

# CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

August 2021

## CITY NOTES

### DuPage Community Vaccination Clinic Location Changed

The DuPage County Health Department has moved the DuPage Community Vaccination Clinic from the DuPage County Fairgrounds to the Central Public Health Center, 111 N. County Farm Road. Walk-in vaccines at the new location will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### City's Online Service Request Form Makes Requesting Assistance Easy

The City's Online Service Request Form, available at [www.wheaton.il.us/servicerequest](http://www.wheaton.il.us/servicerequest), is a simple way to report issues including a streetlight outage, vandalism/graffiti, overgrown grass in your neighborhood, a pothole or other types of requests. You can also submit an overnight parking request  
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## Join the Wheaton Police Department for National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 3

*Come out for a free event filled with fun community activities*



**J**oin the Wheaton Police Department on Tuesday, Aug. 3 for National Night Out from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Northside Park, 1300 N. West Street.

The Wheaton Police Department encourages

you to bring your family for a free event featuring games, food, touch-a-truck, and other fun family-friendly activities.

National Night Out is an annual event that promotes police-community partnerships

and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Visit the National Night Out website for [more information about this annual event](http://www.nationalnightout.org).

## 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](mailto:communications@wheaton.il.us)



# Applicant for Proposed Gas Station Withdraws Application

The City of Wheaton received formal notice from Roundy's Supermarkets Inc., parent company of Mariano's, that they are withdrawing their zoning application to add a gasoline station at the northwest corner of Roosevelt Road and Main Street.

## Background:

The Mariano's grocery store at Roosevelt Road and Naperville Road currently includes



an employee parking lot at the northwest corner of Roosevelt and Main Street. Roundy's Supermarkets recently submitted a zoning application to the City to allow the company to construct a gasoline station in lieu of the existing Mariano's employee parking lot.



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It's been entertaining this summer to see many of our downtown storefronts decorated with bright and colorful paintings and decorations inspired by the famous artist Frida Kahlo, as Wheaton is swept up in the excitement of the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage's Frida Kahlo Timeless Exhibition.

In recognition of this special exhibition, I was honored to present an Economic Impact Award along with the Downtown Wheaton Association to McAninch Arts Center Director Diana Martinez during July's Frida Friday event. The City of Wheaton is grateful for the organization of this exhibition which has provided us all with a source for community engagement and has contributed to the resurgence of economic development throughout our City.

This exhibition has provided our community with a fun platform to decorate some of our local businesses while also providing an opportunity to host some enjoyable events in our downtown. During the Downtown Wheaton Association's monthly Frida Friday events, our community and our



visitors have been able to experience unique entertainment festivities while enjoying all the amenities our beautiful city has to offer.

Other groups in the community embraced all things Frida, as well – including programs through the Wheaton Public Library and an exhibit of its own at the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, all stemming from the spirit of the Frida Kahlo exhibit. This goes to show what a special community we have here, embracing partnerships and celebrating different cultures and the arts in vibrant and creative ways.

As a Wheaton resident, it is wonderful to see our City embrace this special event in our area and create a unique experience for our community.

## Save the Date: Festival of Cultures



The City of Wheaton Community Relations Commission is pleased to host the Festival of Cultures from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 in Memorial Park. The Festival of Cultures will feature

diverse community members at cultural booths where they will share their heritage and stories. Unlike previous years, food and drinks will not be available; however, a great lineup of performances is being planned.

# CITY NOTES

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or ask for a Vacation House Watch with the Police Department if you will be out of town. The City will send these service requests to the appropriate department to assist you. Please note: This form should not be used for emergency situations. Please call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

## Lawn Watering Restrictions

The City reminds residents that lawn watering restrictions are in place through Sept. 15 to help minimize evaporation during the hottest time of the day.

- If your address ends in an even number, you can only water your lawn on even-numbered days of the calendar, but not between noon and 6 p.m. on even-numbered days.

- If your address ends in an odd number, you can only water your lawn on odd-numbered days on the calendar, but not between noon and 6 p.m. on odd-numbered days.

If you are planting grass seed or laying sod, please contact the City's Water Division at 630-260-2090 to receive



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a 10-day variance from these requirements.

## Event Parking Available at City Hall Parking Lot During Evenings & Weekends

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.

## ComEd Tree Trimming Scheduled for Areas of Wheaton

ComEd will begin tree trimming in the Wheaton area during the next few months. Affected residents have received or will be receiving postcards from ComEd

to notify them prior to any scheduled preventative tree maintenance activities. This work is necessary to remove tree branches and vines that interfere with power lines that can create safety hazards and cause power outages.

In some cases, tree removal may be required, and the remaining tree stumps are treated with an approved herbicide to prevent future regrowth. All work is performed by qualified arborists, and herbicide is applied by state-licensed applicators.

To [view maps of the affected areas](#) please visit the City's website.

## Employment Opportunities

The City currently seeks applicants for the following job opportunities:

- Lateral Police Officer
- Part-time Emergency Management Specialist
- Maintenance Worker (Public Works, Sewer Division)
- Crossing Guard
- Police Services Representative

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

## Commission News

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

- Saleha Jawaid, reappointed to a three-year term on the Community Relations Commission
- Jan Kay, reappointed to a three-year term on the Housing Commission
- Eileen Pearse, reappointed to a three-year term on the Liquor Control Commission



# Wheaton Police Warn Residents About Driver's License Renewal Scams

The Wheaton Police Department has received multiple reports from residents of a new phishing scam. The residents received email or text links to renew their driver's license or license plates directing them to a fraudulent Illinois Secretary of State's Office website. These scams are attempts to gain personal information from victims, which can be used to steal someone's identity.

The scam directs people to the scammer's website, which often appears similar to the legitimate Illinois Secretary of State website. The website may even have an

address that appears to be authentic and asks for personal information in order to renew a driver's license or license plate. However, these scams often contain several things that will help you identify that they are a scam. Phony websites/emails/texts often:

- Contain spelling mistakes, grammatical errors or awkward wording.
- Ask for personal information that the Secretary of State's Office would not need or already has on file, such as Social Security number, etc.
- Have subtle differences when compared to the Secretary of State's

actual website and/or contain broken links.

If you receive a text message or email that may be one of these scams, the Secretary of State's office advises you to delete the text or email, not click on the links given, and do not provide any personal information. The Secretary of State's office will never request personal information such as a Social Security number over email or text message.

If you believe you received a legitimate correspondence from the Secretary of State via email because your driver's license or license plate is reaching its expiration but you are

still uncertain, instead of clicking any links in an email, you can use a well-known search engine such as Google to locate the Secretary of State's website or direct your browser to <https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com> and follow directions on the site for renewing your driver's license or license plate.

If you received a text or email and deleted it without clicking a link, there is no need to file a report. If you provided information through one of these scam methods, you can call the Wheaton Police Department at 630-260-2161 for information on how to file a report.

## Organization Provides Tips for Preparing Youth for Emergencies

Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time. Disaster planning, response and recovery efforts should always consider the unique needs of children, who make up roughly a quarter of the U.S. population. That is why the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and county

emergency management agencies, are taking steps to promote youth preparedness.

### **Tips for incorporating children into disaster preparedness:**

- Promote interactive activities within your family. One way to do this is by involving children in the development of a family emergency plan.

- Use real world events to teach about emergency situations and disasters. Using media coverage of current disasters (floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, power outages), talk to children about how your family would respond if this happened to you. Using your family emergency plan, discuss where would you go,

what would you do and how you will ensure their safety during an emergency.

- Children who are prepared experience less anxiety and feel more confident during actual emergencies and disasters.

For more information about youth preparedness, please visit [www.ready.illinois.gov](http://www.ready.illinois.gov).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug. 3  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Northside Park  
1300 N. West Street

Bring your family for a free event featuring games, food, touch-a-truck, and other fun family-friendly activities.



### Wheaton Municipal Band Concert

Thursday, Aug. 5  
7:30 p.m.  
Memorial Park  
208 W. Union Ave.

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

Visit the Wheaton

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

### Vintage Car Rides

Aug. 6 & Aug. 20  
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](#).

### Summer Fun and Music Series & Sidewalk Sale

Thursday, Aug. 5 through  
Saturday, Aug. 7  
Downtown Wheaton

Visit downtown Wheaton and join the fun at the Summer Fun and Music Series & Sidewalk Sale! Thursday through Saturday will feature a variety of fun events and music shows for all ages along with special sidewalk sales at downtown business locations.

Visit the Downtown Wheaton Association's website for [more details](#).

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## Sign Up for the Wheaton Public Library's New App

Wheaton Public Library (WPL) has released a new mobile app for patrons to better access library materials and services. Download the app by searching "Wheaton Public Library" from the App Store or Google Play.

The WPL app allows for storing multiple library cards on a device, which is particularly helpful for families. Patrons can also check out library materials from anywhere inside the library without having to use a checkout station.



The app can be used to search for and request library materials, view checkouts, as well as view, suspend, resume or cancel holds. It also features WPL's event calendar, eContent sites, online resources, mobile printing, and more.

Visit the Wheaton Public Library's website for [more information](#).

## Library Book Sale Begins Aug. 12

The Friends of the Wheaton Public Library annual book sale returns Aug. 12 featuring books for adults, teens, and children as well as DVDs, CDs, LPs, audiobooks and more at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit library programs.

The sale is open at the library from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

Saturday, Aug. 14.

A Preview Sale for Friends Members only will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Donations of books and media are being accepted now for the sales. For more information, visit the Wheaton Public Library's website [www.wheatonlibrary.org/friends](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org/friends) or send an email to [friends@wheatonlibrary.org](mailto:friends@wheatonlibrary.org).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Frida Friday

Friday, Aug. 6  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association presents the final celebration in downtown Wheaton in connection with the Frida Kahlo: Timeless exhibit at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art.

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

## Neighborhood Roll Calls

Tuesdays (Aug. 10, 17, 24, & 31)  
6:30 p.m.  
Multiple Locations

The Wheaton Police Department is hosting events at different neighborhood park locations throughout the City to provide community members an opportunity to meet with the officers who are assigned to their part of town.

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



The Wheaton Police Department is hosting Neighborhood Roll Call events at different neighborhood park locations throughout August.

[a map of specific event locations](#).



## Electronic Recycling Monthly Drop-Off

Saturday, Aug. 14  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
820 W. Liberty Drive

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

## 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](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) for more information about virtual and in-person events.

*Versiti Blood Drive*  
Wednesday, Aug. 4  
2 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Library Parking Lot

*DCHD Vaccination Van*  
Tuesday, Aug. 10  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Library Parking Lot

*Concert on the Park: Kaleidoscope Eyes*  
Tuesday, Aug. 10  
7 p.m.  
Library West Plaza

*Friends Book Sale*  
Aug. 12-15  
Meeting Room A

*Living History: Lizzie Borden*  
Tuesday, Aug. 17  
7 p.m.  
Virtual

*When the Music Died: The Beatles Break-Up*  
Tuesday, Aug. 31  
7 p.m.  
Virtual



# 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](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events

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- 2 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 16 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.