

CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

July 2021

CITY NOTES

City Offices Closed/No Garbage Pickup

Non-emergency City of Wheaton Offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no garbage/recycling/yard waste pickup on this day. All pickups for the week of July 5 will be one day later than usual.

Wheaton Municipal Band No Longer Requiring Reservations Before Concerts

The Wheaton Municipal Band will no longer be requiring reservations prior to their concerts. The Wheaton Municipal Band hosts their outdoor concerts at Memorial Park near downtown Wheaton on each Thursday beginning at 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 5.

Visit the Wheaton Municipal Band Concert website for [more information](#).

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Independence Day Celebrations Return

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many summer activities and events were cancelled in 2020 including the annual Independence Day Fireworks and Parade. The City is happy to announce that these events hosted by the Wheaton Park District will be returning this summer on July 3 and July 4, respectively.

Fireworks Activities

The fireworks display will be on Saturday, July 3, at Graf Park, 1855 Manchester Road, at approximately 9 p.m. Spectator viewing, and activities including lawn games, concessions, DJ, and giveaways will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Graf Park and concluding at 9:30 p.m.

During this time,



Fireworks Activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. on July 3, and the Independence Day Parade will begin at 11 a.m. on July 4.

motorists can expect traffic delays on:

- North County Farm Road between West Roosevelt Road and Geneva Road
- Manchester Road between East Street (Winfield) and North Gables Boulevard, and
- Surrounding neighborhood side streets near the DuPage

County Fairgrounds.

Independence Day Parade

The Independence Day Parade theme for 2021 will be "Celebrate Our Freedom" and will be held on Sunday, July 4, beginning at 11 a.m.

The parade route will begin at Main

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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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Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, traveling south on Main Street then turning west (right) onto Union Avenue, and concluding at Memorial Park. Announcing and judging will take place on Union Avenue between Hale Street and Wheaton Avenue. Judging categories include most patriotic, best youth group, best nonprofit, best neighborhood, best musical, and more.

The following major streets will be closed prior to and during the parade:

- North Main Street between Geneva Road and Wesley Street
- Union Avenue between North Main Street and Wheaton Avenue, and
- Wheaton Avenue

between Wesley Street and Union Avenue.

Several side streets along North Main Street, particularly East Parkway Drive and East Hawthorne Boulevard, will be temporarily closed for staging parade entrants.

During these events, these streets will be adequately staffed with uniformed Police Officers to assist and direct traffic. The City asks that residents, citizens, and motorists cooperate in not moving the barricades to ensure the safety of everyone.

The City is excited to see the return of these events and many other familiar events. Visit the Wheaton Park District's website for [more information about these events](#).

Field of Honor on Display at Seven Gables Park through July 4



The Field of Honor presented by the Wheaton Park District is on display at Seven Gables Park located at 1750 S. Naperville Road through Sunday, July 4. 2,000 United States flags are on display to honor individuals currently serving in our active-duty military, fallen servicemen and servicewomen, first responders, heroes in our lives, veterans, Vietnam veterans and hometown heroes.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Summer is back in full swing, and so is the City of Wheaton! It brings me great joy to see the return of many favorite traditions and activities after the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on last summer's events and activities.



We're only one month into summer and we've already seen the return of the tents on Hale Street, the Wheaton Municipal Band outdoor concerts, the Wheaton French Market, the Vintage Rides car show, and the Wheaton Art Walk. Apart from these familiar events, we've also seen some other great new events including Frida Fridays in downtown Wheaton and Neighborhood Roll Call events in parks throughout the community.

I'm also happy to announce that we will see the return of fireworks at Graf Park on Saturday, July 3; and the Independence Day Parade on Sunday, July 4 on Main Street, which will begin at 11 a.m. on Hawthorne

Boulevard and conclude at Union Avenue. The City thanks the Wheaton Park District for all their work in bringing back these Independence Day traditions to our community.

Looking past summer, Wheaton's Downtown Streetscape plan will reach a conclusion by the end of the year, bringing an end to a 4-year long project that will make our downtown a local destination for shopping, dining and entertainment.

As a Wheaton resident, it brings me great excitement to see our community come together again after a challenging year, and I am thrilled to see all the great things that have yet to come for our thriving community in the second half of 2021.



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Walk Your Wheels in Downtown Wheaton

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.

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.

Applications Being Accepted for the Reinvest DuPage Grant Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Reinvest DuPage Grant Program. The program is

providing \$15 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) with the purpose of assisting small businesses, nonprofits, and independent contractors impacted by Covid-19.

Visit the Choose DuPage website for [more information about the Reinvest DuPage Grant Program](#).



Business News

- The City Council approved the construction of a Culver's restaurant at 908 E. Roosevelt Road.
- The City Council approved the redevelopment of the property at 167 Danada Square East for a Panera Bread restaurant.

Commission News

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

- Lori Bilske, appointed to a three-year term on the Historic Commission

- Chris Derrick, appointed to a five-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board

- Anthony Majszak, reappointed to a three-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission

- Penni Cannova, reappointed to a three-year term on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

- Susan Haines, reappointed to a three-year term on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

- Laurie Metanchuk, reappointed to a three-year term on the Library Board

- Robert Lyon, reappointed to a three-year term on the Library Board

- Robert McDonough, reappointed to a three-year term on the Library Board

- Jennifer Brown, reappointed to a three-year term on the Liquor Control Commission

- Meg Beasley, appointed to a three-year term on the Community Relations Commission

- Seema Wadia, appointed to a three-year term on

the Environmental Improvement Commission

- Jessica Wozniak, appointed to a term ending on October 7, 2022 on the Environmental Improvement Commission



Employment Opportunities

The City currently seeks applicants for the following job opportunities:

- Lateral Police Officer
- Part-time Emergency Management Specialist
- Part-time Community Service Officer
- Crossing Guard

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

Neighborhood Roll Call Events Announced for July



The Wheaton Police Department has announced additional Neighborhood Roll Call events for the month of July. Neighborhood Roll Call events occur on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. through August, with a different location each week. The July Neighborhood Roll Calls will be:

- July 6, 6:30 p.m.
Graf Park
1855 Manchester Road (Manchester Road entrance)
- July 20, 6:30 p.m.
Brighton Park
1297 Brighton Drive
- July 27, 6:30 p.m.
Hull Park
1400 Hull Drive

Neighborhood Roll Call events provide

community members an opportunity to meet with the officers who are assigned to their part of town. Officers will be on hand to discuss local issues and concerns about specific neighborhoods while providing important safety tips.

The City encourages residents to attend events that are happening in their neighborhood, as the topics discussed will be specific to the area. A map on the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/rollcall will show the City's seven police beats and event locations.

For [more information](#), visit the City's website or please contact Sergeant Angela Smith at asmith@wheaton.il.us or 630-260-2076.

Wheaton Fire Department Presented EMS Agency of the Year Award



During the June 21 City Council meeting, Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital EMS Coordinator Justin Williams presented the hospital's 2020 Emergency Management Services (EMS) Agency of the Year award to Wheaton Fire Chief Bill Schultz on behalf of the Wheaton Fire Department's

emergency medical services personnel. Mr. Williams highlighted the significance of receiving the award in 2020, which presented extraordinary challenges and personal risk to EMS personnel as they faced the Covid-19 pandemic. The City of Wheaton is proud to honor our paramedics, EMTs and firefighters for this accomplishment.

Covid-19 Vaccines Being Administered by Wheaton Fire Department

Paramedics with the Wheaton Fire Department are administering Covid-19 vaccines to individuals in the community who are homebound and unable to visit a vaccination site.

This service is part of a partnership with DuPage County Health Department to

assist in vaccinating residents throughout the community. If you or someone you know is homebound and is seeking a Covid-19 vaccine, please [visit the DuPage County Health Department's website](#) or call 630-682-7400, and press option #2.

City Council Approves New Sidewalk Program

A new sidewalk program that will prioritize a list of 70 street segments to receive sidewalks through a multi-year program was approved by the City Council on June 7.

The new program will continue with the City's goal of having sidewalks on at least one side of every street to increase safety for pedestrians and improve the walkability of the community. The program is based on a point system that determines the order in which street segments will receive sidewalks with safety being the top priority.

Residents on both sides of street segments listed as the highest priority within the program have received notices from the City regarding the tentative planning for sidewalk installation this year. The City reminds residents that the program prioritizes specific street segments, but all listed street segments will eventually receive a sidewalk on one side of the street as funding is available.

Visit the City's website for [more information about the 2021 Sidewalk Program](#).

Read the 2020 Annual Water Quality Report

The City of Wheaton 2020 Water Quality Report is now available online. Please go to www.wheaton.il.us/2020waterreport to view your 2020 annual water quality report and learn more about your

drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. If you would like a paper copy of the 2020 Water Quality Report, please call 630-260-2090.

Include Pets in Emergency Plan

Pets are cherished family members in many Illinois homes, so the Illinois Emergency Management Agency encourages pet owners to have plans to keep their pets safe during and after emergencies.

"Emergency situations can be very stressful, particularly for pets who don't understand what is happening," said Acting IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. "Don't forget to include their unique needs in your home emergency plans."

Home emergency supply kits for people should include a three-day supply of such items as food, water, first aid kit, weather alert radio, flashlights, spare batteries and other items. Pet owners should also have a pet preparedness kit stocked with items such as:

- At least a three-day supply of food and water
- Extra supplies of pet medicines
- Copies of pet registration, vaccinations and other important documents
- Photo of your pet in case you are separated during an emergency
- Collar with ID tag,



harness or leash

- Crate or other pet carrier in case of evacuation
- Pet litter and box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach for sanitation
- Toys, treats or other familiar items to reduce your pet's stress during the emergency

It's important to take pets with you, as an evacuation could last several days, even weeks, and your pets likely cannot survive without care. Plan now for places you and your pets can stay following an evacuation, as many public shelters do not allow animals inside. Have a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for or evacuate your animals yourself.

More preparedness information is available at www.ready.illinois.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts

Thursdays (July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29)

7:30 p.m.

Memorial Park

208 W Union Avenue

The Wheaton Municipal Band will be hosting their outdoor concerts at Memorial Park near downtown Wheaton on each Thursday through Aug. 5 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Visit the Wheaton Municipal Band's website for [more information](#).

Independence Day Fireworks

Saturday, July 3

5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Graf Park

1855 Manchester Road

See pages 1-2 for more information.

Independence Day Parade

Sunday, July 4

11 a.m.

Main Street to

Memorial Park

See pages 1-2 for more information.

Neighborhood Roll Calls

Tuesdays (July 6, 20, and 27)

6:30 p.m.

Multiple Locations

See page 4 for more information.

Frida Friday

Friday, July 9

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

July 9 & July 23

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 the public.

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

Electronic Recycling Monthly Drop-Off

Saturday, July 10

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

820 W. Liberty Drive

Visit the City's website for [more information](#).

Stuff the Squad

Wednesday, July 21

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wheaton Police

Department

900 W. Liberty Drive

Help 'Stuff the Squad' with the Wheaton Police Department to help benefit the [Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans](#) on Wednesday, July 21 from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. at 900 W. Liberty Drive.

Visit the Amazon website for a [wish list of items for the shelter](#) to bring to the event.

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

Visit the Wheaton Public Library's website at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) for more information about virtual and in-person events.

CITY CALENDAR

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- 5 City Offices Closed/No Garbage Pickup
- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 19 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 26 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

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

