves out for collection is to compost leaves into mulch for your yard.



Tips to Deter Coyotes

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 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 to make them uncomfortable, teaches coyotes that your yard and neighborhood 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 physically harms 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.

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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- 1** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 3** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 4** Election Day
- 10** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 17** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 27** City Offices Closed; No Garbage Pickup
- 28** City Offices Closed

