

September 2012

## City Notes

### No Garbage Pickup

There will be no garbage/recycling/yard waste pickup on Monday, Sept. 3, 2012 due to the Labor Day holiday. In addition, City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Sept. 3. They will reopen Sept. 4.

### Sept. Electronic Recycling Canceled

Due to a race in the vicinity of the electronic recycling collection, the monthly event for September has been canceled. The next event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, from 9 a.m.-noon at the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive. For more information about these monthly collections, [see the City's website](#).

### Business News

Construction is progressing for the upcoming apartment development in downtown Wheaton, called Wheaton 121. Morningside Wheaton LLC is building the development on the vacant block bordered by Front, Cross, Wesley and Scott streets in downtown Wheaton.

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## Submit Your Ideas for How to Improve Downtown Wheaton

*New website is one way to provide input*

**W**hat do you want Downtown Wheaton to be? A new online community outreach tool at <http://wheaton.mindmixer.com> is one way in which you can help provide direction for Downtown Wheaton's future by posting your ideas about what you would like to see.

The City of Wheaton is currently working on a new strategic plan and streetscape plan for the downtown district. The intent of this project is to work with community members and stakeholders (including



business owners and downtown tenants, neighborhood representatives, and various civic leaders) in crafting a new vision for downtown for the 21st century. This new

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### Community Visioning Session

- Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7-9 p.m.
- DuPage County Historical Museum Auditorium, 102 E. Wesley St.

## Wheaton Water Rate Change Proposed



**O**n Aug. 27, 2012, Wheaton's City Council listened to a presentation summarizing the results of a study analyzing the City's current water rate structure and the costs associated with providing water service to Wheaton customers. According to the

study, the City's current water rates will not produce adequate revenues to cover the costs of operating and maintaining the water system starting in Fiscal Year 2013.

Municipal & Financial Services Group, the firm that

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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

**Feedback:**  
 Please mail your comments to:  
 Mayor's Office, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187  
 Or, email comments to: [feedback@wheaton.il.us](mailto:feedback@wheaton.il.us)

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Excavation of the site is nearly complete, utility work is progressing and footings are being poured for the 306-unit apartment development. For more information about the development, see the developer's website at [www.morningsideusa.com/pages/news\\_articles/39.php?id=92](http://www.morningsideusa.com/pages/news_articles/39.php?id=92).

## Watering Restrictions End

Lawn watering restrictions end Sept. 15, 2012. Until then, residents can water on odd- or even-numbered days corresponding with odd- or even-numbered addresses. Watering is prohibited between noon and 6 p.m.

Even though watering restrictions end Sept. 15, the City encourages residents to take actions to "preserve every drop," the water conservation program that the City of Wheaton, the DuPage Water Commission and many other local communities support. For ideas on how

to save water, visit [www.preservingeverydrop.org](http://www.preservingeverydrop.org).

## Employment Opportunities

The City seeks a project engineer in its Engineering Department. The position involves performing general civil engineering tasks related to local wastewater conveyance and sanitary sewer capacity, oversight of sanitary sewer evaluation studies, administering sanitary sewer capacity improvement capital projects and more.

For a full description of this opportunity and to find out how to apply, [visit the City's website](#).

## Mark Calendar for Shredding Event

DuPage County will host a free document shredding event for residents (no businesses) from 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 13 at the DuPage County Administration Building, 421 S. County Farm Road. All documents will be shredded on site. Residents are limited to four boxes.



DuPage County Document Shredding Event: Oct. 13

# Water Rate

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performed the study, made the following recommendations based on their findings:

1) The City should increase revenues from water rates over the next three years to allow revenues to catch up with water system operating and maintenance expenses and to fund the full cost of operating and maintaining the water system. These increases should be in conjunction with the DuPage Water Commission increases for a total revenue increase of:

- **30% on Jan. 1, 2013** (20% DuPage Water Commission increase + 10% City increase)

- **25% on Jan. 1, 2014** (18% DuPage Water Commission increase + 7% City increase)

- **20% on Jan. 1, 2015** (17% DuPage Water Commission increase + 3% City increase)

2) The City should adopt an alternative water rate structure that will increase the revenue stability within



Watch the Video

• [See the video](#) of the presentation and City Council discussion

the Water Fund by collecting more revenue from the fixed portion of the water bill, eventually collecting 25% of revenues through the fixed charge by Fiscal Year 2015. The fixed charge should be based on meter size.

3) The City should strive to maintain a minimum unrestricted net asset balance within the Water Fund equal to 30% of the operating expenses.

[You can watch a video](#) of the presentation and Council discussion. The [Water Rate Study Report](#) document and the [Water Rate Study City Council Briefing](#) (which is the PowerPoint presentation displayed at the meeting) are also available on the City's website. Look for more information in the future as the Council continues its discussion of Wheaton's water rate.

# Downtown

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online tool is one part of the community input process.

Anyone can participate in this online forum by registering with his or her name, email address, age and zip code. Once registered, you can share your idea(s) about one or

more topics relating to economic development, streets, a vision for downtown and more. Or, if you see ideas that you like, you can show your support for it and "second" it, or provide feedback about

ideas others have posted. The site will be open for submitting comments and voting on ideas through Oct. 30, 2012.

Design Workshop, the planning/urban design consultant contracted to help create the plans, also will be hosting a Community Visioning Session from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012 at the DuPage County Historical Museum Auditorium, 102 E. Wesley St.

Check out the online community outreach tool at <http://wheaton.mindmixer.com> or learn more about the Downtown Plan at [www.wheaton.il.us/DowntownPlan](http://www.wheaton.il.us/DowntownPlan).

*What do you want Downtown Wheaton to be?*

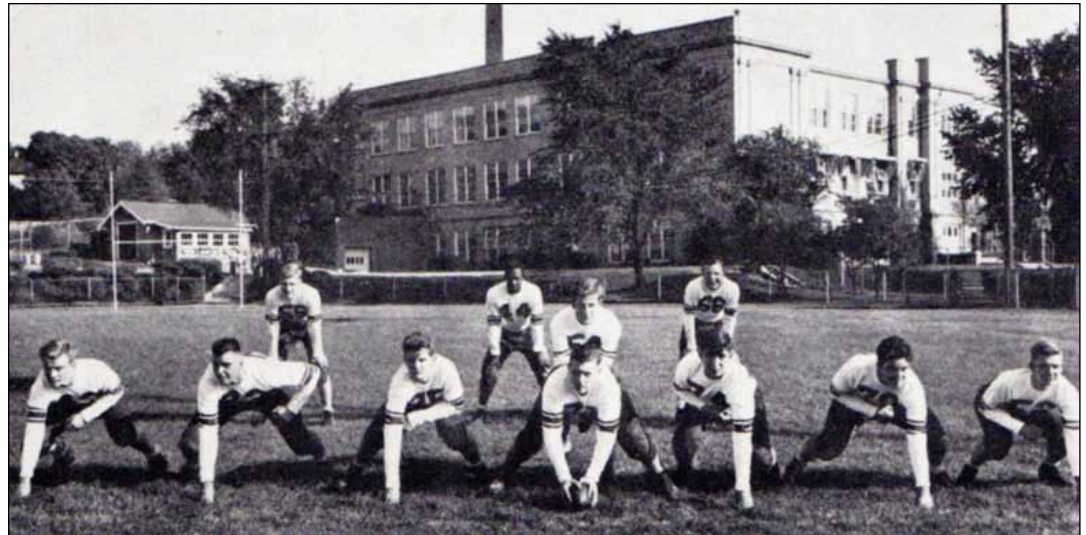


## Residents Recall Wheaton High School

*Former Hubble first was Wheaton Community High*

**W**heaton Community High School – which became Wheaton Central High School and then (the former) Hubble Middle School – will soon be demolished. Take a look as three Wheaton Community High School graduates and its last principal pay tribute to the school by recalling their school days. Former principal Chuck Baker, Paul Schatz, Harold Gaede and Howard Duncan tell their stories during the latest edition of “Wheaton Remembers,” which is [now available on the City’s website](#) and City of Wheaton Channel 10.

The historic school building at Roosevelt and Naperville roads opened in 1925. For Baker, Schatz, Gaede and Duncan, the structure housed many rich memories. Duncan, Wheaton Community High School class of 1939, recalled his days milking his family’s cow before walking from his



**Watch the Video**

Watch “[Wheaton Remembers: Wheaton Community High School in the ‘30s and ‘40s’](#)”

family’s farm on the north end of Wheaton to school. Schatz (class of 1948) and Gaede (class of 1946) shared stories of how the downtown was the central meeting place with soda fountains, a movie theater, grocery stores, auto

dealerships and more.

Watch “[Wheaton Remembers: Wheaton Community High School in the ‘30s and ‘40s’](#)” to see and hear about these recollections and many more.

“Wheaton Remembers” is 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. If you or someone you know are



a longtime Wheaton resident and are interested in being a guest on “Wheaton Remembers,” contact Richard Sagen at 630-260-2036 or [rsagen@wheaton.il.us](mailto:rsagen@wheaton.il.us). The City is seeking individuals and small groups to participate.

## West Nile Virus Cases Reported in DuPage County

**T**he DuPage County Health Department reports a widespread presence of West Nile virus in the area. This includes 10 human cases in DuPage County so far this summer, one of which was fatal. So far, there have been 59 cases statewide.

Symptoms of the disease 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, West Nile Virus 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.

You can take the following steps to protect yourself against infection and assist in the fight against West Nile virus:

- If outdoors during prime

mosquito hours, dress in light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, long pants and socks. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET to clothing and exposed skin in accordance with label directions.

- Empty or discard any outdoor container that might hold water and empty water from wading pools and bird-baths once a week.

- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house so adult

mosquitoes will not hide there.

For the latest information on West Nile virus, consult the DuPage County Health Department website at [www.dupagehealth.org/west-nile-virus](http://www.dupagehealth.org/west-nile-virus).

To report areas of standing water that you think could develop excessive mosquito annoyance conditions, you can call Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management Inc. at 1-800-942-2555.

# City Accepting Shared-Cost Requests for Constructing New Sidewalks



Residents who currently do not have sidewalks in front of their properties and would like to participate in a shared-cost program can apply between now and Oct. 1, 2012. The City Council approved the New Sidewalk Construction Policy at its Aug. 6 meeting. The program equally splits the cost of constructing new sidewalks between residents and the City for qualifying properties. This program is for constructing new sidewalks only – it is not for replacing sidewalk squares, and it does not apply to new construction or redevelopment projects.

Several criteria must be

met in order for residents to apply for the program:

- Applicants must submit a petition expressing interest in participating in the program.

- The length of the sidewalk must be at least 180 feet – about the length of three standard residential lots. (In most cases, this would mean that several homeowners together submit one petition to have sidewalks constructed in front of their properties.)

- One end of the new sidewalk must connect to an existing sidewalk or street crosswalk.

If you are interested in participating, read the [New Public Sidewalk Construc-](#)

[tion Policy](#) for the information required to submit your petition requesting participation. The petition can be submitted to the Engineering Department:

- in person at City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.,

- by email to [predman@wheaton.il.us](mailto:predman@wheaton.il.us),

- or by mail to: City of Wheaton Engineering Department, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

This program will be limited to the amount allocated in the annual budget. The Engineering Department will review petition requests, develop a preliminary cost estimate and notify residents if their request is able to be completed.

## School in Session: Please Slow Down

*Using cell phone while driving in a school zone illegal*

Summer vacation is over, and now it is “back to school” for the children of our community.

School children are too often the tragic victims of automobile crashes, because of their small size, inattention to vehicular traffic, and speeding vehicles. Some of the children may be walking to school for the first time, while others may have forgotten their pedestrian safety lessons.

All drivers need to be especially alert for the following situations:

1. Children walking or riding bicycles



2. School buses loading or unloading children

3. Crossing guards at school crossings

4. Posted school speed zones of 20 mph!

The Wheaton Police Department strictly enforces all laws regarding school speed zones, crossings and bus

stop requirements.

**NOTE: It is unlawful to text or use a hand-held cell phone while travelling through a school zone.**

Wheaton Police Officers will issue full citations for all violations near schools or school zones. Warnings will not be an option.



## Child Safety Seat Event is on Sept. 22

The Wheaton Fire and Police Departments will be hosting a Child Safety Seat Event at Wheaton Fire Department #1, 1 Fapp Circle, on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Certified technicians will inspect your child seat and show you how to correctly install it at no charge.



# Upcoming Events



## Rescheduled Independence Day Fireworks

**When:** Sept. 2, events start at 5 p.m.

**Where:** Graf Park, adjacent to the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 1701 Manchester Road

Join the Wheaton Park District at Graf Park, adjacent to the DuPage County Fairgrounds, for a picnic and family fun at 5 p.m. and fireworks just after sunset. For more information, visit [www.wheaton-parkdistrict.com](http://www.wheaton-parkdistrict.com).

## Rescheduled Independence Day Parade

**When:** Sept. 3, 9 a.m.

**Where:** Parade begins at Main St. & Hawthorne

The Wheaton Park District encourages the community to attend the rescheduled parade, which will step off at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 3. The parade will start at Main Street and Hawthorne. More information is available at [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com](http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com), plus see this map of road closures during the parade.



## French Market

**When:** Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Where:** Main Street and Liberty Drive

Flowers, locally grown produce, baked goods, jewelry, crafts and more are sold from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at Wheaton's popular outdoor French Market.

## Community Visioning Session

**When:** Sept. 18, 7-9 p.m.

**Where:** DuPage County Historical Museum Auditorium, 102 E. Wesley St.

Design Workshop, the planning/urban design consultant contracted to help create the Downtown Strategic Plan and Streetscape Plan, will be hosting a Community Visioning Session at the DuPage County Historical Museum Auditorium. This will solicit feedback from the community on the future of Downtown Wheaton.



## Library Concert

**When:** Sept. 23, 2 p.m.

**Where:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., West Plaza (weather permitting) or library's first floor

Kraig Kenning, Americana/folk/blues singer-songwriter and National Slide Guitar Champion, performs a free concert Sept. 23. Equipped with acoustic-style guitars and accompanied by a percussionist, Kenning's appearance is part of the Sunday Sampler Series. More information is at [www.wheatonlibrary.org](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org) or by calling 630-868-7520.

## Library Book Sale

**When:** Sept. 26-30

**Where:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Find bargains on new and used books, DVDs, LPs, CDs, VHS tapes, audio books and cassettes at the Friends of the Wheaton Public Library Book Sale Sept. 26-30 at the library, 225 N. Cross Street. Proceeds benefit the library.

Following a Wednesday night preview sale for members of the Friends, the sale is open to the public 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The library is accepting items for the sale through Sept. 23. For information, visit [www.wheatonlibrary.org](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org) or call 630-868-7592.



# Police and Fire Departments Hosting Blood Drive

*Sept. 11 event  
honors Patriot Day*

In observance of Patriot Day, the City of Wheaton Police and Fire departments will be co-sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012. The drive will take place at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. LifeSource Blood Services will operate the blood drive.

The Wheaton Police and Fire departments in partnership with LifeSource Blood Services will be participating in the Everyday Heroes Police, Fire and EMS Giveback Program. Points will be earned for each participating donor, and upon fulfillment of required donations, a monetary donation will be made by LifeSource to the Hundred Club of DuPage County. The Hundred Club offers assistance to families of law enforcement and fire personnel who have been killed or injured.

One blood donation can



help save three lives. LifeSource must register 1,500 donors every 24 hours to meet patients' needs in the Chicago area. The goal for this blood drive is a minimum of 35 appointments.

Blood donation opportunities will be available to anyone wishing to donate. If

you are interested in setting up an appointment to donate blood, visit [www.lifesource.org](http://www.lifesource.org) and select "donate blood," then "find a mobile blood drive." If you need assistance with registration or you have questions, contact Sherry at the Wheaton Police Department at 630-260-4861.

## Wheaton Police & Fire Blood Drive

- **Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 11
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Location:** Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive

# Get Ready to Make a Difference on Oct. 27



**The Community Relations Commission leads Wheaton's Make A Difference Day efforts.**

*Community encouraged to take part in day of volunteering*

Make a Difference Day – the annual day of volunteering celebrated across the country – will be here before long. On Saturday, Oct. 27, the Community Relations Commission encourages Wheaton residents, businesses, students and community groups to get involved in giving back to others.

The commission will be sponsoring a collection for the City's adopted army division and will soon post a list

of items it is collecting for soldiers. Also, the Wheaton Chamber will again collect

healthy, non-perishable food items (no glass containers, please) for its Stuff a Truck with Food event, and there will be an Adams Park Cleanup. More information

will be posted on the City's website closer to the date of

the event.

Another way to give back is to start your own Make a

Difference Day project. The commission asks that anyone who organizes an event or project – big or small – send an email to [desiray@jycon.com](mailto:desiray@jycon.com) with a brief description of their project/event so their efforts can

be recognized along with all of the community's efforts.





# Wheaton Stands Out with National, Regional Recognition

*City applauded for transportation and its desirability*

Recent recognition has put Wheaton in the national spotlight, with accolades for its transportation options and for being a desirable place to live.

In the September issue of Money Magazine, Wheaton ranked among the top 100 Best Places to Live. Only three Illinois cities scored spots on the list. Money Magazine noted events like the summer municipal band concerts and Vintage Rides classic car shows among the factors that make Wheaton special. The summary of Wheaton also highlighted the city's convenient position along the train line, making it ideal for commuters.

This availability of transportation also earned Wheaton recognition as the sixth top transit suburb in the Chicago area according to a DePaul University study. The Chaddick Institute for Metro-



**The Chaddick Institute named Wheaton the No. 6 top transit Chicago suburb, in large part because of its top-rated train stations. Below: Money Magazine noted events like Vintage Rides among reasons why Wheaton stands out.**

politan Development recently published the results of a study of more than 200 suburbs based on their stations, walkable downtown amenities near the station and transit use in the community.

The study states: "Wheaton is a strong performer in every category and its station/platforms rank second among the finalists. The station is a contemporary architectural showpiece that adds



to the ambiance of traveling by train."

It also noted Wheaton's distinctive transit culture, with a high number of walkers and bicyclists to the train.

## District 200 Forums Seek Feedback

*Meetings discuss early childhood center concept plans*

Community Unit School District 200 invites members of the community to learn more about the services that Jefferson Early Childhood Center provides for the community's youngest members during Community Forums. The events will take place at Jefferson Early Childhood Center, 130 N. Hazelton, at the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, Sept. 4, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

As the end of a 15-year building renovation and renewal process comes to a close, the District is interested in the community's feedback on its concept plans to build a new Jefferson.

To R.S.V.P. contact Erica Loiacono, District 200 Director of Public Relations, at 630-682-2469.



## City Calendar

City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions are held in the Council Chambers at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Coffee with Council takes place in the Gamon Room at Wheaton City Hall. Visit [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 3** City offices closed; no garbage pickup
- 4** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 10** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 17** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.