

CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

July 2024

CITY NOTES

City Offices Closed on Thursday, July 4



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

Employment Opportunities

The City has the following employment opportunities available:

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Independence Day Celebrations Return



The Wheaton Park District will be hosting Independence Day festivities on July 3 and July 4, 2024. The City of Wheaton encourages everyone in the community to take part in the celebration.

Fireworks

The fireworks display will be on Wednesday, 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 and the DuPage County Fairgrounds will be marked "Temporary No Parking," which will be enforced starting at noon on Wednesday, July 3. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parade

The parade will be held on Thursday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade route will begin at Main Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, traveling south on Main Street, then

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CONTACT THE CITY

Police/Fire Emergency: 9-1-1

General Information: 630-260-2000

Wheaton City Hall: 303 W. Wesley St.
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

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- Accounting Manager
- Maintenance Worker, Public Works Forestry Division
- Maintenance Worker, Public Works Water Division
- Part-time Community Service Officer

To apply, visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Board/Commission Appointments

The City Council approved the appointments and reappointments to the following Commissions:
Board of Fire and Police Commissioners:

- Penni Cannova was reappointed for a three-year term
- Susan Haines was reappointed for a three-year term

Community Relations Commission:

- Meg Beasley was reappointed for a three-year term
- Yvette Diericx was appointed for a three-year term

Environmental Improvement Commission:

- Seema Wadia was reappointed for a three-year term

Library Board:

- Robert Lyon was reappointed for a three-year term
- Laurie Metanchuk was reappointed for a three-year term

turning west onto Union Avenue, continuing south on Wheaton Avenue, east on Front Street, and concluding at Cross Street.

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

- Main Street, between Geneva Road and Liberty Drive
- Wesley Street, between Washington Street and Main Street
- Union Avenue, between Main Street and West Street
- Harrison Avenue, between Wheaton Avenue and Cross Street
- Hale Street, between Karlskoga Avenue and Union Avenue
- Wheaton Avenue, between Franklin Street and Front Street
- Seminary Avenue, between West Street and Scott Street
- Wesley Street, between West Street and Hale Street
- Front Street, between West Street and Cross Street

Visit the City's website for 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 Wednesday, 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](#).

Field of Honor Displayed at Seven Gables Park Now through July 4



Wheaton Park District's Seven Gables Park is hosting the Field of Honor. Now through July 4, the park is displaying 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. For more information, visit [the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

July Neighborhood Roll Call Events Announced



The Wheaton Police Department is back with its popular Neighborhood Roll Call events throughout the 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 events are open to everyone in the community, and residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and their neighbors, too. To find out more, visit wheaton.il.us/rollcall.



Neighborhood ROLL CALL

The July events will take place:

- Tuesday, July 2, 6:30 p.m., 600 E. Harrison St. (adjacent to Fischer Hall)
- Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m., Briar Knoll Park, 500 Tennyson Drive (northside off of Tennyson Drive)
- Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 p.m., College Avenue & Glencoe Street (northeast corner)
- Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m., Northside Park, 1300 N. West St. (southside off West Street)

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.

Citizens Police Academy Applications Due July 9



The Wheaton Police Department is accepting applications until July 9 for a 10-week Citizens Police Academy, a chance for community members to learn the inner workings of police operations, practices and objectives. Classes will take place from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Aug. 27 through Oct. 29, 2024 at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive, and nearby locations. To apply, visit [the City's website](http://theCity's website).



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Summer Music in Wheaton



Mayor Sueß

Summertime in Wheaton is bustling with many events and happenings. As residents and visitors enjoy the warm weather, there is an exciting lineup of music events that have already begun to fill our parks, streets, and community with the wonderful sounds of live performances.

Make Music Wheaton, hosted by Wheaton's Fine & Cultural Arts Commission on Friday, June 21, was a

tremendous success. This event brought our community together in a vibrant celebration of music, featuring performances from local musicians of all ages and genres. The enthusiasm and talent displayed were truly inspiring, and I want to thank local businesses for serving as venues, musicians for showcasing their talents, and the community for attending throughout the day-long event. A special thank you to the Fine & Cultural Arts Commission for its members' many months of work to organize this special event.

The Wheaton Municipal Band continues its beloved summer tradition of performing on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Park. These concerts are a staple of our community, providing wonderful evenings filled with beautiful music. Be sure

to attend their concert "Patriotic Spectacular" on Tuesday, July 2 to kick-off the City's Independence Day celebrations.

The Downtown Wheaton Association is hosting the Summer Music Series now through September. Rotating between outdoor dining destinations in downtown Wheaton, this series features local musicians performing live music throughout summer. Enjoy Wheaton's downtown with music in the air, visit local shops, and dine at wonderful local restaurants. You also won't want to miss Town Square's Third Thursdays concerts which take place from 6-8 p.m. on July 18, Aug. 15, and Sept. 19. With an exciting musical lineup, food and drinks, and shopping specials, this series is one to explore.

Back again for

another year of live musical entertainment is the Wheaton Park District's Summer Entertainment Series. Enjoy performances across a variety of genres featuring both local and national talent. Performances are hosted on various weekends at Memorial Park from 6-9:30 p.m., now through September. Please visit the Wheaton Park District's website for more information and tickets. The Wheaton Public Library is also bringing music to Wheaton through hosting concerts on July 16 and Aug. 13 at their West Plaza starting at 7 p.m.

Wheaton is a hub of music this season, offering events for everyone to enjoy. I hope you and your family have the opportunity to take advantage of all that Wheaton has to offer.

Roosevelt Road Corridor Zoning Ordinance Amendment Planning & Zoning Board Public Hearing on Aug. 13

The Wheaton Planning & Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate the recommendations of the Roosevelt Road Corridor Plan.

4 The proposed Zoning Amendment seeks to

rezone properties along the corridor to incorporate new use categories as well as updated bulk, design standards, setbacks, landscaping, and parking requirements which strive to encourage appropriate development and be respectful of surrounding neighborhoods. For more information, visit the City's website.

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.

Field of Honor

Date: Now through Thursday, July 4

Location: Seven Gables Park, 1750 S. Naperville Road

See 2,000 American flags on display in perfectly straight rows at Seven Gables Park.

The park is open from dawn to dusk.

Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts

Dates: July 2, 11, 18, 25

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park Bandshell, 225 Karlskoga Ave.



The Wheaton Municipal Band is hosting their outdoor concerts at Memorial Park near downtown Wheaton each Thursday now through Aug. 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (*Please note there is no concert on Thursday, July 4*). 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.

Neighborhood Roll Calls

Dates: July 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Various Locations

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Fireworks Display

Date: Wednesday, July 3

Time: Activities at 5:30 p.m., Fireworks at 9 p.m.



Location: Graf Park, 1855 Manchester Road

Join the Wheaton Park District for the spectacular fireworks display on Wednesday, July 3! 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](http://wheatonparkdistrict.com).

Independence Day Parade

Date: Thursday, July 4

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Beginning at Main Street and Hawthorne Boulevard



Show your spirit by attending the 2024 Independence Day Parade alongside neighbors, family and friends. The parade route will begin at Main Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, traveling

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south on Main Street, then turning west onto Union Avenue, continuing south on Wheaton Avenue, east on Front Street, and concluding at Cross Street. For more information, visit [the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Movies Under the Stars

Date: Friday, July 12

Time: 8 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public Library's West Plaza, 225 N. Cross St.

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for a showing of *Trolls: Band Together!* Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to the Wheaton Public Library's West Plaza for this free family-friendly movie showing. 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. Please visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#) for more information.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, July 13

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. Please note that there is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event. For more information and a list of accepted items, please visit [the City's website](#).

Free Movie Night in the Park

Date: Thursday, July 18

Time: Dusk

Location: Seven Gables Park, 1750 S. Naperville Road

The Wheaton Park District and Wheaton Police Department are pleased to present *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* under the stars. 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. The movie takes place by the pavilion/playground.

Christmas in July

Date: July 24-30

Location: Downtown Wheaton

Get into the holiday spirit early with Downtown Wheaton's Christmas in July! Visit your favorite downtown businesses for Christmas-themed sidewalk sales, limited-time discounts, holiday-inspired food and drink, holiday music and décor, and more.

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

LIBRARY EVENTS

Register for these events at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar

Chicago's World Columbian Exposition

Date: Wednesday,

July 10

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: In-person

Take an imaginary journey back to 1893 Chicago, the White City, through vivid imagery and sound. Art history expert Denise Laurin will focus on the architecture, art, and overall aesthetic which inspired artists such as Walt Disney

and Frank Lloyd Wright. *Registration required.*

Concert: The Stingrays

Date: Tuesday, July 16

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: In-Person

Dance to the greatest rock 'n roll from the 50s, 60s, and 70s! This energetic foursome will get you on your feet and test your trivia knowledge of your favorite oldies. *No registration is required for this event.*

Cooking: Mastering Grilling Basics

Date: Wednesday,

July 17

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Join Kristyn Slick of Mealtime Memories for an introduction to the world of classic American grilling. We will explore basic grilling techniques with vegetarian and omnivore options. *Registration is required for this event.*

Versiti Blood Drive

Date: Wednesday,

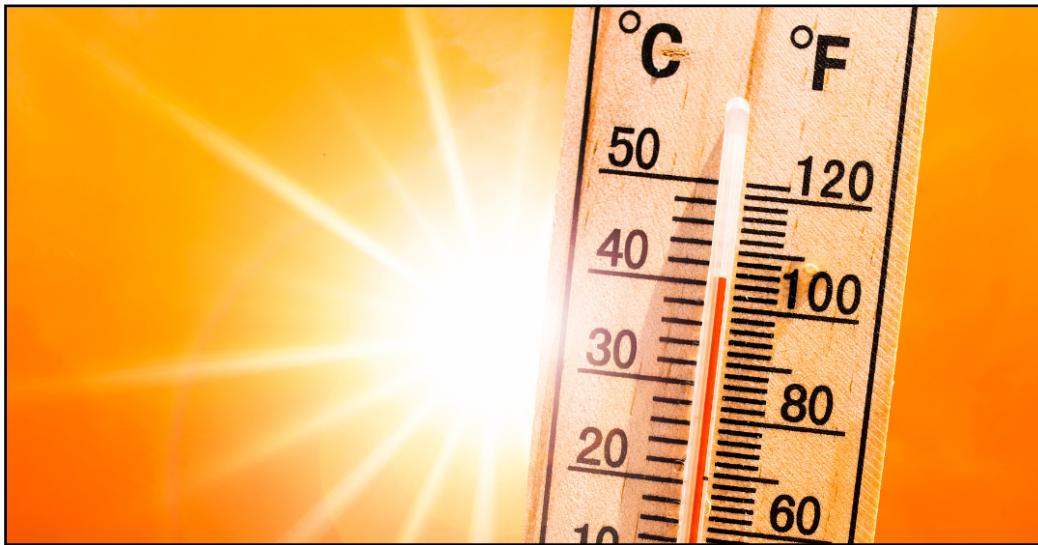
July 31

Time: 1-6 p.m.

Location: In-Person

Versiti Blood Center will be holding a blood drive in the Arts & Culture Center on the Main Floor. Visit Wheaton Public Library's calendar for the link to register with Versiti. *Appointments requested, but walk-ins welcome.*

July is National Extreme Heat Safety Month



Extreme heat is a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) have some easy tips to keep you cool and safe this summer.

Extreme heat safety awareness tips include:

- About 40 percent of unwanted heat buildup in homes is through windows.
- Use awnings or curtains to deflect the sun.
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, and lightweight clothing.
- Avoid strenuous activity during midday.

- Hydrate with water, not caffeinated or alcoholic beverages.
- Never leave children or pets in a vehicle.
- Get trained in first aid to help when someone is suffering from heat illness.

If you need a place to cool off, the Wheaton Public Library (225 N. Cross St.) and Milton Township Offices (1492 N. Main St.) serve as cooling centers during extreme heat during their business hours. Please check on neighbors and individuals who may need assistance during this time, and take precautions to keep yourself and others safe. Heat emergency information is available on [the City's website](#).



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.

2023 Water Quality Report Now Available



The City of Wheaton's annual water quality report is available on [the City's website](#). This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2023. Please call the Water Division at 630-260-2090 if you would like a paper copy of the report.

CITY CALENDAR

July 2024

- 1 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 4 City Offices Closed, No Garbage Pickup
- 8 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 15 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.