

August 2012

City Notes



Sidewalk Program Progresses

This summer the City began a pilot sidewalk replacement program to address some of the sidewalks in the city in the worst condition. This program is starting with the southeast portion of Wheaton. The program area is bounded by Naperville Road to the west, Roosevelt Road to the north, and the City's southern and eastern limits. In this area alone, the City identified more than 2,500 sidewalk squares that met the City's "highly defective definition" and need to be replaced.

You can follow the progress of this program – down to each square being replaced – [on the City's website](#).

New Businesses

- Renovations are complete at Suzette's Creperie, 207 W. Front St., with an expanded

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Community Input Sought to Help Shape Downtown Plan

Share what you want Downtown Wheaton to be

Back in November 2011, the Wheaton City Council adopted four strategic priorities intended to guide the Council's and City staff's decisions and actions, one of which includes encouraging economic development. One way this is being implemented is by developing a [strategic plan for downtown Wheaton](#).

Representatives from the City and planning/urban design consultant Design Workshop kicked off a process to create this overall plan for downtown Wheaton with back-to-back meetings with the City Council and the public. Following a discussion during the City Council's June 25 Planning Session, the City invited the public to an initial meeting June 26 to explain the purpose of the Downtown Strategic Plan and Streetscape Plan and



how you can participate in the project. A significant component of the planning process is receiving community input.

At the June 26 public meeting, representatives from Design Workshop stated there are a number of issues and goals associated with the plan that will be addressed, including:

- Defining boundaries and gateways for the downtown area
- Connecting other parts of town to the downtown

What do you want Downtown Wheaton to be?

- Establishing a vision for downtown
- Developing a strategy to achieve the vision
- Developing a streetscape plan
- Integrating prior planning efforts

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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

Watering Violations Ticketed

A dry summer has caused many residents to water their lawns more than in past years. However, please remember that watering restrictions remain in place through Sept. 15 in order to promote water conservation and minimize evaporation during the hottest part of the day. Watering violations can be ticketed by the Police Department.

Residents with odd-numbered street addresses can water their lawns on odd-numbered days and those



with even-numbered addresses are limited to even-numbered days. Sprinkling is prohibited between noon and 6 p.m. every day. Contact the Water Division at 630-260-2090 for a 10-day new sod/seed variance.

Downtown

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- Addressing current vacancy issues
- Managing future infill development
- Preserving the character of the community

Design Workshop plans to have a community visioning session from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18 at the DuPage County Historical Museum Auditorium, 102 E. Wesley St., during which the consultant will present their analysis of existing conditions and solicit

public input. After that, there will be a series of public meetings to present plan options, solicit feedback and eventually present the final plan. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by January 2013.

The City's website will contain updates about upcoming meetings and the project as it progresses. In addition, the City will send out information to those people who subscribe to the City's Email Updates. To receive press releases or other information by email, visit www.wheaton.il.us/emailupdates.

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dining room and larger wine bar.

- Now open: NTB (National Tire & Battery), 1800 E. Roosevelt Road; offers tires, batteries, oil change, alignments and more.

- A groundbreaking ceremony marked the beginning of a new redevelopment project called Wheaton 121, which will consist of 306 residential apartments in a multi-family building with partial underground parking. Morningside Wheaton LLC will build the development on the vacant block bordered by Front, Cross, Wesley and Scott streets in downtown Wheaton.

Stay Connected

Looking to receive information from the City of Wheaton? Check out the "Stay Connected" page on the City's website to find all the ways you can find out what's happening from your municipal government. From Email Updates to Twitter, videos, the monthly newsletter and more, visit

www.wheaton.il.us/connect to stay connected.

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has several employment opportunities currently posted on its website.

The City seeks a project engineer in its Engineering Department. The position involves performing general civil engineering tasks related to local wastewater conveyance and sanitary sewer capacity, oversight of sanitary sewer evaluation studies, administering sanitary sewer capacity improvement capital projects and more.

The City also seeks a part-time data specialist in the Fire Department. The position includes managing, analyzing and reporting on data from various sources.

The Information Technology Department has two opportunities. The department seeks a part-time network specialist to assist staff with the administration and support of computer systems and data, with particular emphasis on supporting public safety

users. The other position, a systems analyst, is flexible and can be filled with a combination of part-time, part-time with benefits or full-time hours. The position involves applying technical and non-technical solutions to solve problems and maximize staff efficiency, managing projects and more.

To find out how to apply, visit the [City's website](http://www.wheaton.il.us).

Book Sale Donations

The Wheaton Public Library is accepting donations for its upcoming Friends Book Sale. New and used hardback and paperback books, audio books, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, LPs, and cassettes may be dropped off at the library beginning Aug. 22. Please bring items in a box or bag that can be left behind. Framed and unframed art is also being collected for sale at a later date. The sale will be Sept. 26-30, 2012.

Commission News

The City Council approved the appointment of Robert McDonough to a three-year term on the Library Board.

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appointment of Jeri Ramp to a three-year term on the Library Board, and the reappointment for three-year terms of Jan Kay to the Housing Commission, Barbara Grabowski to the Library Board and Eileen Pearse to the Liquor Control Commission.

Weekend Track Construction

Construction to the Union Pacific West Line will require Metra to use a modified weekend schedule from Aug. 4 through Sept. 9. Some trains may be subject to delays up to 10 minutes. Select trains may experience minor delays due to heavier passenger loading for Chicago summer events.

Downtown Website

The Downtown Wheaton Association recently redesigned its website, www.downtownwheaton.com. The website is organized in three categories: Experience Downtown Wheaton, Open a Business, and DWA Member Resources. New features include an expanded business directory, enhanced calendar and social media integration.

ComEd Offers Text Message Service Alerts



Last month's storms had many residents seeking information about electrical service outages and the status of restoration work. ComEd offers an Outage Alert program, through which you can receive text messages alerting you of estimated restoration times and other outage information affecting your ComEd service. There is no charge for this service, however message and data rates for your mobile service provider may apply. ComEd will send no more than

seven text messages in one day.

You can sign up for this service any time [on ComEd's website](#). You will need to know either the phone number on the ComEd account, the Social Security Number of the ComEd account holder or the ComEd account number. Once you are signed up for the Outage Alert program, you can report an outage by texting "OUT" to 26633.

This program is administered by AGENTS111. You can cancel alerts at any time by texting "STOP" to 26633.

Upcoming Events

Wheaton Ale Fest

When: Aug. 4, noon-5 p.m.

Where: Memorial Park, located at Wheaton and Karlskoga avenues

The Wheaton Park District will host its second annual Wheaton Ale Fest from noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 4 in Memorial Park. The event features samples from more than 125 brews, food, live entertainment and more. [More information](#)

Summer Band Concerts

When: Thursdays, 8 p.m. Aug. 2, 9, and Aug. 11*

Where: Memorial Park Bandshell, Wheaton and Karlskoga avenues

The Wheaton Municipal Band presents its summer concerts in Memorial Park (Karlskoga and Wheaton avenues). Concerts take place at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 9. *On Aug. 11, the band will perform at Wheaton College's Edman Chapel. Specific information about each concert is available on the [Wheaton Municipal Band's website](#).

Electronic Recycling

When: Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-noon

Where: Wheaton Public Works Storage Facility, 820 W. Liberty Drive

Household batteries are no longer accepted at the monthly electronic recycling collection. However, you can drop off your rechargeable batteries or unwanted electronics for recycling during the City's monthly collection event. Electronics such as televisions, computers and printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted. More information is [on the City's website](#). (Please note that the Sept. 8 collection has been canceled

due to a race taking place in the vicinity of the collection site.)

Library Outdoor Concert

When: Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

Where: Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., west plaza (weather permitting)

The Friends of the Wheaton Public Library outdoor concert series continues on Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. with the Barefoot Hawaiian Polynesian dance and music troupe. In case of rain, the concert would be moved inside the library. For more information, visit [www.wheatonlibrary.org](#) or call 630-868-7592.

Vintage Rides

When: Fridays through Aug. 31, 6:30-9 p.m.

Where: 100 East and 100 West blocks of Front Street (on either side of Main Street)

Check out antique cars during this popular weekly summer car show on Front Street each Friday night. The free family-friendly event is hosted by the Downtown Wheaton Association, and a different make or model of a classic car will be featured each week. Enjoy music, cars and more on the 100 East and 100 West blocks of Front Street. For more information, [visit the DWA's website](#).

French Market

When: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Main Street and Liberty Drive

Flowers, locally grown produce, baked goods, jewelry, crafts and more are sold from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the French Market. For information, contact Bensidoun USA at 630-784-0862.



Parade and Fireworks Rescheduled

Damage from the July 1, 2012 severe storm prevented the Wheaton Park District from holding its Fourth of July fireworks and parade originally scheduled for July 3 and July 4, respectively. The Wheaton Park District announced these Independence Day celebrations have been rescheduled for Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-3, 2012.

On Sunday, Sept. 2, the Wheaton Park District invites the community to Graf Park starting at 5 p.m. for a picnic and family activities, followed by the fireworks show just after sunset. Graf Park is located adjacent to the DuPage County Fairgrounds at 1701 Manchester Road in Wheaton.

On Monday, Sept. 3 (Labor Day), the parade will step off at 9 a.m. from Main Street and Hawthorne. For information about participating in the parade, call Sherry Krajelis at 630-510-5051 or send an email to julyparade@wheatonparks.org.

Information will be posted as it becomes available on the Wheaton Park District's website at www.wheatonparkdistrict.com.



Blood Drive Honors Patriot Day

Mark calendar for Sept. 11 event at Police Department

In observance of Patriot Day, the City of Wheaton Police and Fire departments will be co-sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012. The drive will take place at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. LifeSource Blood Services will operate the blood drive.

The Wheaton Police and Fire departments in partnership with LifeSource Blood Services will be participating in the Everyday Heroes Police, Fire and EMS Give-back Program. Points will be earned for each participating donor, and upon fulfillment of required donations,

Patriot Day Blood Drive

- **Date:** Sept. 11, 2012
- **Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Location:** Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive
- **Appointments:** Visit www.lifesource.org

a monetary donation will be made by LifeSource to the Hundred Club of DuPage County. The Hundred Club offers assistance to families of law enforcement and fire personnel who have been killed or injured.

One blood donation can help save three lives. Life-

Source must register 1,500 donors every 24 hours to meet patients' needs in the Chicago area. The goal for this blood drive is a minimum of 35 appointments.

Blood donation opportunities will be available to anyone wishing to donate. If you are interested in setting up an appointment to donate blood, visit www.lifesource.org and select "donate blood," then "find a mobile blood drive."

If you need assistance with registration or you have questions, contact Sherry at the Wheaton Police Department at 630-260-4861.

Wheaton's next blood drive will be May 17, 2013.



City Calendar

City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions are held in the Council Chambers at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Visit www.wheaton.il.us for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.