

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

August 2024

CITY NOTES

2023 Public Works Annual Report Now Available



Check out [the annual report](#) for the Wheaton Public Works Department to learn more about their accomplishments and services performed in 2023.

Employment Opportunities

The City has the following employment opportunities available:

- Accounting Manager
- Maintenance Worker, Public Works Streets/Signs & Lines

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Join the Wheaton Police Department for National Night Out on Aug. 6



Join the Wheaton Police Department from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Northside Park (1300 N. West St.) for National Night Out, an annual event where police departments across the nation connect with their communities for a night of fun for all ages.

This free event will feature several activities for the community to enjoy, including:

- Fishing with police officers
- Helicopter landing

- Food and drinks
- Dunk tank
- Orbeez station
- Music
- SWAT obstacle course for kids
- Activities for all to enjoy with community organizations

Attendees are also welcome to drop off food donations and other items needed by [the People's Resource Center](#) for distribution to anyone in need. We look forward to seeing you at this popular community 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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Send feedback to communications@wheaton.il.us

- Division
- Part-time
Community Service
Officer

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

Board/Commission Reappointments

The City Council
approved the
reappointments to the
following Commissions:
Commission on Aging:

- Jan Kay was
reappointed for a
three-year term

*Local Liquor Commission
and Tobacco Commission*

- Jennifer Brown was
reappointed for a
three-year term
- Eileen Pearse was
reappointed for a
three-year term

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



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

The proposed Zoning Amendment seeks to rezone properties along the corridor that would allow for development that is appropriate for the area. These changes aim to be responsive to existing conditions and emerging trends while respecting the neighborhoods adjacent to this corridor.

Student Art Competition Now Open for Festival of Cultures



The Wheaton Community Relations Commission invites students to submit original artwork to be showcased at the 2024 Festival of Cultures, which takes place on Sept. 15 at Memorial Park, 225 N. Karlskoga Ave. The Commission will select one art entry for the cover of the Festival of Cultures official program. The winning artist will receive a \$50 Visa gift card! All entries will be displayed at the festival. The image to the left is the cover art from last year's contest winner, Noah Cho.

Submission Guidelines:

- Deadline: Sept. 1.
- Submissions may be as large as 8x11 but will be sized to fit a 4x6 booklet.
- Artwork should be portrait (vertically) oriented.
- Artwork should be designed for standard 4-color printing.
- Please include the student's name, year in school, and school name with submissions.
- Email submissions to:

andreamclayton@gmail.com.

For more information, please visit the City's website.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Getting Involved in the Community



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I am grateful and proud to recognize the public service work of our residents. Your contributions help address important issues, innovate, and enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community.

With 15 boards and commissions, over 100 residents volunteer

their time and talent to ensure Wheaton continues to grow and thrive. Whether involving planning and zoning, environmental sustainability, historic preservation, or any other area, these efforts are invaluable and greatly appreciated. I encourage those interested in joining one

of these groups to visit [the City's website](#) to view open positions and explore opportunities to get involved.

Thank you to everyone for your dedication and hard work. Together, we continue to make Wheaton a dynamic, vibrant, and welcoming community.

2025 Springtime Elections in Wheaton

Municipal Election

Petitions for candidacy for the 2025 Wheaton municipal election are now available in the Office of the City Clerk at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL. One four-year position for each of the City's four Districts (North, South, East, and West) is up for election. Candidates shall:

- Be registered voters of the City of Wheaton and must reside within the specific district boundary within the corporate limits of the city at least one year next preceding the election; and
- File Nonpartisan Primary Petitions for Nomination in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/10-3 of the Election Code. The petitions must be signed by registered City of Wheaton voters residing within the corporate limits of [each specific election district](#)* (North, South, East, and West) together with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and a receipt indicating the candidate has filed a Statement of Economic Interest with the DuPage County Clerk.

*A copy of the current Election District map is available online: [Wheaton Election Districts map \(PDF\)](#).

Petitions for nomination are to be filed with the Wheaton City Clerk, City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Second Floor, Wheaton, Illinois. The filing period is from Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, through Monday, Oct.

28, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding weekend days and holidays.

A Consolidated Primary election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025 if more than four candidates file for each district position (North, South, East, and West). The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Successful candidates will take office at the latter of either the first regular or special meeting after receipt of the official election results or at the first regular or special meeting in the month following their election. For further information, please contact City Clerk Andrea Rosedale at arosedale@wheaton.il.us or 630-260-2012.

Wheaton Park District Board Election

Beginning Tuesday, August 13, 2024, petitions for candidacy for the 2025 Wheaton Park District Board election will be available at the Wheaton Park District Administration Office in the DuPage County Historical Museum, located at 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The petitions will also be available on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 on [the Wheaton Park District's website](#).

The consolidated election will take place on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. There are currently three seats up for election. Candidates must be registered voters who have lived within Wheaton Park District boundaries for no less than one year.

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The Board of Commissioners is comprised of seven volunteers who serve at large for four-year terms and represent the residents of the Wheaton Park District.

Community Unit School District 200 Board of Education Election

The Board of Education is the governing Board of Community Unit School District 200 (CUSD 200). The seven members of the Board of Education

are elected to four-year terms in the April general election in odd-numbered years. The next consolidated election will be held April 1, 2025. The Board normally meets once a month to conduct District business and once a month to discuss topics that guide the District.

For more information about the Board of Education, please visit [CUSD's website](#).

Important Bicycle Safety Information for Drivers



For the safety of everyone on the road, it is important for all drivers to know the rules of the road as they apply to driving near bicyclists. The Wheaton Police Department reminds drivers of the following safety rules set by the Illinois Vehicle Code and Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road:

- **Motorists passing a bicyclist:** When passing a bicyclist, you are required by law to allow at least 3 feet of space between your vehicle and the bicyclist. More space is better, especially when driving at higher speeds. Since lanes on most roads are too narrow (less than 14 feet) to legally pass a bicycle within the same lane, drivers must usually merge at least partially into the next lane to pass. If needed, wait to merge over and do not pass until it is safe.
- **Passing a bicyclist in a no-passing zone:** When driving in a no-passing zone, you may pass people biking in the same direction if:

- They are traveling at a speed of less than half of the posted speed limit.
- You can overtake and pass the bicyclist without exceeding the speed limit.
- There is sufficient distance ahead on the left side to pass safely.
- The Wheaton Police Department encourages all motorists to be cautious when approaching a bicyclist on the roadway. Be patient, and do not crowd cyclists when passing.

In addition, bicyclists in Illinois must obey the same traffic safety laws that govern drivers of vehicles. Familiarize yourself with the [Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road](#), which includes pertinent information on where and how to ride.

Please share the road so everyone can get to their destination safely. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone in our community safe.

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.

Back-to-School Scavenger Hunt

Dates: Aug. 1-17

Location:

Downtown Wheaton

Can you find all the school supplies to fill up our backpack before school starts? In partnership with the Wheaton Public Library and CUSD 200, join the DWA in this community-wide back-to-school scavenger hunt.

When you find 10 of the hidden images, turn in your completed maps to the welcome desk on the first floor of the library for a chance to win a downtown Wheaton gift certificate in the raffle! For more information about the scavenger hunt, visit

[the Downtown Wheaton Association's website.](#)

Wheaton Municipal Band Concert

Date: Thursday, Aug. 1

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park Bandshell, 225 N. Karlskoga Ave.

The Wheaton Municipal Band will host their final outdoor concert at Memorial Park on Thursday, Aug. 1.

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.

Movies Under the Stars

Date: Friday, Aug. 2

Time: 8 p.m.

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

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for Movies Under the Stars! 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.](#)

[Association's website](#) for more information.

National Night Out

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 6

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Location: Northside Park, 1300 N. West St.

Join the Wheaton Police Department for a fantastic night of fun with the community! This annual event focuses on connecting police departments with their local communities. Activities will include fishing with Wheaton police officers, a dunk tank, activities for children, and more! For more information, please visit [the City's website.](#)

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Aug. 10

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.](#)

Neighborhood Roll Call

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 13

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Prairie Path Park, 620 W. Park Ave.

The Wheaton Police Department's final Neighborhood Roll Call of the summer will take place Tuesday, Aug. 13.

This family friendly outdoor community gathering is designed to connect residents with the officers who serve them and share current safety information. 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. Please visit [the City's website](#) for additional event information.

Summer Wine Walk

Date: Thursday, Aug. 22

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Location:

Downtown Wheaton

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for the Summer Wine Walk on Aug. 22! Soak up the sun this summer while enjoying 12 one-ounce wine tastes at participating downtown 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 tickets, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Shakespeare in the Park

Dates: Aug. 29-31

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park, 225 N. 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](#).

LIBRARY EVENTS

Register for these events at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar

The Beach Boys: Summer's Soundtrack

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 7

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Enjoy the Beach Boys "sunniest years" (1962-1967) through performance and interview clips with music history expert Gary Wenstrup. He will trace the arc of their early career from Surfin' USA and California Girls to Good Vibrations and Pet Sounds. *Registration required.*

Friends Book & Media Sale

Dates & Times:

- Thursday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 9, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 11, 1-5 p.m.

Location: In-Person

Hosted by the Wheaton Public Library, this sale features thousands of books

for all ages, including all genres of fiction and any nonfiction topic you can think of. Don't miss the CDs, LP records, DVDs, Blu-rays, audiobooks, and video games for sale too. Please note that there is a preview for Friends members on Aug. 7, 5-8 p.m. For more information, visit [the Wheaton Public Library's website](#).

Concert: soda

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 13

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: In-Person

Rocking all of your favorite classic and current hits, you'll find that soda captures the heart and soul of one of the most diverse play lists you'll find anywhere. *No registration required.*

Support Group: Parents of Children with Autism

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 21

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: In-Person

Parents of children of all ages with Autism are welcome to join on the third Wednesday of each month for an open and supportive environment to share experiences, challenges, achievements, and resources. Facilitated by and in partnership with staff of North Shore Pediatric Therapy. *No registration required.*

Mobile DMV

Date: Monday, Aug. 26

Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: In-Person

The Secretary of State's Mobile Express Unit will offer limited services, including Driver's License/ State ID Card renewal, replacement, and correction, Vehicle Sticker Sales, and now, REAL ID applications. In partnership with the City of Wheaton. *Registration required; walk-ins not accepted.*

Reminder to Keep Items Out of the Parkway



We need your help to make our community safer for pedestrians and drivers by keeping parkways clear of items that can block sightlines and distract drivers.

Signs, banners, balloons, ribbons, flyers or other items are not allowed to be placed in the parkway (the City-owned property generally located between the sidewalk and curb, which contains underground utilities) because they can block driver/pedestrian sightlines and create a distraction for drivers. This includes not placing or tying items on City trees, light poles, street signs, utility boxes or staking signs or items into the ground in the parkway. In addition to creating a safety hazard, placing items in the parkway violates City Code.

If you currently have any such items in the parkway, please move them onto private property. Thank you for your assistance in making our community a safer place for drivers and pedestrians.

Back-to-School Safety Tips



As the back-to-school season approaches, parents are gearing up for the transition from summer relaxation to the routine of the school year. While shopping for supplies and organizing schedules, it's crucial for parents to prioritize safety in their preparations.

Ensuring a smooth and secure start to the school year involves reinforcing safety measures. This includes discussing transportation safety, establishing reliable communication plans, and familiarizing children with emergency procedures. By proactively addressing these plans, parents can help create a safe and supportive environment for their children as they return to school.

Here are some tips from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) to better prepare for the upcoming school year:

- Explain the basics of weather preparedness for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, fire evacuation, flash flooding, etc.

- Make a [family communications plan](#).
 - Update your emergency contact information on file at your child's school.
 - Consider adding a relative or trusted friend to the school's information file as they may have to pick your kids up during an emergency.
 - Fill out a [backpack emergency card](#) for your student's backpack and your wallet.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- For more tips, visit [IEMA's website](#).

Final Neighborhood Roll Call to Take Place Aug. 13

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To find out more, visit wheaton.il.us/rollcall.

CITY CALENDAR

August 2024

- 5** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 19** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 26** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.



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.