

October 2015

City Notes

Trick-or-Treating

Wheaton's official citywide Halloween trick-or-treating hours will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015.



Ash Tree Stump Removal

A very rainy early summer has contributed to delays in completing parkway ash tree stump removals. Crews contracted by the City of Wheaton have removed nearly all of the 6,500 parkway ash trees throughout the city. However, due to weather-related delays, the crews removing ash tree stumps and restoring parkways have been unable to keep pace with tree removals.

This work is expected to be completed by the end of 2015. You can see crews' progress in removing specific stumps on a [map on the City's website](#).

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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



Start Planning for 2015 Make a Difference Day

*Save the Date:
Saturday, Oct. 24*

What will you do to make a difference in Wheaton on Oct. 24, 2015? Many organizations, schools and individuals are already planning what they will do for Make a Difference Day. You can join in their efforts to give back to the community, or start your own project.

Make a Difference Day is recognized as the national day of doing good things for others. Wheaton's Community Relations Commission encourages you to take part by joining the projects listed below or creating one of your own. For more information about any of the projects listed below, see www.wheaton.il.us/madd or find a member of the Community Relations Commission at the Wheaton French Market on Saturdays in October.

Support Wheaton's Adopted Army Battalion

The Community Rela-



tions Commission is collecting stocking stuffer items such as small toys, mittens, snack foods, candy and gift cards to fill holiday stockings for the children of the City's adopted battalion, "The Big Red One," 1-18 Infantry. Collection boxes will be at City Hall and the Wheaton Public Library.

Businesses and individuals who would like to make other contributions can contact Bill Gilbertson at beegees2@sbcglobal.net.

Adams Park Cleanup

Residents who have

Make a Difference Day 2015

Date: Saturday, Oct. 24

Get Involved: Join the projects listed here or visit www.wheaton.il.us/madd

gardening experience are encouraged to help with the annual Adams Park Cleanup on Oct. 24. Bring your favorite tools to help clear, weed and rake Adams Park. This event will take place from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Volunteers

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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

Sister City Celebrates Friendship with New Signs

If you find yourself in our English sister city, be sure to notice the signs welcoming you to Wheaton Aston. Three new road signs denoting the entrance into Wheaton Aston now feature Wheaton, Illinois, too, with the addition of the words, "Twinned with Wheaton, Illinois USA."

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Wheaton's sister city relationship with Wheaton Aston, England. Situated in the heart of the English countryside, the village of Wheaton Aston is part of a rural community of about 2,500 residents located approximately 65 miles south of Manchester.



New signs in Wheaton's English sister city celebrate our 25 years of being "twinned."

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Protect Pets

While pets do not comprise a large portion of a coyote's diet, the City reminds you that it is important to watch your pets, even in a fenced yard. Coyotes are opportunistic animals and can go after easy prey, such as an unattended pet.

To discourage coyotes' presence, cut off their access to things such as pet food, garbage and small prey. Feed pets indoors or promptly remove dishes after pets eat outside. Also, do not store pet food outside.

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should meet in the park at 9 a.m.

Stuff-a-Truck with Food Drive

The organizations and schools below will be collecting healthy, non-perishable food donations for people in need as part of the Stuff-a-Truck with Food Drive. Food donations go to the People's Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that provides food and other resources for community members in need. The goal is to collect enough food and/or donations to fill the pantry for the month of November, which is a critical month at the center.

- Many District 200 schools will be participating in Stuff-a-Truck or their own activity for Make-A-Difference Day.
- Wheaton Chamber of Commerce businesses will be collecting food throughout the month of October for

Stuff-A-Truck.

- Wheaton Public Library will be running a Food for Fines program, where food donations made in October will forgive some or all of your overdue book fines.

- Studio Movie Grill is offering a free same-day movie admission in exchange for food donations on Oct. 8 and Oct. 22.

- Town Square will collect food at their Oct. 12 Autumn Fest.

- Cantigny is offering free admission Oct. 19-23 in exchange for food donations.

- Customers who donate \$2 for the Stuff-a-Truck food drive on Oct. 20-21 at Jersey Mike's will receive a free regular sub sandwich.

- Wheaton Warrenville South Tiger PAWS booster club and the Wheaton Warrenville South Key Club will be collecting food at the WWSHS vs. Naperville North game on Friday, Oct. 23.

- Wheaton Public Library's east parking lot will be a drop-off location for Stuff-A-Truck from 10 a.m. to noon on Make-A-Difference Day.

Oct. 24.

- Rotary Clubs of Wheaton will be collecting food at an October meeting.

- The Lions Club of Wheaton will be doing a food collection for Stuff-A-Truck at one of its meetings.

- Wheaton Rams Football collected food at their Wheaton Bowl Games.

- Two Men and a Truck will assist the Stuff-a-Truck with Food project by donating a truck, two drivers, collection boxes and assistance collecting food from all of the District 200 schools participating in Make a Difference Day.

- Whole Foods, Fresh Market and Mariano's are donating bags to be used in the food collection for the schools

Start Your Own Project

You are also welcome to start your own project. To be included on the Community Relations Commission's list of Make a Difference Day projects happening in Wheaton, contact Bill Gilbertson at beegees2@sbcglobal.net.

Save a Garbage Sticker, Dump Your Pumpkin

Pumpkin compost collection Nov. 7

Don't throw your pumpkins in the trash after Halloween; take them to the pumpkin dump. From 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 7, drive through the City's Commuter Parking Lot 9 and dump your pumpkins at the City's second annual pumpkin compost collection. Lot 9 is located near the intersection of Carlton Avenue and Liberty Drive.

From there, pounds and pounds of pumpkins will be taken to Compost Supply for composting into nutrient-rich soil. Last year's event collected 7,220 pounds of pumpkins – enough to fill a large trailer.

"Illinois grows more than 485 million pounds of pumpkins each year, which is more than any other state," said Kay McKeen of the City's Environmental Improvement Commission. "We are really excited about this program because



Last year's collection of pumpkins for composting collected 7,220 pounds of pumpkins.

it will help recover some of the fantastic nutrients from pumpkins through composting, rather than fill up our landfills."

This collection will be run by the City's Environmental

Improvement Commission, SCARCE and Advanced Disposal.

Please remember to remove all candles and decorative items from pumpkins before dumping them in the bin.

Pumpkin Collection

- Date:** Saturday, Nov. 7
- Time:** 9 a.m.-noon
- Location:** Parking Lot at Carlton and Liberty Drive

Remember These Leaf Collection Reminders This Fall

As the leaves begin to 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, 303 W. Wesley St., and at many local grocery and hardware stores. Locations are listed on the City's website. Advanced Disposal also takes credit card orders by phone by calling 630-587-8282. Leaf stickers are \$2.98 each, while garbage/yard waste stickers



are \$3.62 each.

Please note that leaf burning is not permitted. It is also illegal to rake or blow leaves or yard waste onto the street, as this practice can clog storm

weather turns colder, please also remember not to push snow out onto streets or to other people's parkways.

Leaves and yard waste (grass clippings, brush, plant material and weeds) will be collected on the same day as your regular garbage and recycling pickup through Dec. 18, 2015.

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

For more information about Wheaton's garbage, recycling, leaf and yard waste collection, [see the City's website](#).

Upcoming Events

Paranormal 101

Date: Thursday, Oct. 1

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

The Paranormal Investigators will discuss some of the eerie investigations they have conducted around the area and will explain how to tell the difference between a strange occurrence and paranormal activity. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#).

Wheaton Garden Club Flower Show

Date: Oct. 1-2

Time: 12:30-9 p.m. Oct. 1; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 2

Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

The Wheaton Garden Club is celebrating their 90th anniversary with the Flower Show theme, "Put Your Glad Rags On!" in tribute to the 1920s. Stop by the library to see floral arrangements and table designs, including horticulture entries.

Pumpkin Fest

Dates: Oct. 1-31

Location: Cosley Zoo, [1356 N. Gary Ave.](#)

Cosley Zoo will host a month-long event during its normal hours featuring a straw pyramid, cornstalk tunnel, and thousands of pumpkins. Regular admission rates apply. [More information](#)

CUB Utility Bill Clinic

Date: Thursday, Oct. 8

Time: 5-6:30 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Sign up for a 15-minute one-on-one appointment with a CUB representative to



help analyze your phone or utility bill to help save you money. Then stick around for our Home Energy Savings Workshop at 7 p.m. Reserve your spot now, limited space available. Please register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#).

Home Energy Savings Workshop

Date: Thursday, Oct. 8

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

SCARCE, Elevate Energy, and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will teach you how to cut your electric and gas bills down during the cold winter months. Participants will also learn about the new smart meters, practicing energy efficiency, and how to use available incentives to boost home comfort in a cost-effective manner. No registration required.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Oct. 10

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Public Works

Slide Guitar Champion Kraig Kenning will wow you with his amazing skill on the guitar. Pick up free tickets at the Checkout Desk or call 630-868-7510 to reserve.

Autumn Fest & Kids Day Off Event

Date: Monday, Oct. 12

Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: [Town Square Wheaton](#)

Join Town Square Wheaton for a special event on this day off of school. In the center circle of Town Square will be a magic show, face painter, balloon artistry, fall crafts, games and more. Stores will be offering special deals. [More information](#)

Autumn Harvest Three-Course Dinner

Date: Thursday, Oct. 15

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Chef Susan Maddox will demonstrate how to prepare a delicious Autumn Harvest three-course dinner. Tastings will be provided. Register now to reserve your spot! Please register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#).

Halloween Happening

Date: Friday, Oct. 16

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Park District Community Center, [1777 S. Blanchard Road](#)

The Wheaton Park District will host a family Halloween event including Halloween games, a costume pageant, concession stand, photo booth, "Trunk or Treat," "Trick or Treat Trail," crafts and more.

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Influencing Hemingway

Date: Thursday, Oct. 22

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Nancy Sindelar, author of "Influencing Hemingway: The People and Places That Shaped His Life and Work," will discuss the people, places and activities that shaped the legendary author who courted life-threatening adventures and glamorous friends while writing articles, novels and short stories that captivated the world. She will also sign copies of her book. Please register online at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar

Haunted History

Date: Thursday, Oct. 29

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Sit back and listen, if you dare, to the chilling tales of the historical hauntings of the Midwest. Goosebumps guaranteed! Presented by Terry Lynch in character as Ol' Hank, your train conductor for the evening. Ages 10 and up are welcome. Please register online at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar

Boo-Palooza!



Downtown Trick-or-Treat

Date: Saturday, Oct. 31

Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **Location:** Downtown Wheaton

Bring the kids to this fun, safe trick-or-treat tradition in downtown Wheaton. Visit participating shops and businesses where children may collect their prized treats of the season. A costume contest will take place at 10 a.m. by the Martin Memorial Plaza fountain on Front Street, and a pet costume contest will take place at 10:30 a.m. Also, find a Halloween photo corner, face painting and a friendly gypsy fortune teller. This event is sponsored by the Downtown Wheaton Association.

Helpful Hints for a Safe Halloween

In Wheaton, the official trick-or-treating hours are from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015. 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. Do not cross the street in the middle of the block or between parked cars. Cross the street 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.

- 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. 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.

- 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 for signs of tampering. 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 and you need to walk on the street, keep to the left, next to the curb, and in 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 who their children are with and which route they are taking through the area.

- Homeowners should leave outside porch lights on.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!



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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- 3** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 5** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 19** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 26** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 31** Trick-or-Treating Hours: 3-7 p.m.