

October 2013

## City Notes



### Wheaton's Trick-or-Treating Hours

Wheaton's official citywide Halloween trick-or-treating hours will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013. See page 5 for Halloween safety tips from the Wheaton Police Department.

Kids can celebrate twice! See the Events Section on page 4 for information about the Downtown Trick-or-Treat.

### Leaf Collection Reminders

This fall, the City of Wheaton reminds you of its [procedures for leaf disposal](#). Place leaves in containers 33 gallons in size or smaller, or in biodegradable bags. Containers or bags must weigh less than 50 pounds when

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## Make a Difference on Oct. 26

*Take part in this national day of volunteering*

Each year the City of Wheaton's Community Relations Commission works to promote and encourage others to participate in Make a Difference Day, a national day of doing good. The commission works with local organizations to build awareness and to support National Make a Difference Day, which is on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013.

This is a chance for you to give back to the community. Below are some activities and projects being planned by the commission, local organizations, students and other groups.

#### Support City's Adopted Army Battalion

Support the City's Adopted Battalion, "The Big Red One," 1-18 Infantry. This year, the City's Community Relations Commission will be sending our 835 adopted soldiers a small token of our appreciation as they are gearing up for an operation-



al deployment. Collection boxes for a number of items will be placed at City Hall, Wheaton Public Library & the Wheaton Sports Center. Collections will be open from Oct. 1 through Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2013.

Items being collected include:

- Packs of gum
- Beef jerky (individually wrapped)
- Games, hand-held/battery-operated
- Books- adult fiction or non-fiction, new and gently used

For more information or assistance with a collection for this project, contact Desiray Young of the Community Relations Commission at



#### Make a Difference Day

- **When:** Saturday, Oct. 26
- **What:** Start your own project or join one listed on the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/MADD](http://www.wheaton.il.us/MADD)

[desiray@jycon.com](mailto:desiray@jycon.com)

#### Stuff-a-Truck with Food

The Wheaton Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the People's Resource Center is leading this effort to collect healthy, non-perishable food

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## Contact the City

**Police/Fire: 911**

**After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161**

**General Information: 630-260-2000, 630-260-8090 (TDD)**

**City Hall Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday**

#### Feedback:

Please mail your comments to:

Mayor's Office, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187

Or, email comments to: [feedback@wheaton.il.us](mailto:feedback@wheaton.il.us)

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filled. Each container or bag requires a green leaf sticker, which is available at City Hall, <303 W. Wesley St.>, and at many local grocery and hardware stores. Advanced Disposal also takes credit card orders by phone by calling 630-587-8282.

Please note that leaf burning is not permitted. It is also illegal to rake or blow leaves onto the street, as this practice can clog storm sewers and cause flooding. If possible, please help remove leaves and sticks near the storm sewers that are near your house to help them function properly.

Leaves will be collected on the same day as your regular garbage and recycling pickup through Dec. 13, 2013.

An eco-friendly alternative to placing your leaves out for collection is to compost leaves into mulch for your yard or garden.

## Business News

• **Jeans and a Cute Top Shop** has moved two doors west to an expanded location at 210 W. Wesley St.

• **Wheaton 121**, a new 300-unit apartment development located at 121 N. Cross St., has begun opening part of the development to residents.

## Car Checks for Seniors

The Milton Township SALT (Seniors and Lawmen Together) Council will be offering free auto inspections for Wheaton and Milton Township seniors from 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 26 at Wheaton Fire Station One, <1 Fapp Circle>. Seniors will have an opportunity for their cars to

undergo a safety inspection performed by certified mechanics, and mechanics will make recommendations for the winter months.

For more information, call Milton Township at 630-668-1616. Cars are inspected on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Panel Discussion on Coyotes

Aurora University will lead an educational panel discussion on living conflict-free with coyotes from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 7, 2013 at the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center in St. Charles. Panelists will include a veterinarian, a wildlife biologist, a dog trainer and a member of the Urban Coyote research project.

## Some Batteries Not Accepted

The City reminds you that household batteries are not accepted at the City's monthly electronic recycling drop-off events or through the new curbside electronic recycling program.

However, rechargeable batteries will be accepted. For a full list of items that will or will not be accepted for recycling, [visit the City's website](#).

## Commission News

The City Council appointed Craig Farnsworth to the Downtown Design Review Board, Nancy Flynn to the Environmental Improvement Commission and Greg Morrison to the Historic Commission. The Council also reappointed Bill Austin to the Fine & Cultural Arts Commission. All of these appointments and reappointments are for three-year terms.



Some volunteers helped clean up Adams Park last year.

## Difference

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for those in need. Collection boxes will be placed at numerous locations in the community during the month of October.

The Stuff-a-Truck food collection will culminate with a "Thanks Tons Festival" on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the IIT campus, <201 E. Loop Drive>. Join local businesses and your neighbors at this special event and remember to bring food items to help stock PRC's food pantry.

Visit [www.wheatonchamber.com](http://www.wheatonchamber.com) or contact Laurie Swanson, [lswanson@laso careers.com](mailto:lswanson@laso careers.com) or 630-260-7821, for more information on how you can participate.

### Kids Making a Difference

Various schools within our community are "Making a Difference:"

- Edison Middle School: Stuff-a-Truck food drive
- Madison Elementary: Stuff-a-Truck food drive
- Sandburg Elementary: Stuff-a-Truck food drive
- Washington Elementary: Stuff-a-Truck food drive
- Whittier Elementary: School supplies for kids in need

To find out how you can contribute to these efforts,

please contact Desiray Young at 630-653-7579 or [desiray@jycon.com](mailto:desiray@jycon.com) for assistance.

### Adams Park Cleanup

A cleanup of [Adams Park](#) will take place from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. Anyone interested in helping with trimming, clearing, weeding and raking should meet at the Adams Park fountain. Bring your favorite tools (hand hedge clippers are handy).

The City will provide bags, buckets, extra rakes and truck disposal. If you have questions, call Al Grant at 630-234-2252 or 630-653-1054 and leave your message.

Organizers would like to thank all volunteers for their interest and work to keep Adams Park looking beautiful. The City and those who enjoy the park appreciate your help.

### Start Your Own Project

You can join one of the activities listed above or start your own project to give back in a way that is meaningful to you.

If you choose to start your own activity, please send a brief description of your project or event to [desiray@jycon.com](mailto:desiray@jycon.com) so your efforts can be recognized along with all of the community's Make a Difference Day efforts.

# Wheaton Reads: “Pride and Prejudice”

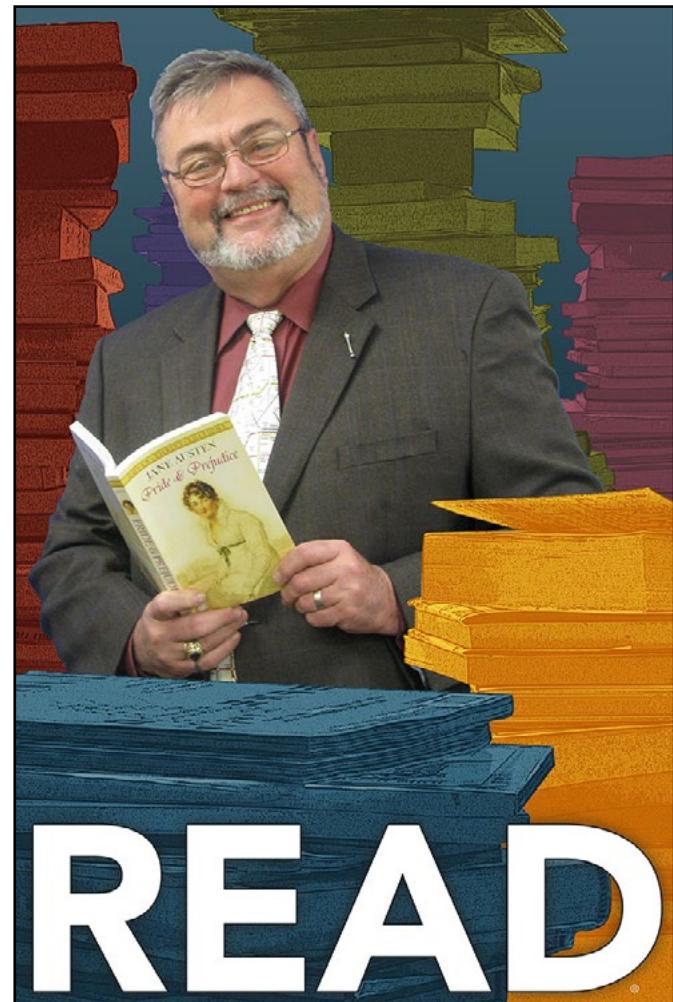
*Library encourages community to get involved in programs and discussions*

The Wheaton Public Library is launching a community-wide reading and book discussion program this October with Wheaton Reads: “Pride and Prejudice.” The month-long celebration of the Jane Austen classic kicks off on Sunday, Oct. 6, with a presentation by Kim Wilson entitled “In the Garden with Jane Austen.” The presentation highlights 18th- and 19th-century gardening and the role that gardens played in the lives and love of Austen and her characters.

Other presentations planned for the month include Tea Time with Chef Michael Maddox, an English Country Dance with music by Old Fezziwig’s Band,

a program on the art of silhouette, and a visit with the author of “Definitely Not Mr. Darcy,” Karen Doornbos. A film fest will feature showings of various versions of “Pride and Prejudice” including the Bollywood production “Bride and Prejudice.” Book discussions are planned throughout the month in various locations.

The grand finale takes place on Sunday, Nov. 3, when “Jane Austen Speaks” is presented by Debra Miller. Copies of the book are available at the library’s Information Desk. All events are free. View details and the complete schedule at [www.wheatonlibrary.org](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org) or call 630-868-7520.

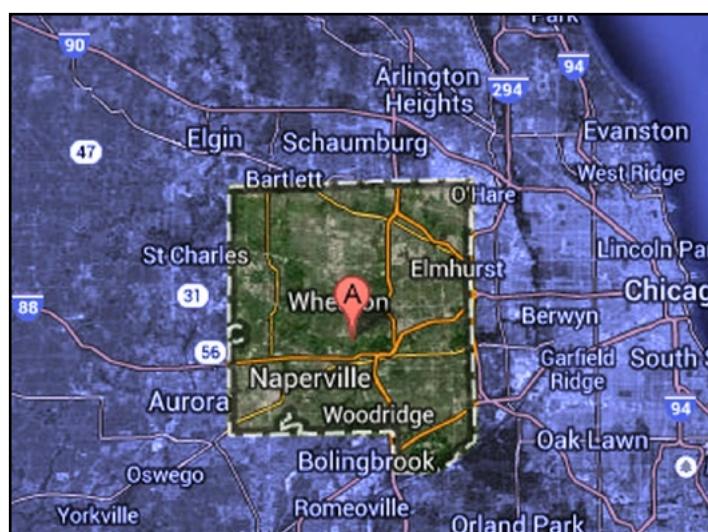


Mayor Michael Gresk reads “Pride and Prejudice.”

## Heroin in DuPage County: An Equal Opportunity Epidemic

**“N**ot my kid.” That’s what Kim, one DuPage County mother, thought about heroin use. Her son was an accomplished athlete with a normal childhood and a strong circle of friends.

Yet Kim discovered what police departments throughout DuPage County have found: heroin truly is an equal opportunity epidemic. Its reach cuts across all age groups and socioeconomic groups, and its consequences are deadly. Kim and her son Nick, a recovering heroin addict, share their powerful story in a new video from the City of Wheaton Communications Department, [“Heroin in DuPage County: An Equal Opportunity Epidemic.”](#)



### [“Heroin in DuPage County: An Equal Opportunity Epidemic.”](#)

The show’s moderator, Kent Williams of the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association, says Nick and Kim’s story reflects a grow-



### Watch the Video

[This video](#) is being shown on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10) and is available for viewing online anytime on the City’s website.

said. “Really, the only answer to this nightmare is early intervention through education.”

The Wheaton Police Department encourages you to [watch this video](#), which is available on the City’s website and on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10).

# Upcoming Events

## Pumpkin Fest at Cosley Zoo

**When:** Oct. 1-31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Where:** Location : Cosley Zoo, 1356 N. Gary Ave.

Cosley Zoo will feature a pumpkin patch, a straw pyramid for climbing, a corn stalk tunnel and more during Pumpkin Fest. Cosley Zoo is located at 1356 N. Gary Ave. For more information, visit <http://cosleyzoo.org>.



## Mural Dedication

**When:** Sunday, Oct. 6, 1-4 p.m.  
**Where:** Community Mural, 1026 E. College Ave.

The community is invited to a mural dedication ceremony from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at the site of the new community mural, "Pearls of the Universe," at 1026 E. College Ave. The mural is a project supported by Wheaton's Community Relations Commission and Fine & Cultural Arts Commission.

## Electronic Recycling

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-noon  
**Where:** Wheaton Public Works Storage Facility, 820 W. Liberty Drive

Drop off your unwanted electronics for recycling during the City's monthly collection event. Electronics such as televisions, computers, printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted. Also, Wheaton residents can now bring fluorescent bulbs for safe disposal (no businesses, please). The types of bulbs accepted include T-12, T-8 and T-5 fluorescent bulbs (often found in light fixtures used in utility rooms and basements); aquarium tubes; under-counter

fluorescent tubes. Please do not tape fluorescent tubes together. CFLs and household batteries are not accepted at the monthly electronic recycling collection. [More information is on the City's website.](#)

## Danada Fall Festival

**When:** Sunday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Where:** Danada Equestrian Center, 35507 Naperville Road, Wheaton

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County will host its annual Danada Fall Festival at the Danada Equestrian Center in Wheaton. The event includes hayrides, equestrian demonstrations, barn tours, musical entertainment, children's activities and more.

## Make a Difference Day

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 26  
**Where:** Throughout Wheaton

The Community Relations Commission encourages you to participate in this national day of volunteering. See pages 1-2 for more information.

## Downtown Trick-or-Treat

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. costume contest,

11 a.m.-1 p.m. trick-or-treating

**Where:** Participating businesses throughout downtown Wheaton

Children can dress in costume and trick-or-treat at participating stores in downtown Wheaton on Saturday, Oct. 26. This year's event will include a costume contest at 10 a.m. in Martin Memorial Plaza (located on [Front Street just west of Main Street](#)) followed by trick-or-treating from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. New to this year's event will be a pet costume contest, face painting, a window decorating contest for downtown businesses and more. This event is sponsored by the Downtown Wheaton Association. For more information, visit [www.](#)

[downtownwheaton.com](#).

## French Market

**When:** Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Where:** Parking lot at [Main Street and Liberty Drive](#) in downtown Wheaton

Wheaton's popular outdoor French Market takes place from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. each Saturday near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive, just south of the railroad tracks in downtown Wheaton. Inspired by the outdoor markets of France, vendors at this weekly event sell much more than your typical farmers market. Find pastries, flowers, art, jewelry, handmade gifts, locally grown produce and many specialty items at the French Market.



# New Payment Method for Pace and CTA

Pace and CTA are transitioning to a new payment system called Ventra. It is a convenient system that allows customers to use a single fare card for regional transit throughout Chicago and the suburbs.

Ventra customers can pay for rides with the following contactless payment methods: Ventra Cards, Ventra Tickets for single-ride and 1-day passes, and personal bank-issued debit and credit cards equipped with a contactless chip. Customers will simply "tap" any of these contactless payment cards to quickly board trains and buses.

Pace and CTA will continue to offer special fares and money-saving passes, like the Commuter Club Card and the Campus Connection Pass, and will still accept cash on buses. Customers will also eventually be able to use compatible mobile phones to pay for train and bus rides.

Ventra Cards and fare products are sold at vending machines in rail stations and up to 2,500 Chicagoland retail locations. In 2014, all CTA and Pace fare media will be replaced with Ventra.

For more information, visit [www.ventrachicago.com](http://www.ventrachicago.com).

# Trick-or-Treat Safely



**H**alloween is a festive and fun time of the year for children of all ages. The Wheaton Police Department offers the following tips to promote safety and protect children.

- Remind children to trick-or-treat on one side of the street at a time. Refrain from crossing the street in the middle of the block or between parked cars. Cross the street only in the crosswalk or at the corner, using caution.

- Trick-or-treat while it is light outside. If you must be out after dark, wear white or light-colored clothing, put reflective tape on your costume and treat bag, and carry a flashlight so you can be seen. Never carry a lit torch or candle.

- Dress children in non-flammable costumes that fit properly – short enough to

prevent tripping. Avoid wearing facial masks, which obstruct vision. Use face paint and makeup instead.

- Trick-or-treat with friends and stay in a group; there is safety in numbers. Never trick-or-treat alone.

- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult (parent) or responsible teen (older brother or sister) while trick-or-treating.

- Advise children not to enter any residence or vehicle for the promise of anything. Children should wait outside the door for their treats.

- Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time, staying in your own immediate neighborhood along well-lit streets. Do not wander far from home.

- Instruct children never to eat any treats until they return home and the treats

have been examined under sufficient light by an adult. Check the wrappers of commercial candy for signs of tampering. Wash and cut fruit before eating. Throw away anything unwrapped. Notify the police if there are any suspicious treats.

- Always walk on the sidewalk while trick-or-treating. If there is no sidewalk on the street, keep to the left, next to the curb, and walk single file facing (against) traffic.

- Children should be courteous and respectful of other people's property. Damaging or defacing property will not be tolerated.

- Parents should know with whom their children are trick-or-treating and which route they are taking.

- Homeowners should leave outside porch lights on.

## Police Department Property and Evidence Auction

**A**nnually the Wheaton Police Department sends surplus, found, unclaimed and forfeited property and evidence to an online auction called propertyroom.com for disposal. When property remains unclaimed or the owner is unknown, it is sold at auction to the highest bidder pursuant to Section 2-506 of the Wheaton City Code.

Propertyroom.com will accept Paypal, Master Card, Visa and American Express. After Nov. 1, 2013 interested persons may view the items, submit bids and register for free on [www.propertyroom.com](http://www.propertyroom.com) or at [www.propertyroom.com/d/662](http://www.propertyroom.com/d/662) for items submitted by the City of Wheaton. If additional information is needed, answers to frequently asked ques-

### Property & Evidence Online Auction

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- Visit [www.propertyroom.com/d/662](http://www.propertyroom.com/d/662)

tions can be found at [www.propertyroom.com/help/faq](http://www.propertyroom.com/help/faq), which is on the main auction website.

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

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- 5 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 7 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.