

September 2016

City Notes

No Garbage Pickup

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no garbage/recycling/yard waste pickup on Monday, Sept. 5. Pickup for the week of Sept. 5-9 will be one day later.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5. They will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

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. 10 in the Gamon Room of Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.

September 11 Commemoration Ceremony

The Wheaton Fire Department will host its annual Sept. 11 Commemoration Ceremony to remember those who lost their lives at Ground Zero in New York and to honor Wheaton fire and police personnel. The ceremony will

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Choose Your Garbage Cart Size

New garbage and recycling program starts Oct. 1

On Oct. 1, Lakeshore Recycling Systems will become

Wheaton's new provider for garbage, yard waste and recycling collection. The new program continues to allow you to only pay for the amount of garbage, recycling and yard waste you create, but with some added conveniences and new technology.

Each household will receive a City-issued garbage cart to use alongside the City-issued recycling cart you already have. Lakeshore Recycling Systems will charge you a fee per pickup based on whether you select a 35-gallon, 65-gallon or 95-gallon garbage cart, and recycling pickups will be charged at a lower rate.

This means you no longer need to purchase garbage stickers for each bag or can. Instead, Lakeshore Recycling Systems' trucks will scan a chip embedded in your cart each time it is emptied,



Garbage and Recycling Costs Per Pickup

	Size	Price per pickup
Garbage	35-gallon cart	\$1.43
	65-gallon cart	\$2.86
	95-gallon cart	\$4.29
Recycling	35-gallon cart	\$1.17
	65-gallon cart*	\$1.17
	95-gallon cart	\$1.12

* This is the size of your current recycling cart, which you will continue using unless you exchange it for a different size recycling cart.

allowing you to only pay for how many pickups per month you receive.

Wheaton's previous program included the costs related to recycling in the garbage/yard waste

sticker price. This program separates the costs of garbage and recycling service to correlate with how much garbage and recycling

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Contact
the City

Police/Fire: 911
After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161
General Information: 630-260-2000
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

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take place in the front of the Wheaton Fire Department, 1 Fapp Circle at precisely 8:45 a.m. The community is invited to attend.

Job Opportunity

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for a Procurement Officer position in the City's Finance Department. For more information and to apply, visit www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Watering Restrictions End Sept. 15

Lawn watering restrictions end Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016. 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.

Save the Date for Make a Difference Day

Wheaton's Community Relations Commission encourages you to reserve Saturday, Oct. 22 on your calendar. That's the date of Make a Difference Day, the annual day of volunteering.

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you generate, but recycling is charged at a lower rate to encourage recycling.

Cost Comparison

For comparison, the current program's garbage stickers cost \$3.62 per bag/container (maximum 33 gallon size), which includes the price of recycling collection. A resident who now sets out one 33-gallon garbage can or one garbage bag per week and the standard 65-gallon recycling cart will pay \$2.60 per week with the new program (\$1.43 for 35-gallon garbage cart pick-up + \$1.17 for recycling), compared to \$3.62 with the current program.

How to Choose Your Cart

One key thing you should do before Sept. 8 is register with Lakeshore Recycling Systems and pick your garbage cart size.

In late August, Lakeshore Recycling Systems mailed you a postcard, and you will be receiving an informational brochure about the new program. Both items include a Verification Code for you to select your garbage cart size and register your household



online.

You can either: 1) choose your garbage cart online at <http://wheaton.rehrigtech.com>, or 2) mail back the tear-off postcard portion of the brochure that asks for your cart size choice.

If you'd like to see the 35-gallon, 65-gallon and 95-gallon carts before deciding which is best for you, sample carts are on display at City Hall, the Wheaton Public Library, the Community Center and several grocery stores in Wheaton.

If you have any problems registering or if you do not have the brochure or postcard, call Lakeshore Recycling Systems at 773-685-8811.

Cart Delivery

Lakeshore Recycling Systems will deliver your garbage cart between

Sept. 15 and Oct. 1. You should begin using the garbage cart the week of Oct. 3. Your garbage day will not be changing with the new program.

You can keep your current garbage cans for home storage, or if you do not want them, Lakeshore will recycle them on your regular collection day. Clearly label the garbage can "please take" in order to have it recycled.

Choose Your Garbage Cart Online

- Find the Verification Code on your postcard or brochure, listed in the address portion of the mailer under your name.
- Enter the code at <http://wheaton.rehrigtech.com>.
- Confirm your information and select from three sizes.

Sticker Refund/Exchange is Sept. 19-Oct. 14

One of the benefits of Wheaton's new program is that you will no longer need to purchase garbage stickers for your normal trash. The new program will use Lakeshore Recycling Systems stickers only for extra garbage (in excess of what will fit in your cart), yard waste, organics (food scraps), leaves, bulk items, white goods and E-waste.

The City encourages you

Garbage in cart will not require sticker

not to purchase more Advanced Disposal garbage/yard waste stickers than you will need through the end of September. There will be a two-week grace period starting Oct. 1 in which you can use Advanced Disposal stickers – but you can only use them for excess garbage, yard waste, organics, leaves, bulk items, white goods and

E-waste.

You can receive a refund for excess Advanced Disposal stickers or trade them in for Lakeshore Recycling Systems stickers Sept. 19 through Oct. 14 at the Finance counter of City Hall. This will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Election Candidate Petitions Available

Four Wheaton City Council positions will be up for election in April 2017

Petitions for candidacy for the 2017 Wheaton municipal election are now available in the Office of the City Clerk at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. 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 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 25 registered City of Wheaton voters residing within the corporate limits of each specific district (North, South, East, and West) together with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and a receipt indicat-

Interested in Running for City Council?

Petitions are available from the Wheaton City Clerk, 303 W. Wesley St.

ing the candidate 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, Wheaton, Illinois. The filing period is Monday, Nov. 21, 2016 through Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding weekend days and holidays. Note: City Hall offices are officially closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, 2016.



A Consolidated Primary election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017 if more than four candidates file for each district position (North, South, East, and West). The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, with the successful candidates taking 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 the Wheaton City Clerk's office at 630-260-2012.

Citizens Fire Academy to Teach about Fire Department

Seven-week course starts Sept. 27

If you've ever wondered what it takes to be a firefighter, the Wheaton Fire Department invites you to participate in a hands-on learning experience that will have you gearing up in fire equipment and seeing what the life of a Wheaton firefighter is really like.

The Citizens Fire Academy is a 7-week course from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 27 through Nov. 8, 2016, covering everything from day-to-day fire station operations to breathing apparatus, vehicle extrication and much more. Sessions will take place at Wheaton Fire Station One, 1



Fapp Circle. The academy will culminate with an exercise putting out a fire in the Carol Stream burn tower.

To take part in the Citizens Fire Academy, you must be a Wheaton resident who is at

least 18 years old. You should plan to attend all seven weeks of this session, as the information and skills learned will build upon the prior sessions. There is no fee to participate.

You do not need to meet



Watch the Video

Find out more about the Citizens Fire Academy [in this video.](#)

a certain level of physical fitness to participate, as instructors will modify activities to meet participants' abilities. The Wheaton Fire Department intends for the Citizens Fire Academy to represent a cross-section of the community, including a wide range of ages and abilities.

To register online, you can visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/Citizens-FireAcademy, or call 630-260-2175 and provide your name and phone number.

Upcoming Events

French Market

Date: Saturdays through Nov. 12, 2016

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

Location: Commuter Parking Lot at Liberty Drive and Main Street

Held in the commuter parking lot near Liberty Drive and Main Street, the French Market is an outdoor market selling locally grown produce, flowers, handmade gifts, jewelry, baked goods, specialty foods and much more.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Sept. 10

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty

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.

Earth Flag and Water Quality Flag Rollout Celebration

Date: Saturday, Sept. 10

Time: 10 a.m.

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

Join us to celebrate the rollout of the Earth Flag and Water Quality Flag that the library received from SCARCE and DuPage County. Hear about the City of Wheaton's new Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Program. Complimentary coffee and pastries from Café on the Park will be served. No registration required.

Dueling Pianos Beatles Sing Along

Date: Sunday, Sept. 18



Time: 2 p.m.

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

Sing along to your favorite Beatles songs with accompaniment by two dueling grand pianos! Mick Archer and a guest piano dueler will take audience requests and bring plenty of laughs! Sunday concerts now seat attendees on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are no longer required for entry.

New Recycling and Waste Collection

Dates: Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 26 at 1 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m.

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

The City of Wheaton will have a new garbage, recycling, and food scrap collection contract beginning Oct. 1. Learn about the changes coming and what will be accepted in each bin. Presented by Kay McKeen, founder of SCARCE and member of the Wheaton Environmental Improvement

Commission. No registration required.

Historic Commission 25th Anniversary

Date: Saturday, Sept. 24

Time: 2:30-6 p.m.

Location: Mary Lubko Center, 208 W. Union Ave.

Created to promote historic preservation in Wheaton, the Historic Commission held its first meeting in October 1991. Attend an Open House celebrating the commission's 25th anniversary. This event is free and open to the public but an R.S.V.P. is required. R.S.V.P. after Sept. 7 at www.eventbrite.com, email wheatonhistoriccommission@gmail.com or call 847-767-5378.

Celebrate the Past, Discover the Present, Explore the Future of WPL

Date: Monday, Sept. 26

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Wheaton Public

Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Celebrate the library's 125-year history. Learn about WPL's past, present, and future with presenters Donna Freymark, WPL Reference Librarian and Genealogy Specialist; Betsy Adamowski, WPL Executive Director; and Rick McCarthy, Library Design Studio Director, StudioGC Inc. Afterwards, enjoy a slice of cake to celebrate. No registration required.

Local Author Visit: Karen Halvorsen Schreck

Date: Thursday, Sept. 29

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Wheaton Public Library is proud to welcome local author and library employee Karen Halvorsen Schreck as she discusses her latest book, *Broken Ground*, a historical fiction and romance. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. Please register online at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.



Lieutenant Colonel Pete Moon, left, presented this photo of the City's adopted Army battalion during their recent deployment to Kuwait. Bill Gilbertson, right, of the Community Relations Commission welcomed Lieutenant Colonel Moon during his visit.

Adopted Army Battalion Commander Presents Photo to Commission

Wheaton's Community Relations Commission welcomed the new Commander of the City's adopted Army Unit to Wheaton on Aug. 1.

Lieutenant Colonel Pete Moon of the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division presented the City with a photo from the unit's recent deployment to Kuwait and thanked the community for their continued support.

Home Energy Assistance Program Accepting Applications

Eligible residents can receive help to pay heating bills through DuPage County's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program this winter.

DuPage County Community Services will accept winter heating applications for the annual program from Sept. 1, 2016, until May 31, 2017, or until funds are depleted. Benefits are paid directly to the utilities on behalf of eligible households.

If your household's combined gross income for the 30

days beginning with the date of the application is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, you may qualify for assistance. A single-person household can qualify for the program with a monthly gross income of up to \$1,485; a two-person household up to \$2,003; and a family of four can earn up to \$3,038.

Applications will be accepted in these phases:

- **Starting Sept. 1:** Seniors age 60 and older, people with disabilities, and households whose utilities (gas/electric)

have been disconnected

- **Starting Oct. 3:** All of the above groups, plus households with children age 5 and younger

- **Nov. 1:** All other eligible households can apply

The State of Illinois will be offering the Percentage of Income Payment Plan for the current program year. PIPP will be offered Sept. 1-Dec. 31, or until funds are exhausted.

You must bring the following required documentation when applying for assistance:

- Social Security Cards for

all household members;

- Proof of gross income from all household members for the 30 days prior to the date of application beginning with the date of application;

- Current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days (if you pay for the energy directly); and

- Rental agreement (if applicable) showing the monthly rental amount and the landlord contact information.

For information, call 630-407-6500 or 800-942-9412, or visit www.dupageco.org.



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 for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 6** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 12** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
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- 26** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.