

CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

May 2022

CITY NOTES

City Offices Closed; Garbage Schedule Change

In observance of Memorial Day, non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30. In addition, there will be no garbage/recycling/yard waste pickup on May 30, so all pickups for the week of May 30 will be one day later than usual.

Employment Opportunities

The City is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Finance Analyst
- Lateral Police Officer
- Part-Time Customer Services Representative – Building Department
- Part-time Customer Service Representative – Utility Billing
- Part-Time Media Assistant
- Part-Time Property Maintenance Inspector
- Seasonal Summer Laborers

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New Adjudication Hearings Add Convenience for Residents

Municipal Ordinance Hearings Take Place Monthly at City Hall

The City is starting a new process to address some types of City Code violations that will create a more convenient process for citizens. Known as administrative adjudication, this is a process in which an impartial hearing officer oversees certain violations of municipal ordinances at a hearing at City Hall, rather than going through the DuPage County Court System.

The City will hold Administrative Adjudication Hearings at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, a time chosen outside of typical business and school hours to provide a more convenient time for citizens to attend.

The hearings will be in



Administrative Adjudication hearings will take place at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.

the second floor Council Chambers at City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.

The types of violations that will be addressed at these hearings include:

- Parking violations (excluding those in the Central Business District, commuter parking lots, daily fee parking areas, and metered parking areas).
- Alcoholic beverage violations
- Animal code violations
- Zoning code violations

- Building and fire code violations
- Stormwater violations
- Business violations
- Health and sanitation concerns

Administrative Adjudication hearings are less formal than proceedings held at the DuPage County Courthouse. Administrative Adjudication hearings do not follow the rigid and complex rules of evidence

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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



Hydrant Flushing Starts Soon

The City's Water Division will begin its Hydrant Flushing Program the week of May 9 and will continue for several weeks. The purpose is to flush out particles that accumulate in water lines.

During or immediately following the flushing, water discoloration may occur. It is best not to draw large amounts of water if you experience discoloration. Residents with questions may call 630-260-2090.

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To find out more or to apply, please visit wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Neighborhood Roll Calls Return in June

The Wheaton Police Department is pleased to bring back its Neighborhood Roll Call program. Throughout the summer, officers will host these events in neighborhoods throughout the City to discuss local issues, provide safety tips, and for residents to meet the officers who serve their area. Look for dates and times of this summer's events coming soon on the City's website and in the June newsletter.

Lawn Watering Restrictions Begin

Lawn watering restrictions start May 15. Annual lawn watering restrictions go into effect from May 15 to September 15. Residents with odd-numbered street addresses can water their lawns on odd-numbered days and those with even-numbered addresses are limited to even-numbered days. Sprinkling is prohibited between noon and 6 p.m. every day.

If you will be placing sod or planting grass seed, contact the Water Division at 630-260-2090 for a 10-day new sod/seed variance.

Hale Street Tents Return to Downtown

Outdoor Dining & Entertainment Provided Throughout the Summer

The City and the Downtown Wheaton Association are pleased to welcome the return of the outdoor dining tents on Hale Street beginning May 7. The City authorized the Downtown Wheaton Association to use the block of Hale Street between Front Street and Wesley Street for large outdoor dining tents that are shared by all of the surrounding restaurants.

First introduced during 2020 to allow restaurants to offer more space for serving residents during the initial stages of COVID-19, the City approved their return

for 2021 and 2022. Not only are local restaurants able to provide more space for dining, but it also provides an opportunity for open-air dining in a lively atmosphere.

The Downtown Wheaton Association oversees this community favorite between May and October, bringing in entertainment on weekend nights.

Be sure to follow the Downtown Wheaton Association on Facebook or visit their website at www.downtownwheaton.com throughout the summer to see their entertainment lineup and special events.

Hearings

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used in court proceedings but still follow a basic structure to ensure fairness and due process of law. A hearing officer, who is independent and not a City employee, presides over the hearings. The hearing officer is an impartial, licensed attorney, who must meet strict state requirements to serve as a hearing officer.

Not all municipal violations require you to appear at an Administrative Adjudication Hearing. If you receive a ticket/citation/complaint, it will instruct you if it is a "must

appear offense." If you are required to appear, you must attend the specified hearing date on the ticket, citation, or complaint. If it is not an offense that requires you to appear at a hearing, you can choose to either pay the fine specified on the ticket/citation/complaint within 15 days, or you may choose to contest the ticket/citation/complaint by attending a specified Administrative Adjudication Hearing.

Detailed information about Administrative Adjudication Hearings, including what to bring, who should attend, and what happens during a hearing, are outlined on the City's website.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Spotlight on Wheaton's Volunteers

One of the most exciting parts of this season is seeing our community bustling with activity. What you might not know is that community volunteers are the backbone of many events and programs happening this spring and summer.

More than 100 residents comprise 17 boards and commissions, volunteering their time and talents in a variety of ways. After many events were unable to take place in the past two years, it's wonderful to see the return of programs and events that make our community stand out. The following is just a sampling of what has kept our boards and commissions busy lately.

The Environmental Improvement Commission just completed a whirlwind month of activities in April, including the Recycling Extravaganza, Native Plant Sale, Prairie Path Cleanup and Arbor Day. The results of their efforts are astounding. At the Recycling Extravaganza, 856 cars dropped off: 25,700 pounds of paper for shredding, 4,500 pounds of latex paint, 1,045 pounds of batteries, 12 bins of syringes/medications ... and much



Mayor Suess

more. At the Prairie Path Cleanup, 106 volunteers spent their Saturday morning picking up 60 bags of trash and 35 bags of recyclable materials.

Wheaton's Historic Commission is busy with its Preservation Month activities in May. You'll see their purple signs throughout Wheaton marking historic landmarks and homes. The commission also organized talks on historic fires in Wheaton and the former railway line in Wheaton; and there's even a free parking week at Cantigny Park for Wheaton residents to visit and explore this historic park and museum.

The Bicycle Advisory Commission is gearing up to bring back the Bicycle Safety Rodeo with the Wheaton Police Department from 10 a.m.

to noon May 14 in the City Hall parking lot, 303 W. Wesley St. This event will help teach Wheaton's younger bicyclists safety tips in a fun event with the help of Wheaton Police Officers.

And, the Band Commission is preparing for a summer full of beautiful music in Memorial Park with the return of the Wheaton Municipal Band's summer concerts. The first concert of the season will be June 9 at 7:30 p.m. It's the volunteers on the Band Commission who are behind the scenes working to make this Wheaton summertime tradition happen.

This is just a fraction of the events, programs and hard work our community's volunteers provide throughout the year and to whom we owe our appreciation. As you enjoy these and other activities, think of the caring, committed people behind the scenes, and if you're so inclined, consider how you can give back, too.

You can learn more about Wheaton's Boards and Commissions and [fill out an application form on the City's website](#).



Children's Bike Safety Event Takes Place May 14

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/JVT47XNGjsnqkA48>

If needed, the rain date for this event will be on May 21.

Celebrate Preservation Month with Events

In celebration of Wheaton's history, the Wheaton Historic Commission has organized several events during Preservation Month.

Pride in Preservation Signs

From May 14 to May 22, the Historic Commission will place purple "Pride in Preservation" lawn signs throughout Wheaton at designated Wheaton Historic Landmarks. Many sites include a plaque with the estimated date of construction and additional information about the location.

Cantigny Park Free Parking Days

Cantigny Park will also provide free parking days for Wheaton residents from May 14-20. Wheaton residents can show proof of residency at the parking booth for admittance. A valid driver's license is preferred.

Great Fires of Wheaton

On May 17, the Wheaton Public Library will host Historian Bob Goldsborough at 7 p.m., who will discuss the 145 years' worth of fires in Wheaton's history. Wheaton Fire Chief Bill Schultz will also be in attendance to provide additional information and answer any questions. Free smoke detectors will be raffled off to attendees. This event is free to the public but [registration is required on the Wheaton Library website](#).



As part of Preservation Month, the Historic Commission posts purple "Pride in Preservation" signs in front of Wheaton's designated historic landmarks. From May 14-22, you can drive around town and see historic structures throughout the city.

Architectural Walking Tour

The DuPage County Historical Museum will host a guided walking tour through historic Downtown Wheaton on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. The tour will cover one and one half miles of Downtown Wheaton's rich history and architecture. The tour will start at the DuPage County Historical Museum.

There is a fee for this event for all participants age seven and older. Attendees should dress for the weather. To register, call 630-510-4941, email dupagemuseum@wheatonparks.org or [visit the DuPage Historical Museum website](#).

History of the Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railway

On Tuesday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the Wheaton Public Library, the Library and the Historic Commission will host a lecture on the Chicago, Aurora, and Elgin Railway that was based in Wheaton during the 1900s. Brian and Joyce Ostberg, creators of the BeHistoric YouTube channel, will talk about the railway's history and the former route of the Roarin' Elgin which is now known as the Illinois Prairie Path.

This event is free and open to the public. Please register on the Wheaton Library website at wheatonlibrary.org.

Interactive Historic Map

The Historic Commission and the City of Wheaton are also pleased to present a [new interactive map showing Wheaton's historic landmarks](#). Broken up by four quadrants, historical sites are portrayed with a picture of the site as well as the year the building was constructed. Additional information, if known, is also provided. Viewers can scroll through the different areas of Historic Wheaton and virtually move through the city while learning about historical sites.

For additional information regarding the events during Preservation Month, [visit the City of Wheaton website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

French Market

Dates: Each Saturday
Time: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Location: Reber & Liberty Streets, east of Cross Street
Find produce, specialty foods, flowers, handmade goods and more.

Go Fly a Kite Event

Date: Saturday, May 7
Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location: Graf Park
The Wheaton Park District invites the community to its family-friendly event at Graf Park featuring kite demonstrations, a Grand Launch, concessions a small business expo and kite sales. Free to attend.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, May 14
Time: 9 a.m.-noon
Location: Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive
Bring unwanted electronics to this monthly collection. This is a drive-through event. There is a charge for TVs and monitors. See www.wheaton.il.us/electronics.

Bicycle Rodeo

Date: Saturday, May 14
Time: 10 a.m.-noon
Location: City Hall Parking Lot, 303 W. Wesley St.
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Cantigny Park Free

Parking Days
Dates: May 14-20
Location: Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
Cantigny Park will provide free parking days for Wheaton residents for Preservation Month. Show proof of residency at the parking booth. Museums, gardens, and other attractions are free.

Architectural Walking Tour of Wheaton

Date: Saturday, May 21
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: DuPage County Historical Museum
This guided walking tour through historic Downtown Wheaton will be hosted by the DuPage County Historical Museum. There is a fee for participants age 7 and older. Register at 630-510-4941, dupagemuseum@wheatonparks.org or <https://dupagemuseum.org/events/5-21-architectural-walking-tour/>.

Family Fun Tent:

J-Magic

Date: Saturday, May 21
Time: 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Location: W Tent on Front Street (across from Martin Memorial Plaza)

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for free family fun with a series of events in downtown Wheaton. This event will feature Magician Jaime Aponte's magic, comedy and illusion.

DuPage Community

Arts Festival

Date: May 28
Time: 10 a.m.-11 p.m.
Location: DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton

DuPage County will host the inaugural DuPage Community Arts Festival. There will be three stages providing musical acts, food trucks, a beer tent and local artists selling their work.

Memorial Day Parade

Date: Monday, May 30
Time: 10 a.m.
American Legion Post 76 will host the Wheaton Memorial Day Parade. The parade will begin at Memorial Park, traveling west on Union Avenue, south on West Street, which becomes Warrenville Road, and ending at Wheaton Cemetery with a ceremony led by American Legion Post 76.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar

WPL Annual Report

WPL's 2021 Annual Report is now live on the library's website! Take a look back at highlights from 2021, including the elimination of daily fines, the creation of the library's new website, and much more: <https://wheatonlibrary.org/annual-report>

Creative Container Gardening

Date: Thursday, May 5
Time: 7 p.m.
Hybrid event

Learn the basics

of creating beautiful containers from horticulturalist Sharon Yiesla. Registration required.

Friends Meeting & Cooking Demo

Date: Thursday, May 12
Time: 7 p.m.
Hybrid event

Make some new Friends at the Friends of Wheaton Public Library Annual Meeting. After a brief business meeting, Chef Susan Maddox will create sauces and vinaigrettes to be paired with spring vegetables and salads. Registration required.

The Great Fires of Wheaton

Date: Tuesday, May 17
Time: 7 p.m.
In-person

Local historian Bob Goldsborough discusses 145 years' worth of fires in Wheaton's history, including the fire that destroyed half of downtown Wheaton in 1885. Co-sponsored by Wheaton Historic Commission. Registration required.

Meditative Garden Design

Date: Wednesday, May 25
Time: 7 p.m.
Virtual event

Create a garden space that offers rest and renewal. Vallari Talapatra, president of EcoScapes and Arboretum instructor, will explain design cues that create places that nurture the spirit. Registration required.

Be Prepared for Severe Weather

Storms develop quickly and can occur with little to no warning. Heavy winds and lightning caused by storms can cause extended power outages, uprooted trees, landslides, and downed or broken utility lines. Additionally, heavy rains can cause flash floods.

Familiarize yourself with the following terms to stay alert and prepared.

Tornado Watch - conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes.

Tornado Warning - a tornado has been reported by spotters, or National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologists have determined that one is about to form in the next several minutes. Go to a substantial shelter immediately.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch - conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms containing large hail and damaging wind.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning - large hail and/or damaging wind has been



reported by spotters, or is about to develop. Go to a substantial shelter immediately.

During the storm

- Avoid handling metal, electrical equipment, telephones, bathtubs, water faucets, and sinks, because electric current from lightning can travel through wires and pipes.
- If you are outside, take cover in a stable facility. Avoid taking shelter under trees.
- Tune in to local TV/radio channels for emergency advisories and instructions.
- Avoid walking through water that has seeped into your home; it may contain hazardous materials.
- If you are asked to

evacuate your home, follow instructions given to you by emergency personnel.

- Call the City's Public Works Department to report fallen trees or clogged catch basins.
- Call your local public works department or village hall to report flooded streets.
- Avoid downed power lines and broken gas lines. Report them to 9-1-1.

After the storm

- Assess your immediate environment.
- Report fallen trees, flooded streets, or damaged public utilities to the proper department.
- Stay tuned to local weather stations for updated information.



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.

Spraying for Invasive Moths in June

In late June, the Illinois Department of Agriculture will be [spraying an aerial treatment in Wheaton to help stop the spread of gypsy moths, now known as spongy moths](#). These one of the most damaging forest and tree pests in the U.S., responsible for millions of acres of defoliation annually.

To prevent the spread of these moths, a product will be applied by planes that fly at a low altitude over part of our community. The product is a non-toxic mating disruption pheromone that does not harm humans or other living things; rather, the pheromone makes it difficult for male spongy moths to find female moths, thereby disrupting mating.

The City is sharing information so residents are not alarmed to see planes flying lower than usual in our area. We will provide additional information before this spraying takes place.

CITY CALENDAR

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- 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.
- 30 City offices closed, no garbage pickup