

October 2014

City Notes

Trick-or-Treating Hours

Wheaton's official citywide Halloween trick-or-treating hours will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.

Kids can celebrate twice! See the Upcoming Events section on page 4 for information about the Boo-Palooza! Downtown Trick-or-Treat on Oct. 25.



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 filled.

Each container or bag requires a green leaf sticker, which is available at City Hall,

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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

How Will You Make a Difference?

Take Part on Oct. 25

Each year the City of Wheaton's Community Relations Commission encourages the community to participate in Make a Difference Day, the national day of doing good deeds, as a chance for you to give back to the community. This year's Make a Difference Day will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014. Below are some projects being planned by the commission, local organizations, students and other groups.

Support City's Adopted Army Battalion

The Community Relations Commission will be collecting stocking stuffers for children of the City's adopted battalion, "The Big Red One," 1-18 Infantry. The commission seeks candy, gum, new books and small toys and games that will fit in a stocking. Collection boxes will be at City Hall and the Wheaton Public Library Oct. 1 through Nov. 11.

The commission also seeks businesses or citizens to help fund 850 workout T-shirts for soldiers in the



Residents can help with an Adams Park Cleanup project as part of Make a Difference Day on Oct. 25.



2014 Make a Difference Day

Visit www.wheaton.il.us/madd for information.

battalion. Donations can be mailed to or dropped off at City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., payable to "Community Relations Commission Escrow," by Nov. 11.

For more information, contact Desiray Young at desiray@jcon.com.

Stuff-a-Truck with Food

The Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the People's Resource Center (PRC), is leading the Stuff-a-

Truck with Food effort to collect healthy, non-perishable food for those in need. Collection boxes will be placed at numerous locations in the community during the month of October. On Saturday, Oct. 25, you can visit PRC from 1-3 p.m., drop off food, enjoy hot dogs provided by the Wheaton Rotary, take a tour and learn more about how PRC serves the community. Visit www.wheatonchamber.com for more information or contact Laurie Swanson Oberhelman at 630-260-7821.

• Films for Food

As part of this food drive, anyone can bring a nutri-

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Feedback:

Please mail your comments to:

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

Or, email comments to: feedback@wheaton.il.us

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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. 12, 2014.

An environmentally friendly alternative to placing your leaves out for collection is to compost leaves into mulch for your yard.

Coyote Awareness

As the weather starts to cool, local wildlife begin foraging for more food sources. Be sure to [review information on the City's website](#) on how to be aware of and deter coyotes.

Daily Fee Parking Near Train Stations

In addition to the leased spaces, commuters are reminded they can use Lots #9 and #10 for daily fee parking. Find out more about commuter and other parking [on the City's website](#).

Commission News

The City Council reappointed Mike Bock and Dee Hicks to the Fine & Cultural Arts Commission and reappointed Nathan Bossenga to the Downtown Wheaton Design Board for three-year terms, respectively.

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tious food donation to Studio Movie Grill on Thursday, Oct. 9 and Thursday, Oct. 23 and receive a free movie ticket for that day. For more information, visit www.wheatonchamber.com.

• Food for Fines

As part of the Stuff-A-Truck food drive, the Wheaton Public Library is taking \$5 off of library fines for anyone who brings a nutritious food donation on Make-A-Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 25. For information, visit www.wheatonchamber.com.

Adams Park Cleanup - Volunteers Needed!

Bring your favorite tools to help clear, weed and rake Adams Park. From 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, volunteers will help beautify Adams Park. Anyone interested in helping should meet at the park's fountain.

The City will provide bags, buckets, extra rakes



A number of Wheaton schools will be taking part in the Stuff a Truck with Food drive for Make a Difference Day.

and truck disposal. Organizers would like to thank all volunteers for their interest and work to keep Adams Park looking beautiful. The City appreciates your help.

Kids Making a Difference

Various schools within our community are "Making a Difference" with these projects:

- Edison Middle School: Stuff-a-Truck food drive
- Lowell Elementary: Stuff-a-Truck food drive

- Washington Elementary: Stuff-a-Truck food drive

- Whittier Elementary: Toothpaste and toothbrushes for Stuff-A-Truck and PRC

Wheaton Community Making a Difference

- Women's Department Club of Wheaton/Glen Ellyn will be taking up a monetary collection in support of the City's adopted Army battalion, the Big Red One.

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 so your efforts can be recognized along with all of the community's Make a Difference Day efforts.



Wheaton Reads: Sherlock Holmes

The Wheaton Public Library will hold its second annual community-wide reading and book discussion program this October with Wheaton Reads: Sherlock Holmes. Wheaton Reads encourages residents to read for pleasure, create

community through reading, and promote the exploration of ideas and knowledge.

Sherlock Holmes first appeared in publication in 1887 and was featured in four novels and 56 short stories. Today, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's legendary detective

has been the inspiration for countless stories and characters, including two TV shows, "Sherlock" and "Elementary."

The library will celebrate all month with events, contests, prize drawings, displays and more. See page 4 for event information.

Lifelong Friends Reflect on Wheaton in Video

New "Wheaton Remembers" pays tribute to City's former Public Works director

With a combined 298 years living in Wheaton, these four friends can tell you quite a few things about this city. What was it like when only 7,389 people lived here? What did people do for fun? What types of shops lined downtown streets?

[Watch a new edition of "Wheaton Remembers"](#) to hear from Joseph Knippen, Dick Duncan, Les Gaskins and Harold Westwood about how Wheaton has changed through the decades.

Knippen discusses the dramatic transformation he witnessed during his 40-year career as the City's Public Works Director. The friends talk about highlights of their high school days, including the bonfires, football games and hangouts such as Tom's Eat Shop and Willow Snack. They also recall memorable times, like the pranks students



Joseph Knippen

Harold Westwood



Dick Duncan

Les Gaskins

played on their rival high school and seeing movies at the Wheaton Grand Theater.

This new edition of "Wheaton Remembers" is available any time on the City's website, and Wheaton cable subscribers can see it on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10).



Longtime friends Joseph Knippen, Harold Westwood, Dick Duncan and Les Gaskins talk about growing up in Wheaton, including the popular restaurants and hangouts of their youth.



Watch the Video

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"Wheaton Remembers" is a recurring television series in which longtime residents share their stories of grow-

ing up in Wheaton to educate residents and preserve the community's history for future generations. If you or someone you know are a longtime resident and are interested in being a guest on "Wheaton Remembers," contact Richard Sagen at 630-260-2036 or rsgen@wheaton.il.us. Individuals and small groups can participate in the series.

Interested in Running for City Council?

Candidate petitions due Nov. 17-24

Petitions for candidacy for the 2015 Wheaton municipal election are available in the City Clerk's Office at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. One four-year position for Mayor and two four-year positions for Councilman At-Large are up for election. Candidates shall:

- Be registered voters of the City of Wheaton and candidates must reside within the corporate limits of the city at least one year preceding the election; and

- File Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination signed by at least 81 registered City of Wheaton voters

residing within the corporate limits of the City of Wheaton. *Please note: This information is provided solely as a public service. Please consult with an attorney and/or review the State Election Code before taking any action.*

The Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination should be filed together with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and a receipt indicating the candidate has filed a Statement of Economic Interest with the DuPage County Clerk.

Petitions are filed with the Wheaton City Clerk, City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. between



Nov. 17, 2014 and Nov. 24, 2014, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding weekend days/holidays.

For more information, contact the Wheaton City Clerk's office at 630-260-2012.

Expect Delays during Project

A Metra rail replacement project will continue to cause delays on the Union Pacific West train line. In order to replace 13 miles of the inbound track between Kress Road in West Chicago and Elburn, delays will be necessary through Oct. 15.

A construction schedule is in effect throughout the project, with delays of 10 minutes expected for midday trains on weekdays and 15 minutes for trains on weekends. However, due to the nature of the project, trains operating during peak construction periods may experience additional delays.

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Fest at Cosley Zoo

Dates: Oct. 1-31

Times: Regular zoo admission hours

Location: Cosley Zoo, [1356 N. Gary Ave.](http://www.cosleyzoo.org/specialevents.htm#pumpkin)

Children can conquer the straw pyramid or find their way through the corn stalk tunnel. This event features thousands of pumpkins scattered on the zoo's lawn. Cosley Zoo is a facility of the Wheaton Park District. See more at www.cosleyzoo.org/specialevents.htm#pumpkin.

French Market

Dates: Saturdays through Nov. 15

Time: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: [Parking lot near Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton](#)

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Nov. 15, visit the French Market near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive to find fresh produce, locally made gifts, art, specialty foods, handmade jewelry, flowers and more. Items change seasonally, offering visitors variety from week to week. For more information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0286.

Sherlock Holmes: Under the Magnifying Glass

Date: Sunday, Oct. 5

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org/calendar)

Celebrate Sherlock Holmes as the library kicks off Wheaton Reads. Join mystery author Linda Mickey as she investigates Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's role in the annals of detective fiction and compares the Sherlock Holmes canon to the Detection Club's rules. Register at www.wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Wheaton Wedding Walk

Date: Saturday, Oct. 11

Time: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Participating downtown Wheaton businesses

The Downtown Wheaton Association invites brides to the Wheaton Wedding Walk, where they can spend the day visiting many specialty shops and boutiques that offer a variety of wedding services. For information, [see the Downtown](#)



[Wheaton Association's website.](#)

Danada Fall Festival

Date: Sunday, Oct. 12

Time: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Danada Equestrian Center, 35507 Naperville Road, Wheaton

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County will host this family friendly Fall Festival featuring the center's resident horses, horse-drawn and tractor-pulled hayrides, children's activities, crafts and more. For information, [see the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's website.](#)

Radio Players: The Speckled Band and The Scandal in Bohemia

Date: Sunday, Oct. 19

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org/calendar)

Re-live the golden age of radio with Those Were the Days Radio Players West as they perform two Sherlock Holmes mysteries based on the original scripts from the radio performances of 1945. Register online at www.wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Halloween Costume Party

Date: Friday, Oct. 24

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Town Square (Naperville Road between Blanchard and E. Loop Road)

Wheaton Town Square will host a Hal-

loween Costume Party in the center circle. The event will include pumpkin decorating, face painting, balloon wizardry, a costume parade and more.

Boo-Palooza! Downtown Trick-or-Treat

Date: Saturday, Oct. 25

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

Location: Downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association invites families to enjoy Halloween festivities in downtown Wheaton. Events at Martin Memorial Plaza (on Front Street just west of Main Street) include a costume contest at 10 a.m., pet costume contest at 10:30 a.m., Halloween photo corner, face painting, a friendly gypsy fortune teller and more. Then trick-or-treat by visiting participating businesses and stores throughout the downtown.

Vivaldi Strings

Date: Sunday, Oct. 26

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Did you know that Sherlock played the violin? The Wheaton College Community School of the Arts performance ensemble, Vivaldi Strings, will play by the stairwell on the first floor of the library. This program is part of the Sunday Sampler series and is sponsored by the Friends of the Wheaton Public Library. No registration required.

Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 29

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Former NASA consultant Kevin Manning will discuss the size and scale of the universe, the stars, and other celestial wonders using hands-on activities and assorted visuals. A powerful telescope will be set up outdoors for viewing the craters on the Moon, the rings of Saturn and other objects in the night sky, weather permitting. For grades 3 through adult. Pick up free required tickets three weeks in advance at the Children's Desk or call 630-868-7540 to reserve tickets.

Wheaton Police Issue Warning about Solicitors

The Wheaton Police Department has received several complaints in recent weeks about an increase in the number of aggressive solicitors in door-to-door visits.

Never allow a solicitor access to your residence for any reason. If you feel threatened or in immediate danger, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Wheaton City Code (Ord. No. F-0764) states:

1. It is unlawful for any solicitor to go onto any premises and ring a doorbell or knock prior to 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m. on any weekday, or prior to 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on any weekend day.

2. Any citizen of the city desiring to prohibit solicitors, canvassers or peddlers from their premises may post a sign indicating, "No Solicitors Invited" that solicitors are prohibited from entering onto their property. The same applies to apartments as well. [A printable sign is available here.](#)

3. Solicitors are required to depart peacefully from the premises after a resident informs them they are no longer welcome on the premises.

Residents are not required nor should they feel compelled to answer the door if the resident believes that the individual is a solicitor. If for any reason, residents feel uncomfortable or if a solicitor refuses to leave, they should call 9-1-1 immediately.

Electronic/Scrap Metal Recycling Event to Take Place on Oct. 11

Take advantage of an electronic recycling and scrap metal drop-off event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014. This will be a drive-through event at Commuter Parking Lot 9, which is located at the corner of Liberty Drive and Carlton Avenue.

Scrap metal has been added to this collection to help offset the cost of recycling electronics. This is a one-time event, as the City has suspended its monthly electronic recycling collection program.

Electronics accepted:

- Electronics such as televisions, printers, computers, computer monitors, laptops, gaming consoles, docking stations, fax machines, scanners, hard drives, stereos, copy machines, cell phones, keyboards/mice, extension cords, telephones, cameras, network cables, computer



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- Small household appliances such as blenders, microwaves, toasters, alarm clocks, hair dryers, etc. Nearly anything with a cord.

Scrap metal accepted:

- Scrap metal such as pots, tomato cages, metal lawn furniture, washers and dryers, lawn mowers (only if gasoline has been removed)

The City will also collect vegetable cooking oil for re-

Electronic & Scrap Metal Recycling

Date: Saturday, Oct. 11

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: [Commuter Lot 9, Liberty & Carlton](#)

cycling into biofuel, and residents can bring fluorescent tube bulbs for recycling.

Items that WILL NOT be accepted:

- Hazardous waste
- Paint
- Items that contain freon, such as air conditioners, refrigerators and dehumidifiers
- Household batteries
- Video tapes or cassette tapes
- CFL light bulbs

Elgin Recycling will be operating the collection, along with volunteers from the Environmental Improvement Commission.

DuPage County Seeks Your Feedback

What makes DuPage County strong? How should local government focus efforts and resources to best improve the county?

Offer your opinion by taking the Impact DuPage survey about local efforts to address community health

and well-being. Residents can take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/impactdupage. The survey takes a couple of minutes to complete. Responses will be collected through Friday, Oct. 31, 2014. Survey results will be available to the public once the assessment pro-

cess has been completed.

Impact DuPage is a collaborative project by the DuPage County Health Department, community organizations, government leaders, hospitals, educators and philanthropic partners to improve the well-being of the community.



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.

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