

August 2016

## City Notes

### Job Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has employment opportunities for a Human Resources Generalist, Mechanic, and Part-Time Administrative Assistant. To read more about these opportunities, visit [www.wheaton.il.us/jobs](http://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs).

### Commission News

The City Council appointed Shamili Ajgaonkar to a three-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission.

### County Budget Survey

The annual DuPage County budget survey is used to gauge public opinion on how the County should spend money in the coming fiscal year. Take the survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/DuPageBudget17Survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DuPageBudget17Survey).

### Watering Restrictions

Lawn watering restrictions continue through Sept. 15. If your address ends in an even number, you can water your lawn on even-numbered days on the calendar, except from noon-6 p.m. If your address ends in an odd number, you can water your lawn on odd-numbered days on the calendar, except from noon-6 p.m.

# New Garbage Program for Wheaton Begins Oct. 1

*Residents Encouraged Not to Purchase Excess Stickers*

**S**tarting Oct. 1, Wheaton's garbage and recycling program will see some significant changes of which all residents need to be aware. That is the date that Wheaton's new garbage/yard waste/recycling program starts, using a new waste hauler, Lakeshore Recycling Systems.

### New Technology

The new program will mark a significant change in the way you pay for garbage, recycling and yard waste service. Instead of using garbage stickers – which also currently include the cost of recycling service – Lakeshore Recycling Systems will use a technology called Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) to charge a household's customer account each time their garbage or recycling cart are emptied. Stickers will only be used for garbage that does not fit in the selected cart, yard waste/organics, bulk waste, electronic



**Lakeshore Recycling Systems will be the new provider of garbage, recycling and yard waste pickup starting Oct. 1.**

items and white goods.

RFID technology is similar to a car's iPass device, which charges your account every time you pass through a toll station, communicating wirelessly with the receiver in your car. Similarly, each garbage and recycling cart will have an RFID tag attached to it that is linked to your household's account. Each time a garbage/recycling truck empties your cart, it charges a "tipping fee" to

the household account.

### Garbage Carts

The program will require you to use a standard City-issued garbage cart, similar to the blue recycling cart that you currently use. You will have the option of several different garbage cart sizes, so you can select the option that best fits your needs. Lakeshore Recycling Systems will reuse your current

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## 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](mailto:feedback@wheaton.il.us)

# Garbage

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recycling cart and will attach an RFID tag to it.

## Fees

One of the most significant changes will be that the cost of recycling will no longer be included in garbage sticker fees. Because recycling collection currently does not require a sticker, many residents mistakenly believe that it is "free" to recycle in Wheaton. In reality, the cost of recycling service was figured into the cost of garbage stickers.

The new program will charge separate tipping fees for garbage and recycling carts. Recycling tipping fees are charged at a lower rate, which will continue to encourage recycling.

Yard waste, leaves, electronics, excess garbage and



bulk items will continue to use stickers.

## Food Scrap Collection

The new program will also include an option for curbside food scrap collection. This is an optional program through which residents can include food scraps with their yard waste. Lakeshore Recycling Systems will provide more information for residents interested in this service.

## Current Stickers

While there will be a two-

## What Do I Need to Do?

Before this program begins, you will need to:

- 1) Select the size garbage cart you would like to use, and
- 2) Set up a household account with Lakeshore Recycling Systems for billing.

Look for information coming in mid-August from the City and Lakeshore Recycling Systems instructing you on how to do this online, by mail or by phone.

The City will also have example carts on display and will have informational sessions coming up to answer your questions. Sign up for the City's Email Updates at [www.wheaton.il.us/emailupdates](http://www.wheaton.il.us/emailupdates), look for information in upcoming City newsletters, and watch City of Wheaton Channel 10 to find out about upcoming informational opportunities.

week "grace" period starting Oct. 1, where you can use the current vendor's stickers on yard waste or disposal of specialty items (electronics/bulk/etc.), the City encourages you to plan ahead regarding the current vendor's garbage stickers. Do not purchase a large quantity of garbage/

yard waste/leaf stickers as the current program ends. The City will offer a trade-in period from Sept. 19 through Oct. 14 where you can either exchange your current stickers for Lakeshore's yard waste/leaf/electronic recycling/bulk item stickers, or receive a refund for the stickers.

# Take Part in the Citizens Fire Academy

*Seven-week course open to Wheaton residents 18 and older*

If you've ever wondered what it takes to be a firefighter, the Wheaton Fire Department invites you to participate in a hands-on learning experience that will have you gearing up in fire equipment and seeing what the life of a Wheaton firefighter is really like.

The Citizens Fire Academy is a 7-week course from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 27 through Nov. 8, 2016, covering everything from day-to-day fire station operations to breathing apparatus, vehicle extrication and much more. Sessions will take place at Wheaton Fire Station One, 1 Fapp Circle. The academy will culminate with an exercise



putting out a fire in the Carol Stream burn tower.

To take part in the Citizens Fire Academy, you must be a Wheaton resident who is at



**Watch the Video**

Find out more in [this video with the Wheaton Fire Department](#).

There is no fee to participate.

You do not need to meet a certain level of physical fitness to participate, as instructors will modify activities to meet participants' abilities. The Wheaton Fire Department intends for the Citizens Fire Academy to represent a cross-section of the community, including a wide range of ages and abilities.

To register, visit the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/CitizensFireAcademy](http://www.wheaton.il.us/CitizensFireAcademy) to register online, or call 630-260-2175 and provide your name and phone number.

# Bike Wheaton Festival Returns Aug. 13

*Decorate your bike and take part in downtown parade*

**G**et ready for the return of the Bike Wheaton Festival from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016. The Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Committee and Downtown Wheaton Association encourage you to take part in this celebration of cycling for the whole family.

This event will start with a family bike parade through downtown Wheaton at 10 a.m., beginning and ending at Memorial Park. All participants must wear helmets. Judges will award prizes for the most creatively decorated bikes in the parade.

Following the parade, there will be trick cycling



demonstrations, a live DJ and other family activities in Memorial Park. The Wheaton

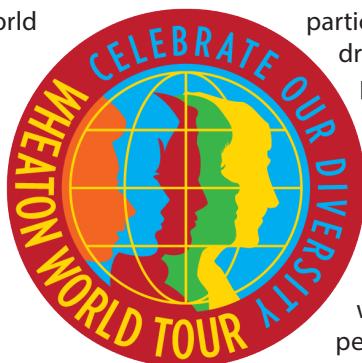
Police Department will also conduct a Bike Rodeo, bike registration, and give away

bike helmets to children, provided by the Wheaton Elks Lodge.

## Wheaton World Tour: A World of Fun Aug. 20

**J**oin the Wheaton Community Relations Commission, Wheaton Public Library and Wheaton Park District for the Wheaton World Tour: A World of Fun.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, the West Plaza of the Wheaton Public Library will include games from around the world, demonstrations, activities and unique items for sale. Participants can have their World Tour Passport stamped at each game station. The McNulty



Irish Dancers will perform at 1 p.m.

Also part of the Wheaton World Tour this year is a Pet Parade, where participants can dress up their pet and/or themselves to show the many lands from which our pets originated. To participate, pick up a registration form in the Wheaton Public Library Children's Department and register by Aug. 17.

## Electronic Recycling Monthly Collections Now Charge for TVs

**A**new vendor, eWorks Electronic Services Inc., is now providing electronic recycling monthly collections in Wheaton. Residents can drop off electronics from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month at the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive.

The biggest change to this program is a charge for recycling all TVs and monitors. TVs/monitors with screens less than 21 inches cost \$25 per item to recycle, and those with screens 21 inches or more cost \$35 per item to recycle. eWorks Electronic Services Inc. accepts cash or credit card payments at the drop-off.

Items accepted include:

- computers and computer equipment (such as PCs, modems, keyboards, scanners and cables),
- office equipment (such as telephones, copy machines, cell phones),
- home entertainment systems (such as video game systems, cameras)
- small home appliances (such as microwaves, hair dryers, blenders, power tools)
- cooking oil (for recycling into biofuel)
- fluorescent tube lights (no CFL light bulbs)
- scrap metal.

Items not accepted include large appliances, and hazardous and chemical waste. If you have questions, contact eWorks Electronic Services Inc. at 847-276-8894.

# Upcoming Events

## Wheaton Municipal Band Summer Concerts

**Dates:** Thursdays through Aug. 11

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Memorial Park, 208 W. Union Ave.

The Wheaton Municipal Band presents a different concert each Thursday night. Concerts take place in the Memorial Park bandshell. To see a schedule of concerts, [visit the Wheaton Municipal Band's website](#).

## Vintage Rides

**Date:** Fridays through Aug. 26

**Time:** 6-9 p.m.

**Location:** Front Street, between Wheaton Avenue and Cross Street

See classic cars on display and enjoy music on Front Street from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Downtown Wheaton Association hosts these summer events. Each week has a different theme. Visit [www.downtownwheaton.com](#) for more information.

## French Market

**Date:** Saturdays through Nov. 12

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

**Location:** Commuter Parking Lot at Liberty Drive and Main

Street

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 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).

## Lunch and Learn: Alzheimer's and Dementia

**Date:** Tuesday, Aug. 2

**Time:** Noon

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

Bring your own lunch and learn about the basics of Alzheimer's and dementia from registered nurse Natalie McFarland with Terra Vista. She will discuss memory loss as well as the warning signs of Alzheimer's and the treatment available. Water will be provided, or bring your own beverage. Please register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

## Save the Honey Bees

**Date:** Thursday, Aug. 4



## Vintage Rides Classic Car Shows

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

Did you know honey bees vote within the hive? Beekeeper Bill Whitney, owner of City Bee Savers of Wheaton, will present on the fascinating world of bees and what beekeepers do. He will also discuss the current honey bee crisis and what you can do to help. Please register online at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#) or call 630-868-7520.

W. Union Ave.

The Wheaton Park District will host the 2016 Wheaton Brew Fest in Memorial Park, featuring unique brews, live entertainment and food from Wheaton restaurants. [More information](#)

## Concert on the Park: dupage

**Date:** Tuesday, Aug. 9

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., West Plaza

This local cover band will play all your favorites, from Motown to classic rock n roll. The band's mission is to get everybody up and dancing, so prepare to rock out and have a good time! Concerts are held outdoors on the West Plaza. Limited seating provided, please feel free to bring your own blankets or chairs. In the event of rain, concerts will be held in the lower level large meeting room on a first come, first served basis.

## Wheaton Wine Walk

**Date:** Thursday, Aug. 11

**Time:** 5-8 p.m.

**Location:** Downtown

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# Upcoming Events

## Wheaton

Enjoy fine wines, try cuisine from Downtown Wheaton restaurants during the Downtown Wheaton Association's Wheaton Wine Walk. More than 20 locations will open their doors to bring tastings of fine wines and small bites and appetizers. This event will also include live music. [More information](#)

## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, Aug. 13  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon  
**Location:** Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive (near the Police Station)  
Bring unwanted electronics to the monthly electronic recycling collection. This is a drive-through event where volunteers will help unload items from your car. Please note that there is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event. [More information](#)

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## Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Dates:** Aug. 24-27  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library

See the information at right.

## Shakespeare in the Park

**Dates:** Aug. 26-27  
**Time:** Park opens at 6 p.m., performance at 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Memorial Park, 208 W. Union Ave.

Enjoy two performances of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night in Memorial Park Aug. 26 and 27. Sponsored by the Wheaton Park District. [More information](#)



## Book Sale is Aug. 24-27

*Book donations accepted at library*

The popular Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place Aug. 24-27, featuring books for children, teens and adults. All proceeds will benefit library programs.

The sale will take place at the Wheaton Public Library:

- 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Aug. 24
- 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Aug. 25
- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 26
- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 27

Friends of the Wheaton Public Library members can attend a preview night sale on Aug. 23.

The library is accepting donations for the sale of books, DVDs, CDs, videos, LPs and audiobooks, which can be dropped off at the donation bins in the library's lobby.

A separate Media Sale will take place Sept. 22-25, featuring DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, LPs and audiobooks. For more information, visit [www.wheatonlibrary.org](http://www.wheatonlibrary.org) or email [friends@wheatonlibrary.org](mailto:friends@wheatonlibrary.org).



## 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](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 1** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 15** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.