

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

July 2023

CITY NOTES

City Offices Closed/ No Garbage Pickup

In observance of Independence Day, non-emergency City offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. Garbage, recycling, and yard waste will not be picked up on Tuesday, July 4, so Tuesday through Friday pickups will be delayed by one day during this week.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has the following employment opportunities available:

- Crossing Guard
- GIS Intern
- Part-time Customer Service Representative

For more information, visit [the City's website](https://www.cityofwheaton.il.us).

Experience Warhol-Inspired Pop Art with Downtown Wheaton Fire Hydrants

In celebration of the Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop exhibition at the College of DuPage's McAninch Arts Center, the City's Fine & Cultural Arts Commission invited local artists to apply pop art style in painting 20 downtown fire hydrants. Each of these unusual works of art has a theme and a sponsor.

The Fine & Cultural Arts Commission encourages the community to head downtown to see this creative public art display. You can visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/FireHydrantArt for a downloadable map of the fire hydrant locations, plus the artist for each, its theme and sponsor(s). A website map also includes a photo of



each painted hydrant for you to preview.

The painted hydrants will be on display through Sept. 4.

This project is one of the many Wheaton Warhol projects and events happening this summer, inviting visitors to the Andy Warhol Portfolios exhibition to come

to Wheaton, and supporting the arts in our community. You can check out the [Wheaton Warhol Discovery Guide](https://www.wheaton.il.us/WheatonWarholDiscoveryGuide), a free mobile-exclusive guide to everything Warhol that is happening in Wheaton with offers available for visiting local businesses.

CONTACT
THE CITY

Police/Fire Emergency: 9-1-1
General Information: 630-260-2000
Wheaton City Hall: 303 W. Wesley Street
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for "City of Wheaton."
Send feedback to communications@wheaton.il.us

Independence Day Celebrations Return



The community is invited to take part in several events in celebration of Independence Day.

Field of Honor: Visit the Wheaton Park District's Seven Gables Park to view the Field of Honor. Now until July 4, the park displays 2,000 flags, with each flag representing an individual and telling a story. Flags 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.

Fireworks Display and Independence Day Parade: 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."

The fireworks display will be on Monday, July 3, at Graf Park, 1855 Manchester Road, at approximately 9 p.m. The evening will also feature small carnival rides, DJ entertainment, giveaways, and more, which will begin at 5:30 p.m.

During this time, motorists can expect traffic delays on:

- North County Farm Road between West Roosevelt Road and Geneva Road
- Manchester Road between East Street

(Winfield) and North Gables Boulevard

- Surrounding neighborhood side streets near the DuPage County Fairgrounds

Please use extra caution for pedestrians who are going to and from this event and follow parking regulations and posted signs. Please note that some areas near Graf Park will be marked "Temporary No Parking," which will be enforced starting at noon on Monday, July 3. Parking for this event will be the parking lot on the west side of the DuPage County Fairgrounds. The parking lot can be accessed using the entrance to the DuPage County Governmental Complex entryway on County Farm Road. Disabled parking only will be located at Monroe Middle School. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Roads temporarily closed from approximately 9 a.m. to noon include:

- Main Street - between Cole Avenue and Liberty Drive
- Wesley Street - between Washington Street and Scott Street
- Harrison Avenue - between Wheaton Avenue and Cross Street
- Wheaton Avenue - between Franklin Street and Front Street

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- Union Avenue - between West Street and Main Street
- Seminary Avenue - between West Street and Main Street
- Wesley Avenue - between Wheaton Avenue and Main Street
- Front Street - between West Street and Cross Street

Visit the City's website to [view a map of the parade route](#).

These streets will be staffed with uniformed police officers and personnel to assist and direct traffic during this time. Residents, citizens, and motorists are being asked for their cooperation in not moving the barricades to ensure participants' safety. Motorists may experience temporary traffic delays and choose to alter their travel routes to avoid these areas.

There will also be no parking signs posted on the following streets on July 3:

- Union Avenue - both sides of streets between Wheaton Avenue and Main Street
- Wheaton Avenue - both sides of streets between Union Avenue and Front Street
- Front Street - both sides of streets between Wheaton Avenue and Cross Street

Residents, citizens, and motorists are being asked for their cooperation and compliance in not parking in these designated areas from July 3 at 9 p.m. to July 4 at noon, following the conclusion of the parade. For more information about these events, see [the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Steering Wheel Lock Program Expanded to Individuals Who Work in Wheaton

To help deter motor vehicle thefts, the Wheaton Police Department is expanding its program to provide steering wheel lock devices (commonly called a club) to individuals who work in Wheaton and own eligible Hyundai and Kia models that are being targeted by thieves. Wheaton residents are also eligible. The devices were donated by the Hyundai and Kia Motor Companies.

How to Know If You're Eligible: Affected models include all 2011-2021 Hyundai and Kia vehicles that use a turn-to-start key ignition system and are not equipped with a push-to-start button. Because these vehicles do not include a specific anti-theft device that is included on other vehicles, they are more vulnerable to theft. To qualify for the program, you must meet these requirements:

- You must have a 2011-2021 Hyundai or Kia vehicle with a turn-to-start key ignition system (not a push-to-start button)
- You must work in Wheaton and show via a government-issued ID



- The vehicle must be registered to you
To obtain a steering wheel lock, please contact the Wheaton Police Department either by [using the City's online Service Request Form](#) (select "Request a Steering Wheel Lock") or by calling 630-260-2161 and asking to speak with the Traffic Unit. Once your eligibility is determined, Wheaton Police will set up a time for you to obtain your steering wheel lock club.

Registration Now Open for 2023 Citizens Fire Academy



The Wheaton Fire Department invites you to participate in a hands-on learning experience that will have you gearing up in fire equipment and learning how your local fire department works.

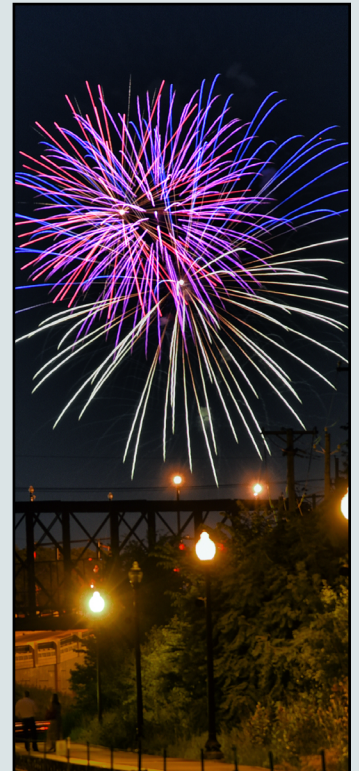
The Citizens Fire Academy is an 8-week course offered exclusively to Wheaton residents. The academy runs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6 through Oct. 25, 2023. The program covers everything from day-to-day fire station operations, breathing apparatus, vehicle extrication, and much more. The academy will culminate with the opportunity to extinguish a fire at the Carol Stream burn tower. To take part in the Citizens Fire Academy, you must be a Wheaton resident who is at least

18 years old. Participants should plan on attending all eight weeks of the academy, as the information and skills learned will build upon prior sessions.

There is no fee to participate in the Citizens Fire Academy and no minimum level of physical fitness required. Academy instructors will modify activities to meet individual abilities. The Wheaton Fire Department intends for the Citizens Fire Academy to represent a cross-section of the community, including a wide range of ages and abilities.

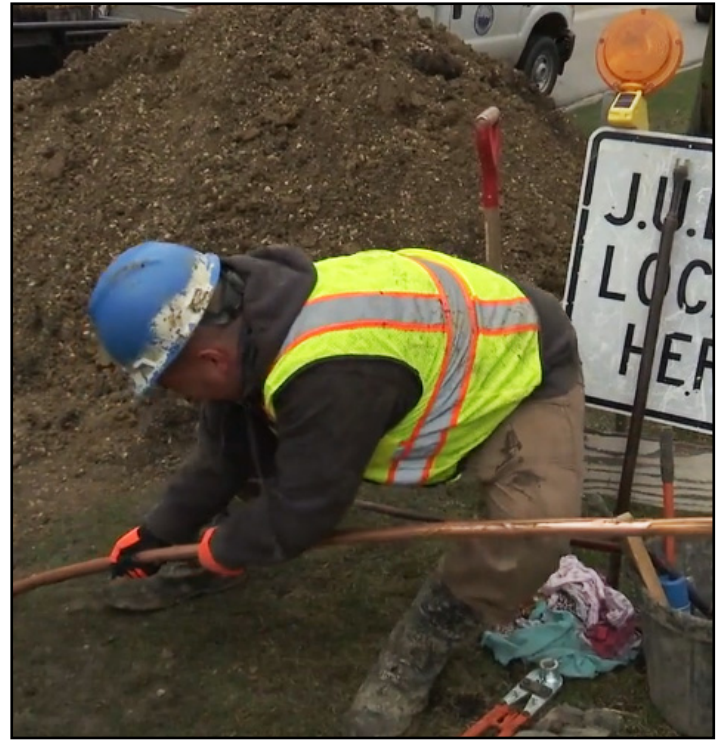
Signup ends Aug. 30, or when the class is full. To register, please visit the City's website at wheaton.il.us/fireacademy, or call 630-260-2175 and provide your name, address, and phone number.

City of Wheaton Fireworks Ordinance Reminder



With the Fourth of July holiday just around the corner, this is a reminder that setting off/lighting or selling fireworks violates City Ordinance (*unless special criteria outlined by state law apply and the proper permitting is obtained through the City*). Leave the fireworks to the professionals; attend local fireworks displays to prevent injuries or death by recreational fireworks.

City of Wheaton has Begun Multi-Year Lead Service Line Replacement Program



The City of Wheaton has begun a multi-year infrastructure project to replace all water service lines made from lead, helping to ensure the best possible drinking water for everyone in our community. Not only is the City replacing any City-maintained water services that contain lead, but the City will extend this program

to assist residents who have lead service lines on private property at no cost to these property owners.

For more information, visit [the City's website](#) or [check out this video](#) highlighting what to expect if you are a property owner whose service lines the City has identified as containing lead.

July Neighborhood Roll Call Events Announced

The Wheaton Police Department has brought back its popular Neighborhood Roll Call events this summer! 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.

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

- Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (715 N. Carlton Ave., northeast corner of Carlton and Jefferson)
- Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church (515 S. Wheaton Ave.)
- Thursday, July 20, 6:30 p.m., at Northside Park (1300 N West St., in front of the Northside Warming Shelter across from the tennis courts)
- Tuesday, July 25, 6:30 p.m., at the Islamic Center of Wheaton (900 E. Geneva Road)



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcoming Wheaton's Sister City: Karlskoga



Mayor Sueß

July marks another bustling month filled with even more summer events and activities for both Wheaton residents and visitors, notably the community favorite Independence Day celebrations.

As we get ready for the annual fireworks show on July 3 and parade on July 4, this year we will welcome some special guests to join in this festive spirit celebrating Independence Day: leaders from our sister

city in Karlskoga, Sweden.

Karlskoga's mayor and other representatives will be visiting Wheaton as we honor a significant milestone in our relationship: our 50th anniversary as sister cities. We have invited the visiting representatives from Karlskoga to participate in Wheaton's Fourth of July Parade. We encourage everyone to look for them in the parade and welcome them to our city! Throughout their visit,

representatives from the City Council, City leaders and community members will help introduce our visitors to some of the many aspects of Wheaton that make our community an exceptional place to live, work and visit.

Karlskoga became Wheaton's sister city back in 1973. Situated in the central part of Sweden, in the scenic province of Värmland, on Lake Möckeln, this part of Sweden abounds in forests, mountains, lakes and valleys. Karlskoga is noted as home to the famed scientist Alfred Nobel, where he acquired the company Bofors, a world-renowned Swedish arms manufacturer. Through his will Nobel established the Nobel Prizes in medicine, chemistry, physics, literature and peace. An additional prize in economics was added by the Central Bank of Sweden in 1968. Comparable in size to Wheaton, Karlskoga dates back to 1586, when King Charles IX founded the community with interest in the mining potential of this area.

We are fortunate to have a longstanding relationship with the community of Karlskoga, and we treasure the opportunity to continue making connections with our sister city.

Please join us during the Independence Day Celebration as we welcome those from our sister city and celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.

Stay Cool this Summer: Building Permit Reminder for Upgrading or Replacing Central Air Conditioners

As the days heat up, you may find it is time for a new central air conditioner. The City of Wheaton would like to remind you that a building permit is required to upgrade or replace any central air conditioner or furnace.

There have been several advances in central air conditioners over recent years, making these units much more energy efficient. However, with these advances comes the need to adjust the existing electrical system within your home when installing a new unit. The circuit breaker in your electrical panel and the wiring from the panel to

the new A/C unit may need to be changed. Also, there are some other code advances that may need to be addressed to make sure your new air conditioner runs safely and efficiently. Obtaining a permit will allow City inspectors to check for these required adjustments and to help make sure your new investment is installed per code and to the manufacturer's installation specifications.

To assist you in obtaining a permit, visit [the City's website](#). For questions, please contact the Building Department, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 630-260-2050.

Tips for Using Your Grill Safely this Summer



With summer comes more barbeques, time outdoors, and grilling. The Wheaton Fire Department would like to remind you of important safety tips when using your grill.

Gas Grill Safety: A leak or break was the leading factor contributing to gas grill-related fires, according to a NFPA report.

- Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.
- Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose, which will quickly reveal escaping gas by releasing bubbles.
- If you smell or otherwise suspect a gas leak, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get a professional to service it before using it again. Call the fire department if the leak does not stop.
- If you smell gas while cooking, get away from the grill immediately and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Never turn on the gas when the lid is closed. The gas may build up inside, and when ignited, the lid could blow off and cause injuries or burns.
- After cooking, make sure you completely close the valve on your gas grill.
- Always store gas grills – and propane tanks – outside and away from your house.

Charcoal Grill Safety: The leading cause of structure fires from use of charcoal grills was leaving or placing an object that could burn too close to the grill, according to the NFPA study.

- Charcoal grills can continue to remain hot for many hours after the flames extinguish. Avoid placing any burnable objects near the grill or moving the grill while the coals are hot. Keep combustible items that may be blown by the wind away from the grill.
- Check for rust damage in metal grills, which may make it possible for charcoal to fall through onto surfaces below and cause a fire

- Purchase the proper starter fluid. Store out of reach from children and away from heat sources.
- Do not add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited. Never use any other flammable or combustible liquid to get the fire started.
- If the fire is too low, rekindle with dry kindling and more charcoal if needed. Avoid adding liquid fuel because it can cause a flash fire.
- Do not leave the grill unattended.

Here are other important tips to help you keep danger away when you are enjoying food and fun this summer:

- Choose a safe location for your grill. Keep grills on a level surface more than 10 feet away from the house, garage or other structures. Keep children and pets away, as well as overhanging branches. Grills should not be used on a balcony or under an overhang. Avoid placing grills too close to combustible deck rails.
- Grill outside only. Never use a grill in a garage, vehicle, tent or other enclosed space, even if ventilated, due to risk of harmful carbon monoxide buildup.
- Teach kids to stay safe. Make a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the grill and areas where hot food is prepared or carried. Children under five are especially vulnerable to burns from contact with a hot grill surface. Grill contact accounted for 37% of burns seen at emergency rooms in 2014 involving children under five.
- Remember post-grilling safety. Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill. If you grill with charcoal and need to dispose of the coals, soak them in water to extinguish them before disposing in a metal container. Otherwise, cover the grill tightly and close the vents; this should extinguish the coals and whatever is left will be ready for next time.

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.

Fireworks Display

Date: Monday, July 3
Time: Activities at 5:30 p.m., Fireworks at 9 p.m.
Location: Graf Park
The fireworks display will be on Monday, July

3, at Graf Park, 1855 Manchester Road, at approximately 9 p.m. The evening will also feature small carnival rides, DJ entertainment, giveaways, and more, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit [the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Independence Day Parade

Date: Tuesday, July 4
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Beginning at Main Street and Hawthorne



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. For more information, visit [the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts

Dates: July 6, 13, 20, 27
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 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 during the evening and weekends, and the library parking lot when the library is closed.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, July 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 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](#).

Neighborhood Roll Call

Dates: July 11, 18, 20, 25
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](#).

Vintage Rides - Classic Car Show

Dates: July 11, 25
Time: 5-9 p.m.
Location: Liberty Drive

Vintage Rides returns to Downtown Wheaton! Now on Liberty Drive, this community favorite

Upcoming Events

event returns on select Tuesdays 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](#).

Summer Entertainment Concert Series

Dates: July 14, 15, 24
Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park Bandshell, 225 Karlskoga Avenue

The Wheaton Park District presents Summer Entertainment Series concerts on select summer evenings. For tickets and information on each concert, visit [the](#)

[Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Family Fun Tent

Dates: July 15, 29

Time: 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Location: Front Street just west of Main Street

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association at the W Tent on Front Street for free entertainment suited for the whole family on select Saturdays. For more information, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Movie Night with the Cops

Date: Thursday, July 20

Time: Dusk

Location: Seven Gables Park, 1750 S Naperville Rd

The Wheaton Park District and Wheaton Police Department are pleased to present

Disney's Toy Story under the stars at Seven Gables Park, by the pavilion/playground. Moviegoers should bring their own chairs, blankets, favorite movie snacks and bug spray. The movie begins at dusk and is free and open to the public.

Movies Under the Stars

Date: Friday, July 28

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 Toy Story 2! 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](#).

LIBRARY EVENTS

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

DIY: Mono Printing

Date: Wednesday,

July 12

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: In-person

Try the very same blotted-line printing process that made Andy Warhol famous! First, we'll trace an image with pen and ink (no drawing skills required!), and then apply watercolor to create a one-of-a-kind illustration.

All supplies are included. *Registration is*

required for this event.

Concert: Mr. Myers

Date: Tuesday, July 18

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: In-person

Mr. Myers blends the tropical sounds of calypso and ska, the rhythms of reggae and a little rock 'n' roll with some favorite classic tunes to create their own special style of music: Caribbean Rock! *No registration is required for this event.*

Civic Awareness

Series: Affordable

Housing

Date: Thursday, July 20

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Hybrid

The Chairs of the DuPage County Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee will present. Partnered with the Wheaton League of Women Voters. *Registration is required for this event.*

Warhol's Pop Art For

Everyone

Date: Monday, July 31

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Virtual

In contrast to his contemporaries, Andy Warhol was inspired by popular culture and advertising.

Join art historian Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions for this survey of Warhol's career, from hot graphic designer to iconic celebrity artist. *Registration is required for this event.*

Keep Your Cool in Hot Weather: Tips During Extreme Heat Safety Month



Beat the heat! July marks the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's (IEMA) Extreme Heat Safety Month. According to IEMA, high temperatures paired with significant humidity, which is in abundance here in Illinois, can lead to increased risks of heat cramps, heat illness, heat stroke, and heat exhaustion. In Illinois, temperatures during the summer months can reach dangerous levels. As temperatures continue to climb during summertime, it's important to know how to handle extreme heat.

Take action to prepare to protect yourself and your loved ones by following these tips:

- High temperatures paired with significant humidity can lead to increased risks of heat cramps, heat illness, heat stroke, and heat exhaustion.
- Take breaks in the shade.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that covers the skin to prevent sunburn.
- Use sunscreen.
- Avoid overexertion and strenuous outdoor

Extreme heat is defined as high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days

activities during heat waves.

- Take cool showers or baths.
- Keep curtains and shades closed at home.
- Avoid using your oven.
- If you don't have air conditioning, visit a cooling center, store, or mall.
- Check on family members, seniors, and neighbors.
- Do not leave children or pets in a closed vehicle, even for a few minutes. On a hot day, temperatures inside a closed vehicle can reach 140°F-190°F within 30 minutes.

The City encourages you to stay informed through the National Weather Service Chicago for weather-related news and updates.

Summer is Here: Deck Season Time!



Decks provide backyard places to dine, play and enjoy family time outdoors. A properly built deck can be a wonderful amenity to your home and provide countless outdoor memories. However, if a deck is not properly built, it can pose risks to homeowners and their guests.

To ensure the safety of you and your loved ones, the City of Wheaton would like to remind you that a permit is required when building or remodeling a deck. By obtaining a permit, you will ensure that your deck is up to code from both a structural and safety standpoint. Please keep in mind that decks are always exposed to the weather year-round and can have several people at a time on them. Because of this, it is important that

they are built properly to withstand these demands.

Major points to consider when constructing a deck:

- The proper foundation/pier sizes.
- Proper structural material selection, such as pressure-treated wood, decay-resistant wood (such as cedar), and type of decking (treated, cedar, composite).
- Guardrail design.
- Stair and graspable handrail design.

To assist you in planning and building your deck, visit [the City's website](#) for the guidelines and permit application. For questions, please contact the Building Department, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 630-260-2050.



Lawn Watering Restrictions Now through Sept. 15

Restrictions on watering lawns are now in effect through Sept. 15. Buildings and homes with an odd-numbered street address may water lawns and gardens only on days of the month having odd numbers. Buildings and homes with an even-numbered street address may water lawns and gardens only on days of the month having even numbers. No watering is allowed between the hours of noon and 6 p.m.



CITY CALENDAR

City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions are held in the Council Chambers at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Visit www.wheaton.il.us for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 4** City Offices Closed, No Garbage Pickup
- 10** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 17** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.