

CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

June 2022

Roll Call Dates and Locations

Tuesday, June 7
6:30 p.m.
Wiesbrook School
2160 Durfee Road
(In the event of rain, event will be inside Wiesbrook School)

Thursday, June 9
6:30 p.m.
Seven Gables Park
1750 S. Naperville Road
Rain date: June 10, 6:30 p.m.
*Wheaton Police event only

Tuesday, June 14
6:30 p.m.
Washington School
911 Bridle Lane
Rain date: June 15, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 21
6:30 p.m.
Lincoln Park
Alchester Drive and Haverhill Drive/behind Lincoln School
(In the event of rain, event will be inside Lincoln)

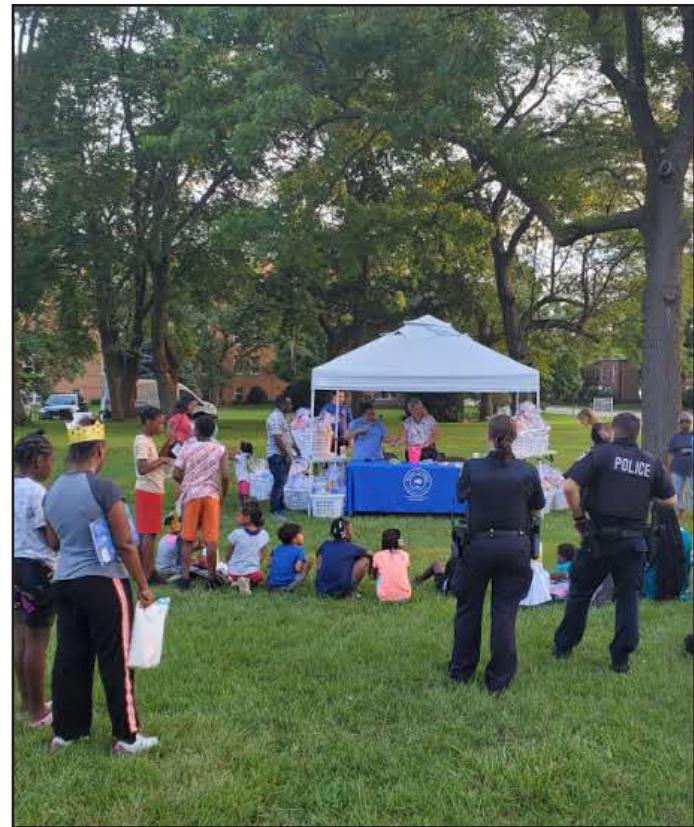
Tuesday, June 28
6:30 p.m.
Sandburg School
1345 Jewell Road
Rain date: June 29, 6:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Roll Calls Return

District 200 Joins Neighborhood Roll Calls

The Wheaton Police Department is bringing back its Neighborhood Roll Call community outreach program to connect with residents and share pertinent information. This year, in addition to partnering with the Wheaton Park District to host these events at parks, the Wheaton Police Department is also partnering with District 200, which will host many of these community events at Wheaton schools. Neighborhood Roll Call events will also include information on how District 200 and the Wheaton Police Department are working together to keep Wheaton's school communities safe.

A total of 16 Neighborhood Roll Call events will take



Residents who attend the Neighborhood Roll Calls can chat with police officers who patrol their areas and find out what the Department is working on over the summer.

place throughout the community to provide each neighborhood with opportunities to participate. Modeled after the roll call meetings Wheaton Police hold each

day to share information from one shift to the next, the Police Department will take their roll calls out into the community,

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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

CITY NOTES

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City of Wheaton offices were closed on Monday, May 30. Due to the holiday, there was no garbage/recycling/yard waste pickup on May 30. All pickups for the week of May 30 will be one day later than usual.

Lawn Watering Restrictions In Effect

As a reminder, lawn watering restrictions went 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.

Fire Department Report Now Available

In 2021, the Wheaton Fire Department responded to 6,135

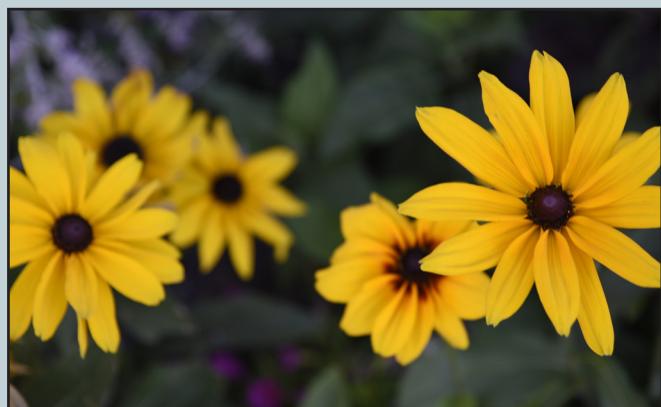
calls for service, which included emergency medical incidents, other emergencies, and incidents in neighboring communities requiring the Wheaton Fire Department's assistance. Check out the 2021 Wheaton Fire Department Annual Report to learn about the most frequent types of service calls, the thousands of hours of training Fire Department personnel completed, average response times and much more. You can read the report at www.wheaton.il.us/FireReport2021.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has the following employment opportunities available:

- Director of Building and Code Enforcement
- Finance Analyst
- Lateral Police Officer
- Part-Time Media Assistant
- Part-Time Property Maintenance Inspector
- Part-Time Customer Service Representatives

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



The Wheaton Police Department is excited to extend the roll calls to 16 neighborhoods this summer.

Roll Call

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covering topics such as traffic issues and concerns in the surrounding area, crime trends being seen within and around Wheaton, Community Unit School District 200 safety and security information, future community events and opportunities with the Wheaton Police Department, and opportunities to meet with Wheaton Police Officers and School District 200 staff.

Each Neighborhood Roll Call will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation by the Wheaton Police Department and District 200 representatives,

followed by an opportunity for participants to ask questions and get to know the officers who serve their area. These are family-friendly events with activities for children, so bring the whole family, and encourage your neighbors to attend, too. You may also want to bring lawn chairs. Rain dates are noted where applicable. For events without a rain date listed, the event will take place inside the school in the event of rain.

More locations and dates for July and August will be announced throughout the summer. You can see the events on a map to find your closest Roll Call on the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/rollcall.

Gypsy Moth Aerial Spraying Taking Place in Late June

In late June, the Illinois Department of Agriculture will be spraying an aerial treatment affecting the Lymantria dispar, also known as the gypsy moth, in Wheaton. The gypsy moth is a non-native pest, similar to the emerald ash borer, that is capable of stripping plants of their leaves which makes them susceptible to disease and other stressors which can ultimately lead to tree

death. The gypsy moth feeds on over 500 species of plants but prefers the oak and willow trees. It is one of the most damaging insects to forests and trees in the United States.

In order to slow the growing population of gypsy moths, low flying yellow airplanes will be spraying Splat GM, a chemical that copies the female gypsy moth pheromone at the end of

June, as weather permits. The over abundance of the female pheromone that will be sprayed will confuse the male gypsy moths and will result in less mating and less gypsy moths overall in the area. The planes will be flying 100 to 200 feet above treetops, spraying the chemical that has a consistency of hand lotion. The City is sharing this information so that residents are not alarmed to see planes flying lower than normal and spraying this aerial application.

Splat GM is not harmful to humans, animals, or any other living organisms besides the gypsy moth. Caterpillars of other moth species and butterflies will not be affected by this pheromone. It will also not

damage the paint on cars or vinyl siding on houses. After spraying, Splat GM may be noticed on outdoor furniture and equipment, but it can be washed off with warm soapy water if desired. Splat GM will not harm grass or lawns and will immediately start biodegrading into the soil.

More information about the Lymantria dispar and the aerial spraying can be found at the Department of Agriculture website: www.slowthespread.org/pages/illinois-outreach.

The Dekalb Office can be contacted at 815-347-0401 or the Program Manager can be reached at nancy.Johnson@illinois.gov. Gypsy Moth Specialists will be in the field on the spray team during the aerial treatment.



Yellow airplanes will be distributing the aerial spray in late June.

New DuPage County Initiative Allows Voting at Any Polling Place in Primary Election

DuPage will be the first county in Illinois to launch the option for voters to cast a ballot in any one of its 263 polling places in 2022. Voters can now cast their vote conveniently at any polling place near their job, school or residence and they will not be turned away for being in the wrong polling place like in years past. The same processes and safeguards will be in place that are utilized for early voting. Early Voting allowed registered voters to cast their ballot outside

their assigned polling place before the election, but now this comfort is included on election day as well. Pending location availability, the number of polling places that will be used in 2022 will be the same as 2020.

Information, including an application to Vote by Mail, new district information, polling place location and information that voters may choose to cast a ballot anywhere within the county was sent to all residents within DuPage County at the end of May. The

permanent Vote-By-Mail application allows voters to receive a mail-in ballot for every election. Until now, voters preferring mail-in ballots had to apply one election at a time. 2022 is the first year permanent Vote-By-Mail is available in Illinois, after the Illinois General Assembly passed it into law last year. Mail voting was expanded in Illinois in 2020 in response to COVID-19 so that voters could safely vote at home.

State and federal laws require election authorities to complete regular voter

registration verifications to keep the database current by eliminating voters who have passed away or moved. If a mailer is delivered to an individual who no longer lives at the address, residents are encouraged to mark "RETURN TO SENDER" or "DECEASED" on the mailer and drop it back in the mail. No additional postage is required. Early Voting is open at the DuPage Fairgrounds. Starting June 13, 22 Early Voting sites will open. June 28 is the Primary Election Day.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Wheaton Continues Focus on Sustainability



Mayor Suess

As the weather continues to warm up and more families take to the outdoors, it is easy to look around the City and see all of the environmental sustainability efforts that have been made in recent years that continue to help our area flourish. As environmental sustainability is one of the City's Strategic Goals, we are continually working to reduce the

City's carbon footprint while maintaining natural resources by interacting with our environment in a responsible manner.

The City of Wheaton has taken many steps in order to increase our environmental sustainability. Over the past 5 years, Wheaton has planted 3,241 trees across the city. Over 300 of those are specifically in the Downtown Streetscape. Thanks to these efforts, Wheaton has been named a Tree City USA for the 37th year in a row. Residents are encouraged to participate in our Shared Cost Parkway Tree Planting Program to further enhance the treescape in our community.

Because vehicles produce many air pollutants, Wheaton has made efforts to decrease the number of pollutants that are in the air from the City's vehicles. In 2021,

Wheaton added 6 hybrid police squad cars to its fleet, which now totals 18 hybrids vehicles. The City continues downsizing vehicles where appropriate and selecting fuel-efficient and hybrid models when possible.

More efficient lighting is another opportunity to improve environmental sustainability. The City has an active program to replace existing light fixtures with the remaining expected to be replaced over the next two years with LED lights, which use less energy and have a longer lifespan. The Public Works department has replaced 58% of Wheaton's streetlights with LED fixtures, which use 60% less energy than the ones they replaced. This program is expected to be completed over the next two years.

Wheaton has been a leader in adopting programs that encourage residents to reduce the

amount of waste they produce. We have used a pay as you throw waste model for more than 30 years, which provides a financial incentive for producing less waste by charging residents for only the amount of waste they put at the curb.

We continue to invest in the walkability of our community by building in excess of four miles of new sidewalks this year. As a residential community increasing walkability is an ongoing initiative.

Environmental sustainability cannot be accomplished overnight. Many efforts must be made in order to make a difference, but the City of Wheaton is certainly on our way to becoming more environmentally friendly, and I am excited to see the additional benefits that come from these efforts.

Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts Return June 9

The Wheaton Municipal Band is back for another summer of performances and kicks off their season on June 9 at the bandshell in Memorial Park. Their opening concert will celebrate the joys of making music and the band will be joined by students from Wheaton North High School and Wheaton Warrenville-South High

School for an antiphonal finale that will not be forgotten. Every Thursday, starting on June 9 through August 4, as weather permits, the Municipal band will hold a concert in the bandshell starting at 7 p.m. The concerts are free, and all are welcome. For a full calendar of their performances, visit www.wheatonmunicipalband.org.



The Band has over 80 members that play every Thursday night at the Bandshell.

Help Prevent Mosquito-Transmitted Diseases

Each year, the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District (a separate government entity from the City of Wheaton) monitors the area for mosquito transmitted diseases with the Illinois Department of Health, DuPage County Health Department, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, and Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. (Clarke).

Under the authority of the Illinois Mosquito Abatement District, field technicians perform mosquito control activities on public and private properties for the control of mosquitoes and protection of public health. This includes adult mosquito population surveillance, larval site monitoring, biological control, and strategic use of EPA labeled

and registered pesticide products, if necessary.

The West Nile virus is spread through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Symptoms are initially similar to the flu, with muscle weakness and disorientation. Though the majority of those infected will have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, in some individuals, WNV can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and in severe cases, paralysis, coma or death. The disease is most serious – even fatal – in those with compromised immune systems and the elderly.

The Zika virus (ZIKV) is a mosquito-borne disease that is transmitted primarily by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito and sexual transmission. *Aedes aegypti* is a tropical mosquito



that does not occur in northern Illinois. While the Zika Virus symptoms are generally mild in adults (fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis), pregnant women who contract ZIKV can pass the virus to their unborn children, increasing the risks of serious birth defects like microcephaly.

The Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is a mosquito-borne disease primarily vectored by *Culiseta melanura*, which lives in freshwater hardwood swamps, generally on the Atlantic coast and around the Great

Lakes. The disease is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases; one in three patients diagnosed will die from EEE. While Illinois does not have a recent history of EEE cases, the proximity of the cases in both Indiana and Michigan and historic cases in Wisconsin call for continued vigilance.

For the latest information, consult the Illinois Department of Health website at www.idph.illinois.gov, or the DuPage County Health Department website at www.dupagehealth.org.

Citizen's Police Academy Accepting Applications

The Wheaton Police Department is accepting applications now through June 30 for a 10-week Citizen's Police Academy, a chance for community members to learn the inner workings of police operations, practices, and objectives. Classes will take place from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, September 6 through November 8 at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W Liberty Drive, and other nearby locations.

The academy will

consist of classroom instruction, interactive discussions, and hands-on practical exercises focusing on various aspects of police work, including investigations, forensics, patrol response, traffic stops, specialty teams, critical incidents, and more.

To be eligible, individuals must be at least 21 years old and live or work in the City of Wheaton. All applicants will be subjected to a criminal background investigation. The academy will be limited to 20 individuals. Classes

are free and will be held at the Wheaton Police Department and nearby locations.

Applications are due by June 30, 2022. You can apply through the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/cpa, or you can mail your application to the Wheaton Police Department, Attn: Crystal Miroballi, 900 W Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187. The Wheaton Police Department will notify citizens if they have been accepted to the academy by August 1.



The Citizen's Police Academy offers hands-on practical exercises.

UPCOMING EVENTS

French Market

Dates: Saturdays
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.

Cream of Wheaton

Dates: Thursday June 2 - Sunday, June 5
Time: Various Times
Location: Memorial Park

The Cream of Wheaton is back with carnival rides, an arts and crafts fair, a fun run, and a variety of food vendors!

History of the Chicago Aurora & Elgin Railway

Date: Thursday, June 7

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library

Join Brian and Joyce Ostberg to learn how the former Roarin' Elgin was later transformed into the Prairie Path. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Wheaton Historic Commission and the Wheaton Public Library. Registration required on the Library's website.

Electronic Recycling

Dates: Saturday, June 11
Time: 9 a.m. - noon
Location: Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive

Bring unwanted electronics to the monthly electronic recycling collection. This is a drive-through event where volunteers will help unload items from your car. Please note that there is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event. For more information, see www.wheaton.il.us/electronics.

Family Fun Tent:

Twisticity

Dates: Saturday, June 11
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Location: W Tent on Front Street

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for free family fun with Twisticity. This larger-than-life show is performed to family-friendly music and is sure to delight audiences with a giant bubble show!

Family Fun Tent: Mary Macaroni

Dates: Saturday, June 25
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Location: W Tent on Front Street

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for free family fun with Mary Macaroni at the W tent. Music and magic come together to create an enthralling and captivating performance where the audience gets to help Mary Macaroni with magic tricks, shake shakers, and dance with scarves along to rockin' tunes!

LIBRARY EVENTS

Register for these events at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar

Summer Reading Challenge

Date: Kick-off Saturday, June 11
Time: 1-3 p.m.

Join the Library on the West Plaza to kick-off this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Read Beyond the Beaten Path! Grab a free ice cream treat and enjoy the music and dance of the Barefoot Hawaiian, including a fire act! No registration required. Readers can take the on the summer reading challenge and for your chance to win prizes!

Summer Concert: The Messengers

Date: Tuesday, June 14
Time: 7 p.m.

Get the Message: incredible harmonies and vocals and raw power tears through the best of pop, rock, and modern country! Sing-a-long favorites follow unexpected medleys that mix classics with today's current hits. Bring your own seating. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled or held indoors. No registration required.

Mayhem in the National Parks

Date: Wednesday, June 22
Time: 7 p.m.

Enjoy the scenery, adventure, and general chaos during a 600-mile mountain bike ride and camping trip with John Lynn of Peoria from Jackson Hole, Wyoming to West Glacier, Montana through Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Parks. Registration required on the Library's website.

Mobile DMV

Date: Monday, June 27
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Secretary of State's Mobile Express Unit will offer limited services, including Driver's License/State ID Card renewal, replacement, and correction, Vehicle Sticker Sales, and more. Visit wheatonlibrary.org/calendar for more info. No registration required.

Cream of Wheaton Returns June 2-5

The Cream of Wheaton has returned for another year of fun! After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 gathering limitations, the event is coming back Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5, 2022. The weekend will consist of an arts and crafts fair, carnival, business expo, the Cosley Zoo 5K/10K Run for the Animals, and



a variety of food vendors and live entertainment in the new bandshell in Memorial Park! For a detailed schedule of events and locations, visit the Wheaton Park District website. Roads throughout Downtown Wheaton will be closed leading up to and through Cream of Wheaton. Visit the City's website to view the road closures.

Being Prepared for Lightning Can Save Lives

As fascinating as lightning can be to watch, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency wants residents to know that it is also extremely dangerous. There are an estimated 23 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes each year, almost 800,000 occurring in Illinois alone. More than 1,000 people are injured by lightning strikes in the United States each year. To prevent injury from lightning strikes, education is extremely important.

Completely eliminating the risk of being struck by lightning is impossible but reducing the risk of

being struck is completely doable.

- If thunderstorms are in the forecast, consider postponing outdoor activities.
- Listen to the radio to be up to date on weather patterns and alerts.
- Watch the sky and look for dark clouds approaching.
- If the radio you are listening to has static, that can also be a hint that storms are approaching.
- If you hear thunder, go indoors immediately. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning, even if it isn't raining. The best shelter for lightning is inside a solid structure with the windows and doors closed. If a substantial shelter is not available or nearby, seek shelter in a vehicle with the windows closed. Avoid carports, porches, garages, sheds, tents, baseball dugouts, bleachers or any shelter that does not have walls, doors, and windows that can be closed. If you or someone you are with is struck by lightning, they are safe to touch after, they do not carry any electrical charge. Call 9-1-1 immediately and check to see if the victim is breathing.

Ribfest Comes to Wheaton for First Time

The 2022 Ribfest will be held June 17 through June 20 at the DuPage Event Center and Fairgrounds in Wheaton. Ribfest is the major fundraiser hosted by the Exchange Club of Naperville, which helps to fight child abuse and domestic violence while strengthening families in our local communities.

Carnival rides, award winning ribs, exhibits and a family fun area will take over the fairgrounds during the day while live entertainment will play into the night. Toby Keith hits the stage Friday Night, Halestorm will play Saturday night and Brett Eldredge will round out the weekend with a performance on Sunday night. While the exhibits and fair do not require an entry fee, concert tickets must be purchased. For more information and to buy concert tickets, visit ribfest.net.



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.

June 2022

- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 13 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.