

September 2014

## City Notes

### No Garbage Pickup Sept. 1

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, Sept. 1. Pickup will be one day later for the week of Sept. 1-5.

### City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, 2014. They will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

### Watering Restrictions End Sept. 15

Lawn watering restrictions end Sept. 15, 2013. 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 you 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).

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## Help the City Choose LED Lights for Wheaton Streets

*See sample lights and take online survey*

From now until Sept. 15, you can help decide which style of LED street lights will illuminate some of Wheaton's residential streets.

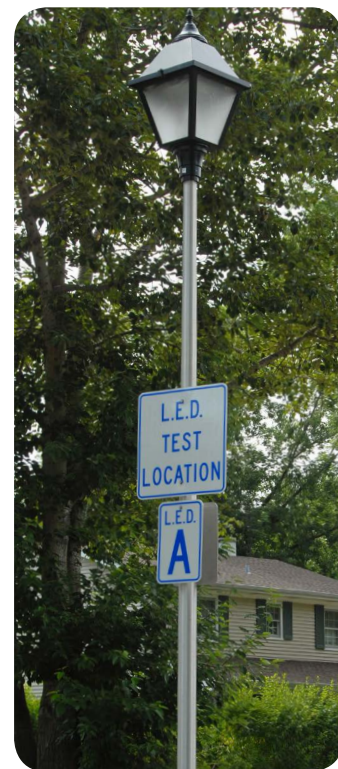
Wheaton will be replacing some of the current high-pressure sodium street lights, many of which are more than 40 years old, with more energy-efficient LED models. The new LED fixtures provide substantial environmental and financial benefits, using about half the amount of energy as the current fixtures with bulbs lasting more than twice as long, reducing the maintenance hours required by City staff.

### Online Survey

- Check out the lights and take the online survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/wheatonLED](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wheatonLED)

The City is looking for your feedback on the functionality of the lights. Crews have installed 10 sample street lights for you to view along Briarcliffe Boulevard between Brentwood Lane and Butterfield Road as part of an LED Pilot Program. Each light pole is marked with a sign, lettered "A" through "J." [See a map of the lights' location](#). Note

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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)



# No Electronic Recycling Drop-off in September

**T**he future is uncertain for the City's monthly electronic drop-off program. The vendor that collected and recycled electronics for Wheaton and nine other sites in DuPage County is no longer operating.

Residents still have a number of options for recycling their electronics properly.

Advanced Disposal, the City's curbside garbage and recycling hauler, will accept electronics curbside on your garbage day if you call 630-587-8282 at least one day in advance to request electronic recycling pickup. A separate truck comes by to pick up electronics only when requested. Each large item (such as a television) requires one garbage sticker, but

## *Curbside pickup program still available*

smaller items (such as a cell phone, camera, network cable and a keyboard) can be bundled together, up to 4 items, with one sticker.

In addition, residents of Milton Township (which includes much of Wheaton) can bring [electronics listed in this guide](#) to the township's Highway Department, 23W040 Poss St. in Glen Ellyn, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. Residents should call the Highway Department at 630-682-4270 before bringing electronics such as computers, printers, TVs and phones. For more information, [see the Milton Township Highway Department Homeowners Handbook](#).

There are a number of retail stores, nonprofit organizations and drop-off recycling locations that also will accept electronics. Many of these are [listed on DuPage County's website](#).

The City is working to arrange a collection event in October with another vendor, with scrap metal collection added to the list of accepted items to help offset the cost of collecting and recycling electronics.

More information will be posted on the City's website and sent to Email Updates subscribers once details are available. To receive email updates, visit [www.wheaton.il.us/emailupdates](http://www.wheaton.il.us/emailupdates).



**Residents have several other options for electronic recycling, including the curbside pickup program, which is available through the City's garbage hauler.**

## Lights

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that the City is looking for feedback on how the lights function and the amount of light they emit, so they are best viewed when it is dark outside.

Once you have viewed the choices, visit the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wheatonLED> to select the light you prefer and answer a few short questions. You can also reach the survey by visiting the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/LED](http://www.wheaton.il.us/LED). **Please note: It is illegal to use a handheld cell phone or electronic device while driving. Please do not complete this survey while driving!** Paper copies are available to fill out on the first floor of City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., for residents who do not have internet access.

The City maintains more



than 2,000 street lights throughout Wheaton. This program will begin by replacing sections of lights that do not conform to current City standards and for which replacement parts are no longer manufactured, including the Streams subdivision, Briarcliffe subdivision and Briarcliffe Knolls. This pilot program may be implemented throughout other portions of the City in the future.

The survey will be open through Monday, Sept. 15, 2014. The City will release the results after the survey is closed.

Not all streetlights in Wheaton are maintained by the City. Lights on metal poles are maintained by the City, while those on a wooden pole are maintained by ComEd. This program will not apply to lights maintained by ComEd.

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### Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for the following positions:

- Part-time Facilities Maintenance
- Part-time Customer Service Representative

To find out how to apply and learn about these positions, [visit the City's website](#).

### Commission News

The Council approved the reappointment of Tom Hudock and Chris Ellerman to the Housing Commission for three-year terms.

# Petitions Available for 2015 Municipal Election

*Nomination Petitions are Due Nov. 17-24*

Petitions for candidacy for the 2015 Wheaton municipal election are available in the Office of the City Clerk at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. One four-year position for **Mayor** and two four-year positions for **Councilman At-Large** are up for election. Candidates shall:

- Be registered voters of the City of Wheaton and candidates must reside within the corporate limits of the city at least one year next preceding the election; and

- File Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination signed by at least 81 registered City of Wheaton voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Wheaton. **Please note: This information is provided solely as a**



**public service. Please consult with an attorney and/or review the State Election Code before taking any action.**

- The Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination should be filed together with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and a receipt indicating the candi-

date has filed a Statement of Economic Interest with the DuPage County Clerk.

Petitions for nomination are filed with the Wheaton City Clerk, City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Second Floor. The filing period is Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 through Monday, Nov. 24, 2014, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding weekend days

## City Council Positions Up for Election in 2015

- Two City Councilman At-Large positions
- Mayor

and holidays.

A Consolidated Primary election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015 if more than four candidates file for the position of Mayor and if more than eight candidates file for the positions of Councilman At-Large.

The Consolidated General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, with the successful candidates taking office at the first regular or special meeting in May.

For further information, please contact the Wheaton City Clerk's office at 630-260-2012.

## Funding Approved for Parkway Ash Tree Replacements

### *Shared-Cost for Replacements Suspended*

To begin replacing the approximately 6,500 parkway ash trees already removed or awaiting removal due to emerald ash borer infestation, the Wheaton City Council has authorized funding for replacement trees in all suitable parkway sites throughout the city.

The City previously had encouraged residents to participate in a shared-cost program, through which residents would pay a portion of the cost to have the City purchase and plant a replacement tree. Now that the City

will be funding replacements citywide, the ash tree shared-cost program has been suspended and participants of this year's program will receive refunds. Residents will receive refunds by mail within 6 to 8 weeks.

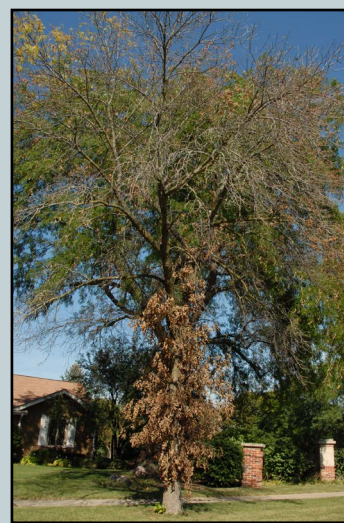
Crews will still plant the trees that have already been approved for this year's shared-cost program. After these are planted, the City will be using a number of factors to determine the order in which replacement trees in all other locations are planted. More information will be available on the City's website and in its newsletter once program details are available.

If you want to plant a parkway tree at your own expense,

you can do so by obtaining a [no-cost permit from the City's Forestry Division](#).

This permit ensures the tree is planted in a location that will not block sight lines, interfere with utilities or cause other safety hazards. The [permit application is available on the City's website](#) and at City Hall.

For residents who have recently had an ash tree removed in the parkway adjacent to their property, please note that there will be a lag time of several months between when crews remove ash trees and when they return to remove the tree stumps. This is because the City's immediate focus is removing infested ash trees be-



**The City will be replacing many parkway ash trees infested by the emerald ash borer.**

fore they become hazardous, and stump removal is dependent on weather conditions.



# Upcoming Events

## Vintage Rides

**Dates:** Fridays through Sept. 5

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

**Location:** [Front Street in Downtown Wheaton](#)

Each Friday through Sept. 5, classic cars roll into town for the Vintage Rides car show. This free family-friendly event allows you to stroll down Front Street and admire some outstanding automobiles. Each week features a different make, model or theme. For more information, visit the Downtown Wheaton Association's website at [www.downtownwheaton.com](http://www.downtownwheaton.com).



## French Market

**Dates:** Saturdays through Nov. 15

**Time:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Location:** [Parking lot near Main Street and Liberty Drive](#) in downtown Wheaton (just south of the railroad tracks)

The Wheaton French Market offers a wide variety of vendors. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Nov. 15, visit the French Market near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive to find fresh produce, locally made gifts, art, specialty foods, handmade jewelry, flowers and more. Items sold change seasonally, offering

visitors variety from week to week. For more information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0286.

## Sunday Sampler Musical Series

**Date:** Sunday, Sept. 14

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#), Main Floor

Join Tom Krol as he takes you on a musical journey through 10 different countries in this solo concert of classical

guitar and vocals. Presented by the Friends of the Wheaton Public Library. No registration necessary.

## Wheaton Wine & Cultural Arts Festival

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 20

**Time:** Noon-6 p.m.

**Location:** Memorial Park, [208 W. Union Ave.](#)

Memorial Park will be the setting for this annual festival, where attendees can sample a variety of local and global wines, explore art from community artisans, graze on fare from food vendors, and enjoying musical entertainment in the park's band shell. More information is available on the [Wheaton Park District's website](#).

## Friends of the Wheaton Public Library Annual Book Sale

**Dates:** Sept. 25-28 (preview

sale Sept. 24 for Friends members)

**Times:** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sept. 25; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 26; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 27; 1-5 p.m. Sept. 28; (5-9 p.m. Sept. 24 preview sale for Friends members)

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#), Lower Level Meeting Room and lobby

This sale will feature more than 30,000 books filling the Lower Level Meeting Room and lobby area of the Wheaton Public Library. Includes like-new fiction and nonfiction best sellers, cook books, classics, collectible LPs, VHS movies, music CDs and a variety of DVDs.

This sale will not include children's materials, as the library will have a Children's Only Book Sale in June 2015. [More information is available on the library's website.](#)

[See more events on the Things to Do section of the City's website.](#)





## School is Open: Slow Down!

**S**chool children are too often the tragic victims of automobile crashes because of their small size, inattention to vehicular traffic and speeding vehicles.

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

- Children walking or riding bicycles,
- School buses loading or unloading children,
- Crossing guards at school crossings,
- Posted school speed zones of 20 MPH!

**The Wheaton Police Department strictly enforces all laws regarding school speed zones, crossings and bus stop requirements. It is unlawful to text or use a hand-held cell phone while driving.**

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

## Library Accepting Book Donations for Upcoming Friends Book Sale

**T**he Wheaton Public Library is accepting donations for its upcoming Friends Book Sale, which benefits library programs. Between now and Sept. 22, 2014, the library welcomes your new and used hardback and paperback books, audio books, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, LPs and cassettes.

Please drop off your items [at the library](#) during regular library hours in a box or bag that can be left behind. Framed and unframed art also is being collected for



a sale at a later date.

The Book Sale is Sept. 25-28, 2014, with a Preview Sale

on Sept. 24 for Friends of the Wheaton Public Library members.

## City Celebrates Preparedness Month

**D**uring the month of September, communities, states and federal agencies celebrate National Preparedness Month. The City of Wheaton encourages residents to take action to be ready for severe weather, fires, and many other types of emergencies.

[Watch a new City of Wheaton video on National Preparedness Month](#) with the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to learn how individuals, families, businesses and other organizations can be ready



**Watch the Video**

See a new video with the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, "[National Preparedness Month](#)."

for many different types of emergencies. Find out how to make an emergency kit applicable to your needs, and learn how the City of Wheaton works with DuPage County's Office of Homeland

Security and Emergency Management to prepare for emergencies.

You can also visit [www.ready.gov/september](http://www.ready.gov/september) for many resources on being "disaster-aware."

Also, City of Wheaton Channel 10 will be featuring a number of emergency-related programs during the month of September. Wheaton Comcast subscribers can tune in on Tuesday and Friday nights to see a variety of shows, or visit the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/prepare](http://www.wheaton.il.us/prepare) to access all of the City's emergency videos.

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

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- 1** City offices closed; No garbage pickup
- 2** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 6** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 8** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 15** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

