



CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

October 2021

CITY NOTES

Coffee with Council Returns October 2
The City Council will resume Coffee with Council events beginning Saturday, Oct. 2. City Council members conduct Coffee with Council sessions at 10 a.m. generally on the first Saturday of each month at Wheaton City Hall. Residents are invited to attend these informal sessions to discuss any item of interest with the Council.

Halloween Trick-or-Treating

The official trick-or-treating hours in Wheaton are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31. The City asks that drivers use extra caution on Halloween to ensure the safety of trick-or-treaters.

The City encourages all residents to celebrate safely and respectfully, and take the necessary

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Council Confirms New City Clerk

The Wheaton City Council confirmed Andrea Rosedale for the position of City Clerk at the Sept. 20 City Council Meeting to fill the position of retiring City Clerk Sharon Barrett-Hagen.

The City Clerk serves as the executive assistant to the City Manager's office and performs duties such as maintaining official City records, handling freedom of information requests, managing various licenses for businesses, and assisting with other administrative tasks.

Andrea has served as an Administrative Assistant in the City's Administrative and Human Resources Departments since



December 2019. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northern Illinois University and has extensive experience in customer service and office administration. Prior to working for the

City she was a Special Education Teaching Assistant and Substitute Teacher at Emerson Elementary School, and served as a Team Lead in the Marketing Services Business Unit at The Allant Group.

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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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It was wonderful to see Wheaton residents and visitors enjoying summer 2021 by attending the Wheaton Park District's Summer Entertainment Series, the Wheaton French Market, the Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts, Frida Fridays, the Fourth of July Parade and the CRC Festival of Cultures.

Most recently the Community honored those lost on September 11, 2001 in a ceremony held in Memorial Park.

We invite you to celebrate the fall season in Wheaton in a way that works for you and your family. Visit Wheaton's parks and enjoy nature's display, take advantage of the Hale Street outdoor tents and entertainment, and enjoy the DWA's Halloween Scavenger



Hunt. Our Veterans will be honored in November with events held in Memorial Park. Next month, I will provide an update on construction projects seen around town and upcoming events to celebrate the Holiday season.

Thank you for making Wheaton the great place it is.



Wheaton Fire Chief Bill Schultz provides remarks during Wheaton's September 11 Remembrance Ceremony.

Learn About the City's New Social Worker and Social Services Resources



The City of Wheaton added a social worker position to City staff to address the need for social services in the community. The City's new social worker, Khadija Khan, works across several departments, including the Police Department, Fire Department, Building & Code and Wheaton Public Library, and directly with residents who need support. She also helps provide crisis intervention services for our Police and Fire

Departments and much more.

We encourage you to check out this short video on the City's website to [learn about the type of assistance our social worker provides.](#)

You can also check out a new [social services resource section on the City's website](#) that can help connect you with resources for mental health services, domestic violence resources, housing assistance, food assistance and much more.

Garbage & Recycling Rate Changes Begin Oct. 1



The City's garbage and recycling pickup service provider, LRS (formerly referred to as Lakeshore Recycling Systems), will update their service charges as part of a 3-year contract extension with the waste hauler. The new service rates begin Friday, Oct. 1, 2021. Please see the following updated service

fees per pickup beginning Oct. 1:

Garbage Service Fee Per Pickup:

- 35-gallon cart: \$3.05
- 65-gallon cart: \$4.30
- 95-gallon cart: \$5.10

Recycling Service Fee Per Pickup:

- 35-gallon cart: \$2.00
- 65-gallon cart: \$2.75
- 95-gallon cart: \$3.25

The sticker cost will remain unchanged at \$2.99 for yard waste/leaves/organics, bulk items, excess garbage that won't fit in your garbage cart, e-waste, and bulk items.

For [more information about the City's new garbage rates](#) please visit the City's website.

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steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you do not want trick-or-treaters to visit your home, turn your exterior lights off, and you can also place a "no trick-or-treating here" sign on your door. We remind those who are participating in trick-or-treating not to approach homes or knock on doors of homes that have ["no trick-or-treating here" signs](#) or have exterior lights off.

For more information on public health guidance for safe holiday celebrations, please [see the CDC's recommendations for holiday celebrations](#).

Halloween Pumpkin Collection

The City of Wheaton's Environmental

Improvement Commission will once again host a "Pumpkin Smash" drop-off for pumpkins right after Halloween. This collection will allow you to drop off pumpkins (please remove decorations first) to be composted, rather than going to the landfill. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon in the commuter parking lot at Liberty and Carlton.

City Prohibits General Burning of Yard Waste, Garbage, or Other Materials

The City prohibits general open burning of yard waste, garbage, or other materials, including leaves. You are allowed to conduct recreational and food-related fires within commercial and approved containers such as grills and manufactured

portable fireplaces. Please note that you can only burn seasoned firewood in fireplaces or permit-approved fire pits. Residents must attain a special permit from the Fire Department for small ground bonfires.

View [information about Open Burning](#) on the City's website.

Commission News

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

- Frank Hudetz, appointed to a three-year term on the Housing Commission
- Jonathan (Jack) Brown, appointed to a three-year term on the Housing Commission
- Russ Stock, appointed to a three-year term on the Housing

Commission

- Anna Orland, reappointed to a three-year term on the Band Commission

Employment Opportunities

The City currently seeks applicants for the following job opportunities:

- Facilities Maintenance Technician
- Part-time Administrative Assistant (Public Works)
- Lateral Police Officer
- Part-time Emergency Management Specialist
- Maintenance Worker (Public Works, Sewer Division)
- Crossing Guard

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

City Proclaims October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2021



The Wheaton City Council issued a proclamation designating October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2021 in Wheaton. The City recognizes that maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and having essential cybersecurity knowledge significantly impacts our safety and privacy.

The City encourages residents to visit the following websites

to learn more about cybersecurity and put their knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses:

- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#)
- [National Cyber Security Alliance](#)
- [STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign](#)

Visit the City's website to [view the full proclamation](#).

Mosquito Abatement District Seeking Trustee Candidate

The Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District is seeking a candidate to serve in an unpaid position as Trustee to fill a vacancy through December 1, 2024. The District welcomes candidates who have a strong background in public health or entomology. The

candidate must reside within the boundaries of the District, which primarily include the City of Wheaton and portions of neighboring communities.

Visit the DuPage County website for [more information about the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District](#), or to [apply for the vacancy](#).

Remember to Walk Your Wheels Downtown



The City asks bicyclists to please remember not to ride their bicycles on sidewalks in the downtown area. The City has placed signs throughout the downtown area to serve as a friendly reminder that biking is not allowed on downtown sidewalks, including on Liberty Drive.

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.

Riding is allowed on the portion of the Illinois Prairie Path that runs through the downtown, just south of the railroad tracks, but there is currently a detour for the Illinois Prairie Path on Liberty Drive from West to Cross as part of the Downtown Streetscape construction work.

Bicyclists should either ride in the street on the detour route or walk their bikes on the sidewalks.

Please remember to follow this rule and help in continuing to keep our downtown a safe place for everyone.

Leaf Collection Reminders

This fall, the City of Wheaton reminds you of the ways you can properly dispose of leaves. Place leaves in containers 35 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 Lakeshore Recycling Systems yard waste/ organics/ excess garbage sticker, which is



available at City Hall and at many local grocery and hardware stores.

When you're cleaning up leaves, please be

careful not to blow or rake them into the streets. Doing so can prevent storm sewers from functioning properly

and can lead to flooding. If your house is located near a storm sewer catch basin, please help keep it clear by sweeping away leaves and debris from the sewer grate. Also, please note that burning leaves is not allowed.

Lakeshore Recycling Systems collects yard waste, food scraps and organic materials on your garbage day through the second full week of December.

5 Steps to Disaster Preparedness

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency encourages you to prepare for potential emergencies at home, work, and in the community.

Having a plan that includes where to go and how to communicate during disasters, building an emergency supply kit and learning lifesaving skills could help you during a disaster.

Here are five steps to Disaster Preparedness:

- Save Early for a Disaster: Can you afford an emergency? According to the Federal Reserve, 40 percent of Americans do not have \$400 in savings. Operation Hope is a nonprofit that provides disaster preparedness



planning. They work with adults, youth and disaster survivors to equip them with the financial knowledge and tools to create a secure future.

- Learn Lifesaving Skills: Everyday citizens can be first responders. This is a great time to

learn lifesaving skills, such as CPR and first aid techniques, in order to provide immediate aid until help arrives.

- Make a Plan for When a Disaster Strikes: Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so know which

types of disasters could affect your area and how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated.

- Teach Youth How to Prepare for Disasters: Disaster planning, response, and recovery efforts should include the unique needs of children. Get kids involved in building their own emergency kit. Include your child's favorite stuffed animals, board games, books or music in their emergency kit to comfort them in a disaster.

- Get Involved in Community Preparedness: Check in with your neighbors to see how you can help each other before, during and after a storm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Fest & Light the Torch 5K

Saturday, Oct. 2
4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
500 S. Naperville Road

Enjoy a fun and free family-friendly evening, complete with live entertainment, food, beer garden and children's area.

October Fest kicks off at 4:30 p.m. and the Light the Torch 5K run/walk starts at 6:30 p.m. Light the Torch 5K participants must [register for the 5K on the Wheaton Park District website](#).

Visit the Wheaton Park District's website for [more information](#).

Electronic Recycling Monthly Drop-Off

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

Bring unwanted electronics, cooking oil, clothing, and scrap metal for recycling at the

City's monthly drop-off collection. Please note that there is a charge to recycle TVs and monitors. Visit the City's website for [more information](#).

I Spy Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, Oct. 16
through Sunday, Oct. 31

Go on a spooky scavenger hunt this Halloween season in Downtown Wheaton. [Download a printable map](#) and start your hunt beginning Saturday, Oct. 16!

Downtown Wheaton Trick-or-treat

Saturday, Oct. 30
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Downtown Wheaton

Wear your best Halloween costume and visit [participating downtown Wheaton businesses](#).

Wheaton French Market

Visit the Wheaton French Market Saturdays

through Nov. 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Reber Street and Liberty Drive

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.

Author Visit: Cara Wall
Tuesday, Oct. 5

Latinos in Illinois & the US: Music as a Cultural History
Tuesday, Oct. 12

The Color of Law & Reversing Segregation with Richard Rothstein
Wednesday, Oct. 13

Living History: Mary Shelley
Thursday, Oct. 14

Author Visit: Glennette Tilley Turner
Thursday, Oct. 21

Obtain Record of COVID-19 Vaccination



The Illinois Department of Public Health has created the Vax Verify portal to allow Illinois residents to access proof of their COVID-19 vaccination. As some events are requiring a printed or digital copy of vaccination records, this allows people to provide confirmation of vaccination. The process requires verification through Experian to confirm a person's identity and protect the security of vaccination records.

For more information or to enroll, visit <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/vaxverify>.

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

October 2021

- 2** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 4** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 18** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

