



November 2016

City Notes

Change Batteries in Smoke Alarms

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6. When you change your clocks, the Wheaton Fire Department recommends you also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. You should change the batteries about every six months to ensure the detectors will work correctly. Using Daylight Saving Time as a reminder of when you last changed batteries is an easy way to remember when it's time to replace them.

No Garbage Pickup

Lakeshore Recycling Systems will not collect garbage, recycling or yard waste on Thursday, Nov. 24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Pickups for Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 will take place one day later than usual.

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25. They will reopen on Monday, Nov. 28.

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Contact the City

Police/Fire: 911
After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161
General Information: 630-260-2000
City Hall Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Newsletter

Wheaton's on Facebook!

Receive timely updates on Facebook



The City of Wheaton is now on Facebook! Like our page at www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton to stay up-to-date with City news, events and more.

You will also find photos from things happening around Wheaton, reminders about upcoming events and important emergency alerts. Find out when streets will be closed or when the

French Market closes for the season. See photos of the Wheaton community coming together for Make a Difference Day. Check out historical photos of people and places on "Throwback Thursday."

Check it out at www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton or search for "City of Wheaton government" on Facebook.



Compost Your Pumpkin Here on Nov. 5

Don't throw your pumpkins in the trash after Halloween; take them to Wheaton's pumpkin compost collection.

From 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 5, drive through the City's Commuter Parking Lot 9 and dump your pumpkins at the City's

annual pumpkin compost collection. Lot 9 is near the intersection of Carlton and Liberty Drive.

Please remove all decorations, plastic and candles.

Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission leads this project, which keeps thousands of pounds of pumpkins out of landfills and turns them into nutrient-rich soil. Last year's event collected 4.72 tons of pumpkins.



Feedback:

Please mail your comments to:
Mayor's Office, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187
Or, email comments to: feedback@wheaton.il.us

Please Help Keep Leaves Out of the Streets



Leaf disposal procedures remain the same with new garbage/recycling program

Please do not blow or rake leaves into the street.

This can block storm sewers and 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.

Leaf disposal with Wheaton's new garbage/recycling/

yard waste service provider remains the same, except that you can also include food scraps with your yard waste.

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

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Business News

New businesses in Wheaton include:

- **OMG! Café**, 390 W. Front St., offers a global array of healthy options for breakfast and lunch, featuring egg dishes, artisanal grab-and-go items, and homemade bakery items, fresh smoothies and a full espresso bar.

- **County Farm Bagels**, 118 N. Main St., is a family-owned bagel shop featuring freshly made bagels, cream cheese, coffee, breakfast, salads and lunch.

- **Brickhaus Fitness**, 266 E. Geneva Road, offers 24/7 gym memberships, fitness coaching, speed and strength training, yoga and group classes, and nutrition consulting.

Commission News

The City Council reappointed the following residents to three-year terms on these commissions: Ted Witte and Anthony Pope, Environmental Improvement Commission; Bill Gilbertson, Community Relations Commission; and Kathleen Young, Fine & Cultural Arts Commission.

Last Chance to Switch Garbage Carts

Request different size by Nov. 30

Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Wheaton's new garbage/recycling/yard waste hauler, provided households with a new rolling garbage cart as part of the City's new

program. Residents had an opportunity to choose from a 35-, 65- or 95-gallon garbage cart before the new program began on Oct. 1.

If you did not select a size, Lakeshore provided you with a 35-gallon cart. You have until Nov. 30 to request a different size cart at no charge. To exchange your

cart for a different size, call 773-685-8811 no later than Nov. 30. During this time, you can also request a smaller or larger recycling cart, which is offered in 35-, 65- and 95-gallon options. The standard recycling cart that most Wheaton households received with the previous program is a 65-gallon cart.

Take a Look Where Your Recycling Ends Up

Video takes you behind the scenes of recycling facility

Have you ever wondered how your recycled materials go from being all mixed together in your blue cart to separate, reusable materials? Watch this first edition of "City Scene" to see the state-of-the-art facility that Wheaton's new garbage and recycling hauler uses and learn how advanced technologies separate glass, paper, aluminum and more.

"City Scene" is a new video series that takes a behind-



the-scenes look at how things get done in the City. It is available to watch anytime on the City's website, and it also plays on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10).



[Watch the Video](#)

[Watch "City Scene: Recycling Tour" on the City's website.](#)

City Council Candidate Petitions Due

If you would like to run for one of the four district positions on the City Council (North, South, East and West), you must file a petition for candidacy with the Wheaton City Clerk between Monday, Nov. 21 and Monday, Nov. 28.

You can file your petition between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays during this time period, excluding holidays. City offices will be closed Nov. 24 and Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a registered voter of the City of Wheaton and must have lived within City limits for at least 1 year preceding the election; and
- File a Nonpartisan Primary Petition for Nomination signed by at least 25 registered City of Wheaton voters who live within the limits of your district, 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.

If more than four candidates file for each district position, there will be a Consolidated Primary election on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017. The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Successful candidates will take office at either the first regular/special meeting after receipt of the official election results or at the first regular/special meeting in the month following their election.

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



Groups Invited to Participate in Lighted Holiday Parade

Want to help kick off the holiday season in downtown Wheaton? The Downtown Wheaton Association invites community organizations, churches, musical groups, scout troops, nonprofits and Wheaton businesses to be part of a holiday tradition: the Lighted Holiday Parade on Friday, Nov. 25.

Your group can walk, march, bicycle, ride in vehicles, or have a float in the parade. There is no charge for groups to participate, but you must contact the Downtown Wheaton Association by Nov. 16 at 630-682-0633 or email paula@downtownwheaton.com.

The parade is staged on Wheaton Avenue by City Hall

and along Karlsgaard Street. All parade participants must be in their assigned order by 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25.

The parade steps off promptly at 6 p.m., starting at Wheaton Avenue and Wesley Street. It proceeds south on Wheaton Avenue, east on Front Street and ends at Cross Street and Front Street.

Recycle Your Old Holiday Lights

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

Starting Nov. 21, 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 Lib-

erty Drive. The Public Works Department will accept lights for recycling through Feb. 10, 2017.

This program is for light strings and extension cords only. Please do not drop off lawn ornaments, and do not put lights in a bag or box.

Elgin Recycling, [www.elginrecycling.com](http://elginrecycling.com), 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.

Upcoming Events

French Market

Date: Saturdays through Nov. 12

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

Location: Commuter Parking Lot at Liberty Drive and Main Street

Held in the commuter parking lot near Liberty Drive and Main Street, the French Market is an outdoor market selling locally grown produce, flowers, handmade gifts, jewelry, baked goods, specialty foods and more.

Wheaton Chess Club

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 2

Time: 6:30-8:45 p.m.

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

The Wheaton Chess Club is dedicated to casual and serious chess playing for youth and adults (ages 5+) and meets on the first Wednesday of each month. A limited number of sets and boards are available. Please bring your sets, boards, clocks, and scorebooks. No registration required.

Chili Cook-off

Date: Saturday, Nov. 5

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association sponsors this event, in which participants can sample chili at 15 different downtown Wheaton restaurants and vote for their favorite. [More information](#)

Tribute to Frank Sinatra

Date: Sunday, Nov. 6

Time: 2 p.m.

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

Singer Peter Oprisko



will perform Ol' Blue Eyes' most memorable songs and share Sinatra trivia and rare memorabilia. Sunday concerts seat attendees on a first-come, first-served basis and tickets are not required.

Library Holiday Book & Art Sale

Dates: Nov. 10, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Nov. 11 & 12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Nov. 13, 1-5 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., First Floor East Reading Room

The Friends of the Library Holiday Book & Art Sale offers like-new gift books for adults and children, collectible books, first editions, signed copies, unique gifts and framed and unframed art. All proceeds benefit the library.

Maximize Your VA Benefits

Date: Thursday, Nov. 10

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Join the Law Office of John Pankau, P.C. and Harold W. Conick & Associates Ltd. as they present a strategic seminar to maximize your VA Benefits while planning

your future. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Nov. 12

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive (east of the Wheaton Police Department)

Bring unwanted electronics to the monthly electronic recycling collection. Please note that there is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event. [More information](#)

Autumn Leaves: DIY Coloring Pages

Date: Thursday, Nov. 17

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Art teacher Christine Thornton will teach you how to design your own autumn leaf coloring pages and colored pencil techniques. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

Lighted Holiday Parade

Date: Friday, Nov. 25

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

The annual Lighted Holiday Parade will begin at Wheaton Avenue and Wesley Street. It proceeds south on Wheaton Avenue, east on Front Street and ends at Cross Street and Front Street.

Festival of Lights and Trees

Dates: Nov. 25-Dec. 30

Location: Cosley Zoo, 1356 N. Gary Ave.

Cosley Zoo is transformed into a winter wonderland with 20,000 twinkling lights creating spectacular displays, plus Christmas trees for sale, hot chocolate, and holiday gifts. The zoo is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily; lights come on at 3 p.m. [More information](#)

A Visit with Santa

Dates: Saturdays, Nov. 26-Dec. 24

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

Location: Martin Memorial Plaza, Front Street west of Main Street

Visit Santa in his house on Front Street. Sponsored by the Downtown Wheaton Association. [More information](#)

Dickens of a Christmas Carriage Rides

Dates: Saturdays, Nov. 26-Dec. 24

Time: Noon-3 p.m.

Location: Martin Memorial Plaza, Front & Main streets

Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides through downtown Wheaton. Rides begin at Martin Memorial Plaza, Front Street just west of Main Street. Sponsored by the Downtown Wheaton Association. [More information](#)

Nicor Work Will Affect Some Areas

Some areas in Wheaton will be affected by Nicor Gas's multi-year project to modernize aging natural gas infrastructure. This could include sewer line inspections, marking existing utilities, and installing new gas line infrastructure in some Wheaton neighborhoods.

If you are part of the affected area, Nicor will notify you. Read on to see what you can expect if you live in an affected area.

Sewer inspections are part of Nicor Gas' safety practices. If your sewer service is not accessible from the street, NPL, a Nicor Gas contractor, will schedule an appointment to inspect the sewer line from inside your property. There will be no interruption to your natural gas or sewer service during the inspection. Vital

information from the inspection will be marked on lawns and sidewalks with spray paint.

Nicor Gas or its contractor NPL will contact you to schedule an appointment to locate your existing natural gas line and natural gas meter. They will identify where the new meter(s) will be placed outside of your property, if applicable, and locate your existing natural gas line. Any obstruction (drywall, furniture, enclosures) must be removed before the appointment so they can access your natural gas piping.

During this step, water, sewer, electric and cable utilities will also be located and identified with spray painted markings and colored flags. It is important that these markings always remain

visible for your safety. Private utility lines, such as sprinkler systems, are your responsibility to identify and mark at the time other utilities are marked.

Nicor Gas' contractor, NPL, will install a new natural gas main in your neighborhood and will also install a new natural gas line that connects your property to the natural gas main. Utilities may again be marked with spray paint and flags.

Nicor Gas, or its contractor NPL, will contact you to schedule an appointment to move your natural gas meter outside and reconfigure your inside piping. Your natural gas will remain off for approximately three hours. If there is more than one meter, the process may take longer. As a safety measure, they will remove or seal the retired

natural gas line at the point it enters your property.

Nicor Gas will restore landscaping and paving impacted by its construction to the condition in which it was found. Temporary restoration of some areas may be necessary until permanent restoration can be completed.

All Nicor Gas employees and contractors will have Nicor Gas or AGL Resources-issued ID cards and will present them if requested. If you have questions related to this project, contact Liz Goad at 630-669-9438 or LGoad@southernco.com.

If you have questions related to landscaping and paving, call 800-730-6114 Ext. 4. For more information, visit www.nicorgas.com/WorkInYourNeighborhood or call 630-388-3333.

Help Available through Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Benefits paid directly to utility company

Eligible residents can receive help to pay heating bills through DuPage County's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program this winter.

DuPage County Community Services will accept winter heating applications until May 31, 2017, or until

funds are depleted. Benefits are paid directly to the utilities on behalf of eligible households.

If your household's combined gross income for the 30 days beginning with the date of the application is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, you

may qualify for assistance. A single-person household can qualify for the program with a monthly gross income of up to \$1,485; a two-person household up to \$2,003; and a family of four can earn up to \$3,038.

The State of Illinois will be offering the Percentage of Income Payment Plan for the current program year through

Dec. 31, or until funds are exhausted.

For information, call 630-407-6500 or 800-942-9412 (toll-free), or visit www.dupageoco.org. For a listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the program go to <http://liheapillinois.com> or call the toll-free hotline at 877-411-WARM.

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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- 5** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 7** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 21** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24** City offices closed; No trash pickup
- 25** City offices closed
- 28** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.