

# CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

June 2023

## CITY NOTES

### Police and Fire Department Annual Reports Now Available

Check out the annual reports for the [Wheaton Fire Department](#) and the [Wheaton Police Department](#) to learn more about their accomplishments and services performed in 2022.

### 2022 Water Quality Report Now Available

The City of Wheaton's annual water quality report is available on [the City's website](#).

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2022. Please call the Water Division at 630-260-2090 if you would like a paper copy of the report.

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## City of Wheaton Honors 2023 Good Citizens Awards Recipients



Brad Kerr



Rudy Keller



Scott Brady



Elizabeth Karnik



Family of Betty Johnson-Berkun



Dylan Ochs



Jacob Halter



Charlie Surber

The Wheaton City Council honored this year's recipients of the Good Citizens Awards at the May 15 Council meeting.

Highlighting some outstanding students and adults who have made a difference in the community, the awards are coordinated by the Wheaton Community Relations Commission and recognize residents for their acts of selflessness, generosity and service to Wheaton.

The following individuals received

the 2023 Good Citizens Awards:  
**Student Category:**

- *Charlie Surber*, an 8th grader at Franklin Middle School, for his history of helping neighbors, including shoveling neighborhood sidewalks, returning trash cans to the curb on garbage day, and assisting with Lowell Elementary School's snow removal, landscaping and setup for school events.
- *Jacob Halter*, a junior at Wheaton

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**CONTACT  
THE CITY**

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**General Information:** 630-260-2000  
**Wheaton City Hall:** 303 W. Wesley Street  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

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## CITY NOTES

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### Wheaton Public Library 2022 Annual Report Now Available



The Wheaton Public Library's 2022 Annual Report is now live on [the library's website](#). Take a look back at some of the highlights from 2022!

### Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has the following employment opportunities available:

- Civil Engineer - Capital Improvements
- Crossing Guard
- Mechanic

For more information and to apply for open positions, visit [the City's website](#).

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North High School, for volunteer work including Prairie Path cleanups, volunteering at the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, organizing food drives as a Boy Scout, and completing his Eagle Scout project independently during the pandemic.

- *Dylan Ochs*, a senior at Wheaton Academy, for her role as a youth group leader for the junior high school students at her church, mentoring younger students, and participating in multiple mission trips to the Dominican Republic.

#### Adult Category:

- *Scott Brady* for his decades of service leading the local chapter of the Christian Service Brigade at Wheaton-Wesleyan Church (now One Line Church), which imparts the value of community service and teamwork to boys between 2nd and 12th grades
- *Betty Johnson-Berkun* (posthumous award) for her longtime service with the Family Shelter Services of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage, speaking to thousands of women faced with domestic abuse, violence, and homelessness and guiding them to the agency's resources including counseling, trauma care, emergency shelter, and legal assistance.
- *Elizabeth Karnik* for more than a decade of volunteer service on

the Jefferson Early Childhood and Whittier Elementary school PTAs, serving on numerous committees and coordinating a Bottle Caps to Benches drive, during which more than 2,100 caps were donated to be recycled into benches and ADA-compliant picnic tables.

- *Rudy Keller* for the establishment of the Field of Honor, a moving annual display of 2,000 American flags honoring individuals currently serving in the military, veterans, first responders, and other hometown heroes; and leading Wheaton United, a new youth soccer program in cooperation with the Wheaton Park District.
- *Brad Kerr* for his 5+ years of volunteer work at the People's Resource Center (PRC), dedicating 1,100 hours to PRC programs as a computer training instructor, computer service representative, job coach and food pantry program volunteer.

The Wheaton Community Relations Commission strives to foster and promote understanding, mutual respect, cooperation, and positive relations in a diverse inclusive community through such programs as the Good Citizens Awards.

For more than 20 years, the awards have honored residents who go above and beyond to serve the Wheaton community. Congratulations to all recipients!

## Join Community Biking and Walking Tours

As part of their ongoing effort to bring more biking and walking opportunities to the community, the Wheaton Bicyclist and Pedestrian Commission encourages the community to participate in the commission's regularly scheduled group bike

rides and walks to various areas in and near Wheaton. Anyone can participate in these events. Biking and walking will be along some roads and also utilizing the extensive trail system of DuPage County. For more information, visit [the City's website](#).



# Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts Return June 8



The Wheaton Municipal Band is back for another summer of performances and kicks off their season on June 8 at the bandshell in Memorial Park. Every Thursday, starting on June 8 through August 3, as weather permits, the Municipal band will hold a concert in the bandshell

starting at 7:30 p.m. These band concerts have become treasured events for families in communities throughout the Chicago suburbs. All are encouraged to attend and the concerts are free. For a full calendar of performances, visit [the Wheaton Municipal Band's website](#).

## Wheaton Police Department to Host Cops & Bobbers Event on June 7



Come join the Wheaton Police Department and DuPage County Forest Preserve Police for Cops & Bobbers, a community event where kids can fish with the cops!

The event will take place on Wednesday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Herrick Lake in the DuPage County Forest Preserve. Herrick Lake's main entrance is on Butterfield Road,



approximately one mile west of Naperville Road. This event will include free refreshments, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Permits are not required for children 15 years or younger. Pre-register for the event by [completing the online form](#). For questions, contact Community Engagement Officer Crystal Miroballi at 630-260-2146 or [cmiroballi@wheaton.il.us](mailto:cmiroballi@wheaton.il.us).



# Wheaton Police Neighborhood Safety Events Starting June 6



The Wheaton Police Department will bring back its popular Neighborhood Roll Call events throughout the summer starting June 6. These family friendly outdoor community gatherings are designed to connect residents with the officers who serve them and share current safety information.

Each Neighborhood Roll Call will start at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation by the Wheaton Police Department. Officers will discuss what's happening in the neighborhood, talk about crime trends, and present safety demonstrations, followed by an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. In addition, officers will provide fun activities for children.

During the first two years of this program, the Police Department partnered with the Wheaton Park District and School District 200 to host events at Wheaton parks and schools. This year, many of the events will be outside places of worship. The events are open to everyone in the community, and residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and their neighbors, too.

"We're looking forward to bringing back this program and meeting with the community again this summer," said Sergeant Angela Smith, who leads this program for the Wheaton Police Department. "It has proved to be a meaningful way

for our officers to engage with residents and share relevant information about their neighborhood and their police department."

Additional dates will be announced throughout the summer as the Wheaton Police Department makes its way throughout the community.



## Neighborhood ROLL CALL

The Wheaton Police Department appreciates the many faith communities who are allowing us to host events at their sites. The June events will take place:

- Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church (310 S. Wheaton Ave., lot on the west side of West Street)
- Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. at Hope Presbyterian Church (1771 S. Wiesbrook Road) *Note: In case of rain, this event will be indoors*
- Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church (300 E. Cole Ave.)



# Temporary Road Closures: Cream of Wheaton and Other Upcoming Events



There are several events in early June which will involve temporary road closures and relocations including the Cream of Wheaton, the French market, and the Cosley Zoo Run for the Animals.

- **Cream of Wheaton:** This popular event has returned for another year of fun from Thursday, June 1 through Sunday, June 4, 2023. The weekend will consist of an arts and crafts fair, carnival, business expo, a variety of food vendors, and live entertainment at the bandshell in Memorial Park! For a detailed schedule of events and locations, visit [the Wheaton Park District website](#). Several roads in downtown Wheaton will be closed leading up to and through Cream of Wheaton. Visit the City's website to [view a map of the road closures](#) and for [more](#)

[information](#).

- **French Market:** Due to the Cream of Wheaton, the French market will be temporarily relocated to Liberty Drive and Reber Street on Saturday, June 3. Roads temporarily closed include: Reber Street will be closed between Liberty Drive and Willow Avenue.
- **Cosley Zoo Run for the Animals:** The Cosley Zoo Run for the Animals 5K, 10K & Kids' 1/2 Mile will start at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3. Visit the City's website to [view a map of the road closures](#) and for [more information](#).

During these events, these streets will be adequately staffed with uniformed Police Officers to assist and direct traffic. Motorists may experience temporary traffic delays and may choose to alter their travel route to avoid these areas.

## Wheaton Police Department Supports Special Olympics Illinois During Cop on a Rooftop Event



The Wheaton Police Department hosted the Cop on a Rooftop event on Friday, May 19 at Dunkin' Donuts on 956 E. Roosevelt Road.

All proceeds supported Special Olympics Illinois, which provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.



# Wheaton Welcomes Warhol-Inspired Events



The City of Wheaton is in full swing celebrating the arrival of [Andy Warhol Portfolios: Life in Pop Art at the College of DuPage McAninch Arts Center](#). To kick off the activities and events, a public art unveiling featuring four prominent figures in our community's history took place on Monday, May 22. Here's more on these individuals:

- *Glennette Tilley Turner*: a Community Unit School District 200 educator, author, historian, speaker and leading authority of the Underground Railroad. Mrs. Tilley Turner was in attendance at the event and was honored for her many contributions to our community.
- *Jonathan Blanchard*: the first president of Wheaton College, a social reformer, pastor,

educator and abolitionist.

- *Marget Hamilton*: Wheaton's first female mayor, who fought for fair housing, formed the League of Women Voters of Wheaton and helped create the Illinois Prairie Path.
- *Jim Belushi*: an actor, comedian, writer and musician who has been featured in over 75 films and television shows and was raised in Wheaton.

From Warhol-inspired [pop art fire hydrants](#) to the art display at the library's west plaza featuring four portraits of prominent Wheaton figures recreated by local artist Geoff Bevington in Andy Warhol's signature pop art style – there's much to see in the city.

## Register for Wheaton Bike Skills Bonanza at Cream of Wheaton

Bring your children age 12 and younger to the Wheaton Bike Skills Bonanza at Cream of Wheaton from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, June 3, at Wheaton Avenue & Union Avenue. This event will be led by Wheaton's Bicyclist and Pedestrian Commission. Young bicyclists will practice various bicycle safety techniques and maneuvers. Giveaways will be provided at the end!

Riders need to be accompanied by an adult and wear a helmet. Parents must sign a digital waiver before participation at <https://forms.gle/JVT47XNGkjsnqkA48>.







## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

# Welcoming Summer in Wheaton



**Mayor Sueess**

**A**s the weather continues to warm up, it is easy to look around the City and see all of the summer activities and opportunities happening across Wheaton.

Wheaton has come alive with color and creativity this summer as our city's organizations and businesses offer the community their own interpretations of pop art inspired by the [Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop](#) exhibit

coming to the McAninch Arts Center beginning June 3. To kick off these activities and events, the City of Wheaton, Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, Wheaton Public Library, and Downtown Wheaton Association hosted a public unveiling of a 20 foot by 7-foot art installation featuring four prominent figures in our community's history: Glennette Tilley Turner, Jonathan Blanchard, Marget Hamilton, and Jim Belushi. This art piece now overlooks the Library's west plaza and will be displayed throughout the summer. We encourage you to read more about these individuals' many accomplishments in the article on page 5.

Additionally, the City's Fine & Cultural Arts Commission invites the community to take a public art tour to see how local artists have applied pop art to our downtown fire hydrants. Local businesses commissioned these works of art for all to enjoy. We encourage you to visit downtown Wheaton and [view the online map](#) to learn more about each artist's interpretation of Warhol's work onto these unique canvases. Be on the lookout for even more Warhol-inspired events as summer unfolds.

Wheaton Park District's Seven Gables Park will host the Field of Honor in conjunction with Independence Day. From June 30 to July 4, the park will display 2,000 flags, with each flag representing an individual and telling a story. Flags may be sponsored to honor individuals currently serving, fallen servicemen and women, first responders, heroes in our lives, all veterans, and hometown heroes. The display is open to all without charge. Thank you to the Wheaton Park District and Warrenville VFW Post 8081 for creating this meaningful salute to heroes everywhere. Two favorite Independence Day traditions will also

return this year, with the Wheaton Park District's annual fireworks show on July 3 and parade on July 4. Head to Graf Park on July 3 for family fun and a brilliant fireworks display to celebrate this year's theme of "Star Spangled Summer." On July 4, the Fourth of July Parade will kick off at 10 a.m. beginning at Main Street and Hawthorne, heading south on Main, west on Union, south on Wheaton Avenue, and east on Front Street. The City is a proud sponsor and participant in these Wheaton favorites.

There are even more opportunities for summer fun in our community. On Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m., starting June 8, the Wheaton Municipal Band will once again host free concerts in the Memorial Park bandshell. These concerts have become treasured events for families in our community and those visiting Wheaton. Other offerings that continue through the summer include the Downtown Wheaton Association's outdoor dining tents on Hale Street, where numerous restaurants share space under a festive city block of tents attracting thousands of diners each year. There are many events hosted by the Downtown Wheaton Association, including the return of the Vintage Rides, and much more. Check out [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#) for the full list and details. In addition, the Wheaton Park District has a fantastic array of concerts and events planned. Check out its Summer Entertainment Series, Wheaton Brew & Seltzer Fest, and much more by visiting [the Park District's website](#).

The Wheaton Public Library will also share in the summer fun with events such as outdoor concerts on the West Plaza, the Summer Reading Challenge, and more. Discover all library happenings and events by visiting [wheatonlibrary.org/events](#). Additionally, the popular French Market continues to offer a variety of seasonal fresh produce, specialty foods, handmade goods, and crafts each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new pavilion near Liberty Drive and Main Street.

Collaboration with community partners, organizations, and businesses create these types of uniquely creative experiences for our residents and those visiting Wheaton. We thank our local artists, community, partners, and businesses for coming together to make Wheaton a destination for all to enjoy. We hope you take part in the many exciting events and happenings in Wheaton this spring and summer.



# Upcoming Events

## Wheaton French Market

**Date:** Each Saturday through November  
**Time:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Location:** Downtown pavilion near Liberty and Main Street



This popular outdoor market run by Bensidoun USA is styled after the quaint outdoor markets of France, offering fresh produce, flowers, handcrafted goods, specialty foods, jewelry, crafts, baked goods and much more. Vendors often change throughout the season, so visitors will find different items each week.

## Cream of Wheaton

**Dates:** June 1-4  
**Time:** See schedule on Wheaton Park District website  
**Location:** Memorial Park

Join the Wheaton Park District and the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce for the return of this community favorite, the Cream of Wheaton! From June 1-4, the event will fill Memorial Park with entertainment, a business expo, arts & crafts, food vendors and more. For more information, visit [the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

## Vintage Rides - Classic Car Show

**Date:** June 6, 20, 27  
**Time:** 5-9 p.m.  
**Location:** Liberty Drive  
Vintage Rides returns to Downtown Wheaton! Now on Liberty Drive, this community favorite



event returns on select Tuesdays this June through August. Admire cars from Model Ts to Teslas, and everything in

between, as the DJ spins tunes from 5-9 p.m. For more information and additional summer dates, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

## Neighborhood Roll Call

**Date:** June 6, 13, and 20  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Various Locations

Join the Wheaton Police Department for a Neighborhood Roll Call near you! These family friendly outdoor community gatherings are designed to connect residents with the officers who serve them and share current safety information. For more information, read the article on page 4 or visit [the City's website](#).

## Cops and Bobbers

**Date:** June 7  
**Time:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Location:** Herrick Lake

Join the Wheaton Police Department and DuPage County Forest Preserve Police for Cops & Bobbers, a community event where kids can fish with the cops! The event will take place on Wednesday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Herrick Lake in the DuPage County Forest Preserve. Herrick Lake's main entrance is on Butterfield Road, approximately one mile west of Naperville Road.

For more information, read the article on page 3 or visit [the City's website](#).

## Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts

**Date:** June 8, 15, 22, 29  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Memorial Park



The Wheaton Municipal Band will be hosting their outdoor concerts at Memorial Park near downtown Wheaton each Thursday from June 8 through August 3, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The City of Wheaton reminds residents and visitors that the City Hall parking lot is open for event parking at Memorial Park



# Upcoming Events

during the evening and weekends, and the library parking lot when the library is closed.

## **Movies Under the Stars**

**Date:** June 9

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, West Plaza

The Downtown Wheaton Association

invites you to bring your lawn chairs and blankets to the Wheaton Public Library's West Plaza for a free family-friendly movie showing of Shrek! Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event of rain or severe weather, the event may be canceled.

There are additional

Movie Under the Stars events throughout 2023. For more information, and to see future dates, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

## **Electronic Recycling**

**Date:** Saturday, June 10

**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.

There is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event. For more information, see the [City's website](#).

## LIBRARY EVENTS

Register for these events at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar)

## **Wheaton's Pop Stars**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 7

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** In-person



Who are those people in the library's windows overlooking the West Plaza and Adams Park? Join ever-engaging journalist and local historian Bob Goldsborough to learn who was chosen for Wheaton's edition

of the Warhol Pop Art Challenge and about their amazing contributions to our community. Provided in partnership with the Downtown Wheaton Association and DuPage County Historical Museum. *Registration required.*

## **Summer Reading Kick-off Celebration**

**Date:** Saturday, June 10

**Time:** 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** In-person

Join us on the West Plaza to kick-off this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Find Your Voice! Grab a free ice cream treat and enjoy a dancing performance by The Barefoot Hawaiian. *No registration required.*

## **Concert: Rosie & The Rivets**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** In-person

Rosie & The Rivets are the Premier Retro Rock 'n' Roll Tribute Show performing the best music of the 50s and early 60s along with some contemporary music with a retro twist! *No registration required.*

## **Concert: Katie Kostner**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 20

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** In-person



Photo credit: [katiekostner.com](http://katiekostner.com)

This local singer and musician will perform a variety of songs from Broadway, current pop, rock, folk, country, and beyond! *No registration required.*

## **Andy Warhol: The American Dream**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 21

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Hybrid

Join Justin Witte, director and curator of the Cleve Carney Art Gallery, for an inside look at COD's blockbuster exhibit, Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop. He will share Warhol's journey from first-generation immigrant to iconic superstar. *Registration required.*



# Help Prevent Mosquito-Transmitted Diseases



Each year, the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District (a separate government entity from the City of Wheaton) monitors the area for mosquito transmitted diseases with the Illinois Department of Health, DuPage County Health Department, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, and Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. (Clarke).

Under the authority of the Illinois Mosquito Abatement District, field technicians perform mosquito control activities on public and private properties for the control of mosquitoes and protection of public health. This includes adult mosquito population surveillance, larval site monitoring, biological control, and strategic use of EPA labeled and registered pesticide products, if necessary.

The West Nile virus is spread through the bite of infected mosquitoes. In 2022, DuPage County recorded four human West Nile virus cases, compared to 12 in 2021. Symptoms are initially similar to the flu, with muscle weakness and disorientation.

Though the majority of those infected will have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, in some individuals, WNV can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and in severe cases, paralysis, coma or death. The disease is most serious – even fatal – in those with compromised immune systems and the elderly.

Individuals can take the following steps to protect themselves against infection and assist in the fight against West Nile Virus:

- If outdoors when mosquitoes are active, dress in light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, long pants and socks during prime mosquito hours
- Discard any outdoor container that might hold water
- Residents should report neglected pools to Clarke
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed
- Do not dump grass clippings into low lying areas that collect water after rainfalls
- Report dead birds on your property to the DuPage County Health Department



# Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 18-24



**N**ational Lightning Safety Awareness week, started in 2001, calls attention to the importance of staying aware during weather events involving lightning. Lightning is unpredictable and, according to the National Weather Service, can strike 10-15 miles away from the storm. During National Lightning Safety Awareness Week, the City encourages the community to learn more about lightning and lightning safety.

## **Indoor Risk Reduction Tips:**

- Stay off electrical equipment that puts you in direct contact with electricity
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths, and faucets
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay

off of porches

- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls

## **Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips:**

- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks
- Never lie flat on the ground
- Never shelter under an isolated tree
- Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter
- Immediately get out and away from bodies of water
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity

Lightning strikes are rare, but they still happen, and the risk of serious injury or death is severe. Make sure to follow these tips when needed and stay safe this summer.

## CITY CALENDAR

### June 2023

- 5** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m. City City
- 12** Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 19** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 26** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

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

