

October 2016

City Notes

Job Opportunity

The City seeks applicants for a part-time customer service representative position. To read more about this position and how to apply, see the City's website.

Groups Needed for Adopt-a-Highway

Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission seeks groups interested in helping make Wheaton shine. Groups can "adopt" a section of roadway through the Adopt-a-Highway program and pick up litter in that area several times per year. The Environmental Improvement Commission will provide groups with brightly colored safety vests, garbage grabbers and bags.

This is a great opportunity for school groups, scout troops, churches, neighborhoods or other organizations interested in taking on a small project that makes a big impact in the community.

If your group is interested in participating, contact the Environmental Improvement

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New Garbage/Recycling Hauler for Wheaton Starts on Oct. 1

Learn about sticker grace period, sticker exchange and more

On Oct. 1, 2016, Lakeshore Recycling Systems will become Wheaton's new provider for garbage/yard waste/recycling collection. Your garbage day will stay the same. You will use the new City-issued garbage cart that you recently received (35-, 65- or 95-gallon) and the same blue recycling cart that you already use.

If you did not select a garbage cart, Lakeshore Recycling Systems delivered a 35-gallon cart to your home. If you would like to exchange it at no cost for a 65-gallon or 95-gallon cart, call 773-685-8811 before Nov. 30.

Sticker Exchanges/Refunds

You can receive a refund for excess Advanced Disposal stickers or exchange them for Lakeshore Recycling Systems stickers through Oct. 14 at



the Finance counter of City Hall. This will be available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7 p.m.

You can exchange Advanced Disposal stickers for Lakeshore Recycling Services stickers through Oct. 14 at the following retailers:

Carlson True Value Hardware: 125 E. Front St.
Ultra Foods: 501 S. County Farm Road
Walgreens: 1601 N. Main St.; 2020 S. Naperville Road

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Watch the Video

Watch a new video, "[Sorting it Out: Wheaton's New Garbage & Recycling Program](#)," to learn the basics about the new program. This video is also on City of Wheaton Channel 10.

Contact the City

Police/Fire: 911
After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161
General Information: 630-260-2000
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

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Commission at 5flynn@live.com.

Trick-or-Treating Hours

Halloween is a festive and fun time of the year for children of all ages. In Wheaton, the official trick-or-treating hours are from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 2016. See page 3 for Halloween safety tips from the Wheaton Police Department.

Pumpkin Compost Drop-off Nov. 5

Don't throw your pumpkins in the trash after Halloween; take them to Wheaton's pumpkin composting collection.

From 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 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.

The City will collect the pumpkins and then take them for composting. Pumpkins are approximately 90% water and can be composted into rich soil.

Please remove all decorations, plastic and candles.

Commission News

The City Council reappointed Craig Farnsworth to the Wheaton Downtown Design Review Board, reappointed Bill Austin to the Fine & Cultural Arts Commission, and reappointed Nancy Flynn to the Environmental Improvement Commission. Each position is for a three-year term.

Garbage

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Sticker Grace Period

You will no longer need to purchase garbage stickers for your normal trash. The new program will use Lakeshore Recycling Systems stickers only for extra garbage (in excess of what will fit in your cart), yard waste, organics (food scraps), leaves, bulk items, white goods and E-waste.

From Oct. 3-14, Lakeshore Recycling Systems will offer a two-week grace period in which you can use up your Advanced Disposal stickers – but you can only use them for excess garbage, yard waste, organics, leaves, bulk items, white goods and E-waste.

Please note that you must use the correct number of stickers required by the new program (see below) during this grace period for the different types of items, regardless if they are Advanced Disposal stickers or Lakeshore stickers. (For



example, an extra bag of garbage requires 1 sticker, and bulk items require 5 stickers in the new program.)

Want a Different Size

Recycling Cart?

Lakeshore Recycling Systems will offer an opportunity to exchange your 65-gallon recycling cart for either a 35-gallon or 95-gallon recycling cart after

garbage carts are delivered. You can call Lakeshore Recycling Services after Oct. 1 to request a different size recycling cart.

For more information about the City's new program, see the City's website or refer to the brochure Lakeshore Recycling Systems mailed to you.

Video Breaks Down New Garbage/Recycling Program Costs and Savings

The weekly collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste/leaves/organics will be less expensive for most households. While Wheaton's current program included the cost of recycling in the garbage sticker price, the new program separates out the price for each service. Pricing will be as follows:

[Watch this video](#), which breaks down examples of how most households will save money through the new program.

Garbage and Recycling Costs Per Pickup

	Size	Price per pickup
Garbage	35-gallon cart	\$1.43
	65-gallon cart	\$2.86
	95-gallon cart	\$4.29
Recycling	35-gallon cart	\$1.17
	65-gallon cart*	\$1.17
	95-gallon cart	\$1.12

* This is the size of your current recycling cart, which you will continue using unless you exchange it for a different size recycling cart.

Take Part in Make a Difference Day Oct. 22



Students from Madison Elementary School (above), Wheaton Warrenville South High School's Key Club (right) and Wiesbrook Elementary School (bottom right) collected food for the Stuff a Truck with Food Drive in 2015.

Wheaton students, organizations, churches, families and individuals are gearing up for Make a Difference Day. Celebrated as the national day of volunteering, Make a Difference Day will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016.

Wheaton's Community Relations Commission encourages the community to attend its event this year, **"Uniforms that Serve Us,"** honoring Wheaton police officers and firefighters and the City's Adopted Army Battalion.

From 1 to 3 p.m. at Wheaton's Public Works building, 821 W. Liberty Drive, there will be an ice cream social and Touch-a-Truck event with police cars and fire trucks. Visitors will receive a free treat coupon for every donation of either a toy for children of the City's adopted Army Battalion or food item for the Stuff a Truck food collection. Ice cream, hot chocolate and popcorn will be available for purchase.

Also, the Community Relations Commission will be sending stockings to the needy families of Wheaton's Adopted Army Battalion

in Fort Riley, Kansas. Items needed for the children (ages 1-13, boys and girls) include: new small children's books; small toys and games and handheld games (travel size); packs of gum/holiday candy; and children's items that will fit into a stocking, such as gloves, mittens, hats etc. The commission will collect these items at the Wheaton French Market on Oct. 1, 8 and 15, or bring them to City Hall, Wyndemere, Wheaton Sport Center, or Wheaton Public Library.

Or, you can take part in community activities for Make a Difference Day:

• The People's Resource Center

will be teaming up with the **Wheaton Chamber of Commerce** and **Wheaton schools** for the **Stuff a Truck with Food drive**. This collection of nutritious, non-perishable food helps stock the shelves of the People's Resource Center to feed local families in need. Many local businesses will have collection bins throughout October.

• **Studio Movie Grill** is offering a free same-day movie admission in exchange for food donations on Oct. 6



and Oct. 20.

• Members of the **Wheaton Police and Fire Departments** will be helping **Wheaton elementary schools** plant tulip bulbs around the school grounds the week of Oct. 17-21.

• The **Wheaton Public Library** will be running a Food for Fines program, where food donations made October 22 will forgive some or all of your overdue book fines.

• **Town Square** will collect food at their Oct. 10 Fall Festival.

• Several area **Rotary Clubs** are packing 100,000 meals for the Northern Illinois Food Band and families in Nicaragua. Volunteers age 7 and up are needed to work together in groups of 11 around tables to pack the food from either 8:30-10:30 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 150 S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream. For information, contact sher@thehearingdoctors.com.

For more information, see the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/madd.

“Wheaton Remembers” Features Carlson Family

If you’re passing through downtown Wheaton or have been in Wheaton for a while, you have probably seen the Carlson name. The latest edition of the “Wheaton Remembers” video series highlights the Carlson family’s history in Wheaton, starting with their first business.

Learn how the Carlsons have been a longstanding part of Wheaton’s downtown for more than 100 years, hear about their family history and see how they became a mainstay in Wheaton Fourth of July Parades.

You can watch “Wheaton



“Wheaton Remembers” anytime on the City’s website, or Wheaton Comcast subscribers can

watch it on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10). “Wheaton Remembers” is



[Watch the Video](#)

Watch [“Wheaton Remembers: The Carlson Brothers”](#) online or on City of Wheaton Channel 10.

a recurring television series in which longtime Wheaton residents share their stories of growing up in Wheaton to educate residents and preserve Wheaton’s history for future generations. To be a guest on the show, call 630-260-2036 or email rsagen@wheaton.il.us.

Food Scraps Now Accepted with Yard Waste

Wheaton’s new garbage and recycling program includes a new addition that will help residents reduce the amount of garbage they create. You can now include food scraps with your yard waste during Wheaton’s regular yard waste season from the first full week of April through the second full week of December.

As with the previous yard waste/leaf program, you can either use biodegradable paper bags or containers no larger than 33 gallons in size. Containers or bags must weigh less than 50 pounds when filled. You will need one Lakeshore Recycling Services sticker per bag or container.

To reduce the chance of animals getting into your container or bag, you can place containers or bags containing food scraps out the morning of your collection day, no later than 7 a.m.

Questions? Call Lakeshore at 773-685-8811.

Accepted with Yard Waste/Organics:

Foods:

Fruits	Shellfish	Bread
Vegetables	Bones	Baked goods
Meat	Rice	Grains
Poultry	Beans	Cheese
Seafood	Pasta	Eggshells

Plants, Leaves and Yard Waste:

Floral trimmings	Leaves	Brush
Tree trimmings	Grass	Weeds

Other Compostable Items:

Waxed cardboard	Tea bags
Napkins	Coffee grounds/filters
Paper towels	Wooden crates
Paper plates	Sawdust
Pizza boxes	Food-contaminated paper
Paper milk cartons	(Ex: Fast-food paper bags)

NOT Accepted with Yard Waste/Organics:

Grease, cooking oil, stickers on produce, any sort of plastic, Styrofoam, bottles, cans, aluminum foil, liquids, hazardous waste, cleaning supplies, rags, wooden tools, diapers, pet litter

Early Voting Now Open

Wheaton site is DuPage County Election Commission Office

Early Voting is now available at the DuPage County Election Commission office for the Nov. 8 General Election.

The DuPage County Election Commission, which is located at 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton, will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. now through Oct. 22, 2016.

Beginning October 24, 2016, Early Voting hours will be extended at the Election Commission office, and it will be available at 10 voting locations throughout DuPage County. For a list of Early Voting locations and times, [see the DuPage Election Commission’s website](#).

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Fest

Date: Oct. 1-31

Location: Cosley Zoo, 1356 N. Gary Ave.

Cosley Zoo will be celebrating Pumpkin Fest all month. In addition to thousands of pumpkins, there will be a straw pyramid, corn stalk tunnel and more. Regular admission rates apply. [See the Wheaton Park District's website](#) for more information.



Abraham Lincoln and the Structure of Reason

Date: Thursday, Oct. 6

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Join local author Dan Van Haften as he discusses his book, "Abraham Lincoln and the Structure of Reason," and how Lincoln's in-depth study of geometry gave our sixteenth president his verbal structure. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

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 unload items from your car. Please note that there is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event.

Autumn Fest

Date: Monday, Oct. 10

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

Location: Town Square Wheaton, Naperville Road and Blanchard Road, Center Circle

Join Town Square Wheaton

on Columbus Day for a magic show, face painters, balloon artistry and more.

Paranormal 102

Date: Thursday, Oct. 13

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Calling all ghost hunters! The Paranormal Investigators return for a deeper dive into the paranormal. They will discuss methods to find, answer, and investigate cases of paranormal or unexplainable activity. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

Witches of Wheaton

Date: Saturday, Oct. 15

Time: 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.; Witches Party at 4 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

The Downtown Wheaton Association is introducing Witches of Wheaton, which will include witch hat decorating, photo-ops, store and restaurant promotions and a decorated witches hat contest. For information or tickets, [see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#). Proceeds from this event will benefit Family Shelter Service.

Halloween Happening

Date: Friday, Oct. 21

Time: 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Park District Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard

Kids are invited to dress up in costume and enjoy Halloween games, airbrush tattoos, a balloon artist, trunk-or-treat, crafts, games and more. For information, [visit the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Make a Difference Day

Date: Saturday, Oct. 22

The Community Relations Commission encourages you to get involved in Make a Difference Day, the national day of giving back to the community. See page 3 for events happening in Wheaton.

SCARCE Green Fair

Date: Sunday, Oct. 23

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester

Join SCARCE, a nonprofit environmental education organization, for the SCARCE Green Fair. This family-friendly event will include children's activities, eco-goods, solar energy, watershed education

and more. For information, visit [www.scarce.org](#).

The Power of Song: Pete Seeger Tribute

Date: Sunday, Oct. 23

Time: 2 p.m.

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

Folk singer Mark Dvorak, joined by the Old Town School Folk Chorus, will lead the audience through Pete Seeger's best known songs. No registration required. Attendees will be seated on a first come, first served basis.

Lunch and Learn: Estate Planning and Investing

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 25

Time: Noon

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

Bring your lunch and learn about estate planning and investing. The Law Office of John Pankau, P.C. and the Turnbaugh-Fleming Group of Raymond James will discuss social security, pensions, and investments and your Estate Plan. Register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

Boo-Palooza Downtown Wheaton Trick-or-Treat

Date: Saturday, Oct. 29

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

Location: Downtown Wheaton

Trick-or-treat from business to business during the Downtown Wheaton Association's Boo-Palooza. The event kicks off with a costume contest at 10 a.m. in Martin Memorial Plaza, which is next to the fountains on Front Street. This is a free event, and all are welcome.

Note Changes to Metra Train Schedules

Metra will be making changes to its Union Pacific West Line schedule that will take effect on Sunday, Oct. 2. The changes are intended to reduce delays to commuter service caused by conflicts with freight trains.

The new schedule will affect most inbound trains arriving downtown after 10 a.m. on weekdays. Customers should note that some of these trains will depart Elburn seven minutes earlier under the new schedule. In addition, riders who board at Villa Park and Elmhurst will board trains from Platform 3, which is the southernmost platform. A copy of the new schedule is available on Metra's website at metrarail.com and at all Union Pacific West stations.

Inbound trains that will now board from Platform 3 at Villa Park and Elmhurst are clearly marked on the new passenger schedules. The conductor will also make onboard announcements to inform customers of the schedule changes. These schedule and operational changes do not affect inbound trains during the morning rush. The schedule for outbound service remains unchanged.

Helpful Hints for a Safe Halloween

Halloween is a festive and fun time of the year for children of all ages. In Wheaton, the official trick-or-treating hours are from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 2016.

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. 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.

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



to prevent tripping. Avoid wearing facial masks, which obstruct vision.

- Trick-or-treat with friends and stay in a group.

- 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.

- Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time, staying in your own immediate

neighborhood, along well-lighted streets.

- Instruct children never to eat any treats until they return home and the treats have been examined under sufficient light by an adult. 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 and you need to walk on the street, keep to the left, next to the curb, and in single file facing (against) traffic.

- Parents should know who their children are with and which route they are taking through the area.

- Homeowners should leave outside porch lights on.

More than 100 People Take Part in Bike Wheaton Festival



Wheaton's Bicycle Advisory Committee hosted the second annual Bike Wheaton Festival Aug. 13, including a downtown bike parade, a bike decorating contest, a bike rodeo, entertainment and more.

More than 115 people participated in the parade, with 35 children receiving free bike helmets. About 50 children took part in a bike rodeo and safety check with the Wheaton Police Department.

City Calendar



City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions

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.