



CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

August 2023

CITY NOTES

Board/Commission Appointments

The City Council approved the appointments to the following City Boards and Commissions:

Commission on Aging

- Suzanne Menneke was reappointed for a three-year term

Community Relations Commission

- Andrea Clayton was appointed for a three-year term
- Mariaines Valdez was appointed for a three-year term

Bicyclist and Pedestrian Commission

- Lou Dieter was appointed for a three-year term
- Rita Nathanson was reappointed for a three-year term
- William Nieman was reappointed for a three-year term

Environmental Improvement Commission

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Join the Wheaton Police Department for National Night Out on Aug. 1



Join the Wheaton Police Department from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at Northside Park (1300 N. West St.) for National Night Out, a nationwide night where communities connect with their local police departments and raise awareness about safety in the community. The Wheaton

Police Department encourages you to bring your family for a night full of fun which will include food and drinks, music, a donut eating contest, and a variety of activities for all to enjoy.

Please visit [the City of Wheaton's website](#) for more information about the event.

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

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CITY NOTES

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- Brian Malone was appointed for a three-year term
- Kay McKeen was reappointed for a three-year term

Historic Commission

- Nancy Flannery was reappointed for a three-year term
- Robert Purdy was reappointed for a three-year term

Library Board

- Christine Fenne was reappointed for a three-year term
- Dr. Robert Rammer was appointed for a three-year term
- Kathryn Staron was reappointed for a three-year term

Liquor Commission & Tobacco Commission

- Mark Taylor was reappointed for three-year term

Save the Date for the Festival of Cultures on Sept. 17

The Festival of Cultures is an annual event planned by the City of Wheaton Community Relations Commission. The festival celebrates the vibrant cultures that make Wheaton a strong and diverse community. This free event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, from 1-5 p.m. at Memorial Park. It will

be a fun afternoon of live performances, culture and arts. Check back closer to the date of the event for details. For more information, visit [the City's website](#).

City Improves Biking Facilities to Promote Environmental Sustainability

As a part of Wheaton's commitment to Environmental Sustainability, the City recently completed improvements and additions that support and encourage biking in our community. Several of these were part of the multi-year Downtown Streetscape Project, making Wheaton an even greener place for all to enjoy. Check out [this video](#) to learn more!

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has the following employment opportunities available:

- Crossing Guard
- Maintenance Worker (Public Works, Streets Division)
- Part-time Customer Service Representative

To apply, visit www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

2023 Citizens Fire Academy Applications Due Aug. 30



Don't miss your opportunity to apply for this year's 2023 Citizens Fire Academy!

Applications are due by Wednesday, Aug. 30. 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.

To register, please visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/FireAcademy, or call 630-260-2175 and provide your name, address, and phone number.

Wheaton Police Department to Begin Using Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)



The Wheaton Police Department will soon begin using Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) as a tool to help identify vehicles driven by people suspected of criminal activity and locate vehicles associated with missing persons, Amber Alerts or individuals in crisis, while protecting the privacy and rights of all people.

ALPRs are high-resolution cameras that take a picture of the back of vehicles as they pass through the field of view. The image captures the vehicle make & color, license plate and time the vehicle passed by the camera. It DOES NOT capture information about the occupants, track people, measure

vehicle speed, or enforce traffic/parking violations. The cameras are not capable of recording video or facial recognition, and the technology is not connected to personal identifying information.

Why is the Police Department using Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)?

Seventy percent of all crimes committed involve an automobile. License plate numbers give law enforcement objective, actionable leads needed to solve and prevent crimes. ALPRs will be used as a resource for a retroactive search to help solve crimes after they have occurred. They will also be used to help locate individuals in emergency situations, such as finding vehicles

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associated with missing and endangered persons.

Data Security & Protecting Your Privacy

The City of Wheaton owns the images associated with ALPRs and the data is fully encrypted. None of the data collected by the ALPRs will be sold or shared to any third-party entities outside of law enforcement or with federal immigration agencies. All data collected will be deleted after 30 days if the registration

is not part of an active investigation.

The Wheaton Police Department has a strict department order outlining officers' retrieval of data from the system and its subsequent application. All data retrieval activity is recorded and can be internally audited.

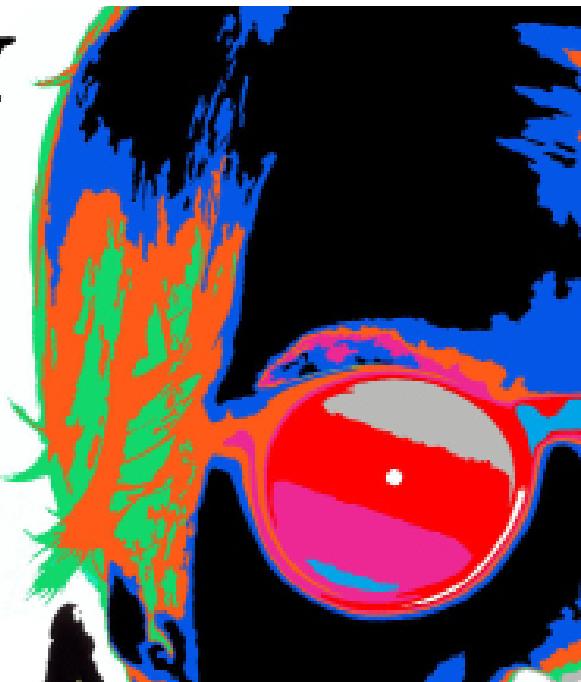
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Celebrate Wheaton Warhol Birthday Party at the Plaza on Aug. 5



SATURDAY
AUGUST
5th
9am-2pm

French Market Plaza
Downtown Wheaton



As the summer of Wheaton Warhol continues, Wheaton's Fine & Cultural Arts Commission encourages the community to come celebrate Andy Warhol's birthday with art, music, a pop-up art exhibition and more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. The event will take place on the Liberty Drive plaza near the Wheaton French Market, just east of Main Street. This event continues the celebration of Pop Art in honor of the McAninch Arts Center's Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop exhibit at the College of DuPage. In celebration of what would have been Andy Warhol's 95th birthday (Aug. 6), the commission has the following activities planned:

- 10 a.m.-noon: Performance by Trevor Hill's Beyond Standard
- Noon-2 p.m.: Performance by Paul Abella's Questionable Decisions 7-piece band. Hear multiple sets of Andy Warhol-inspired music.

Also throughout the event:

- Visit the live silk-screening booth hosted by SBI Tees Custom Apparel, where they will use techniques like the process Andy Warhol used in the Factory NYC.
- See the collaborative Factory Friday paintings created by three Wheaton College muralists during the Downtown Wheaton Association's Factory Friday events, which will come together at this event to create a brand-new work of art.
- Enjoy live painting by Jazz Occurrence founder Lewis Achenbach.
- Meet impersonators of Andy Warhol and Factory people, who will encourage visitors to check out the commission's Pop Art fire hydrant project throughout the downtown.

This event is free to attend and open to the community. WDCB 90.9FM will be the event's media sponsor.

Dinos Downtown Wheaton Exhibit Coming Sept. 25



The Downtown Wheaton Association recently announced the Dinos Downtown Wheaton exhibit coming Sept. 25 to Oct. 8.

This free outdoor exhibit will feature 10 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs throughout downtown. Enjoy dinosaur-themed specials, activities, and more from Wheaton shops and restaurants! To learn more, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

August Neighborhood Roll Call Events Announced



Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Wheaton Police Department's Neighborhood Roll Call events so far 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 August events will take place:

- Tuesday, Aug. 8, 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew United Church of Christ (1420 S. Gables Blvd., if raining, the event will be indoors)
- Tuesday, Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Second Baptist Church (1520 Avery Ave.)
- Tuesday, Aug. 22, 6:30 p.m. at Sikh Community Center (2131 Creekside Drive).



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Plenty of Summer Left



Mayor Suess

This month, Wheaton is packed with summer opportunities, and there is certainly something for everyone in our community to enjoy.

Offerings that continue through the summer include the Downtown Wheaton Association's outdoor dining tents on Hale Street, two more Vintage Rides events on Aug. 8

and 22, the Summer Music Series throughout the month, the Summer Wine Walk on Aug. 10, and much more. There's even more in store with the Dinos Downtown Wheaton exhibit coming Sept. 25 through Oct. 8. This will be a free outdoor exhibit featuring 10 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs throughout downtown. Residents and visitors alike will enjoy dinosaur-themed specials, activities, and more from community-favorite shops and restaurants. You can also find many activities hosted by the Wheaton Public Library, including the Summer Reading

Program, outdoor concerts on the West Plaza, and much more at wheatonlibrary.org/events.

You also won't want to miss all the excitement continuing at Memorial Park. On Aug. 3, the Wheaton Municipal Band will perform "Magnificent Movie Music" at 7:30 p.m. Since 1930, the Wheaton Municipal Band has brought beautiful music to our community and continues to be a special part of Wheaton today, playing in the Wheaton Park District's bandshell. The Wheaton Park District continues its Summer Entertainment Series with a wide

variety of live music in addition to the return of community-favorites with the Brew and Seltzer Fest on Aug. 5 and Shakespeare in the Park taking place Aug. 24-26.

This is just a fraction of the events and happenings in Wheaton. We are fortunate to have these opportunities all around us in our unique community, made possible by the hard work of numerous local businesses and partners.

I encourage you to join in on everything that makes Wheaton a great place to live, work, and play.

Creekside Bridge Replacement Project Underway



Based upon its age, the Creekside Drive bridge over Spring Brook Creek (located on Creekside Drive between Spring Green Drive and Gone Away Lane) is reaching the end of its useful life and is due for replacement. To continue enhancing the community's infrastructure, the Wheaton City Council recently authorized Herlihy Mid-Continent Company to replace the bridge. Work is expected to finish by Nov. 1, 2023, barring unforeseen circumstances. Temporary detour signs will direct traffic around the construction area using Spring Green Drive and Stonebridge Trail. The City and Herlihy Mid-Continent Company will provide additional notices to residents in the construction zone with information on where to park while work is in progress. The City of Wheaton and District 200 are working together to plan for affected school traffic and bus routes, and nearby schools will communicate any necessary changes to affected school communities. For more information, visit [the City's website](http://theCity's website).



Back-to-School Safety Awareness Month

As many students head back to school this month, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) recommends that families review their own emergency preparedness plans and school safety plans. Whether your children are in school, at sports practice, or traveling for extracurricular activities, emergency preparedness and

sharing information is important for their safety.

Here are some tips to better prepare for the upcoming school year:

- Ensure your children know the basics of weather preparedness for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flash flooding, and other weather events
- Make a family communications plan

- Update your emergency contact information on file at your child's school
- Learn more about school plans for disaster or emergency reunification
- Encourage young students to take emergency drills seriously and ask questions to help them remember what to do
- For young students, ensure they know their home address and phone number
- Walk with your child to and from school prior to the first day
- Encourage any college student to make a disaster preparedness kit
- Speak to college students about ensuring that they are signed up for weather alerts and opt-in alert warning services at college.

DuPage Senior Citizens Council Offers Services to Wheaton Residents

The DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) is one of several organizations assisting seniors in the City of Wheaton. DSCC provides important services that allow seniors to live safely and independently in their own homes, which dramatically improves their overall well-being and health.

One such service is the Meals on Wheels program, which

provides hot meals to seniors who are homebound and low-income as well as to those experiencing difficulty preparing meals for themselves. These meals contain a variety of nutritious foods prepared by a caterer and are distributed by volunteers. In addition to the meals, every senior receives a [well-being check](#) and an emergency follow-

up, if needed. Beyond making sure the seniors are safe and cared for, these extra steps help provide a much-needed and welcomed human connection. For more information on the program, call 630-620-0804 or [visit DSCC's website](#). DSCC also provides a home repair program, which offers seniors minor home repairs at the reduced rate of \$40 per hour. Seniors or caregivers

can call 630-620-0804 to apply for the service and learn more.

For over 45 years, DSCC has been providing assistance to seniors in DuPage County. DSCC initiates, delivers, monitors, and coordinates services that promote the ability of seniors to live their lives in dignity.

For more information on additional services and programs, [visit DSCC's website](#).

Upcoming Events

Wheaton French Market

Dates: 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.

Wheaton Municipal Band Concert

Date: Thursday, Aug. 3

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park, 225 Karlskoga Ave.

The Wheaton Municipal Band will be hosting their final outdoor concert at Memorial Park near

downtown Wheaton on Aug. 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.

Factory Fridays: Murals and Music

Date: Friday, Aug. 4

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton



The Factory was Andy Warhol's NYC studio where his art came to life, and it quickly became a creative meeting place for artists and musicians to collaborate. Enjoy the final installment of the three Factory Fridays on Hale Street, which will also feature live mural painting and live music. The three panels will come together creating a brand-new piece of artwork! Enjoy dining under the Hale

Street Tents during this event. Reservations are recommended. For more information, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Wheaton Warhol Birthday Party

Date: Saturday, Aug. 5

Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Liberty Drive plaza, near the Wheaton French Market just east of Main Street

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Wheaton Brew & Seltzer Fest

Date: Saturday, Aug. 5

Time: Noon-4 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park, 225 Karlskoga Ave.

The Wheaton Park District's outdoor beer fest is returning to

beautiful Memorial Park this summer! This year will feature more than 60 unique brew and seltzer options and Breakfast Club will be playing your favorite 80s hits! Grab your tickets to enjoy a summer day at the park with good drinks, good music, and good friends. All guests must be at least 21 years of age with a valid ID for entry. For more information, visit [the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Neighborhood Roll Call

Dates: Aug. 8, 15, 22

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

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information. For more information, read the article on page 5 or visit [the City's website](#).

Vintage Rides - Classic Car Show

Dates: Aug. 8, 22
Time: 5-9 p.m.
Location: Liberty Drive



Vintage Rides returns to Downtown Wheaton. Admire cars from Model Ts to Teslas, and everything in between, as the DJ spins tunes from 5-9 p.m. These are the final Vintage Rides events of the summer! For more information, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Summer Wine Walk

2023
Date: Thursday, Aug. 10
Time: 5-8:30 p.m.
Location: Downtown Wheaton

Soak up the sun this summer while enjoying 12 one-ounce wine

tastes at participating businesses. Enjoy live music throughout downtown as you stroll between businesses. In addition to tastings, participants take home a souvenir wine glass! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Summer Entertainment Concert Series

Dates: Aug. 11, 12
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Memorial Park Bandshell, 225 Karlskoga Ave.



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](#).

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Aug. 12
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](#).

Family Fun Tent

Date: Saturday, Aug. 12
Time: 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Location: Front Street just west of Main Street

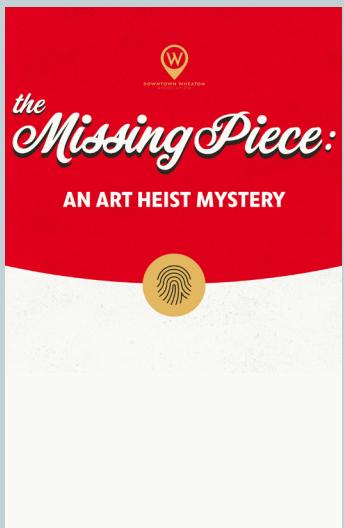


Join the Downtown Wheaton Association at the W Tent on Front Street for free entertainment suited for the whole family on select Saturdays. This time around, have a "wild" time with an exotic reptile show and a miniature petting zoo! Get up close and

personal with these unique animals and learn a few fun facts along the way. For more information, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

The Missing Piece: An Art Heist Mystery

Date: Thursday, Aug. 24
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Downtown Wheaton



Unravel the mystery of Warhol's missing painting! Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for "The Missing Piece: An Art Heist Mystery." Your group will journey to several downtown Wheaton businesses, collect clues, and encounter suspects as you try to solve the mystery. The night will begin at the DuPage Art League where you'll enjoy light bites and a beverage provided by 302 Wheaton. After you connect the clues to this whodunnit, gather

at Westside Improv to find out who stole The Missing Piece! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Shakespeare in the Park

Dates: Aug. 24, 25, 26
Time: 6:45 p.m. puppet show, 7 p.m. performance

Location: Memorial Park, 225 Karlskoga Ave.

Everyone knows a few lines of Shakespeare. Everyone's seen a play or two. Experience another of the world's greatest playwright's works in the Memorial

Park Bandshell. Shakespeare in the Park is a high-quality annual theater event presented free of charge to the public by the Wheaton



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

Rock the Block for Charity

Date: Thursday, Aug. 31
Time: 4:30 p.m. opening act, 6 p.m. headliner
Location: Downtown Wheaton

Enjoy a rockin' good time in Downtown Wheaton – all for a good cause! Featuring a free outdoor concert by fan favorite The Boy Band Night and charity givebacks when you shop or dine at any of

the 20 participating businesses, celebrate summer at Rock the Block for Charity on Thursday, Aug. 31. The concert itself will take place at the corner of Front Street and Hale Street with the opening act (local students from Wheaton music schools) starting at 4:30 p.m. and the headliner (The Boy Band Night) at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Concert: The Throwbacks

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 8
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: In-person

These three young guys take classic oldies songs from the 50s and 60s and infuse high energy and modern songwriting to create a unique rock experience for audiences who have loved them for decades! *No registration required.*

Chair Yoga

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 9
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Virtual
Experience the

benefits of yoga without getting on the floor or standing on your head! Increase strength and flexibility, improve joint and spine health, build resilience, and breathe better.

Enjoy an hour of seated movement and relaxation led by certified yoga and meditation teacher Susan Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga. *Registration required.*

Friends of Wheaton Public Library Book Sale

Date & Times:

- Thursday, Aug. 10,

- 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

- Friday, Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

- Saturday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

- Sunday, Aug. 13, 1-5 p.m.

Location: In-person

The Friends of Wheaton Public Library will host their Book & Media Sale Aug. 10-13 with a Preview Sale for Friends members beginning at 5 p.m. on Aug. 9. The sale features books for all ages as well as DVDs, CDs, LPs, audiobooks, and more.

Religious Dimensions of Warhol

Date: Wednesday,

Aug. 16

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: In-person

Andy Warhol seems to epitomize a superficial pursuit of fame and commercialization of art. However, Warhol maintained a personal Byzantine Catholic faith, and his work displayed deeply religious themes. Dr. David McNutt, Associate Lecturer of Core Studies at Wheaton College, explores the religious dimensions of Warhol's life and art. *Registration required.*

Wheaton Police Remind You to Buckle Up and Practice Child Car Seat Safety During Traffic Safety Campaign Aug. 20-26



To help ensure the safety of everyone in our community, during the week of Aug. 20-26 the Wheaton Police Department and the Traffic Unit will be conducting a traffic safety campaign

Seatbelts: One of the smartest choices passengers and drivers can make is buckling up. Seatbelts reduce the risk of serious injury or death in a crash. Being buckled up helps keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle.

Child Car Seat Safety: When it comes to selecting the right car seat for your child, one size does not fit

all. It's important to follow these safety tips when it comes to your child's car seat:

- Make sure to get the right car seat for your child's age, weight, and height
- [Register your seat](#) right away so you can be notified if there's a safety recall
- Read the instructions for both your vehicle and your car seat
- Assistance from certified child safety seat technicians is available from the Wheaton Police Department by calling 630-260-2161.

Wheaton Municipal Band Featured by CBS Chicago

Take a look at [this feature](#) on the Wheaton Municipal Band!

Thanks to CBS Chicago for highlighting the band as a Chicago Hidden Gem. Making music since 1930, the band has gained national

and international recognition - making it a community-favorite for residents and visitors alike. Don't miss the last Memorial Park concert of this season at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3.



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.

Wheaton Police Seek Information on Fatal Pedestrian Hit-and-Run



Just after 8 p.m. on Jan. 2, 2023, 31-year-old Wheaton resident Paige Donahue was struck and killed by a vehicle on Roosevelt Road near Crest Street while walking to her home. As the Wheaton Police Department continues to seek information about this incident from the community, we would like for you [to learn more about the incident and hear Paige's story from her family in this video](#). Anyone with any information about this incident should contact the Wheaton Police Department at 630-260-2199 or tips@wheaton.il.us. Anonymous tips can be shared at 1-800-222-8477.

CITY CALENDAR

August 2023

- 7 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.