

April 2014

City Notes



Yard Waste Pickup

Yard waste pickup resumes on April 1. Pickup is on the same day as your garbage/recycling collection.

Yard waste can be placed in containers no larger than 33 gallons in volume or in biodegradable bags. Each container or bag needs a blue sticker – the same kind that is used for garbage collection.

If containers are not feasible, brush and tree trimmings must be placed in stacks no longer than 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter. Stacks do not need to be bundled with twine but must have a garbage/yard waste sticker attached.

[For information about yard waste and garbage collection, visit the City's website.](#)

City offices closed

City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Friday, April 18. Garbage schedules will not be affected.

Recycle Many Items at Extravaganza

Get a jump on your spring cleaning to take advantage of a once-a-year opportunity. Wheaton's 26th Recycling Extravaganza will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12 in the commuter parking lot at [Liberty Drive and Carlton Avenue](#).

This popular event is set up as a drive-through with stations for cars to drop off many items that can't be recycled through the curbside program, such as scrap metal, car batteries, propane tanks, clothing and more. Volunteers will help unload items from your car at the various stations.

Want to Help?

Volunteers are needed for this event. Groups or individuals high school age or older can call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877.



Items accepted:

- Scrap metal such as pots, swing sets, hangers, shelving, lawn furniture, tomato cages, drained lawn mowers, washers, dryers, air conditioners, etc.
- All electronics (anything with an on/off switch and all electric cords), TVs, computers, cell phones, printer toner cartridges, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, printers, etc.
- Propane tanks
- Dry residential carpeting and padding
- Clothes, blankets, towels, sheets, shoes, and any textiles in any condition for Goodwill Industries
- Document/office paper shredding on site – 3 copy box limit; please remove binders and plastic bags
- Large batteries (car, sump

pump, boat, motorcycle, etc.).

- Bikes
- Fluorescent tube bulbs (from residents only)
- Eye glasses
- Keys
- Hearing aids, wheelchairs
- Worn American flags for proper retirement
- Buttons
- Rulers
- Sewing machines
- LP records
- Musical instruments

Items NOT accepted:

- No refrigerators or freezers.
- No household batteries.
- No hazardous waste can be accepted.
- No compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- No books (You can bring books for reuse or recycling to [SCARCE in Glen Ellyn](#).)



Watch the Video

Find out more by [watching a preview video explaining the event.](#)

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



The Native Illinois Plant Sale will take place in the Public Works Building from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 26.

Grow Native with Annual Plant Sale

The Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission encourages you to “grow native” and get ready for its 14th annual Native Illinois Plant Sale with the Wheaton Park District. From 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 26, you can find native northern Illinois trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers for sale at the Wheaton Public Works Building, [821 W. Liberty Drive](#) (across from the Wheaton Police Station).

Native plants are beautiful, hardy choices for your yard, and they provide important environmental services. They attract birds, con-



Watch the Video

Learn about native plant varieties and which ones might be right for your yard [in this video](#).

serve water, improve habitat for pollinating insects like butterflies, and survive the wild extremes of weather we have in northern Illinois.

This year, you can also purchase food scrap-amended compost, or pick up some free wood chips. Bring your own containers for compost or wood chips. You can pre-order a rain

barrel for pickup the morning of the sale by calling the Conservation Foundation at 630-428-4500 or at www.upcycle-products.com/stat-ic.asp?path=5081.

You can learn about a variety of native plants in this video, “[Grow Native at the Wheaton Native Plant Sale](#).” For a listing of the wide range of available plants for sale and their prices, visit the Wheaton Park District website. Please note that this event can only accept cash or checks. Plants are limited and can sell quickly, so organizers encourage attendees to come early for the best selection.



Pitch in at Prairie Path Cleanup

Rain or shine, Wheaton’s Environmental Improvement Commission hopes to see you with some work gloves at Stevens Park on Saturday, April 26. From 9 a.m. to noon, individuals and groups of all ages can participate in the annual Illinois Prairie Path Cleanup.

Upon arriving at Stevens Park, which is located [at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Western Avenue](#), organizers will assign volunteers a portion of the path to clean up. Any group wanting to clean a specific area should e-mail cleanupthepath@yahoo.com ahead of time.

The Illinois Prairie Path includes 16 miles of path in Wheaton. The former Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Electric Railroad path became the nation’s first rail-to-trail conversion in the 1963, providing a multi-use nature trail.

Celebrate Arbor Day and Tree City USA Designation

Emerson Elementary School will host Wheaton’s annual Arbor Day Celebration at 9:30 a.m. April 25. This event will include students, the City’s Forestry Division and the Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission.

Students will help plant a tree, and City officials will pres-

ent a Tree City USA designation to the City’s Forestry Division to honor Wheaton’s status as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This is the 28th consecutive year Wheaton has been named a Tree City USA because of its high-quality tree program led by the City’s Forestry Division.



Arbor Day Celebration

- **Date:** Friday, April 25
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m.
- **Location:** [Emerson Elementary School](#)

Good Citizen Award Nominations Due Soon

Nominate someone through the City's website by April 11

It's time again to focus a spotlight on the community members who make Wheaton a great place to live. The community is invited to help select Wheaton's 2014 Good Citizens Award recipients.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their service in the community? The Community Relations Commission's annual Good Citizens Awards help recognize and thank those in Wheaton who make quiet, generous and often extraordinary contributions to the community. This includes volunteer service for a school,



church, nursing home, civic group or non-profit organization. A person may also be nominated for service to an individual, such as tutoring or assisting an elderly neighbor.

The four categories for nominees are: 1) high school student, 2) adult, 3) senior adult and 4) group. A nominee must be a current resident of Wheaton and have

done something for the benefit of Wheaton and its citizens.

To nominate someone, you can either:

- Fill out and submit the online nomination form at www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen, or
- Email a completed nomination form to sbarrett-hagen@wheaton.il.us, or
- Mail a paper copy of the

Nominate Someone for a Good Citizen Award

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- Deadline is **April 11**.

nomination (also available at the Wheaton Public Library, Wheaton Park District Community Center, Leisure Center and City Hall) to: City Clerk, Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

Nominations are due by April 11, 2014. The Community Relations Commission will review the nominations and will honor award recipients at the May 19, 2014 Wheaton City Council meeting.

Get a Glimpse of 1960s Wheaton Community High School in New Video

Students attending Wheaton Community High School in the 1960s witnessed dramatic events taking place around them – including the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the space race. [In a new edition of the "Wheaton Remembers" video series](#), Wheaton Community High School alumni recall this significant period

in American history and what it was like to be a high school student in 1960s Wheaton.

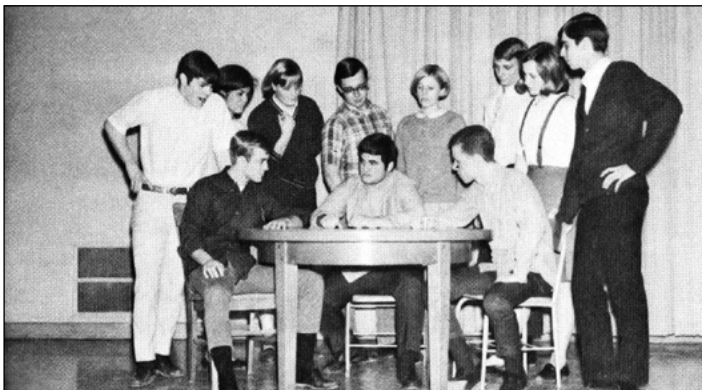
Former principal Chuck Baker sits down with Ross Truemper, John Stacey and Don Longacre to reflect on everything from Civil Rights in Wheaton to Friday night football games, overcrowding in the school, and the opening of a second high school. They

also share their recollections of classmates who became famous, including Bob Woodward, John Belushi and Jim Belushi.

[Watch this video now on the City's website](#), or Wheaton cable subscribers can find it on [City of Wheaton Channel 10 \(CWC10\)](#).

"Wheaton Remembers" is a television series produced by the City's Communications Department. It features longtime residents, who share their stories of growing up in Wheaton to educate residents and preserve Wheaton's history for future generations.

If you are a longtime Wheaton resident and are interested in being a guest on "Wheaton Remembers," contact Richard Sagen at 630-260-2036 or rsagen@wheaton.il.us.



Hydrant Flushing Starts April 27

The City's Water Division will begin its 2014 Hydrant Flushing Program on April 27 and will continue for approximately three weeks. To minimize inconvenience to residents, hydrant flushing will be done between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. The purpose of this program is to flush out particles that accumulate in water lines.

During or immediately following the hydrant flushing, water discoloration may occur. It is best not to draw large amounts of water if you experience discoloration.

Residents with questions may call the Water Division at 630-260-2090.

Upcoming Events

Money Smart Week at Wheaton Public Library

When: April 5-12

Where: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Join the Wheaton Public Library for free seminars covering topics ranging from budgeting to homebuying to estate planning. Visit www.wheatonlibrary.org/calendar to see the planned events or call 630-868-7510 to reserve tickets.

Recycling Extravaganza

When: Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: [Commuter Parking Lot located at Liberty Drive and Carlton Avenue](#)

This drive-through annual event allows you to drop off many items for recycling or reuse that can't be recycled curbside. **For more information, see page 1.** Note: The electronic recycling drop-off for April will take place at the Recycling Extravaganza.

Wheaton Public Library Kids Craft Sale

When: Saturday, April 12, noon-2 p.m.

Where: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Buy crafts and jewelry made by Wheaton kids. All items are priced \$5 or less. A fun way to celebrate Money Smart Week.



National Library Week at Wheaton Public Library

When: April 13-19

Where: Wheaton Public Library, [225 N. Cross St.](#)

Stop by the library or visit [Facebook.com/wheatonlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/wheatonlibrary) during National Library Week to tell us how libraries have changed your life. Kids can enter our Design Your Own Bookmark contest. Pick up a bookmark template at the Children's Desk starting April 1.

French Market

When: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. April 19, 2014-Nov. 15, 2014

Where: [Parking lot near Main Street and Liberty Drive](#) in downtown Wheaton (just south of the railroad tracks)

More than a typical farmers market, the Wheaton French Market offers a wide variety of vendors. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Nov. 15, 2014, visit the French Market near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive to find fresh produce, locally made gifts, art, specialty foods, handmade jewelry, flowers and more.

For more information, see page 5.



Celebrate Spring/Celebrate Easter

When: April 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: [Memorial Park](#) and participating downtown businesses

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for this annual celebration of spring and Easter! The day begins at 10 a.m. with the Easter Egg Hunt for kids in Memorial Park, followed by the Easter Bonnet Contest at 10:30 a.m.

Finally, from noon to 1 p.m., children are invited to "hop" around downtown Wheaton in search of treats and goodies to fill their baskets.

For more information, visit www.downtownwheaton.com.

Arbor Day Celebration

When: Friday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Emerson Elementary School, [119 S. Woodlawn St.](#)

Emerson Elementary School will host the City's annual Arbor Day Celebration, including students, the City's Forestry Division and the Environmental Improvement Commission.

For more information, see page 2.



Native Illinois Plant Sale

When: Saturday, April 26, 8:30 a.m.-noon

Where: Wheaton Public Works Building, [821 W. Liberty Drive](#) (across the street from the Police Station)

The Environmental Improvement Commission and Wheaton Park District encourage the community to "grow native" by attending the Native Illinois Plant Sale.

For more information, see page 2.

Annual Prairie Path Cleanup

When: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.-noon

Where: Stevens Park, [corner of Lincoln Avenue and Western Avenue](#)

Help clean up the portion of the Illinois Prairie Path that runs through Wheaton. Any group wanting to clean a specific area should email cleanupthepath@yahoo.com ahead of time. Please bring work gloves.

For more information, see page 2.

Police Department Blood Drive

When: Friday, May 16, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Where: Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive

The Wheaton Police Department encourages you to save the date for its annual blood drive. This year's drive will be from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 16 at the Wheaton Police Department, [900 W. Liberty Drive](#). The American Red Cross will be operating the drive.

To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter zip code 60187 in the "Find a Blood Drive" search window. You can also make an appointment by contacting Sherry at 630-260-4861 or police@wheaton.il.us. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.



Are You Ready for Severe Weather?

Advice from experts will help you face spring storm season

Spring has officially arrived, which means severe weather may soon follow. A new video, ["Be Ready for Severe Weather,"](#) answers many common weather questions, debunks myths about severe weather, and provides concrete tips you can act on today to keep yourself and your family safe this spring.

Is it a good idea to open a window if you think a tornado is approaching?

What type of weather system always precedes a tornado, hail and flash flooding?

How will you know if

there is a tornado headed your way at night? (One easy tool can help.)

What is one thing you can do that will keep you 90 percent safer during a tornado?

College of DuPage Professor of Meteorology Paul Sirvatka and David Gervino of the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management answer these questions during this expert look at severe weather. Plus, they explain how the College of DuPage NexLab, DuPage County and municipalities work together to help keep residents safe.



Watch the Video

Representatives from the College of DuPage meteorology program and DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management give expert advice in a new video, ["Be Ready for Severe Weather."](#)

This new video is available on the City's website and also on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10).

French Market Opens April 19

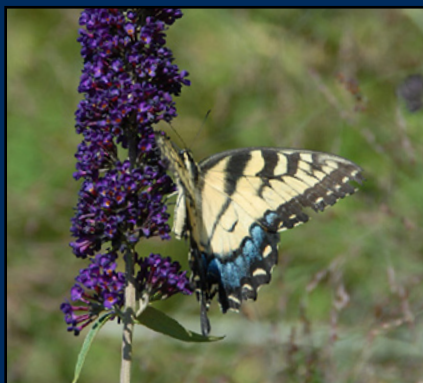
Outdoor event runs each Saturday through Nov. 15



Downtown Wheaton will take on a bit of a French flavor when a popular attraction returns April 19, 2014. That's the date of this year's first French Market, which is a popular outdoor marketplace modeled after the markets in France.

More than a typical farmers market, the Wheaton French Market offers a wide variety of vendors. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Nov. 15, 2014, visit the French Market [near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive](#) to find fresh produce, locally made gifts, art, specialty foods, handmade jewelry, flowers and more. Items sold change seasonally, offering visitors variety from week to week.

For more information about the French Market, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0286.



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.

April 2014

- 5** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 7** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14** City Council Budget Public Hearing, 7 p.m.
- 14** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 21** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.