

CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

October 2022

CITY NOTES

Trick-or-Treating Hours

The official trick-or-treating hours in Wheaton are 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31. Please use extra caution if you are driving on Halloween to ensure the safety of trick-or-treaters.

If you do not want trick-or-treaters to visit your house, turn off your outside lights and/or place a sign on your door stating that you're not participating. The City has a [sign that you can download from the City's website](#) and print out.

Trick-or-treaters should be respectful of all neighbors' property and only cross at marked crosswalks or at the end of the street.

Have a happy and safe Halloween.

Board/Commission Member Appointments

The City Council approved the appointments

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Changes to Wheaton's Garbage Rates Start Oct. 1



In 2021, the City approved a 3-year contract extension with LRS (formerly Lakeshore Recycling Services) to provide garbage, recycling and yard waste removal services for Wheaton residents. The contract included price adjustments for the second and third years of the contract.

Prices will increase 2% per pickup, which equates to a total of between \$0.04 and \$0.10 per pickup depending upon the type of service and cart size.

Garbage Cart Size	Year 1 10/1/21-9/30/22	Year 2 10/1/22-9/30/23	Year 3 10/1/23-9/30/24
35 gallons	\$3.05	\$3.11	\$3.17
65 gallons	\$4.30	\$4.39	\$4.47
95 gallons	\$5.10	\$5.20	\$5.31

Recycling Cart Size	Year 1 10/1/21-9/30/22	Year 2 10/1/22-9/30/23	Year 3 10/1/23-9/30/24
35 gallons	\$2.00	\$2.04	\$2.08
65 gallons	\$2.75	\$2.81	\$2.86
95 gallons	\$3.25	\$3.32	\$3.38

Yard stickers/stickers for other items	Year 1 10/1/21-9/30/22	Year 2 10/1/22-9/30/23	Year 3 10/1/23-9/30/24
Cost per sticker	\$2.99	\$3.05	\$3.11

Starting Oct. 1, 2022, the new prices per pickup for garbage, recycling and yard waste will be as reflected in the charts above under "Year 2."

You can read more on the City's garbage, recycling and yard waste service, including what is/ isn't recyclable [on the City's website](#).

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

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to the following City Boards and Commissions:

- Nancy Flynn, reappointed to a three-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission
- Sophia Ruffalo, appointed to a three-year term on the Historic Commission
- David Sohmer, appointed to a three-year term on the Community Relations Commission
- Lewis Achenbach, appointed to a three-year term on the Fine & Cultural Arts Commission
- Kristine Eisenmann, Bill Gilbertson, Stu Johnson, Jan Kay, Aryan Khan, Suzanne Mennecke, Michael Rybinski and Russ Stock, appointed to terms on the Commission on Aging, coinciding with the retirement of the Housing Commission on Aug. 15, 2022 and the start of the Commission on Aging.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has the following employment opportunities:

- Civil Engineer – Capital Improvements
- Facilities Maintenance Technician
- Lateral Police Officer
- Network Analyst

To find out more about these opportunities and apply, visit www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Portion of Wesley Changing to Two-Way Traffic during Front Street Reconstruction

Starting the week of October 10, crews contracted by the City plan to begin working to reconstruct Front Street from West Street to Gary Avenue. This project includes replacing sanitary sewer pipes, manholes and reconstructing the street.

To complete this work, crews will be closing Front Street between West Street and Gary. The detour route for Front Street traffic will temporarily make Wesley Street into a two-way traffic pattern between West Street and the Manchester/Wesley Street bridge over the railroad tracks. Eastbound traffic over the bridge



DETOUR

will be required to travel eastbound on Wesley Street instead of Front Street while this work is being completed. See the map of this detour.

The contractor will maintain local access for residents who live in the project area throughout this work. The City anticipates this work will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

Throughout this project, on-street parking will not

be allowed on the block of Front Street between West Street and Gary Avenue. Drivers who use these paid parking spots should use some of the City's other daily fee parking options, such as in Lot 9. Daily fee parking options are listed on the City's website.

Thank you for your patience as we work to complete these important infrastructure improvements.

Take Part in Wheaton Gives Back Program

Formerly known as Make a Difference Day, this year you can take part in Wheaton Gives Back to help community members in need. Wheaton's Community Relations Commission is teaming up with People's Resource Center and the Downtown Wheaton Association to collect new and gently used winter clothing (hats, scarves, gloves and coats) at donation boxes located throughout downtown Wheaton from October 1 through Oct. 31. [See the City's website](#) for a map

and list of locations where you can drop off items.

You can also sign up for an Unload the Truck event on October 21 at People's Resource Center, 201 S. Naperville Road. Volunteers will take shifts (10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) to unload food items for neighbors in need. Registration is required. Please note this volunteer opportunity includes lifting and prolonged standing. [Visit the City's website to register and for more information on this program.](#)

Commission on Aging Seeks New Members

Want to make a difference in our community? The newly formed Commission on Aging has 3 available positions for residents to join the volunteer commission. Among the group's responsibilities are administering the Senior Housing Assistance Program, which provides financial assistance to help lower-income seniors with monthly costs. You can [read about the commission's purpose](#) and [fill out an application](#).



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Celebrate Our Business Community

Wheaton's business community is thriving, and we have much to celebrate: new businesses establishing themselves in Wheaton, existing businesses marking milestones, and longtime businesses serving as cornerstones of our community.

All areas of the City have welcomed new businesses in recent months, such as the home and women's boutique Meredith Jaye that opened its doors at 311 Town Square. This is one example of a local business finding the perfect opportunity in our community. Owner Kim Fuller started her first boutique in Wheaton in 2000. When the boutique outgrew its Wheaton location and larger options weren't available at the time, the business moved elsewhere. Fast forward to 2022: the Fuller family is excited to be back in Wheaton with Meredith Jaye, and we're excited to welcome them back.

This new shop happens to be right across from another Town Square business that chose to expand in Wheaton: 302



Mayor Suess

South. Following the success of its community-focused 302 Wheaton restaurant (located at 302 W. Front Street), this thriving business continued investing in another part of our community by opening a second location, 302 South, in the center of Town Square.

Similarly, in the College Avenue corridor, the owners of the breakfast/lunch restaurant Hen House expanded through the addition of the new Molos Taverna (1072 College Avenue, adjacent to Hen House). This new offering features modern Greek food and drinks.

National franchises are seeking opportunities

in Wheaton, too, like the recently opened Culver's restaurant on Roosevelt Road. The City expects to see more redevelopment successes like this due to the recently adopted Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan, which will spur economic development best suited to the different sectors of Roosevelt Road.

In the downtown, the owners of the former Wheaton House Kitchen & Tap have transformed their restaurant and reopened as Yia Mas, "a taste of Greece," now open at the corner of Front Street and Hale (133 W. Front Street).

Besides restaurants and retail, service-based businesses are also investing in Wheaton, such as the new Geode Health at 311 S. County Farm Road, providing mental health services for our community.

Our community celebrates the milestones and accomplishments of our existing businesses, too, like The Moment On Main (122 N. Main St.), celebrating its first anniversary; My Half of the Sky (121 W. Wesley St.), celebrating its fifth anniversary; and Noah's Animal Hospital (414 S.

Main St.), celebrating its fifth anniversary.

And, here in Wheaton, we're fortunate to have businesses who've been a part of our community's story for more than 100 years, including: The Little Popcorn Store, since 1921 (111 1/4 Front St.); Carlson Paint, Glass and Art Stores Inc., since 1915 – which now includes Carlson Glass and Mirror (312 W. Front St.), and Carlson True Value Hardware (125 E. Front St.); Stones Jewelry, since 1911 (107 W. Front St.); and Wheaton Nurseries, since 1895 (626 E. Roosevelt Road).

Wherever you go in Wheaton, you'll see the signs of a successful business community: longtime community favorites, existing businesses investing in our community, and new businesses bringing more opportunities to shop, dine and do business locally, surrounded by a thriving residential community. To all of our businesses – new and old – that call Wheaton home, we appreciate and support you.

Watch the State of the City Address Presentation

Want to know what's happening in Wheaton? [Watch the State of the City Address](#), where Mayor Suess

outlines recent projects and accomplishments in Wheaton and previews what's on the horizon for our community. From

new businesses to the Downtown Streetscape Project, flooding reduction projects and community safety initiatives, you'll get

an idea of what your City is working on. [The State of the City Address video is now available on the City's website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Fest

Date: Saturday, Oct. 1
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Central Athletic Complex, 500 S. Naperville Road

The Wheaton Park District encourages the community to enjoy a family-friendly evening in downtown Wheaton, with live entertainment, food, beer garden and children's area. For more information, [see the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

French Market

Dates: Each Saturday
Time: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Location: Liberty Drive east of Main Street

Visit this outdoor event modeled after the markets of France, where you'll find produce, specialty foods, flowers, handmade goods and more.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Oct. 8

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. See www.wheaton.il.us/electronics.

Chili Cookoff

Date: Saturday, Oct. 8
Time: 1-5 p.m.
Location: Downtown Wheaton
The Downtown Wheaton Association will host the 14th annual Chili Cookoff. Downtown eateries will compete for your vote with their unique spin on this fan-favorite dish. Tickets are required. For more information, [visit the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Rock the Vote on Hale

Date: Oct. 11
Time: 5:30-8 p.m.
Location: Hale Street tents

The Downtown Wheaton Association is partnering with the Wheaton League of Women Voters, Wheaton Public Library, and Wheaton Chamber of Commerce to encourage everyone to register to vote before the upcoming November election! Join us under the Hale Street Tents for live music, and the League of Women Voters will share voting resources to help the community get informed before November elections.

Halloween Happening

Date: Friday, Oct. 14
Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Location: Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard
The Wheaton Park District hosts a family-friendly activity-filled Halloween event with

carnival games, touch-a-truck, bounce house, concessions and more. Tickets are required. [See the Park District's website](#).

Movies Under the Stars

Date: Oct. 14
Time: 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Location: Library West Plaza, 225 N. Cross St.

The Downtown Wheaton Association presents a free outdoor movie for the community on the Library's West Plaza.

Downtown Wheaton Trick-or-Treat

Date: Saturday, Oct. 29
Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Location: Downtown Wheaton
Bring your little ghosts and goblins Downtown Wheaton to get a head start on this year's candy collection! [See the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Documentary Film: For the Left Hand

Date: Sunday, Oct. 2
Time: 2 p.m.
In-person

At age 10, Norman Malone was half paralyzed by his father. He began a lifelong quest to reclaim his natural gift for the piano. Nearly 70 years later, Malone launches a triumphant concert career. Provided in partnership

with Noteable Notes. No registration required.

Living History: Agatha Christie

Date: Monday, Oct. 3
Time: 7 p.m.
Hybrid event
Agatha's 20-year effort to write her autobiography began while traveling in the Middle East in 1950. Join Debra Miller of Historical Women of Letters, as

she portrays the author reminiscing about her life as a writer and adventurer. Registration required.

Concert: Kaleidoscope Eyes

Date: Sunday, Oct. 9
Time: 2 p.m.
In-person
Kick-off the 4EVER4 Beatles exhibit and Rock the Vote with a performance by acoustic Beatles tribute

band, Kaleidoscope Eyes! Concert will be held outdoors on the library's West Plaza. Bring your own chairs and blankets. In case of inclement weather, concert will be held inside the library. Provided in partnership with the Wheaton League of Women Voters. No registration required.

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Leaf Collection Reminders for Fall

This fall, the City of Wheaton reminds you of the ways you can properly dispose of leaves. Place leaves in containers 35 gallons in size or smaller, or in biodegradable bags. Containers or bags must weigh less than 50 pounds when filled. Each container or bag requires an LRS yard waste sticker, available at City Hall and at many local grocery and

hardware stores.

When you're cleaning up leaves, please be careful not to blow or rake them into the streets. Doing so can prevent storm sewers from functioning properly and can lead to flooding. If your house is located near a storm sewer catch basin, please help keep it clear by sweeping away leaves from the sewer grate. Also, please note that burning

leaves is not allowed.

LRS collects yard waste, food scraps and organic materials on your garbage day through the second full week of December.

An environmentally friendly alternative is to mulch them into your lawn or garden beds. Using a lawnmower with a mulching function can shred leaves for spreading into garden beds or finely shredded into lawns.

Tips for What to Pack in an Emergency Kit

No matter the season, it's always a good idea for your household to have an emergency kit ready to go. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office of Public Health has a suggested checklist of items to create your emergency kit so that you can be ready for a variety of emergency situations. Consider packing these items for your home, office, school and/or vehicle:

- Water—1 gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)

- Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)

- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First-aid kit (antibiotic ointment, bandages, face masks, gloves)
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items

- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items, including bleach
- Copies of personal documents (medication list, proof of address,

- deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)

- Cell phone & chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Blanket, extra clothes, sleeping bags
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Manual can opener

You should also consider the specific needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit.

For other preparedness information, visit www.emergency.cdc.gov.

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Concert: Back to the Future - 70s Style

Date: Sunday, Oct. 16

Time: 2 p.m.

In-person

Enjoy the hits of the 70s with Carolyn Lloyd on flute, Jon Warfel on piano, and special guest vocalist, Gavin Coyle. No registration required.

Ida B Wells: Her Life & Recognizing Her Legacy

Date: Monday, Oct. 24

Time: 7 p.m.

Hybrid event

Join Michelle Duster, professor, public historian, and author of Ida B. the Queen about her great-grandmother Ida B. Wells as she discusses the work and legacy of her Wells and the multi-generational family efforts to make sure her ancestor's contributions to the country are recognized and honored.

Co-Sponsored by the Community Relations Commission, Wheaton Public Library, and League of Women Voters of Wheaton. This event is offered both in-person at the library and virtually via Zoom. [Visit here to register](#).

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

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1 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.

3 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

10 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

17 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

24 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

