

# CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

## CITY NOTES

### City Offices Closed/ No Garbage Pickup

Non-emergency City of Wheaton Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no garbage/recycling/yard waste pickup on this day. All pickups for the week of July 4 will be one day later than usual.



### Walk Your Wheels in Downtown Wheaton

The City reminds residents and visitors in the downtown area to "walk your wheels" on sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians. The City of Wheaton does not allow riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters or in-line skates on the sidewalks within the

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

## City Honors Retiring Fire Chief

The City of Wheaton expresses its appreciation for longtime Fire Chief William Schultz, who retires from the City on July 1.

Chief Schultz's extensive career in serving the public began as a firefighter for the Country Club Hills Fire Protection District in 1988. In 1991, he became a firefighter/paramedic with the Hazel Crest Department of Fire, Rescue and Inspectional Services, where he was promoted to Lieutenant/Paramedic and served as Inspectional Service Coordinator. In 2003, the City of Wheaton hired Schultz as a Battalion Chief, where he was subsequently promoted to Deputy Fire Chief, then Fire Chief in 2013. He assumed additional responsibilities as Director of Building & Code Enforcement in 2019.

"Having worked with Bill for the past 19 years, I am thankful for his dedication to keeping our community safe," said City Manager



Michael Dzugan. "Whether it was leading the City's emergency medical services and firefighters through a pandemic, planning for any type of disaster, or responding to thousands of emergency calls, Bill has demonstrated excellence and integrity. He leads fantastic departments that are well-equipped to continue serving the Wheaton community with top-level services."

Schultz has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University and a Master's Degree in



Public Administration from Governors State University. Assistant Fire Chief Pete Vassios will serve as Acting Fire Chief from July 2 until the position of Fire Chief is filled, and Building Inspector Tom Corrigan will be appointed Acting Building Director from July 2 until the Building Director position is filled.

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heart of the downtown.

While you can still ride on the streets, if you choose to go on the sidewalk, you must walk your wheels on the sidewalks. This rule is set by City Code, and violators can be fined.

## Employment Opportunities

The City currently seeks applicants for the following job opportunities:

- Administrative Secretary – Water Division
- Director of Building and Code Enforcement
- Lateral Police Officer
- Maintenance Worker – Water Division

- Management Analyst
- Part-Time Customer Services Representative
- Part-Time Media Assistant
- Part-Time Property Maintenance Inspector
- Public Relations Coordinator

To find out more about these opportunities and how to apply, visit <https://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs>.

## Commission News

The City Council reappointed Alan Herback, Vallari Talapatra and Simone Morton to three-year terms on the Library Board.



Many of this year's Neighborhood Roll Call events are taking place in conjunction with District 200 and talk about school safety.

## Wheaton Police Continue Neighborhood Roll Calls

The Wheaton Police Department is continuing their Neighborhood Roll Call events through the month of July. Neighborhood Roll Call events take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through August, with a different location each week. This year, in addition to partnering with the Wheaton Park District to host some of these events at parks, the Wheaton Police Department is also partnering with District 200, which will host many of these community events at Wheaton school sites. Neighborhood Roll Call events this summer will also include information on how District 200 and the Wheaton Police Department are working together to keep Wheaton's school communities safe.



The July dates for Neighborhood Roll Calls will be:

- Tuesday, July 5 at Madison School
- Tuesday, July 12 at Hawthorne School
- Tuesday, July 19 at Lowell School
- Tuesday, July 26 at Longfellow School

## Check Out the Annual Water Quality Report

The City of Wheaton 2021 Water Quality Report is now available online. Please go to [www.wheaton.il.us/2021waterreport](https://www.wheaton.il.us/2021waterreport) to view your 2021 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water.

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. If you would like a paper copy of the 2021



Water Quality Report, please call the Water Division at 630-260-2090.

part of town. Officers will be on hand to discuss local issues and concerns about specific neighborhoods while providing important safety tips.

The City encourages residents to attend Neighborhood Roll Call events that are happening in their neighborhood, as the topics will be specific to the area. Visit [www.wheaton.il.us/rollcall](https://www.wheaton.il.us/rollcall).



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

# Summer Packed with Activities in Wheaton



**Mayor Suess**

This month in Wheaton is jam-packed with summer opportunities, and there is certainly something for everyone right here in our community.

Kicking off the month are several special ways to celebrate Independence Day in our community. First, Wheaton Park District's Seven Gables Park will host the **Field of Honor** in conjunction with Independence Day. From June 29 – July 4, the park will display 2,000 flags, with each flag representing an individual and telling a story. Flags may be sponsored to honor individuals currently serving, fallen servicemen and women, first responders, heroes in our lives, all veterans, and hometown heroes. The display is open to all without charge. Thank you to the Wheaton Park District and Warrenville VFW Post 8081 for creating

this meaningful salute to heroes everywhere.

Two Wheaton Independence Day traditions also will return this year, with the annual **fireworks show** on July 3 and **parade** on July 4. You can head over July 3 to Graf Park for activities starting at 5:30 p.m., culminating with a brilliant fireworks display at approximately 9 p.m. And find a spot along the parade route at 10 a.m. July 4 for everyone's favorite Fourth of July Parade. The parade will begin at Main Street and Hawthorne, heading south on Main, west on Union, south on Wheaton Avenue, and west on Front Street. The City is a proud sponsor and participant in these Wheaton favorites.

After the holiday is over, there are plenty of other opportunities for summer fun offered right here in your community. On Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m., you won't want to miss the **Wheaton Municipal Band's free concerts** in Memorial Park. Since 1930, the Wheaton Municipal Band has brought beautiful music to our community and continues to be a special part of Wheaton today, playing in the Wheaton Park District's wonderful new bandshell.

Other Wheaton offerings that continue through the summer include the **Downtown Wheaton**

**Association's outdoor dining tents on Hale Street**, where numerous restaurants share space under a festive city block of tents with live music. The Downtown Wheaton Association is hosting a wide range of activities for summer, including live band dance lessons, family entertainment under the W tent on Front Street and much more. Check out the [Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#) for the full list and details.

You can also find many activities through the **Wheaton Public Library**, including outdoor concerts on the West Plaza, the Summer Reading Program, and much more at [wheatonlibrary.org/events](#).

The popular **French Market** continues to offer a variety of seasonal fresh produce, specialty foods, handmade goods, flowers and much more each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Liberty Drive near Reber Street.

The Wheaton Park District continues its **Summer Entertainment Series** with a wide variety of music in Memorial Park this summer, from classical to Big Band to rock. Besides these events, there are plenty of other fantastic outdoor opportunities for every age this summer through our Wheaton Park District's facilities. A few warm-weather favorites

include:

- **Cosley Zoo**: A unique opportunity to see farm animals and native wildlife through at our community's own accredited AZA zoo

- **Northside Family Aquatic Center and Rice Pool & Water Park** offer ways to cool off at both the north and south ends of our community.

- **Clocktower Mini Golf & Skate Park** in downtown Wheaton include an 18-hole mini golf course and a 12,000-square foot skate park for inline skates and skateboards.

Finally, **Cantigny Park** offers community events throughout the summer, including movies in the park, outdoor concerts, and this summer's spectacular outdoor art exhibit, **Alebrijes: Creatures of a Dream World**. These 48 fantastic sculptures are inspired by Mexican folklore and were created by six artists from Mexico City who are here through early July. You can find out more at [www.cantigny.org](#).

We are fortunate to have these opportunities all around us, helping make Wheaton the vibrant and bustling community that it is. I encourage you to explore what's here in our own backyard, visit our local businesses and celebrate everything that makes our community uniquely Wheaton.

# Road Improvement Work Begins Soon

Each year, the City designates a part of the annual budget to resurface/reconstruct roadways, replace water mains and replace curbs. This work is done by both the Public Works Department, which addresses spot repairs and some street segments, and an outside contractor, who completes the City's Annual Road Program work. You will soon see improvements underway in several areas.

There are three areas receiving complete reconstruction, which is the most extensive type of work. These areas will include:

- Front Street from Wesley to Gary Avenue
- Papworth Street from Thomas Road to Wheaton



## North High School

- Reber Street from Willow Avenue to Illinois Street.

Several other areas will be resurfaced or rehabilitated, including parts of the Danada East and Danada West subdivision, Fapp Circle,

## Front Street from Gary to

West Street, and Liberty Drive from Commerce Avenue to West Street. Numerous other street sections that will be repaired by the Public Works Department are also listed on the City's website. You can see all of the areas

on the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/roads](http://www.wheaton.il.us/roads).

The start date of this work has been delayed by a labor strike affecting the local concrete and asphalt industries. Once these materials become available, the City will be able to begin this work as planned.

## Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan Public Hearing Aug. 8

The City Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 to gather comments regarding the final draft of the Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan. The City has been working to create a framework for future development along Roosevelt Road from Carlton to the City's eastern limit.

Since presenting an updated draft in January, the City hosted two public input sessions, created an online survey, and gathered feedback from the City

Council. This feedback is incorporated into the final draft, which you will be able to see at [www.wheaton.il.us/rooseveltroad](http://www.wheaton.il.us/rooseveltroad) before the hearing. This webpage also has a video and background information about this project.

You can attend the Aug. 8 public hearing in person at City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., or you can attend on Zoom. Visit the project website at [www.wheaton.il.us/rooseveltroad](http://www.wheaton.il.us/rooseveltroad) for the Zoom meeting login information closer to the date of the meeting.

## Increased Train Horns Required during Track Work

Union Pacific Railroad started work on a major tie project on the UP-West Line that will last through the end of September. In conjunction with this project Metra riders may experience minor delays, and you may notice more train horns.

The train horns are necessary because federal law requires trains to sound their horns when entering a track work zone, even if the work takes place

in a community that is regulated as a quiet zone. To complete the work on schedule, UP forces will be working seven days a week, with much of the work to take place in the overnight hours to early morning. You may hear more frequent train horns during evening and overnight hours.

The project will cover a 40-mile stretch of track from Chicago to Elburn. More information can be found at [www.metra.com/constructionnotices](http://www.metra.com/constructionnotices).

# 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.

## Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts

**Date:** Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Memorial Park, 208 W. Union Ave.

The Wheaton Municipal Band performs a new concert each week in the Memorial Park Bandshell for the community. Performances are free to attend.

Also, they will play a concert at Edman Chapel at Wheaton College at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 9. Visit [www.wheatonmunicipalband.org](http://www.wheatonmunicipalband.org) for concert information.

## Independence Day Fireworks

**Date:** Sunday, July 3

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Graf Park, 1855 Manchester Road

The Wheaton Park District encourages the community to attend the annual fireworks show at Graf Park. Event access is free. Activities including lawn games, concessions, DJ, and giveaways will begin at 5:30 p.m. with

fireworks beginning at 9 p.m. [Visit the Wheaton Park District's website](#) for more information.

## Independence Day Parade

**Date:** Monday, July 4

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** Main Street, Union Avenue, Wheaton Avenue and Front Street

Join the Wheaton Park District for the Independence Day Parade in downtown Wheaton. See page 3 or [visit the Wheaton Park District website](#) for more information.

## Neighborhood Roll Calls

**Dates:** Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26

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

### Multiple Locations

The Wheaton Police Department and School District 200 are hosting events at different locations throughout the City to provide community members an opportunity to meet with the officers who are assigned to their part of town, hear from school officials and find out how the Wheaton Police Department and District 200 work together to keep our community's schools safe. [Visit the City's website](#) for more information and a map of specific event locations.

## Electronic Recycling Monthly Drop-Off

**Date:** Saturday, July 9

**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](http://www.wheaton.il.us/electronics).

## LIBRARY EVENTS

Visit the Wheaton Public Library website for details and for registration at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar).

### Summer Concert: Soda

**Date:** Tuesday, July 12, 7 p.m. • in-person

Rocking all of your favorite classic and current hits, you'll find that Soda captures the heart and soul of one of the most diverse play lists you'll find anywhere. Held outside on the Library's West Plaza. Bring your own seating. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled or held indoors. No registration required.

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### Roving the Red Planet

**Date:** Tuesday, July 19, 7 p.m. • hybrid

We have been exploring Mars for decades, and there are 6 U.S. spacecraft on or orbiting the Red Planet. Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at Adler Planetarium will cover the past, present, and future of Martian exploration. Registration required.

### Art of Paul Cezanne

**Date:** Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m. • virtual

Cézanne sought to challenge the conservative art world of late 19th century Paris, moving beyond Impressionism and inspiring modernists. Art historian Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions discusses Cézanne's innovative approach to traditional subjects. Registration required.

# Protect Your Family from Extreme Heat This Summer with These Tips

In Illinois, temperatures during the summer months can reach dangerous levels. Extreme heat can be particularly hazardous for children, seniors, those with special needs, and pets.

In 2021, 23 children died from heatstroke after being left in hot cars. Heat can be more severe on children because their bodies warm at a faster rate than adults. Parents should develop a routine that will ensure the backseat is always checked before the car is locked, such as putting a purse, cell phone or other needed item in the back seat or consider opening the car's back door every time the car is parked.

Summer's extreme heat can also lead to heat-induced illnesses, including heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Remember to check in on family, friends, neighbors, the elderly and pets to ensure they are safe. When extreme heat strikes, limit your time outdoors, seek air

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conditioning and drink plenty of water.

To protect yourself and others, familiarize yourself with the following heat safety tips:

- Know the terms used by the National Weather Service during extreme heat: Heat Wave, Excessive Heat Watch, Heat Advisory, Excessive Heat Warning, and Heat Index.

- Do not leave children or pets in a closed vehicle, even for a few minutes. On a hot day, temperatures inside a closed vehicle can reach 140-190 degrees within 30 minutes.

- Make a special effort to check on your neighbors during a heat

wave, especially if they are seniors, families with young children, people with special needs, or living alone.

- Seniors and others who may be sensitive to extreme heat should contact friends, neighbors, or relatives periodically throughout the day.
- Seek help if you feel symptoms of heat-related illnesses.

- Stay out of the sun. If you must be in the sun, wear sunscreen (at least SPF 15) and a wide-brimmed hat.

- Stay in the shade or under awnings as much as possible.
- Avoid overexertion and strenuous outdoor activities.

- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes that cover as much skin as possible to prevent sunburn.

To learn more about how to stay safe during the summer heat and how to treat heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion, [visit the Ready Illinois Site](#).



## Save the Date for National Night Out

The Wheaton Police Department encourages the community to take part in National Night Out from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2 at Memorial Park, starting with a Sensory Hour from 5-6 p.m. Get to know the Wheaton Police Department, with activities for all ages, food and more. Look for more information coming soon on the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us).



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

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- 4 City offices closed, no garbage pickup
- 5 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 18 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.