

April 2017

City Notes

City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton non-emergency offices will be closed on Friday, April 14. They will reopen on Monday, April 17. Garbage pickup will not be affected.

Budget Workshop Videos Online

If you're interested in learning about the City's annual budget, you can watch discussions from three City Budget Workshop Sessions, which took place on [March 11](#), [March 13](#) and [March 18](#). Videos of these meetings are available [on the City's website](#) or on City of Wheaton Channel 10.

Employment Opportunities

The City currently seeks applicants for temporary summer positions in the Public Works Department, a part-time school crossing guard position, and an internship in the Forestry Division.

[Find out more on the City's website.](#)

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Yard Waste Pickup and Food Scrap Composting Resume



Yard waste pickup is back starting the week of April 3. On your garbage day, you can place your yard waste at the curb either in biodegradable paper bags or in containers no more than 35 gallons in size. Each bag or container must have a Lakeshore Recycling Systems sticker attached.

In addition to grass

clippings, brush and other yard waste, you can also include food scraps with your yard waste for composting. This is a new feature of the garbage, yard waste and recycling collection offered by Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Wheaton's new waste hauler. [See the City's website](#) for more information.



What Can Be Included with Yard Waste?

Plants:

Floral trimmings
Tree trimmings
Leaves
Grass
Brush
Weeds

Foods:

Fruits & vegetables
Meat & poultry
Seafood & shellfish
Bones
Rice
Beans
Pasta
Bread
Baked goods
Grains
Cheese
Eggshells

Other Compostable Items:

Waxed cardboard
Napkins & paper towels
Paper plates
Pizza boxes
Food-contaminated paper
Paper milk cartons
Tea bags
Coffee grounds/filters
Wooden crates
Sawdust

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

Main Street Crossing Closed during Work

Temporary closure through April 7

Union Pacific is temporarily closing the railroad crossing at Main Street in downtown Wheaton to perform scheduled work on the crossing.

The temporary closure – which will last through approximately April 7 – is necessary to ensure continued safety along the Metra West line.

The detour route for northbound traffic on Main Street will be:

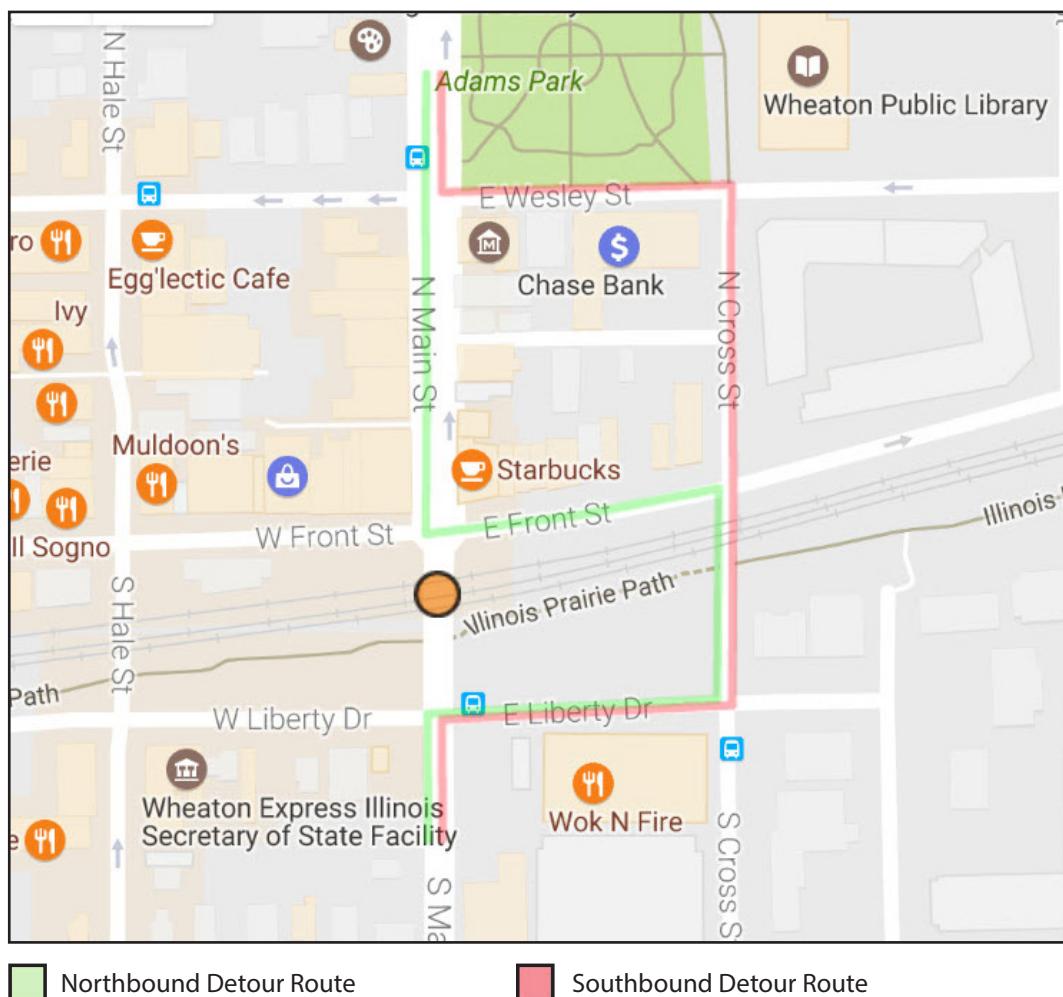
- East (right) on Liberty Drive
- North (left) on Cross Street
- West (left) on Wesley Street
- North (right) on Main Street

The detour route for southbound traffic on Main Street will be:

- East (left) on Front Street
- South (right) on Cross Street
- West (right) on Liberty Drive
- South (left) on Main Street

Detour signs will be in place at the crossing. For more information, please call 630-260-2190.

Detour Routes for Main Street Railroad Crossing Closure



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Commission News

The City Council appointed Steve Limp to the Community Relations Commission; reappointed Ed Dulaney to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners; reappointed Robert Wolgemuth and Mark Taylor to the Liquor Commission; and reappointed Michael Rybinski to the Housing Commission. Each is for a term of three years.

April 3 Meeting Will Discuss the First Phase of Downtown Streetscape Project

The City of Wheaton will host an informational meeting to discuss the schematic design drawings for Phase 1 of the downtown streetscape project on Monday, April 3 at 3 p.m. at Wheaton City Hall.

Members of the project team – including executive City staff, Primera Engineering and Design Workshop – will present the schematic design drawings and specifications to share

and receive feedback from interested business owners and residents.

Phase 1 of the downtown streetscape project features work on Front Street from West Street to Cross Street and will include infrastructure improvements, wayfinding signage, benches, trees and improved lighting.

Survey work and soil samples have been completed, and final drawings and specifications

are being created now through the summer months. Underground utility work is scheduled to begin this fall.

The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the City Hall Council Chambers (Second Floor) located at 303 W. Wesley St. in downtown Wheaton. A recorded broadcast of the meeting will air the following day on City of Wheaton Channel 10 and online at www.wheaton.il.us.



City Council Election is April 4

Registered Wheaton voters can cast their ballots for Wheaton City Council during the April 4, 2017 Consolidated General Election. This election also includes candidates for the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners and School Board.

Each of the four District City Council positions are up for election. Voters can vote for a candidate in their respective District: north, south, east and west. If you are unsure of your District, [see this map](#).

The candidates for Wheaton City Council, as they will appear on the ballot, are:

Councilman, North District:
Philip J. Suess

Councilman, South District:
John K. Rutledge

Councilman, East District:
Thomas Dymit
W. Thoreson Saline II
Michael Barbier

Councilman, West District:
Robert "Bobby" McNeily
Todd Scalzo
Lynn Robbins

For information about voting, see the DuPage Election Commission's website at <https://www.dupageco.org/Election/Voting/>.

Take Part in Prairie Path Cleanup

Mark your calendar to join a yearly tradition that helps keep the Illinois Prairie Path clean and litter-free for all to use. The 22nd annual Prairie Path Cleanup will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29, 2017, rain or shine.

This is a great opportunity for scout troops, church groups, families, students, companies and individuals to give back to the community. All ages are welcome to participate in the event, which is organized by Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission. Groups wanting to clean up a specific location should email wheatoncleanup@gmail.com ahead of time.

To participate, show up



with work gloves at Lincoln Avenue and the Prairie Path (two blocks west of Gary Avenue, near W.W. Stevens Park). The Commission will assign you a portion of the path and will provide you with garbage bags. Wagons and carts are also helpful.

Prairie Path Cleanup

Date: Saturday, April 29

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Meet at Lincoln Avenue & Prairie Path

Annual Native Plant Sale Set for April 29

Wheaton's popular annual Native Illinois Plant Sale returns Saturday, April 29 at the City's Public Works building, 821 W. Liberty Drive. From 8:30 a.m. to noon, you will 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 to promote environmentally friendly planting in the community.

Native Plant Sale

Date: Saturday, April 29

Time: 8:30 a.m.-noon

Location: Wheaton Public Works Building, 821 W. Liberty Drive

Native plants are adapted to the soils and climate of our area. They're beneficial because they don't require irrigation or fertilizer, are resistant to drought and insects, will not harm or degrade native ecosystems,

and are beautiful and interesting.

You can also pre-order a rain barrel to pick up at the sale, or pick up free wood chips (bring your own container). To pre-order a rain barrel from the Conservation Foundation, call 630-428-4500.

For a list of the plants that will be available and more information, see the Wheaton Park District's website. Please note that this event only accepts cash or checks.

Free Paper Shredding Offered April 8

The City's Environmental Improvement Commission will host a paper shredding event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the commuter parking lot at Carlton Avenue and

Liberty Drive. This is a drive-up event, and documents will be shredded on-site.

You must remove rubber bands, plastic page protectors, plastic bags, plastic file tabs and binders.

However, staples and paper clips do not need to be removed. Please note that there is a limit of 3 boxes for shredding (boxes should be the equivalent of standard copier paper/office boxes).



Video Discusses Downtown Wheaton Parking Options

To increase available parking for customers and employees, the City recently made several changes to public parking in Downtown Wheaton. [Check out the first edition of a new video series, "Wheaton Insider,"](#) to find out how these updates are helping maximize downtown parking.

"Wheaton Insider" is a

short-format show in which the Public Information Officer will talk to senior leaders in the City and the community to keep residents directly updated on important projects and activities.

You can learn more about parking options in Wheaton by visiting the City's website or [downloading this printable parking information brochure.](#)

Upcoming Events

The Life of Robert E. Lee & the Civil War

Date: Thursday, April 6

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Wheaton resident Paul Wood portrays General Robert E. Lee to discuss his life leading up to the Civil War and insight into important battles. Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, April 8

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive (just east of the Wheaton Police Department)

Bring unwanted electronics to the monthly electronic recycling collection. This is a drive-through event where volunteers will unload items from your car. There is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event.

Paper Shredding Event

Date: Saturday, April 8

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

Location: Commuter Parking

Time: Lot 9, Carlton & Liberty Drive
Free on-site document shredding services available. Limit of 3 boxes.

French Market

Date: Saturdays, April 15-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.

Celebrate Spring, Celebrate Easter

Date: Saturday, April 15

Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Location: Memorial Park

Join the Downtown Wheaton Association for an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m., followed by the Easter Bonnet Contest. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 0-12. [See the Downtown Wheaton Association's website for more information.](#)

Jeanette Andrews: Magic in Mind

Date: Thursday, April 20

Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

This performance and lecture delves into the visual, psychological, and philosophical tipping points that create successful illusions. Register online at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Financial Advisor or Salesperson?

Date: Monday, April 24

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Join Knut Rostad, President of the Institute for the Fiduciary Standard and one of the nation's leading investor advocates for a higher fiduciary standard as he outlines simple and effective rules for a better investment experience when interacting with the financial service industry. Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

2017 Native Illinois Plant Sale

Date: Saturday, April 29

Time: 8:30 a.m.-noon (or

when plants run out)

Location: Public Works Building, 821 W. Liberty Drive

Find native Illinois trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers for sale or buy a rain barrel during the Environmental Improvement Commission's Native Plant Sale.

2017 Prairie Path Cleanup

Date: Saturday, April 29

Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Meet at Stevens Park, corner of Lincoln Avenue and Illinois Prairie Path

To participate, bring work gloves and meet at Stevens Park at 9 a.m. April 29.

Sunday Concert: Chicago Hot Five

Date: Sunday, April 30

Time: 2 p.m.

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

Join us for an afternoon of Dixieland jazz with Chicago Hot Five! This local quintet will highlight traditional jazz tunes all the way from New Orleans. No registration required, attendees will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Nominations for Good Citizens Award Due

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their service in the community? The Community Relations Commission encourages you to nominate a person or group for Wheaton's 2017 Good Citizens Awards. Nominations are due by April 10, 2017.

This may be volunteer service for a school, church, nursing home, civic group or nonprofit organization. A person may also be nominated for service to an individual, such as tutoring, assisting an elderly neighbor, etc. 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 online at www.wheaton.il.us/goodcitizen or mail a written nomination to Lindsay Qualkenbush, Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

You can find the nomination form at Wheaton City Hall, the Wheaton Public Library and the Mary Lubko Center.

Award recipients will be honored at the Wheaton City Council meeting on May 15.

Wheaton Among First in Nation with Access to Mobile Stroke Unit

Every second counts when someone is having a stroke. Now, a new partnership in Wheaton can decrease the amount of time it takes to diagnose and treat a stroke.

[Watch the latest edition of "City Scene"](#) to find out how the Wheaton Fire Department and Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital are among the first in the nation using an innovative approach: a mobile stroke unit. This specialized ambulance brings the equipment previously only available at the hospital to the patient, allowing for rapid treatment that



can mean the difference between life and death.

[Check out this video](#) to learn how the Wheaton Fire Department is working with Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital

and hear how this program has already benefitted patients in Wheaton. This video is also available on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10) for Wheaton Comcast subscribers.

Help Celebrate Arbor Day on April 28

Students will help plant tree at ceremony

Wheaton's Forestry Division, Environmental Improvement Commission and local students will celebrate the community's love of trees at its annual Arbor Day celebration at 10 a.m. Friday, April 28 at Whittier Elementary School, 218 W. Park Ave., Wheaton, IL.

Students will help plant a tree on the school's grounds, learn about the importance of trees and celebrate Wheaton's receipt of the Tree City USA designation for the 31st consecutive year.

The National Arbor Day Foundation gives this award to communities that meet its standards for having a high-

Arbor Day

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- **Location:** Whittier Elementary School, 218 W. Park Ave.

quality tree program and a dedication to planting and caring for trees.



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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- 1 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 3 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10 City Budget Public Hearing, 7 p.m.
- 10 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 14 City Offices Closed
- 17 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.