



CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

August 2022

CITY NOTES

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton currently has the following employment opportunities:

- Building Inspector
- Facilities Maintenance Technician
- Network Analyst
- Plan Examiner
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Part-time Customer Service Representatives (Building Department & Utility Billing)
- Lateral Police Officer

To learn more and apply, please visit www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Commission News

The City Council approved the following appointments/reappointments to City Boards and Commissions:

- Appointed Jim Wozniak to a 3-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission

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Walk Your Wheels on Downtown Sidewalks

Pedestrian safety is a top priority in the City of Wheaton. As a reminder, to help keep everyone in the downtown safe, the City of Wheaton does not allow you to ride bicycles, skateboards, scooters, in-line skates or rollerskates on the sidewalks within the 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" within the boundaries of the following streets:

- Wesley Street to the north
- Cross Street to the east
- Willow Street to the south
- West Street to the west

Note that riding is allowed on the portion of the Illinois Prairie Path that runs through the



downtown, just south of the railroad tracks.

Riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters and in-line skates on downtown sidewalks is prohibited under Section 70-514 of the Wheaton City Code, and violators can be fined.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping make our downtown a pedestrian-friendly place for all to enjoy.



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

Public Hearing Aug. 8 on Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan

Residents can attend in person or online/by phone

The City Council will hold a public hearing to collect feedback on the Final Draft - Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.

This public hearing is part of the process to create a Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan, which intends to create a shared vision for future

development along the Roosevelt Road Corridor that is supported by the community, responsive to existing conditions and emerging trends, and appropriate for our community. Following the release of an initial plan draft, the City tasked Camiros Ltd. with incorporating the input of the community, City Council

and City staff to develop a revised draft. You can review the final draft on the City's website at wheaton.il.us/rooseveltroad, which incorporates feedback gathered at several public input sessions, an online survey and City Council meetings.

Following the public hearing, the Council at a subsequent meeting will



consider an ordinance that would amend the Comprehensive Plan to include the Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan.

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- Appointed Stephen Siemer to a 3-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission
- Reappointed Chris Dabovich to a 3-year term on the Planning & Zoning Board
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- Appointed Michael Hodel to a three-year term on the Community Relations Commission
- Appointed Ben Waterman to a three-year term on the Community Relations Commission
- Appointed Angela Welker to a three-year term on the Community Relations Commission.



Participate in Cops & Bobbers Fishing Event

The Wheaton Police Department continually works to build relationships and connect with the community, including through offering a variety of community engagement events. We invite you to come out to a new event later this month to get to know your local police officers.

We will take part in



Cops & Bobbers, a fishing event in partnership with DuPage Forest Preserve Police at Herrick Lake from

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15. No permits are required for children 15 and younger, and we ask that children are accompanied by an adult. Join us for fishing and free refreshments.

Pre-registration is encouraged at wheaton.il.us/bobbers.

We look forward to connecting with you at this and other events.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Honoring Our Caring Community

One of the most impressive things about our community is undoubtedly its big heart. Wheaton is a caring community. Over the summer, I have had the opportunity to visit a number of organizations whose focus is on helping others.

I recently attended an event for the B Jolly Foundation hosted at the Illinois Sikh Community Center in Wheaton, where I was able to see this organization's emphasis on assisting young adults with special needs.

This summer, the Wheaton Junior Woman's Club welcomed me to one of their Buddy Baseball games, which is in its 30th year at Briar Patch Park. Practices and games provide an



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opportunity for children and young adults with any type of special need to partner with able-bodied "buddies," promoting skill development, cooperation and friendship.

I had the opportunity to visit Doodlebug Workshop in downtown Wheaton to celebrate their belated grand opening. I saw

firsthand the work they do engaging young adults with special needs in developing woodworking skills.

The variety of types of caring organizations that call our community home is astounding – such as the People's Resource Center, which works to provide nutritious food and other basic necessities for neighbors in need. DuPage PADS, with its mission to end homelessness, has long called Wheaton home, too. The HOPE Fair Housing Center has been working to eliminate housing discrimination across our state since 1968. Wheaton also is home to NAMI DuPage, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and our community also benefits from having the DuPage County Health Department's Crisis

Services right here in Wheaton.

Wheaton's many faith communities have their own individual missions, which in their own quiet ways help people. There are so many other groups committed to serving our community and beyond – whether it's helping immigrants acclimate and succeed in a new country, or helping meet the needs of residents who are facing unexpected hardships.

To all of the individuals and groups throughout our community who lend their time and talents to making this a truly caring community, you are the heart of Wheaton. Thank you for what you do and for welcoming me to see some of the special things happening in Wheaton for the sake of others.

Pedestrian Tunnel Temporarily Closed

Cross only at the gate when the crossing arm is up

The College Avenue pedestrian tunnel in Wheaton is currently closed due to damage to the tunnel's pumps and control system sustained during July 23 storms. The failure of this system is causing for there to be a significant amount of standing water in the tunnel, requiring its closure.

The City of Wheaton asks that commuters and others who use the College Avenue Train Station pedestrian tunnel DO NOT attempt to walk through standing water in the tunnel and to give yourself extra time to safely cross the railroad crossing above-ground while the pedestrian tunnel is closed. For your

safety, you should only cross at the crossing gates and only do so when the gates are up.

This closure is expected to last 3-4 weeks while the City awaits the arrival of replacement equipment. We apologize for the inconvenience and ask for your cooperation to help ensure the safety of all pedestrians.

Follow the City on Social Media

Stay up-to-date with what's happening in the City in a timely manner by following the City on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Search for "@CityofWheaton" on any of these platforms to follow the City's official sources of information. You can also receive information by email by signing up at www.wheaton.il.us/emailupdates.

Note August Locations for Neighborhood Roll Call

The Wheaton Police Department has brought back its Neighborhood Roll Call community outreach program this summer 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 events at school sites and will have school representatives share information on how District 200 and Wheaton Police are working together to keep schools safe.

Each Neighborhood Roll Call will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation



by the Wheaton Police Department and District 200 representatives (except for a few events that will be presented by the Police Department only), followed by an opportunity for participants to ask questions and get to know the officers who serve in

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. For more information, visit www.wheaton.il.us/rollcall.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROLL CALL

All events are at 6:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday, Aug. 9**
Whittier School
218 W. Park Avenue
(No rain date - will be inside if it rains)

- **Tuesday, Aug. 16**
Scottdale Park
1855 Scottdale Circle
(Rain date - Aug. 17)

- **Thursday, Aug. 18**
Emerson School
119 S. Woodlawn St.
(No rain date - will be inside if it rains)

- **Tuesday, Aug. 30**
Briar Patch Park
1750 Briarcliffe Blvd.
(Rain date - Aug. 31)

New Directors of Building & Code and I.T. Appointed

Following two recent retirements, the City has named Thomas Corrigan the new Director of Building & Code Enforcement and Patrick Keegan the new Director of Information Technology.

Corrigan began his career with another municipal building department before joining the City of Wheaton 18 years ago. He has served as Plan Examiner, Staff Planner and Building Inspector and brings a wealth of knowledge to his new role, along with

a Bachelor's Degree and numerous International Code Council certifications.

Keegan has worked for the City of Wheaton since 2012, previously serving as the City's Assistant IT Director. He also served in several Information Technology roles for Wheaton and another municipality, including GIS Manager.

He has a Master's Degree in Software Development and extensive experience with internal systems and operations.

City Honors Retiring Director of Information Technology

During the July 18 City Council meeting, the City Council honored Director of Information Technology Chad Michaelis, who is retiring after serving this City for 18 years in this capacity.

Under his leadership, Michaelis created significant advancements in the City's use of technology. Among these are the City's early transition from physical servers to cloud services, which securely streamlined the City's data storage needs. He also led

the City in creating digital solutions to allow City business to continue during COVID-19 shutdowns.

As the City's second Director of Information Technology, Michaelis excelled in managing every aspect of the City's technology, ensuring all City departments were well-equipped with systems needed to serve the community.

Before working for the City, Michaelis previously was employed in the private sector, most recently at Deloitte.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wheaton Art Walk

Date: Aug. 6-7

Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Liberty Drive in Downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association hosts the Wheaton Art Walk presented by Amdur Productions. The event includes juried artists from around the country.

Wheaton Brew & Seltzer Fest

Date: Saturday, Aug. 6

Time: Noon-4 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park, 225 Karlskoga

The Wheaton Park District hosts the Wheaton Brew & Seltzer Fest from noon to 4 p.m., featuring unique brews and seltzer, food, fun and live entertainment by 7th Heaven. Tickets required.

Memorial Park Free Concert: Jenny V James and The Flames

Date: Monday, Aug. 8

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park, 225 Karlskoga Ave.

The Wheaton Park District presents a free concert at Memorial Park.

Summer Wine Walk

Date: Thursday, Aug. 11

Time: 5-8:30 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

Soak up the sun while enjoying wine tastes at Downtown businesses. Presented by the Downtown Wheaton Association; tickets required.

Cops & Bobbers

Date: Monday, Aug. 15

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

Location: Herrick Lake, off Butterfield Road

Join the Wheaton Police Department and DuPage County Forest Preserve Police for Cops & Bobbers! See page 2.

Movies Under the Stars

Date: Friday, Aug. 19

Time: 8 p.m.

Location: Library West Plaza, 225 N. Cross St.

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association and for Movies Under the Stars. This is a free family-friendly event.

Back to School Bash

Date: Saturday, Aug. 20

Time: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Location: Liberty Drive between Wheaton Avenue & Main Street

The Downtown Wheaton Association will host a family friendly event to celebrate the end of summer with a bounce house, a bubble show, DJ dance party, appearances by Wheaton Police and Fire Departments and more.

Shakespeare in the Park

Date: Aug. 25-27

Location: Memorial Park, 225 Karlskoga Ave.

The Wheaton Park District and Wheaton College's Arena Theater present A Midsummer Night's Dream in Memorial Park. This event is free.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Visit the Wheaton Public Library website for details and for registration at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar.

Friends Book & Media Sale

Dates: Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. • Aug. 12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. • Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Aug. 14, 1-5 p.m.

In-person

The Friends of Wheaton Public Library will hold its Book & Media Sale August 11-14 with a Preview Sale for Friends members beginning at 5 p.m. on August 10. The sale features books for all ages as well as DVDs, CDs, LPs, audiobooks, and more. All proceeds benefit library programs. [Additional info.](#)

Versiti Blood Drive

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 3

Time: 1-7 p.m.

In-person

Versiti Blood Center will be holding a blood drive in the Arts & Culture Center on the Main Floor. Visit WPL's calendar for the link to register with Versiti. Appointments will be honored first, but walk-ins are welcome.

Historic Portrayal: Sherlock's Match

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 3

Time: 7 p.m.

Virtual

Meet Irene Adler, the only woman able to outsmart Sherlock Holmes. Laura Keyes of Historic Voices recounts their meeting and the profound

impact Irene had on the detective's life and career. Co-sponsored by the DuPage County Historical Museum. Registration required.

Architectural Tour of the World

Date: Monday, Aug. 8

Time: 7 p.m.

Virtual

Educational entertainer Martina Mathisen will take us around the globe to discover the fantastic "super structures" that stun the world. Through the portrayal of a storytelling international traveler, see the unparalleled advances in architecture. Registration required.

Concert: The StingRays

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 9

Time: 7-8:30 p.m.

In-person

Dance to the greatest rock 'n roll from the 50s, 60s, and 70s! This energetic foursome will get you on your feet and test your trivia knowledge of your favorite oldies. 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.

Back to School Safety Tips

Many Wheaton schools will begin the new school year on Aug. 17. As part of the Wheaton Police Department's back to school safety plan, there will be an increased police presence at all schools to ensure everyone arrives to/from school safely and to enforce safe transportation practices around our schools.

Below are tips to help make this a safe and successful school year.

Safety Tips

- Ensure students know their address and phone number.
- Whenever possible, walk or bike with another person.
- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Limit the use of distracting devices.
- Avoid engaging with or answering questions from strangers.
- If something occurs that makes you feel unsafe, report it immediately to a trusted adult.
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to role play possible situations with students and discuss

personal safety and awareness tips.

Pedestrian Safety

- Cross using marked crosswalks and where crossing guards are stationed when possible.
- Look before you cross and follow the direction of school crossing guards.
- Always walk on designated sidewalks or paths, never along the side of the road.

Driver Safety

- Obey speed limits and school zones.
- Avoid distracted driving.
- Watch for students walking or on bikes.
- Do not pass a stopped school bus.
- Ensure everyone in a vehicle wears their seatbelt.
- Adhere to the directions of crossing guards to ensure the safety of children and drivers.

Bicycle Safety

- Helmets are required for riders ages 14 and younger but are

recommended for ALL riders.

- Keep right and ride with traffic.
- Secure your bike with a lock when not in use.
- Know and follow the rules of the road.

When to Stop for School Buses:

- On a two-lane road, vehicles traveling in both directions MUST stop when a school bus is loading/unloading.
- On a road with 4 or more lanes, vehicles traveling in the opposite direction do not have to stop and may proceed with caution. Vehicles traveling in the same direction as a stopped bus MUST stop.
- On a divided highway (where there is an unpaved space at least 5 feet wide, a raised median or physical barrier), vehicles behind the bus MUST stop. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction may proceed with caution.

The Wheaton Police Department welcomes back all students to school and wishes you a safe and successful school year.

Help College Students Prepare for Emergencies

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency encourages parents and guardians to include emergency preparedness in their back-to-school plans, including those with students headed to college.

While doing back to school shopping, consider picking up the essential items for an emergency preparedness kit. Every home, dorm and apartment should have the supplies needed to endure a storm, power outage or disaster. Find a list of emergency kit essentials at www.ready.illinois.gov.

Many college campuses also offer email and text messages to alert students of potential dangers, such as severe weather and other threats. Encourage your college student to sign up for alerts.

In addition, make sure your student knows the emergency plans for their dorm or apartment building.



CITY CALENDAR

City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions are held in the Council Chambers at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Visit www.wheaton.il.us for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 1 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 15 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.