



City of

# WHEATON

Newsletter

September 2015

## City Notes



### Railroad Crossing Closed

Union Pacific plans to continue its closure of the West Street railroad crossing through Sept. 6 while crews perform track repairs. This crossing is adjacent to the downtown Wheaton Metra station.

Union Pacific will keep the crossing open to foot traffic only from 6-9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. daily. At all other times, pedestrians should use the crossing at Wheaton Avenue.

The suggested detour route for northbound West Street vehicle traffic is: West (left) on Liberty drive, north (right) on Bridge Street, right on the Wesley Street bridge, stay right

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## Take Part in Fire & Police Blood Drive on Sept. 11

**E**very two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood.

The City of Wheaton Fire and Police Departments are co-sponsoring a blood drive to help our neighbors, community and country and pay tribute to those who defend our freedom. The American Red Cross will operate the blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive.

Anyone can donate blood at this drive. If you would like to set up an appointment to donate blood, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). In the "find a blood drive" search window, enter zip code 60187. Or, call Sherry at 630-260-4861 or email [police@wheaton.il.us](mailto:police@wheaton.il.us).



On this national day of remembrance, donating blood is a way to make a life-saving difference in the community. One blood donation can help save three lives. The American Red Cross supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply, and more than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day to maintain that supply.

### Fire & Police Blood Drive

- **Date:** Friday, Sept. 11
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive
- **Appointments:** [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

## Attend Sept. 11 Commemoration Ceremony at Fire Station

**T**he Wheaton Fire Department invites you to attend its annual Sept. 11 Commemoration Ceremo-

ny to remember those who lost their lives at Ground Zero in New York and to honor Wheaton fire and po-

lice personnel. The ceremony will take place in front of Wheaton Fire Station One, 1 Fapp Circle, at 8:45 a.m.

## 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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to continue onto Front Street, and north (left) on West Street.

The suggested detour route for southbound West Street vehicle traffic is: West (right) on Wesley Street, continuing to the bridge over the railroad tracks; left on Bridge Street; east (left) on Liberty Drive; and south (right) on West Street. [See a map of this closure.](#)

## Coffee with Council

Discuss City issues with the Wheaton City Council in an informal setting. The City Council encourages residents to attend Coffee with Council at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 in the Gamon Room of Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.

## No Garbage Pickup on Sept. 7

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, Sept. 7. Pickup will be one day later the week of Sept. 7-11.

## City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, 2015. They will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

## Watering Restrictions End

Lawn watering restrictions end Sept. 15, 2015. 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).

## Commission News

The City Council approved the appointment of Ann Stec to the Library Board and Tony Lyons to the Community Relations Commission for 3-year terms, respectively.

## Employment Opportunity

The City seeks applicants for a full-time stormwater project engineer. This position involves performing civil engineering tasks with relation to local stormwater studies, analysis of drainage concerns, data collection and organization on major storm events, and stormwater capital projects. To learn more and find out how to apply, visit [www.wheaton.il.us/jobs](http://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs).

## ComEd Tree Trimming

Crews contracted by ComEd will be trimming trees along portions of Naperville Road and Blanchard Street in September. Because trees and branches are the leading cause of electrical outages, ComEd periodically performs preventative tree maintenance to prevent power outages and eliminate safety hazards. The work area is [shown on this map from ComEd](#).

In some cases, trees near electrical wires may need to be significantly trimmed or removed. For more information, visit [www.comed.com/trees](http://www.comed.com/trees) or call 800-334-7661.



## Watch for North Main Street Construction

*Project expected to continue through November; both directions of traffic open*

Construction on north Main Street between Cole Avenue and Geneva Road began the week of Aug. 31. This work will include replacing some curb and gutter, a few storm and sanitary structures, and approximately 5 inches of pavement along this section of roadway. The project is expected to be completed in early November, barring unforeseen circumstances.

Unlike previous projects along Main Street, this project will be completed in phases to allow for two-way

traffic. The City will work with the contractor to adjust signal timings at the intersection of Cole Avenue.

Access to buildings and apartments will not be affected, as construction will be phased to accommodate traffic into and out of those locations.

The City will post updates on the City's website, [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us). Business owners and residents with specific questions can contact the Department of Engineering at 630-260-2065.

## Use Caution near Crews on Illinois Prairie Path

ComEd will be trimming trees and other vegetation along the Illinois Prairie Path between Hill Road in Glen Ellyn to President Street in Wheaton the week of Aug.

31, 2015 through Sept. 4, 2015.

During this work, the trail will remain open. Please approach work areas with caution and follow the instructions of work crews.

# Join Community Reading Events in September

*Take part in third annual Wheaton Reads*

**W**heaton Public Library encourages you to participate in the third annual community-wide reading event, Wheaton Reads, and its featured book, "The Book of Unknown Americans," by Cristina Henríquez.

Throughout the month of September, the library will celebrate diversity and

multiculturalism with programs for all ages, a Wheaton World Tour festival (see information below), and a special visit from the featured book's author, Cristina Henríquez.

For information on Henríquez, visit [www.prhspeakers.com](http://www.prhspeakers.com). For more information on Wheaton Reads, visit [www.wheatonlibrary.org](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org).



## Wheaton World Tour Celebrates Diversity Sept. 13

**C**elebrate the diversity and cultures found in Wheaton with an afternoon of music, crafts, storytelling, dance and more. The Wheaton World Tour will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015. This outdoor event will take place on the West Plaza of Adams Park, adjacent to the Wheaton Public Library.

This event is sponsored by the Wheaton Community Re-

lations Commission, Wheaton Public Library and Wheaton Park District.

The featured entertainment during this event includes:

- Unaccompanied Minors, Glenbard South's Mixed A Cappella Group, 1:15-1:45 p.m.
- Turkish Folk Dance Group, 2-2:15 p.m.
- The Daydream,



2:30-3 p.m.

- Community School of the Arts Ensemble, 3:30-4 p.m.

Also, find World Tour tents with demonstrations, activities and unique items. Tents will be from the Downtown Wheaton Association, Wheaton Public Library Children's Department, Wheaton Sister City Commission, People's

## Wheaton Reads Events

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

*Note: Registration through the Wheaton Public Library is required for the following Wheaton Reads events.*

### **Ying's Kitchen: Chinese Cooking Demo**

**Date:** Thursday, Sept. 10

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

Join Asian cooking instructor Ying Stoller as she demonstrates how to cook the perfect fried rice and chicken and vegetable stir fry.

### **Ebru: Turkish Paper Marbling**

**Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 15

**Time:** 7 p.m.

Paper marbling artist Sevim Surucu will discuss the beautiful and unique art of Ebru and its various techniques. She will also demonstrate her Ebru skills and answer audience questions.

### **Cristina Henríquez: The Overlooked Immigrant**

**Date:** Thursday, Sept. 17

**Time:** 7 p.m.

The Wheaton Public Library will welcome Cristina Henríquez, author of the Wheaton Reads 2015 book "The Book of Unknown Americans." She will discuss the "overlooked immigrant" within the historical context of immigration, celebrating the stories and people we don't usually hear about. The author will also sign copies of her book.

### **India's Holiest Cities**

**Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 22

**Time:** 7 p.m.

Experience India's holy cities of Varanasi and Bodh Gaya with travel expert Bill Helmuth. From the banks of the Ganges River where the faithful purify themselves to the Bodhi Tree and Buddha's Enlightenment, Bill will serve as your personal travel guide.

## Wheaton World Tour

**Date:** Sunday, Sept. 13

**Time:** 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** West Plaza of Adams Park, adjacent to library, [225 N. Cross St.](http://225 N. Cross St.)

Resource Center, Community School of the Arts, Re:new Project, Community Relations Commission, and more.

# Upcoming Events

## Wheaton French Market

**Dates:** Saturdays through Nov. 14, 2015

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

**Location:** [Municipal Parking Lot at Main Street and Liberty Drive](#)

This outdoor market, modeled after those found in France, offers much more than your typical Farmers Market. Find flowers, gifts, fall items, produce, jewelry, specialty foods and much more each week.

For more information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0294 or [ccbcec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccbcec@sbcglobal.net).



## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 12

**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon

**Location:** Public Works Storage Yard, [820 W. Liberty Drive](http://820 W. Liberty Drive) (near the Police Station)

Bring unwanted electronics, including nearly anything with a cord, to the monthly electronic recycling collection. Please note: These collections are currently unable to accept CRT (large tube) televisions, projection-screen televisions and console televisions.

Also accepted are scrap metal, household batteries, cooking oil and fluorescent tube bulbs. This is a drive-through event where volunteers will help unload items from your car. Memory will be destroyed from devices, and electronics will be recycled. [More information](#)



Celebrate the diversity and cultures found in Wheaton with an afternoon of music, crafts, storytelling, dance and more. This event is sponsored by the Wheaton Community Relations Commission, Wheaton Public Library and Wheaton Park District. For more information, see page 3.

## Wheaton Wine & Cultural Arts Festival

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 19

**Time:** 1-6 p.m.

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

The Wheaton Park District and Downtown Wheaton Association's Wine & Cultural Arts Festival boasts of fine art, more than 72 wine varieties, local food vendors, and live entertainment.

Guests may purchase a tasting ticket including entry fee, commemorative wine glass, and initial tastings, or for an entry fee join us in the park to peruse art, entertainment, and visit our beer garden.

[More information](#)

## Book Buzz

**Date:** Monday, September 21

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St](http://225 N. Cross St).

Need something new to read? A representative from Penguin Random House will fill you in on new and upcoming titles for fall 2015. Attendees will receive a free tote bag and booklet samples.

[Registration is required.](#)

## Organizing Household Paper

## Clutter

**Date:** Thursday, September 24

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St](http://225 N. Cross St).

Professional Organizer Beth Randall will give you tips and ideas on how to keep paper from ever getting into your house and what to do with all the paper you already have. [Registration is required.](#)

## Medicare 101

**Date:** Wednesday, September 30

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St](http://225 N. Cross St).

David Wally of the Medicare Solutions Network returns to explain what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket exposure.

He will also discuss Supplements, Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies for the future. [Registration is required.](#)

# School is in Session – Slow Down!

**S**chool children can become victims of automobile crashes because of their small size, inattention to vehicular traffic and speeding vehicles. Some 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 during the school year:

- 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.

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.**

# Video Discusses School Safety with District 200 and DuPage County

**A**s the new school year gets underway, find out how Community Unit School District 200 and DuPage County are working to ensure this school year is a safe one. [A new video](#) addresses many aspects of school safety that are on the minds of parents.

Hear from District 200 Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Robert Rammer on how the district works closely with the Wheaton Police and Fire Departments in planning for emergencies such as severe weather, a fire or a school intruder. Also, find out how schools discuss safety issues with students at age-appropriate levels and practice with



Dr. Bob Rammer  
Community Unit School District 200



Sabit Abbasi  
DuPage County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management



## Watch the Video

Watch ["School and Campus Safety"](#) on the City's website.

different types of drills.

Sabit Abbasi of the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management discusses how the County supports local schools' safety efforts through

exercises, helping disseminate information during an emergency and more.

Parents will also find out what they should do at home to reinforce what their children are learning at school and some scenarios parents should discuss with their children.

This video is [available on the City's website](#) and on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10).

## Remember Rules that Address Barking Dogs

**W**hile pets are an important part of many people's household, please note that the City does have rules in place to prevent pets from becoming a noisy nuisance to neighbors.

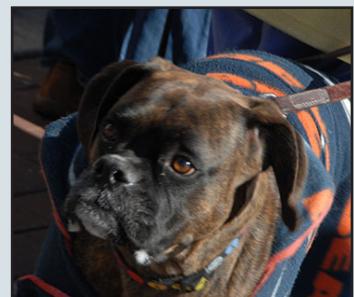
The Wheaton Police Department enforces the part of Wheaton's City Code related to barking dogs. Barking dogs are considered a "noise disturbance" when their barking,

yelping, howling, whining, etc. unreasonably disturb any person of normal sensitivities for:

- 10 minutes or more in any one-hour interval between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m.**
- 5 minutes or more in a one-hour interval between 11:01 p.m. and 6:59 a.m.**

Residents whose pets create a noise disturbance could face a fine for violating a City ordinance.

The City – and your neighbors – appreciate your help in following these rules.



## 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.

### September 2015

- 7** City offices closed; No garbage pickup
- 8** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 14** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 21** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

