



CITY OF WHEATON

NEWSLETTER

CITY NOTES

Thanksgiving Garbage Collection & City Office Holiday Closures



There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, Nov. 28. Pickup will be delayed by one day for residents whose regular collection day is Thursday or Friday. Additionally, City offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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November Monthly Recycling Event Accepting Additional Items



The City of Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission's next monthly recycling event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive. The Commission will offer residents the opportunity to recycle a wider selection of items at this month's drive-through event.

Items specially collected this month:

- Eyewear and hearing aids (Collected by Wheaton Lions Club)
- Eyeglasses and hearing aids
- Medical equipment (Collected by Wheaton Rotary Club for

Melba's Place, a project of Milton Township)

- Canes, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs

Items regularly accepted at each monthly event:

- Clothing and shoes (Please bag blankets, clothing, coats, shoes, and towels)
- Cooking oil
- Electronics (Please note that there is a \$25-\$35 fee for monitors and televisions)
- Fluorescent tube lights (No CFL light bulbs)
- Scrap metal

For additional information about recycling drop-offs, please visit [the City's website](#).

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 to Host Budget Workshop Session

The City Council will discuss the proposed 2025 Year Municipal Budget during a Budget Workshop Session, which is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. This meeting will take place in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. This meeting is open to the public and will be recorded. The draft budget will be available on the City's website before the workshop session.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries



Clocks will "fall back" one hour on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 a.m., marking the end of Daylight Saving Time for the year. When you change your clocks, the Wheaton Fire Department also encourages you to change the batteries in

your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, if they are the type with replaceable batteries. Replacing the batteries approximately every 6 months helps ensure they operate correctly, and using Daylight Saving Time is an easy way to remember when you last replaced the batteries.

Board/Commission Appointments

The City Council approved the appointments and reappointments to the following Commissions: *Community Relations Commission*

- Andrew McGady was appointed for a three-year term

Fine & Cultural Arts Commission

- Christine Denz was appointed for a three-year term
- Victoria Isikman was appointed for a three-year term

Historic Commission

- Debra Corwin was appointed for a three-year term
- Elizabeth Krecisz was appointed for a three-year term
- Jackson Metcalf was appointed for a three-year term

City of Wheaton Leaf Collection Reminders



This fall, the City of Wheaton reminds you of the ways you can properly dispose of leaves. Place leaves in containers 35 gallons in size or smaller, or in biodegradable bags. Containers or bags must weigh less than 50 pounds when filled. Each container or bag requires an LRS yard waste/organics/excess garbage sticker, available at City Hall and at many local grocery and hardware stores for \$3.49 each.

When you're cleaning up leaves, please be careful

not to blow or rake them into the streets. Doing so can prevent storm sewers from functioning properly and can lead to flooding. If your house is located near a storm sewer catch basin, please help keep it clear by sweeping away leaves and debris from the sewer grate. Also, please note that burning leaves is not allowed.

LRS collects yard waste, food scraps and organic materials through the week of Dec. 9 on your pickup day.

How to Recycle Right with Plastics



Just because it's made from plastic doesn't mean it can go in your recycling bin. You can Recycle Right by keeping items like these OUT of your curbside recycling:

- Plastic bags
- Toys, such as bath toys and plastic balls
- Cords containing plastic

- Diapers
- Buckets

Items that CAN be recycled are typically containers made from plastic #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7, such as water bottles, milk jugs, margarine tubs, ketchup bottles, and beauty product containers. [See the City's website](#) for more items you can/can't recycle.

November Election Voter Information

The General Election is fast approaching, set for Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. DuPage County voters will have the opportunity to vote for president, state representatives, and county officials.

Here are important resources for voting information in DuPage County:

- [Check your voter information](#) (Voting Status, Polling Places, Sample Ballot)
- [Find a registration location near you](#)
- Additional information for [Grace Period Registration](#)

For additional information, visit [DuPage County's website](#).

New Traffic Pattern on Wesley Street



In conjunction with recently completed road reconstruction and utility improvements on Wesley Street, the City has revised the traffic pattern on Wesley Street west of West Street to increase safety in this area. Westbound traffic on Wesley Street (which is a one-way street) west of West Street will now see a right turn only lane for traffic turning north onto Gary Avenue. This lane is separated with a solid white line. Through traffic must use the left lane, and drivers in the right lane must turn right. Failure to obey the traffic pattern can result in traffic accidents and/or citations. Please pay attention to this new traffic pattern and drive safely.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR **Wheaton Welcomes the Holidays**



Mayor Suess

As the holiday season approaches, it's wonderful to see the joy and togetherness of the Wheaton community. The City thrives because

of the contributions and commitment of residents, community partners, and local businesses — which all work together to make our community a welcoming place to live, work, and play.

We have a lineup of many community-favorite events in November. To kick off the season, Friday, Nov. 29 is a day packed with the return of holiday traditions. At 4:30 p.m., the Nights of Lights returns to Adams Park with the official park lighting ceremony. Featuring over 55,000 bulbs lighting the trees and an animated light

display at the fountain, residents and visitors alike can enjoy Nights of Lights through Jan. 5, 2025.

After the Adams park lighting ceremony, join the Downtown Wheaton Association for the annual Wheaton Christmas Parade beginning at 6 p.m. for an evening of lights, music, and community. The parade will travel from Wheaton Avenue at Wesley Street south to Front Street, turning east (left) on Front Street, and finishing at Cross Street.

Immediately following the parade, at 7 p.m., head over to the

downtown pavilion at Main Street and Liberty Drive for the Downtown Wheaton Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. You can enjoy the tree daily 4-10 p.m. through Jan. 5, 2025. We extend a special thank you to the Downtown Wheaton Association for their hard work in putting together such beloved holiday events.

I invite you all to join in the festivities and make memories with your family, friends, and neighbors. Together, let's kick off the holiday season and continue to build upon our strong, vibrant community.

Pumpkin Smash Event to Take Place Saturday, Nov. 2



Keep your pumpkins out of the landfill by bringing them to the Pumpkin Smash! The City of Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission will once again host a "Pumpkin Smash" drop-off. This collection will

allow you to drop off pumpkins (please remove decorations first) to be composted, rather than going to the landfill. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon in the commuter parking lot at Liberty and Carlton.

Upcoming Events

Wheaton French Market

Date: Each Saturday through November 30

Time: 9 a.m.-1 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.

Pumpkin Smash (Pumpkin Compost Event)

Date: Saturday, Nov. 2

Location: Commuter Parking Lot 9, Carlton Avenue & Liberty Drive



Keep your pumpkins out of the landfill by bringing them to the Pumpkin Smash! The City of Wheaton's

Environmental Improvement Commission will once again host a "Pumpkin Smash" drop-off for pumpkins right after Halloween.

This collection will allow you to drop off pumpkins (please remove decorations first) to be composted, rather than going to the landfill.

Bourbon & Bubbly Art & Music Trail

Dates: Nov. 8-10

Location: Downtown Wheaton



Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for the first-ever Bourbon & Bubbly Art & Music Trail. On Friday, Nov. 8 from 5-8 p.m., you'll enjoy samples of bourbon and sparkling wines as you follow the trail of beautiful art and melodious live music. Art will be on display Nov. 8-10.

For more information

and tickets, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Nov. 9

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

The Environmental Improvement Commission is accepting a wider selection of items at this month's event such as eyewear and medical equipment (canes, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs). Regularly collected items will also be accepted such as clothing and shoes, electronics, scrap metal,

and more. For more information, visit [the City's website](#).

DWA Retail Committee's Annual Holiday Stroll

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 20

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

Tis' the season to be jolly! It's ladies night in downtown Wheaton. Grab your friends for a festive evening of mingling and jingling your way around town. Enjoy sips and small bites as you enjoy exclusive discounts across 15+ participating shops. For more information and tickets, visit [the Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Cosley Zoo's Festival of Lights & Christmas Tree Sale Begins

Date: Friday, Nov. 29

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

(Lights turn on at 3 p.m.)
Location: Cosley Zoo, 1356 N. Gary Ave.



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A winter visit to Cosley Zoo has become a favorite family tradition. Cosley Zoo is transformed into a winter wonderland with thousands of twinkling lights, an amazing selection of Christmas trees, wreaths and greenery, hot chocolate and a unique assortment of holiday gifts in the Wild Side Gift Shop. This Cosley Zoo tradition runs from Friday, Nov. 29 to Monday, Dec. 30. For more information, visit

[Cosley Zoo's website](#).

Nights of Lights Begins

Date: Friday, Nov. 29

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Adams Park

Nights of Lights returns to Adams Park! Join us for the park lighting on Nov. 29 at 4:30 p.m. and enjoy the park's light display throughout the holiday season. Nights of Lights continues through Jan. 5, 2025. This event is open to the public at no cost. For more information, visit [the Downtown](#)

[Wheaton Association's website](#).

Wheaton Christmas Parade

Date: Friday, Nov. 29

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

The tradition continues; join the Downtown Wheaton Association for the annual Wheaton Christmas Parade. Groups looking to march in the parade should reach out to [Hello@DowntownWheaton.com](mailto>Hello@DowntownWheaton.com).

Downtown Wheaton Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Date: Friday, Nov. 29

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Downtown pavilion near Liberty & Main

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for the second annual Downtown Wheaton Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, immediately following the Wheaton Christmas Parade. Then, enjoy the tree daily 4-10 p.m. through Jan. 5, 2025.

LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Note: In-person events take place at the Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Preschool Resource Fair

Date: Saturday, Nov. 2

Time: 10 a.m.-Noon

Location: In-person

Visit with representatives from local preschools to learn more about their programs and classes. If you need to bring your little ones with you, we'll have some early literacy activities and giveaways. Attendees will be entered to win a Ready for Preschool backpack from Lakeshore Learning. *No registration required.*

Chair Yoga

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 5

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 Holiday Book & Art Sale

Dates & Times:

- Thursday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 9,

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• Sunday, Nov. 10, 1-5 p.m.

Location: In-person

Start your holiday shopping early! The Friends Holiday Book & Art Sale is November 7-10 in the library's Arts & Culture Center. This sale features like-new books, autographed copies, collectibles, Christmas items, art prints, unique gifts and more. *No registration required.*

Concert: John Denver Tribute

Date: Sunday, Nov. 10

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: In-person

Celebrate the life and music of John Denver

as Wheaton residents Tom & Amy Malouf pay tribute through songs and stories. *No registration required.*

Memoir Writing Workshop

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 12

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: In-person

Join author Tom Montgomery Fate for a workshop that will explore some inspiring writing models and revision strategies to help craft your life stories. These methods and models will also be useful for other genres such as fiction and poetry. *Registration required.*

November is Winter Weather Preparedness Month



To help Illinoisans prepare for winter weather this year, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the National Weather Service offer the following tips on what to do before a winter storm or extreme cold hit:

- **Make a Disaster Kit:** Gather emergency supplies to create an emergency supply kit. Recommended items to include in your kit are a battery-powered National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio, foods that do not require cooking or refrigeration, medications, water in clean

containers, flashlights and extra batteries, first-aid kit, personal sanitary items, and pet supplies.

- **Winterize Your Home:** Winterize your home to extend your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics; weatherizing doors and windows; and hiring a professional to check and clean your chimney.

To dive into even more winter weather tips, check out the [IEMA Winter Weather Preparedness Guide](#) to help you and your family prepare for and stay safe this winter.



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. Visit www.wheaton.il.us for a complete list of meetings and events.

CITY CALENDAR

November 2024

- 2 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 4 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 Budget Workshop Session, 6 p.m.
- 18 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 28-29 City Offices Closed; No Garbage Pickup