

November 2015

## City Notes

### Change Batteries in Smoke Alarms

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 1. When you set your clocks back, the Fire Department encourages you to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Changing batteries about every six months helps to ensure that detectors will function properly.

### No Garbage Pickup

There will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, Nov. 26. 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. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27.

### Ordinance Applies to E-Cigarettes

On Oct. 5, the City Council passed an ordinance updating the City's Smoke-Free Air Regulations. In Wheaton, e-cigarettes are now treated the same as tobacco products. This means that people are prohibited from smoking tobacco products and

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## Police & Fire Departments Conduct Active Shooter Training Exercise

*First responders gain hands-on practice at college*

To complete critical training for emergency responders, Wheaton's Police and Fire Departments staged an active shooter simulation exercise Oct. 19 on the campus of Wheaton College.

"This exercise was imperative for Wheaton's first responders so we could get hands-on practice in how we would respond to a crisis like an active shooter situation," said Wheaton Fire Chief Bill Schultz.

While Wheaton Police and Fire personnel prepare on an ongoing basis to respond to all types of emergencies, this was the first time they have worked collaboratively with Wheaton College on this type of exercise.

"We are fortunate for Wheaton College's help to make this exercise a valuable learning opportunity for our first responders," Schultz said.



**Wheaton Police and Fire Department personnel set up a mobile command post during an active shooter training exercise at Wheaton College on Oct. 19.**

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The exercise also allowed Wheaton College to practice putting their emergency preparedness plans into action.

"Collaboration with the City's Police and Fire Departments is vital to the safety

of our campus community," said Bob Norris, Chief of Public Safety at Wheaton College. "We're grateful for the strong relationship we have with the City's emergency response teams and for the opportunity to include a live drill in our emergency preparedness activities."

Representatives from DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM), Central DuPage Hospital and Community Unit School District 200 also attended to observe the exercise.

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](mailto:feedback@wheaton.il.us)

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e-cigarettes:

- In all enclosed public places and places of employment
- Within 25 feet of public entrances to buildings
- In open air public dining areas and within 25 feet of those areas
- Within certain unenclosed places, including all outdoor events and venues, Adams and Memorial parks.

The penalty for violating the ordinance is a fine of \$75 for individuals who smoke in a prohibited area and \$150 for owners or managers of a public place or workplace who allow smoking in a prohibited area. The City also can suspend or revoke any City permit or license issued for the premises in which the violation occurred.

### Commission News

The City Council reappointed Barbara Dutton to the Historic Commission for a three-year term.

### New Online Billing to Begin Jan. 1

The City plans to transition from ePay to a new online bill payment system for water and sewer billing on Jan. 1, 2016. At that time, you can visit the City's website to pay your water/sewer bill as you can now, but the website will look and function slightly differently. Look for more information coming soon.

If you are enrolled in the automatic payment system (AUTOPAY), your account will continue to be automatically paid. You will not need to enroll in the program again.

### Business News

**New business:** Fire It Up Tacos, 1060 College Ave. Organic and locally sourced taco fusion restaurant.

## Police Chief Announces Retirement

*Field has served as Police Chief for 19 years*

**W**heaton Police Chief Mark W. Field will retire on Nov. 7, 2015 after 24 years of service to the City of Wheaton.

Chief Field served as the Deputy Police Chief from 1991 to 1995. He was appointed acting Police Chief in December 1995, following the retirement of then-Police Chief Carl Dobbs. Field was appointed to the Chief of Police position in March 1996 and has served in that capacity for the past 19 years.

"Chief Field's leadership will be missed following his retirement, and we are fortunate that he will be



**Wheaton Police Chief Mark Field is retiring after 24 years of service to the community.**

leaving a department that is well-qualified and dedicated to providing police services to Wheaton residents," said Wheaton City Manager Donald B. Rose. He praised Chief Field for his 24 years

of service to the City and for the leadership he provided to the department over his 19 years as Chief of Police. "I wish Chief Field the best of luck as he enters a new phase of his life."

## New Ordinance Sets Limits on Garage Sales

*No more than two garage sales a year allowed per address*

**T**o help maintain the character of residential neighborhoods, on Oct. 19, 2015 the Wheaton City Council passed an ordinance placing limits on garage sales in Wheaton. The ordinance defines "garage sales" to include sales, bartering, trading or giveaways conducted outdoors or partially outdoors.

The new rules prohibit

you from operating a garage sale at a single address:

- Before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m.
- On more than two consecutive days
- More than two times in any calendar year
- On the public right-of-way (such as the parkway).

In addition, the ordinance establishes rules for the number and type of signs allowed:

- You may display one sign, sized 3 square feet or less, on your lawn.
- You can also use no more than two directional signs, each a size of 3 square feet or less, at other locations, as long as you receive permission from the property owners.
- All signs must be on private property, not in the public right-of-way (such as the parkway or sidewalk).
- You may put out garage sale signs no more than two days before the sale, and you must remove all signs on the final day of the sale.

Violating any terms of the new ordinance can result in a minimum fine of \$100.

[You can read the entire ordinance on the City's website.](#)



# Drop Off Your Pumpkins for Composting on Nov. 7

Save yourself some garbage stickers and keep your pumpkins out of the landfill, too. The City's Environmental Improvement Commission is bringing back its Pumpkin Composting drop-off from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 7 at the City's Commuter Lot 9, located at Liberty Drive and Carlton Avenue.

Simply drive up and drop off your pumpkins for composting. From there, thousands of pounds of pumpkins will be hauled to Compost Supply to be composted into nutrient-rich soil. Last year's event collected 7,220 pounds of pumpkins – enough to fill a large trailer.

[Watch this short video](#) with Kay McKeen of the Environmental Improvement Commission to learn the specifics of this program and



its benefits.

This collection will be run by the City's Environmental Improvement Commission, SCARCE and Advanced Disposal. Organizers ask that you please remove stickers, candles and other decorative objects from pumpkins before dropping them off.

## Pumpkin Compost Drop-off

- **Date:** Saturday, Nov. 7
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-noon
- **Location:** Commuter Parking Lot 9, [Liberty Drive & Carlton Ave.](#)

## Environmental Commission Seeks Members

Are you passionate about environmental issues? Would you like to help promote eco-friendly activities in the Wheaton and help advise the City on environmental issues?

The City of Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission is accepting applications from residents interested in joining the commission.

Regular events led by the commission include the annual Recycling Extravaganza, Prairie Path Cleanup, Arbor Day and monthly electronic recycling collections.

To apply for this or another board or commission, [fill out a Boards & Commissions Application, available on the City's website](#) or from the City Clerk's Office, 303 W. Wesley St., and return it to the City Clerk's Office.

# Holiday Light Recycling Collection Begins Nov. 30

*Drop off unwanted holiday lights for recycling at Public Works Storage Yard*

Keep your old holiday lights out of landfills by bringing them to Wheaton's light recycling drop-off site.

Starting Nov. 30, 2015, you can bring strands of incandescent or LED lights and extension cords in any condition to the Public Works Storage Facility at [820 W. Liberty Drive](#) any time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Look for signs directing you to the holiday light recycling



area just inside the gate on the south side of Liberty Drive. The Public Works Department will accept lights for recycling through Feb. 12, 2016.

Elgin Recycling will collect the lights, which will then be stripped and recycled for



their copper and plastic parts. No materials will be shipped overseas.

In addition to residents, the City also welcomes businesses, schools and other

organizations wanting to dispose of holiday lights to participate in the program. There is no limit as to how many lights you can drop off for recycling.

# Upcoming Events

## 2015 Chili Cook-off

**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015

**Time:** 1-5 p.m.

**Location:** Participating restaurants in downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association invites the community to participate in choosing the winner of its Chili Cook-off event. Ticket holders can sample chili from a number of participating restaurants and cast their votes. For more information, [see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

## Sunday Concert: Sweet Pepprika

**Date:** Sunday, Nov. 8

**Time:** 2-3 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

This female vocal trio recreates the unique live sound of the Boswell Sisters, a popular New Orleans based vocal trio of the 1930s. Their repertoire includes music by George and Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, and more. You can pick up free tickets at the library checkout desk or reserved by calling 630-868-7510.

## Meditation for Holiday Stress

**Date:** Thursday, Nov. 12

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Join longtime meditator Michael Ribet as he discusses how meditation can reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration, and enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. He will also present a meditation technique to help with seasonal stress. [Register online](#) or call 630-868-7520 to reserve your seat.



## Library Holiday Book & Art Sale

**Dates & Times:** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Nov. 12; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 13; 1-5 p.m. Nov. 15

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#), First Floor East Reading Room

The Friends of the Library Holiday Book & Art Sale offers great gifts for booklovers at bargain prices. The sale features like-new gift books for adults and children, collectible books, leather-bound treasures, first editions, signed copies, pop-up books, the Book Lover's calendar and unique gifts. Framed and unframed art work of all sizes and formats are also included. All proceeds benefit the library. Donations of art for this sale are accepted through Nov. 6. For more information, visit the library's website at [www.wheatonlibrary.org/friends](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org/friends).

## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 14

**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon

**Location:** Public Works Storage Yard, [820 W. Liberty Drive](#) (near the Police Station)

Bring unwanted electronics, including nearly anything

with a cord, to the monthly electronic recycling collection. Please note: These collections are currently unable to accept CRT (large tube) televisions, projection-screen televisions and console televisions.

Also accepted are scrap metal, household batteries, cooking oil and fluorescent tube bulbs. This is a drive-through event where volunteers will help unload items from your car. Memory will be destroyed from devices, and electronics will be recycled. [More information](#)

## Historian Presentation: JFK Assassination

**Date:** Thursday, Nov. 19

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Historian Jim Gibbons will relook at this tragic time in our nation's history. If you were alive at that time, you remember where you were and what you were doing that fateful day in Dallas. If not, you will learn how everything came to a complete halt with just four words: "the President is dead!" [Register online](#) or call 630-868-7520 to reserve your seat.

## Lighted Holiday Parade

**Date:** Friday, Nov. 27

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Location:** Front Street, downtown Wheaton

Ring in the holidays with this time-honored tradition! Join fellow community members for the tree lighting ceremony and festive parade featuring lighted floats and more. The lighted parade kicks off the Dickens of a Christmas Celebration in downtown Wheaton. For more information, [see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

## A Visit with Santa

**Date:** Saturdays, Nov. 28-Dec. 19

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

**Location:** Martin Memorial Plaza, Front and Main Streets

Children can visit Santa in his house at Martin Memorial Plaza during the Dickens of a Christmas celebration. Santa will be in his house Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 28 through Dec. 19.

## Dickens of a Christmas Carriage Rides

**Date:** Saturdays, Nov. 28-Dec. 19

**Time:** Noon-3 p.m.

**Location:** Martin Memorial Plaza, by the Christmas Tree at Front and Main Streets

As part of the Dickens of a Christmas Celebration, the Downtown Wheaton Association invites the community to take horse-drawn carriage rides through the downtown each Saturday, Nov. 28-Dec. 19. For more information, [see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### Wheaton French Market

**Dates:** Saturdays in November

**Times:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Location:** Main Street & Liberty Drive through Nov. 14, then downtown Wheaton Train Station, 402 W. Front St. Nov. 14 through March 26

This market offers much more than your typical Farmers Market. Find flowers, gifts, seasonal items, produce, jewelry, specialty foods and much more each week. For more information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0294 or [cbcecc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbcecc@sbcglobal.net).

### Festival of Lights and Trees

**Date:** Nov. 27-Dec. 31

**Time:** 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Location:** Cosley Zoo, 1356 N. Gary Ave.

Cosley Zoo is transformed into a winter wonderland with 20,000 twinkling lights creating spectacular displays. This event also includes Christmas trees, hot chocolate and holiday gifts. For more information, [see the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

## Make Your Neighborhood Coyote-Unfriendly

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



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for coyotes.

- Use trash barrels with tight-clamping 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.
- 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.

### Watch Your Pets

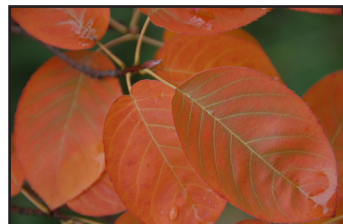
• While pets don't comprise a large part of a coyote's diet, it is important to watch your pets, even in a fenced yard. Coyotes are opportunistic and can go after easy prey, such as an unattended pet.

## Please Note: Burning Leaves Not Allowed in Wheaton

Burning leaves, tree trimmings, brush and related materials is not allowed in Wheaton and is a violation of City Code.

Also, please do not blow or rake leaves into the street.

This can block storm sewers and possibly lead to flooding issues. If possible, please help remove leaves and sticks near the storm sewers that are near your house to help them function properly.



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

### November 2015

- 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 2 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 9 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 16 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 26 City offices closed; No trash pickup
- 27 City offices closed

