



City of WHEATON

Newsletter

September 2017

City Notes

Wheaton Among Safest Cities in U.S.

The City of Wheaton is proud to have recently been named the 6th safest city in America by the National Council for Home Safety & Security on its ranking of the Top 100 Safest Cities in America. This was the top ranking of any Illinois city.

No Garbage Pickup

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, Sept. 4. All garbage/recycling/yard waste pickups for the week of Sept. 4-8 will be one day later than usual.

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4. They will reopen on Sept. 5.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for a full-time maintenance custodian in the Facilities Department.

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Join Historic Bike Tour of Wheaton

Event planned for Saturday, Sept. 23

Bring your bike and join the Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Committee and the City of Wheaton Historic Commission on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017 from 2-4 p.m. for a bicycle tour of the historic site markers of Wheaton.

This moderately-paced 7.3-mile bike tour will not only be fun and good exercise but will provide a new way to experience the historic and cultural resources of our community. During the tour stops, the docent will explain the significance of various historic points in Wheaton.

The Tour will meet at the bike racks by the west side of the Wheaton Library, 225 N. Cross St., at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to all.



Please note:

- All riders must provide their own bicycle and wear a bike helmet during the tour.
- All riders must bring a signed waiver (available on the City's website) to the event.
- A parent or guardian must sign the waiver for riders under 18 years of age.
- Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied

Historic Bike Tour

- **Date:** Saturday, Sept. 23
- **Time:** 2-4 p.m.
- **Location:** Starts from west side of library

by an adult rider.

For more information, email wheatonhistoriccommission@gmail.com.

Wheaton Fire Department Hosting Sept. 11 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 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.

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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For more information or to apply, see the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Watering Restrictions End

Lawn watering restrictions end Sept. 15, 2017. 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.

Commission News

The Wheaton City Council reappointed Chris Ellerman to the Housing Commission for a 3-year term.

Save the Date: Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day, the national day of giving back to the community, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28. Wheaton businesses, community organizations and schools will be participating in the Stuff a Truck with Food campaign this year, collecting food donations for the People's Resource Center.

Look for more information closer to Make a Difference Day on the City's website.



Part of the first phase of construction will include infrastructure upgrades on Front Street and updates to Martin Memorial Plaza. Plans for the new plaza call for an area that is more accessible and provides flexible seating options for various events.

Downtown Updates Coming Soon

This fall, the City will kick off construction for a long-awaited project to address downtown infrastructure needs and provide improvements to many elements in the downtown.

While a large part of this project aims to improve the elements that you won't see – such as underground utility pipes or electrical upgrades – it will also include added features like wider sidewalks,

Follow @CityOfWheaton on Facebook and Twitter for frequent project updates

more pedestrian-friendly crossings and gathering areas to encourage the community to enjoy all that downtown Wheaton offers.

The first construction phase will focus on Front Street between Wheaton Avenue and Main Street.

To keep you updated with what's happening with the construction

process, the City will be sharing short video updates through Facebook, Twitter, City of Wheaton Channel 10 and the City's website, www.wheaton.il.us. Follow Wheaton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityOfWheaton (or search for @CityOfWheaton).

Repairs at City Parking Garages to Close Some Spaces

Crews will continue working on repairs on the City's Wheaton Place (232 W. Wesley St.) and Willow Avenue (220 S. Cross St.) parking garages this month. Most of the work will be at the Willow Avenue garage. The City estimates

crews will be done by the end of September.

For crews to complete this work, the City is closing various parking spaces throughout the garages. A limited number of parking spaces will be closed at a time to ensure permit holders have

adequate parking.

Permit holders may not use customer-only parking spaces during construction. Customer-only parking will remain available only for customers of downtown businesses.

This work is part of

recommended repairs to ensure the facilities are structurally sound and safe for public use. The City has a structural expert evaluate both parking garages every five years and make recommendations for repairs and upkeep.

Upcoming Events

French Market

Date: Saturdays through Nov. 11

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

Location: Main Street & Liberty Drive (just south of the railroad tracks)

Flowers, locally grown produce, jewelry, crafts and more are sold from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at Wheaton's French Market. The outdoor market is at Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton. For information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0286.

Sunday Concert: Petra van Nuis Jazz Quartet

Date: Sunday, Sept. 10

Time: 2 p.m.

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

Jazz singer Petra van Nuis and an accompanying quartet will deliver lush vocal and instrumental harmonies creating a musical chemistry not to be missed. Attendees are seated on a first come, first served basis. No registration/tickets required.

So, You Want to Be an Entrepreneur

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 13

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Thinking about starting a business? Join Bill Schrack in learning what it takes to strike out on your own. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will have a much better understanding of the perils of owning a business and their preparedness to launch into an entrepreneurial venture. Please register online



at www.wheatonlibrary.org.

SCORE Workshop: Managing a Non-Profit Organization

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 20

Time: 7 p.m.

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

At this seminar you will receive up-to-date information from top legal and tax experts in the non-profit sector on vital issues affecting exempt organizations.

State of Our Schools

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 20

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Hubble Middle School

Join the District 200 Board of Education and Administration for a presentation by Superintendent Dr. Jeff Schuler. For more information, visit www.cusd200.org.

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Autumn French Desserts

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 26

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Join Chef Susan Maddox for a cooking demo as she teaches recipes for fall French desserts using wonderful ingredients at their peak of

flavor. Recipes and tasting samples included! Limited space available, register online today!

SCARCE Green Fair

Date: Saturday, Sept. 30

Location: DuPage County Fairgrounds

The annual SCARCE Green Fair will include a variety of STEM/STEAM activities, food, and environmentally friendly vendors covering topics such as: Green practices, energy-efficient vehicles, renewable energy, money-saving products, energy efficiency, water conservation, composting, green and upcycled products, green landscaping and more. Also, new this year will be an Eco Art Contest, Recycling Extravaganza, farmers market, beekeeper presentation, environmental speakers, and an upcycled maker space for kids.

DuPage County Launches “Do GOOD DuPage”

Volunteer service campaign aims to involve thousands in giving back

Imagine what would happen if an entire County “did good” for an entire year? DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin challenges the community to find out, as he and Giving DuPage launch the County’s biggest service campaign – Do GOOD DuPage. The year-long initiative promotes community service throughout the County, aiming to involve 150,000 people. Leaders challenge everyone to sign up, do good deeds, share the experience, and get others involved.

As the County’s Volunteer

Center, the Giving DuPage mission is to promote giving and volunteering. An average of four volunteers connect to more than 350 local nonprofit organizations every day via their online Volunteer Portal site at <https://givingdupage.org/>. To commemorate its 15-year anniversary, Giving DuPage wants to take this mission to a new level by inspiring thousands of people to do some good.

There are 15 service ideas that people can sign up for in the following categories: Volunteering, Donating Items, Creating Awareness or



Wheaton Mayor Michael Gresk invites you to learn more about Do Good DuPage and find a way to help in the community.

Celebrating Volunteers.

All year, Giving DuPage wants to hear about volunteer and donor experiences. Everyone is encouraged to

share their Do GOOD stories on social networks using the hashtag #DoGOODDuPage.

For information, visit givingdupage.org/dogood.

Program Offers Assistance with Winter Heating Bills

DuPage County Community Services will be accepting applications for the annual Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) beginning Oct. 2, 2017, until May 31, 2018, or until funds are depleted. Cold temperatures are just around the corner, and eligible families are encouraged to apply.

Beginning Oct. 2, DuPage County Department of Community Services will accept winter heating

applications, by appointment only, from seniors (60+) or people with disabilities. Beginning Nov. 1, applications will be taken for seniors, disabled, disconnected and households with children 5 and under. All other eligible households may begin applying on Dec. 1. Benefits are paid directly to utilities on behalf of households.

If your household’s combined gross income is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, you may be eligible to receive

assistance.

A single-person household can qualify for the program if they have a monthly gross income of no more than \$1,508; a two-person household income no more than \$2,030 per month; or a four-person household income of no more than \$3,075 per month.

The State of Illinois will be offering the PIPP Program (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) for the current program year. PIPP will be offered Oct. 2 through Dec. 31,

or until funds are exhausted.

You must bring the following 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

For more information, call 630-407-6500, 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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- 4** City offices closed; no garbage pickup
- 5** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 11** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
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- 25** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.