

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

April 2022

CITY NOTES

Yard Waste Pickup Starts Week of April 4

Yard waste, food scraps and organic materials are collected at the curb from the first full week of April through the second full week of December.

Use containers no larger than 35 gallons in size or biodegradable paper bags. Each container/bag must weigh no more than 50 pounds and must have one LRS sticker attached to be collected.

You can include many types of organic materials with your yard waste, including:

- Plants: Floral trimmings, tree trimmings, leaves, grass, brush, weeds
 - Foods: fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish, bones, rice, beans, pasta, bread, baked goods, grains, cheese, eggshells
 - Other Compostable Items: napkins, paper towels, paper plates, paper
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Two Miles of New Sidewalks Being Added in Wheaton Neighborhoods

*Project aims to
improve safety
and walkability*

Crews from Schroeder & Schroeder Inc. are beginning work to add sidewalks in 17 different neighborhood areas in Wheaton.

This is part of a multi-year program aiming to add sidewalks on at least one side of every street to increase safety for pedestrians and improve the walkability of our community. This year's project will add approximately 2 miles of sidewalks in Wheaton, increasing our community's walkability for all to enjoy.

Residents who will be directly affected by this work received preliminary notices from the City outlining the exact design of the sidewalk location in the



Residents who will be affected by this work have received initial notices and will receive further instructions before crews begin work on their street.

City right-of-way. These residents will continue to receive notifications as crews prepare to work in their neighborhood. We

appreciate everyone's patience as crews work to make these safety improvements in our neighborhoods.

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

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for "City of Wheaton."
Send feedback to communications@wheaton.il.us

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milk cartons, tea bags, coffee grounds/filters.

For more information, [visit the City's website](#).

Request a Police Department Tour

Tours of the Wheaton Police Department are conducted by appointment. The tour lasts approximately one hour and registration is required. The Wheaton Police Department is a 24-hour workplace, and facility tours are educational and structured to help residents better understand how a police department works.

Tours are limited to school-aged children and above, with the majority of these visitors being Scout groups that come to learn about what police officers do and to learn about how this agency serves its community.

To schedule a tour, [complete this Police Department Tour Registration Form](#).

Or, contact Crystal Miroballi, Community Engagement Officer, at 630-260-2146 or cmiroballi@wheaton.il.us.

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Friday, April 15. Garbage/recycling/yard waste pickup will not be affected.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has the following employment opportunities available:

- Seasonal Summer Laborers – Public Works
- Part-time Property Maintenance Inspector
- Part-time Community Service Officer
- Lateral Police Officer

To find out more, visit www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Vacancies on City Commissions

Residents interested in getting involved in the community may want to consider serving on a board or commission. These volunteer groups meet on a regular basis and review specialized matters to develop recommendations to the City Council. Boards and commissions that currently have openings include:

- Bicycle Advisory Commission
- Community Relations Commission
- Downtown Design Review Board
- Environmental Improvement Commission
- Fine & Cultural Arts Commission
- Group Care Home Commission
- Historic Commission
- Housing Commission
- Library Board
- Sister City Commission

To apply, [fill out an application form](#).



The Wheaton French Market will begin on April 9 in its temporary location on Liberty and Reber Street, in front of the old DuPage County Courthouse in downtown Wheaton.

French Market to Begin its Season in Temporary Location

The Wheaton French Market will kick off its 2022 season on Saturday, April 9 in a temporary location while crews work to complete the new Downtown Streetscape pavilion on Liberty Drive.

The temporary location will be on Liberty between Cross and Reber and on Reber between Liberty and Willow, in front of the old DuPage County Courthouse. The market will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday from April 9 through Oct. 29.

For the last few weeks of the market season, Nov. 5 through 26, the market will have shorter hours, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This popular outdoor market run by Bensidoun USA is styled after the quaint outdoor markets of France, offering fresh produce, flowers, handcrafted goods,

specialty foods, jewelry, crafts, baked goods and much more. Vendors often change throughout the season, so visitors will find different items each week.

Once the pavilion structure is complete (which is anticipated later this spring), the market will move under the pavilion structure along Liberty Drive between Main and Cross Streets, just south of the railroad tracks. This pavilion structure is one of the key amenities being added through the City's Downtown Streetscape Project, a four-year infrastructure project investing in both underground and above-ground utilities and amenities in downtown Wheaton.

Vendors interested in hosting a booth at the French Market should [submit an application through Bensidoun USA](#).



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Wheaton Welcomes Developments and Businesses to Our Community

Spring brings with it a flurry of activity, with the new season fueling projects around the city. We see this as our Building Department begins its busy season, with property owners seeking permits to tackle renovations and additions. It's also true in the real estate arena and in the business sector, where Wheaton is buzzing with new commercial activity.

Here are a few of the projects the City has recently approved:

Town Square:

- Town Square welcomed several new businesses, including the second location for casual restaurant **302 Wheaton**, called **302 South**. Located adjacent to the central gathering area (401 Town Square), this new location also offers indoor and outdoor dining.

- **Paradigm Thrift and Vintage**, 341 Town Square, opened in March, providing vintage clothing

- **Stonehouse Market**, 111 Town Square, offers home décor, including custom-painted furniture, eco-friendly kitchen items and more.

Danada Square East:

- **Tropical Smoothie**



Mayor Suess

Café, 3 Danada Square East, will offer fresh, made-to-order smoothies, wraps, sandwiches and flatbreads.

- **Panera Bread**, 167 Danada Square East, moved to a newly renovated building that includes drive-thru service.

- **Visionworks** is opening a location at 109 Danada Square East

Rice Lake Square:

- **Xfinity Store**, 1 Rice Lake Square, is opening a new location offering internet and mobile service and more

Downtown Wheaton:

- **Lola's Ristorante**, 230 W. Front St., will be a 150-seat Italian restaurant

- **Protein House**, 111 W. Front Street, will offer gourmet shakes and smoothies, fusion teas and more

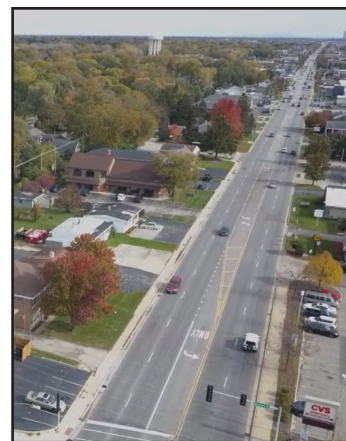
- **Liberty Square Flats** is a project approved that will be a 4-story, 18-unit building of luxury rental residences at the southwest corner of Liberty and Wheaton Avenue

Other projects:

- The City approved a project at the site of the former Macaroni Grill, 21 Blanchard Circle, for a 5,900-square-foot multi-tenant retail building that will include a **Chipotle Grill** drive-thru and a 10,500-square-foot nursery school

- Now under construction is a drive-thru **Culver's** at 908 E. Roosevelt Road

We are thrilled to be welcoming new businesses and living options to Wheaton, a city in which we value our business community. We encourage you to help ensure the success of these new businesses and commercial projects by checking out what they have to offer. Shopping and dining locally not only helps support the local businesses that serve our community, but it keeps revenue right here in Wheaton.



Visit the City's website to view the updated plan and share your feedback.

Submit Your Feedback on Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan Draft

City staff and representatives from consulting partner Camiros held two community input sessions regarding the updated Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan draft on March 23 and 24. We appreciate the input community members shared during these two sessions, and we are continuing to collect community input, especially from those who were unable to attend the hybrid in-person/Zoom sessions.

You can easily share your feedback using the feedback form at www.wheaton.il.us/rooseveltrd. This is also where you can view the updated draft, see a video overview guiding you through the plan, and view the slides from the community input sessions.



Volunteers Needed for Prairie Path Cleanup April 23

The annual Wheaton Prairie Path Cleanup is back for 2022. The Environmental Improvement Commission encourages families, individuals, scout groups, sports teams, friends and every other kind of group to join in helping make the Wheaton Prairie Path cleaner and greener with the annual cleanup

event. From 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23, volunteers will meet at Lincoln Avenue and the Prairie Path (2 blocks west of Gary Avenue) to be assigned a spot on the path to clean up. Plastic bags will be provided. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Please contact wheatoncleanup@gmail.com to volunteer.

Annual Native Plant Sale Takes Place on April 23

Wheaton has an opportunity to “grow native” with the return of the Native Plant Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at the City’s Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive. This event is provided through the partnership of the City’s Environmental Improvement Commission, City of Wheaton and Wheaton Park District to encourage the community to choose eco-friendly plants for their landscapes.

The list of plants that will be sold is available [through the Wheaton Park District’s website](#).

Please note that cash will not be accepted; you must pay by credit card or check.

Native plants such as flowers, shrubs, trees and



grasses sold are varieties native to northern Illinois, which make them drought-resistant and hardy choices.

You can also pre-order a rain barrel in cooperation with the Conservation Foundation, and pick it up at the event. Visit <https://upcycle-products.com/wheaton-park-district/> to pre-order your rain barrel. Mail-in orders must be received by April 14.

Document Shredding & More Offered at April 2 Event

On Saturday, April 2, from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., the Environmental Improvement Commission will host the annual Recycling Extravaganza event in the Commuter Parking Lot at Carlton and Liberty.

Items you can bring for disposal include:

- Document shredding - limit 3 boxes (no plastic file tabs, no vinyl checkbook covers, no plastic page protectors, no batteries) –

funding assistance provided by DuPage County

- Syringes, epi pens, medications, sharps, lancets – by DuPage County Sheriff
- Eye glasses, sun glasses, hearing aids – collected by Wheaton Lions Club
- Books, records, musical instruments, small inkjet cartridges, Brita brand filters and pitchers, keys from cars and homes, x-rays, bread tags – collected by SCARCE
- Mercury thermometers, thermostats, barometers –

collected by SCARCE

- Walkers, wheelchairs, crutches – collected for Melba’s Place project of Milton Township
- Propane tanks - collected by AmeriGas
- Car and other large batteries – collected by Interstate Battery
- Bikes, helmets and tire pumps – for Working Bikes

Fee-Based Collections:

- Latex paint: \$1 quarts, \$3 gallons, or \$15 buckets – collected by E-Paint

- Aerosol cans: \$1/ aerosol products, \$3/ propane (1 lb. only, 14-16 oz containers) – collected by Flat Can

- Household batteries: \$2 per pound, credit card only – collected by SCARCE, recycled by HazChem

Regular electronics, textiles, scrap metal, fluorescent bulbs and cooking oil **will not** be collected at this event but will be collected April 9 at Wheaton’s regular monthly event.

Save the Date for Children's Bike Safety Event

Set up your young bicyclist with the skills for a fun and safe summer on two wheels. The Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Commission and Wheaton Police Department encourage children age 13 and younger to attend a free Bicycle Safety Rodeo on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Wheaton City Hall parking lot. Located at 303 W. Wesley St., this

event includes stations where young bicyclists will learn various bicycle safety techniques and maneuvers, and it will include giveaways at the end.

Children must be accompanied by an adult guardian/parent, bring a working bicycle, and wear a helmet. Please register for the event by filling out this online waiver so the commission can better plan for the number of



attendees: <https://forms.gle/JVT47XNGkjsnqkA48>

If needed, the rain date will be May 21.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Recycling Extravaganza

Date: Saturday, April 2

Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Commuter Parking Lot at Carlton & Liberty Drive
Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission hosts this annual event that includes document shredding, syringe/medicine disposal and much more. See page 4 for details.

French Market

Dates: Saturdays, starting April 9

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

Location: Reber & Liberty Streets, east of Cross Street
Visit this outdoor event modeled after the markets of France, where you'll find produce, specialty foods, flowers, handmade goods, jewelry, crafts and more. Vendors change from week to week.

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LIBRARY EVENTS

Register for these events at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar

Pristine Patagonia

Date: Thursday, April 14

Time: 7 p.m.

Through photos and anecdotes, world traveler Brian Michalski takes us along on his five-week journey through Patagonia. We will examine the region's wildlife, vegetation, Chilean and Argentinian influences, cuisine and more. Registration required.

12 Things That Make Life on Earth Possible

Date: Thursday, April 21

Time: 7 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at Adler Planetarium, as she highlights 12 things that make our planet special. These features influence what astronomers look for as they investigate

other planets. Registration required.

Emmett Till: Spark of the Modern Civil Rights Movement

Date: Thursday, April 28
Time: 7 p.m.

Find out why many historians believe the murder of a 14-year-old Chicago boy in 1955 was a major contributor in the development of the modern Civil Rights Movement. Presenters Mike & Tina Small were close friends with Emmett's mother. Registration required.

Peter & the Starcatcher Preview

Date: Saturday, April 30
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a sneak peek at Wheaton Drama's upcoming production. No registration required.

Make Sure to Call Before You Dig

April is safe digging month, raising awareness for the importance of locating underground utilities before digging.

Whether you will be planting a tree or bushes, taking on home improvement projects or anything else that requires digging, JULIE is the free



service that will make your utilities to keep you - and your utilities - safe. All you

need to do is call 8-1-1 or visit bit.ly/contactJULIE at least 2 business days before you plan to dig.

Keep your family and community safe and connected by contacting JULIE every time. Workers will come and mark the location of various utilities, clearing the way for your project.



Sewer Project along Orchard Road Begins in Early April

Crews plan to begin replacing storm sewers along Orchard Road between Colonial Square and Butterfield Road starting the week of April 4. Excavation will take place in the street and parkway, which will require intermittent closures of Orchard Road between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Flaggers will help direct traffic near the work area. Drivers in this area may want to choose an alternate route.

We apologize for the inconvenience this causes and appreciate your patience while our crews work to make important infrastructure upgrades.

Be Aware of Hazardous Materials Situations

For the month of April, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency encourages residents to learn about the dangers of hazardous materials situations.

A hazardous materials (HazMat) accident can occur anywhere. Hazardous materials are transported daily on our roadways, railways, waterways, and by air. A hazardous material is defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation as "a substance or material which has been determined by the Secretary of

Transportation to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property when transported for commerce, and which has been so designated." Put more simply, any substance that is capable of harming people, animals, plants, or the environment if handled improperly is considered a hazardous material.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to detect some hazardous materials. For your safety and the safety of others at an accident scene, you should consider any unknown material to be a hazardous material

until it is known not to be.

If you suspect a hazardous materials situation:

- Look for signs that indicate hazardous materials may be present.
- Do not walk into, touch, or inhale any material.
- Stay uphill and upwind from the incident.
- Request assistance by calling 9-1-1.

FEMA offers additional resources on what to do before, during or after a hazardous materials incident. You can read more at www.ready.gov/hazardous-materials-incidents.



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. Visit www.wheaton.il.us for a complete list of meetings and events.

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