

April 2016

## City Notes

### Drivers Facility to Remain Open

The City of Wheaton has received information that the Illinois Secretary of State's Express Driver Services facility at 128 W. Liberty Drive will remain open. The facility previously announced that it would be permanently closing.

Due to the state budget impasse, landlords of state facilities like this one have not been receiving rental payments, causing the state to fall significantly behind in payments. The owners of 128 W. Liberty have decided to renew the lease for Wheaton Express Drivers Services due to the community response requesting this facility remain open.

### Yard Waste Pickup Resumes April 4

Yard waste pickup in Wheaton resumes on your collection day during the week of April 4. As a reminder, yard waste can be placed either in containers no larger than 33 gallons in volume or in biodegradable bags. Each container or bag needs a blue yard waste sticker – the same

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## Library Café Now Open

*Café offers coffee, pastries and more*

Check out some books with your morning coffee, or grab a sandwich and smoothie next time you visit the library. The Wheaton Public Library recently opened its new Café on the Park, offering coffee, pastries, sandwiches and more. Overlooking Adams Park, the café is on the west end of the library, located at 225 N. Cross St.

Library Director Betsy Adamowski said while a café had been part of the 2007 library renovation plans, this part of the plan had not yet been completed. A community needs assessment survey made it clear that residents wanted a café as



### Café on the Park

#### Hours:

- Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### More information:

[www.cafeontheparkwheaton.com](http://www.cafeontheparkwheaton.com).

part of their library experience, she said.

The new café space is owned by the Wheaton Public Library but operated independently from the library. It features locally roasted coffee from I Have a Bean, Steep It Real tea, freshly baked doughnuts, sandwiches, snacks and more. You can also order food and drinks ahead of time [using the café's website](http://www.cafeontheparkwheaton.com).



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

## Planning & Zoning Board Seeks Applicants

The City of Wheaton is seeking residents who are interested in serving on the Wheaton Planning & Zoning Board. To be considered for a position on the board, [fill out a Boards & Commissions Application](#) and return it to the City Clerk's Office. You can [learn more about the board on the City's website](#).

## Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton currently is seeking applicants for several employment opportunities with the City, including a Plan Examiner, Project Engineer – Capital Improvements, Temporary Administrative Assistant, Temporary Forestry Division Internship, and college students for seasonal work.

More information about these opportunities is available on the City's website. [Read more about them and find out how to apply](#).



## Enroll in Citizens Fire Academy

**W**ant to learn about the Fire Department's operations, history or even get some hands-on experience learning what it's like to be a firefighter? Consider joining the Citizens Fire Academy, where Wheaton residents can learn first-hand about the many aspects of the Wheaton Fire

*Session Begins April 5 at Fire Station 1*

Department during seven evening sessions.

The Citizens Fire Academy will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each Tuesday, April 5-May 17, at Fire Station 1, 1 Fapp Circle (behind the Target store at County Farm and Roosevelt roads).

Participants must be Wheaton residents who are at least 18 years old. Please plan to attend all seven sessions.

To register or if you have questions, call 630-260-2175 and provide your name, address, email and phone number.

## City Budget Discussions, Draft Budget on Website

**I**f you would like to see the presentation and discussions regarding the City's proposed fiscal year 2017 budget, you can watch videos of the [March 12 budget workshop](#), [March 14 budget workshop](#) and [March 19 Budget Workshop](#). The [draft budget](#) is posted on the City's website.

The City Council will have a public hearing regarding the budget on Monday, April 11.

## Open House to Honor Outgoing City Manager

**Y**ou are invited to attend an open house honoring retiring City Manager Donald Rose from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 in the Gamon Room and Council Chambers of City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.

The event will honor City Manager Rose's 42 years of service to Wheaton, with 35 ½ years serving as City Manager. Mayor Gresk will say a few words of appreciation at 5:30 p.m.

Please join the City to thank City Manager Rose for his years of service and



dedication to the City and its residents.



# Native Plant Sale is April 30

*Find hardy flowers, grasses, trees and more at annual event*



Wheaton's popular annual Native Plant Sale returns April 30, 2016 at the City's Public Works building, 821 W. Liberty Drive. From 8:30 a.m. to noon (or when plants are sold out), find flowers, grasses, trees and other plants native to Illinois available for sale.

This event is a partnership between the City of Wheaton, Wheaton Environmental Commission and Wheaton Park District, promoting environmentally friendly planting in the community. In addition to being beautiful, hardy choices for your yard, native plants attract birds, conserve water, improve habitat for pollinating insects like butterflies, and survive the wild extremes of weather we have in northern Illinois.

[See a list of available plants on the Wheaton Park District's website.](#)

Interested in reducing



your water bill and conserving water? You can pre-order a rain barrel and other accessories from the Conservation Foundation at <http://upcycle-products.com/static.asp?path=5081> and pick up your rain barrel at the Native Plant Sale.

The sale will also include food-scrap amended compost available for purchase.

## Annual Native Illinois Plant Sale

- **Date:** Saturday, April 30
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m.-noon
- **Location:** Wheaton Public Works Building, 821 W. Liberty Drive
- [See the list of available plants.](#)

## Submit Native Plant Photo for Contest

Want a chance to bring home some free plants from the Native Plant Sale? The Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission and Wheaton Park District are seeking photos of native plants growing in your yard that were purchased at a past Wheaton Native Plant Sale. The photos will be showcased at the next sale to help attendees see what the various plants look like in a natural setting.

The person who submits the best photo will receive a certificate for free plants to use at the Native Plant Sale.



To submit a photo, email the image to Steve Hinchee of the Wheaton Park District at [shinchee@wheatonparks.org](mailto:shinchee@wheatonparks.org).

Include the type of plant shown, along with your name, address and phone number. Entries are due by April 8.







Arbor Day 2002



Arbor Day 2009



Arbor Day 2012



# Wheaton Celebrates 30 Years as Tree City USA Award Winner



*Arbor Day Celebration will be April 29*

For 30 years, the National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Wheaton's love of trees. On Friday, April 29, 2016, students at Washington Elementary School will help celebrate Wheaton's 30th year of being named a Tree City USA during Wheaton's Arbor Day celebration.

Students will help plant a tree on the school's grounds with the City's Forestry Division and Environmental Improvement Commission, and

the Forestry Division will accept the City's 30th consecutive Tree City USA award. The National Arbor Day Foundation gives this award to communities that meet the foundation's standards for having a high-quality tree program and a dedication to planting and caring for trees.

This event will take place at 10 a.m. at [Washington Elementary School](#). The community is welcome to help celebrate Arbor Day at this event.

## Free Paper Shredding is Available on April 9

Start gathering your documents for shredding. The Wheaton Environmental Commission is organizing a free paper shredding from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Wheaton's Commuter Parking Lot 9, near the intersection of Carlton Avenue and Liberty Drive. Cars will enter on Carlton Avenue and exit on Liberty Drive.

There is a three-box limit for documents (boxes should be about the size of standard copier paper/office boxes). Remove rubber bands, plastic page protectors, plastic bags, plastic file tabs and binders. Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed.

Document shredding trucks will shred documents on-site as you drop them off.

## Help Clean Up Prairie Path

Bring your work gloves and meet at W.W. Stevens Park on April 30. The annual Prairie Path Cleanup will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30, 2016, rain or shine.

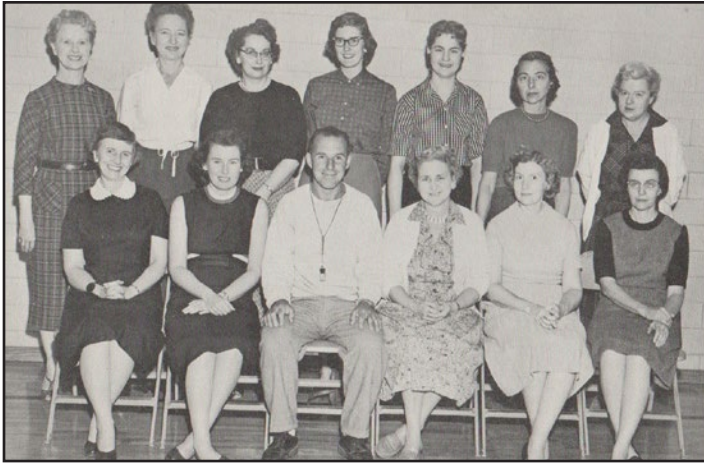
This is a great opportunity for scout troops, church groups, families, students, companies and individuals to give back to the community and make the Illinois Prairie Path clean and litter-free for all to use. Wheaton's Environmen-

tal Improvement Commission organizes this all-ages event. Groups wanting to clean up a specific location should email [cleanupthepath@yahoo.com](mailto:cleanupthepath@yahoo.com) ahead of time.

To participate, simply show up with work gloves at W.W. Stevens Park, located at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Western Avenue. Groups and individuals will be assigned a portion of the path to clean up, and garbage bags will be provided.



# Meet Honorary Leprechaun in New Video



**Bernie Hurley (front row, center) was a gym teacher at Hawthorne Elementary School. This staff photo is from 1958.**

*Latest “Wheaton Remembers” features community parade fixture Bernie Hurley*

**T**he latest edition of the “[Wheaton Remembers](#)” video series features a longtime community member known by many as a teacher, coach, veteran, environmentalist, history enthusiast ... and honorary leprechaun.

A gym teacher for 31 years at Hawthorne and Emerson elementary schools, Bernie Hurley taught and coached thousands of Wheaton students. But his teaching career is just part of Bernie’s mark on Wheaton.

You may know him as the long-time fixture of Wheaton parades dressed in a leprechaun costume and entertaining crowds.

Others know Bernie as a World War II veteran who fought under the direction of General Patton.

Or you may know Bernie for the role he played in helping create the Illinois Prairie Path, for his work leading Wheaton’s Environmental Improvement Commission, or for helping establish the Du-



## Watch the Video

[Watch “Wheaton Remembers” on the City’s website](#) or on City of Wheaton Channel 10.

Page Heritage Gallery.

During this new edition of “Wheaton Remembers,” Bernie talks with former student John Hartness about his many

ties to Wheaton. A champion for Wheaton’s history, the environment, education and the Wheaton community at-large, learn how – at 92 years young – Bernie continues to give back to the community.

[Watch this video any-time on the City’s website](#), or Wheaton Comcast customers can watch “Wheaton Remembers” on City of Wheaton Channel 10 at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays.

## Deadline is April 11 for Good Citizens Award Nominations

**T**he Community Relations Commission encourages you to nominate a person or group for Wheaton’s 2016 Good Citizens Awards. Nominations are due April 11.

This award recognizes those who make the quiet, generous and often extraordinary contributions that make Wheaton an outstanding community. This may be volunteer service for a school, church, nursing home, civic group or non-profit organi-

### How to Nominate a Wheaton Resident:

- Submit a nomination at [wheaton.il.us/goodcitizens](http://wheaton.il.us/goodcitizens)
- Email a nomination to [lqualkenbush@wheaton.il.us](mailto:lqualkenbush@wheaton.il.us)
- Mail in a nomination

zation. A person may also be nominated for service to an individual, such as tutoring or assisting an elderly neighbor.

The three categories for nominees are: high school student, adult and group. A nominee must be a current Wheaton resident who has done something for the benefit of Wheaton and its citizens.

To nominate someone, you can:

- Submit your nomination through the City’s website at [www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizens](http://www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizens)
- Submit a nomination by email and send it to: [\[bush@wheaton.il.us\]\(mailto:bush@wheaton.il.us\), or](mailto:lqualken-</a></li></ul></div><div data-bbox=)

- Mail a written nomination to Lindsay Qualkenbush, Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187. Nomination forms are available at the Wheaton Public Library and the Wheaton Park District Community Center.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Community Relations Commission, and award recipients will be honored at the May 16 Wheaton City Council meeting.



# Upcoming Events

## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, April 9

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

**Location:** Public Works Storage Yard, [820 W. Liberty Drive](#) (just east of the Police Station)

Recycle unwanted electronics including computers, video game consoles, microwaves, blenders, hair dryers, and almost anything with a cord (except no CRT – large tube – TVs, projection-screen TVs or console TVs can be accepted; only flat-screen TVs and monitors). You can also bring scrap metal, household batteries, cooking oil and fluorescent tube bulbs (no CFL bulbs, please).

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

## Paper Shredding

**Date:** Saturday, April 9

**Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Location:** Commuter Parking Lot 9, [Carlton Avenue & Liberty Drive](#)

Please note there is a three-box limit for documents (boxes should be about the

size of standard copier paper/office boxes). See page 4 for more information.

## Water Conservation at Home

**Date:** Tuesday, April 12

**Time:** 7-8 p.m.

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

SCARCE Founder and Executive Director Kay McKeen will explain how rain barrels can help you save money and conserve water. She will also discuss other water conservation methods such as using native plants and rain gardens in your backyard. Register at [www.wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org/calendar).

## French Market

**Date:** Saturdays, starting April 16

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

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

This Wheaton favorite will kick off its outdoor season on Saturday, April 16. Held in the commuter parking lot near Liberty Drive and Main Street (just south of the railroad tracks), the French Market is an outdoor market selling locally grown produce, flowers, handmade



**Prairie Path Cleanup: April 30**

gifts, jewelry, baked goods, specialty foods and much more. For more information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0294 or [ccbcec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccbcec@sbcglobal.net).

## Sunday Concert: Girls Like Us: The Music of Joni, Carole & Carly

**Date:** Sunday, April 24

**Time:** 2-3:30 p.m.

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

Celebrate the groundbreaking music of Carole King, Carly Simon and Joni Mitchell. Inspired by the book "Girls Like Us," Laura Freeman, Beckie Menzie and Marianne Murphy Orland showcase the music and stories of three rock superstars and adventurers of the heart and soul.

## Arbor Day Celebration

**Date:** Friday, April 29

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** [Washington Elementary School](#)

Washington School will host Wheaton's Arbor Day Celebration with the

City's Forestry Division and Environmental Improvement Commission. See page 4 for more information.

## Native Plant Sale

**Date:** Saturday, April 30

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.-noon (or when plants run out)

**Location:** Wheaton Public Works Building, [821 W. Liberty Drive](#)

Wheaton's popular annual Native Plant Sale returns April 30. Find flowers, grasses, trees and other plants native to Illinois available for sale. This event is organized by the City of Wheaton, Wheaton Environmental Commission and Wheaton Park District. See page 3 for more information.

## Prairie Path Cleanup

**Date:** Saturday, April 30

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

**Location:** Meet at W.W. Stevens Park, [Lincoln Avenue & Western Avenue](#)

Join in this annual event to clean up the part of the Illinois Prairie Path that runs through Wheaton. See page 4 for more information.



**Arbor Day Celebration: April 29**



## Hydrant Flushing Begins Soon

The City's Water Division will begin its 2016 Hydrant Flushing Program on April 25, 2016, 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.

# Enroll in Smart 911 to Help You in Emergencies

Smart911 is a confidential service that allows users to create a profile that is activated in participating dispatch centers when a person dials 911. The electronic safety profile provides essential information about family members, home, pets and vehicles. This information will display automatically on the 911 call taker's screen when users make an emergency call. It's private and secure, and users control what information is in their profile.

Detailed profiles can save seconds or even minutes during an emergency. Some examples of how Smart911 can help first responders include:

- Mobile phones: Approximately 73% of 911 calls come from mobile phones. A cellular telephone's exact location can't always be determined by GPS from a cell tower. Smart911's enhanced service displays the listed address of the mobile phone in the profile and can track the call via GPS, even if the call is disconnected.
- Missing children: It can take up to an hour to acquire an accurate photo of a child and disseminate it. Smart911 profiles will display the user-provided photo of the child,



which can be immediately saved or forwarded to officers in the field or news channels.

- Unresponsive callers: Individuals may not be able to speak because they are unconscious, suffer from epilepsy or diabetes, have a speech condition or are in a situation where it is dangerous to speak. If provided, Smart911 medical information will be displayed so that first responders will know of existing medical conditions and how to treat them.

- House fire: The Smart911 profile will list the family members, photos, bedroom locations and even pets to assist firefighters in quickly locating all members and rescuing them safely.

Anything a user thinks could be useful can be included in a Smart911 profile, including:

- Family members' ages, photos or physical descriptions

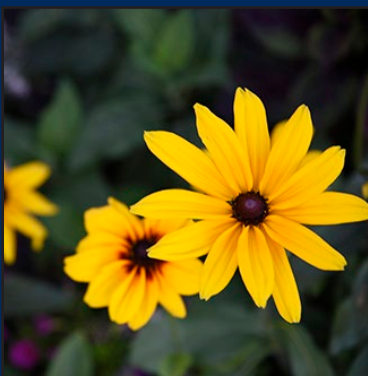
- Information about their home, including address, utility shutoff valves and key holders

- Medical information, such as medications, medical conditions or disabilities
- Special considerations like language restrictions, restraining orders or rescue notes

Anyone who works, visits or lives in DuPage County can create a profile. It's free and completely confidential; the information provided is available only to emergency responders during a 911 call. The service can be especially valuable to households with young children, seniors, or anyone with a physical or mental disability.

### How to Sign Up

Visit [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) to enroll and create a safety profile.



## 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.

### April 2016

- 2** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 4** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11** City Council Budget Public Hearing & City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 18** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.