



August 2017

City Notes

Mosquito Spraying Notice

If you'd like to be notified by phone when the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District will be spraying for mosquitoes, call 1-800-942-2555. Applications are typically made from dusk until 2 a.m. The District's mosquito hotline will call you in advance of spraying.

Road Construction Updates

- The intersection of President Street and College Avenue will be converted to a four-way stop while contracted crews upgrade the traffic signal system. This project will include extensive underground utility work, wiring, replacing curb and sidewalks, and resurfacing the intersection. This project is expected to be completed in late October.

- Due to unforeseen site conditions, the reconstruction of Crescent Street from President to Chase streets is behind

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Join the Citizens Fire Academy

Seven-week course meets on Tuesday nights

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a firefighter? Are you interested in learning how the Wheaton Fire Department operates?

The Wheaton Fire Department invites you to participate in a hands-on learning experience that will have you gearing up in fire equipment and learning what the life of a Wheaton firefighter is really like.

The Citizens Fire Academy is a 7-week course offered exclusively to Wheaton residents. The academy runs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 3 through Nov. 14.

The program covers everything from day-to-day fire station operations, breathing apparatus, vehicle extrication, and much more. The academy will culminate with the opportunity to extinguish a fire at the Carol Stream burn tower.

To take part in the Citizens Fire Academy, you



Apply online at:

wheaton.il.us/CitizensFireAcademy

or call 630-260-2175

must be a Wheaton resident who is at least 18 years old. Participants should plan to attend all seven weeks of the academy, as the information and skills learned will build upon prior sessions.

There is no fee to participate in the Citizens Fire Academy and no minimum level of physical fitness required. Academy instructors will modify activities to meet individual 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.

Registration will begin Aug. 1 and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To register visit www.wheaton.il.us/CitizensFireAcademy, or call 630-260-2175 and provide your name, address, and phone number.

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

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schedule. The City expects to reopen the road to traffic the week of Aug. 21. Because minor construction work may continue, parking along this street could be unavailable into early September. Alternate daily fee parking locations are listed on the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/parking.

Road Closure: Wheaton Brew Fest

The Wheaton Park District will host Wheaton Brew Fest on Saturday, Aug. 5 in Memorial Park. Please note that Karlsgoda Avenue will be closed from the evening of Aug. 3 through Saturday, Aug. 5.

Job Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has employment opportunities for the following positions:

- Maintenance Custodian
- Maintenance Worker, Sewer Division
- Part-Time Administrative Assistant
- Part-time Systems Technician

To find out more, visit www.wheaton.il.us/jobs.

Commission News

The City Council recently approved the following appointments/reappointments to City boards and commissions:

- Leslie Day, appointed to a 3-year term on the Community Relations Commission
- Ryan Kipfer, appointed to a 3-year term on the Library Board
- Joe McHale, reappointed to a 3-year term on the Library Board
- Chris Dabovich, appointed to a 5-year term on the Planning & Zoning Board
- Cecilia Horejs, appointed to a 5-year term on the Planning & Zoning Board



The Wheaton Police Department offers a fun bike rodeo challenge course for kids.

August 12 Wheaton Bike Festival to Celebrate “Bike-Centennial”

Event includes bike parade, bike rodeo with Wheaton Police and more

A family-friendly festival will soon roll into town with the return of the Bike Wheaton Festival. This year, the event will also help celebrate the “Bike-Centennial,” which is the 200th anniversary of the invention of the bicycle.

From 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 12, join the Wheaton Bicycle Committee and the Downtown Wheaton Association in Memorial Park for many fun activities revolving around biking.

Included in this event:

- **Bike Parade through downtown Wheaton:** Prizes will be awarded for decorated bikes in all age groups. Bring family and friends to watch or join in the parade, which will travel from Memorial Park, south on Wheaton Avenue, east

on Front Street, and north on Hale Street, ending at Memorial Park.

• **Bike Rodeo:** Organized by the Wheaton Police Department, children can test their bike skills and get a certificate.

• **Festival in the Park:** Find exhibits, information booths for bicyclists, bike tuning how-to, DJ in the bandshell, and more.

• **Vintage/Historic Bikes on Parade:** See vintage,

historic, one-of-a-kind, retro and customized bikes in the parade and on display celebrating the “Bike-centennial.”

• **Bike Donations:** Bring old/used bikes to donate to Working Bikes, an organization that repairs bikes and donates them to individuals who need transportation.

You do not need to register for this event, and it is free to participate.



Children can decorate their bikes and participate in a bike parade through downtown Wheaton.

Take Precautions to Prevent Car Burglaries

The City of Wheaton has recently experienced an uptick in burglaries to vehicles. In the first week of July alone there were more than 55 vehicle burglaries. One vehicle was stolen when the criminals discovered the keys. In each of these incidents, the vehicles were left unsecured on the driveway of the residence.

To help curb this ongoing problem and deter criminals, the Wheaton Police Department would like to remind the public of the following crime prevention tips:

- Always lock your vehicle when it is unattended.
- Do not leave a spare key inside the vehicle unless it is well-hidden.
- Do not leave valuables inside the vehicle.
- Use exterior lights or motion detectors on your property to deter criminals.
- Report suspicious persons or noises to 9-1-1.



The Friends of the Wheaton Public Library will host a book sale Aug. 23-26 at the library.

Library Book Sale Starts Aug. 23

It's book sale season! The Friends of the Wheaton Public Library annual book sale returns Aug. 23 to the Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., featuring more than 20,000 adult books and a separate children's sale with thousands of books, movies, and more at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit library programs.

There will be reduced prices on Friday, and \$5 buys

Friends of the Library Book Sale

- **Wednesday & Thursday, Aug. 23-24:**
9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- **Friday & Saturday, Aug. 25-26:**
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

a whole bag of books on Saturday. A Preview Sale for Friends Members only will be from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday,

Aug. 22.

A Media Sale featuring adult DVDs, CDs, LPs, VHS tapes, audiobooks and more is scheduled for Sept. 21-24. Donations of books and media are being accepted now for the sales.

For more information, please visit the Wheaton Public Library's website at www.wheatonlibrary.org/friends, or you can send an email to friends@wheatonlibrary.org.

Slow Down in School Zones, Obey Speed Limits

Consider this:
• In 2015, 369 people in Illinois died in automobile accidents caused by speeding.

- Crash severity increases with the speed of the vehicle at impact, resulting in more severe injuries.
- When speeding, there is a greater chance that other drivers will misjudge how fast you are traveling.

• A 1% decrease in travel speed reduces injuries by about 2%, a serious crash by 3%, and a fatal crash by 4%.

These are a few of the

facts the Wheaton Police Department and police departments statewide highlighted during Illinois Speed Awareness Day on July 26.

The Wheaton Police Department asks you to do your part in preventing fatalities and injuries on the road by obeying posted speed limits at all times. With your help, we can make the roads safer for all motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

Also, please be especially cautious near schools as school begins. Many students



may be walking to school for the first time or have

forgotten safe practices for crossing the street.

Upcoming Events

Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts

Dates: Thursdays through Aug. 10

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park

Join the Wheaton Municipal Band for a summer of free outdoor concerts at the Memorial Park Bandshell. Each concert has a different theme. More information is available on the [Wheaton Municipal Band website](#).



Vintage Rides Car Shows

Date: Fridays through Aug. 25

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Front Street, downtown Wheaton

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. Visit [www.downtownwheaton.com](#) for each week's theme.

French Market

Date: Saturdays through 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. The outdoor market is at Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton. For information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0286.

Wheaton Brew Fest

Date: Saturday, Aug. 5

Time: Noon-4:30 p.m.

Location: Memorial Park, 208 W. Union Ave.

Join the Wheaton Park District for Wheaton's annual outdoor craft brew fest featuring unique brews, live entertainment and food from some of Wheaton's favorite restaurants. For more information, visit [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com](#).

Concert on the Park: Steel Crazy

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 8

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Take a trip to the islands with Steel Crazy! This 10-piece steel drum band will play tropical, feel-good favorites of the summer, like Jimmy Buffett, Harry Belafonte, the Beach Boys, and more. In the event of rain, the concert will be in the lower level large meeting room. Feel free to bring blankets or chairs.

Wheaton Wine Walk

Date: Thursday, Aug. 10

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Location: 134 W. Front Street
Enjoy fine wines, taste

delectable cuisine and sway to the beat as you sip, stroll and shop your way through downtown Wheaton. For more information, see the Downtown Wheaton Association's website at [www.downtownwheaton.com](#).

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Aug. 12

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. Please note that there is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event.

3rd Annual Bike Wheaton Festival

Date: Saturday, Aug. 12

Time: 10 a.m.-Noon

Location: Memorial Park

Celebrate your love for biking and join us for a fun festival in Memorial Park beginning with a festive parade through Downtown Wheaton. For more information, see page 2.

Biz Books Review

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 15

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Business and career coach Vickie Austin highlights new and classic business books for busy executives, employees, and entrepreneurs. Meets on the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the library. This month's book is "The Click Moment: Seizing Opportunity in an Unpredictable World" by Frans Johansson.

Total Eclipse 2017: Solar Powered Fun!

Date: Monday, Aug. 21

Time: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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

Drop by to prepare for the total solar eclipse! Grab a pair of eclipse viewing glasses, make a pinhole viewer, and more. We'll have crafts and eclipse information for all ages. We'll also be showing NASA's live webcast from Southern Illinois University beginning at 11 a.m.

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Samuel Watts, a Wheaton resident, gave his life serving our country.

Wheaton Street Dedicated to Local Hero

Karlskoga Avenue now bears the name of a former resident who gave his life serving our country.

On July 21, the City of Wheaton unveiled an honorary sign dedicated to SPC Samuel T. Watts at the corner of Karlskoga Ave and Hale Street. Family, friends and City officials celebrated the unveiling during a ceremony honoring Watts.

SPC Samuel T. Watts was a graduate of Wheaton North High School and Specialist in the U.S Army. He gave his life serving his country in Afghanistan in 2012.

The City enacted an honorary street sign program in September 2016 to posthumously recognize former Wheaton residents who made significant contributions to the City, state, or the United States.

Nicor Work Affecting Some Areas

Contracted crews for Nicor Gas are working in Wheaton to replace underground gas pipes. Crews are working on the parkways of some residential properties. All workers for Nicor or its contractor, NPL, will be wearing Nicor identification badges.

If your property is included in the work area, Nicor has provided you with a notice of the upcoming work.

This project includes inspecting sewers, identifying the location of underground utilities, installing a new natural gas main (an underground pipe supplying homes with natural gas), connecting service lines to the new

Areas Affected by Nicor Work:

- 116-207 N. Ellis Ave.
- 533-621 W. Front St.
- 130-204 N. Gary Ave.
- 401 Lyon Ave.
- 812-901 W. Union Ave.
- 428-530 W. Wesley St.
- 318-408 Western Ave.
- 803-1021 Arbor Ave.
- 902-1035 Arbor Ct.
- 409-521 Aurora Way
- 835-1129 Aurora Way
- 1141-1335 Aurora Way
- 648-652 Childs St.
- 422-818 Crest St.
- 403-430 Delles Rd.
- 616-920 Elm St.
- 603-604 Frazier Ct.
- 922-1229 Gables Blvd.
- 924-1104 Golf Ln.
- 904-1228 Greenwood Dr.
- 833-829 Lakeside Dr.
- 822-1003 Lyford Ln.
- 719 Lynwood Ln.
- 703-834 Parkside Dr.
- 630-631 Roosevelt Rd.
- 916-1230 Sunset Rd.

gas main, abandoning the old main, and restoring landscape and pavement.

This work is part of a multi-year project to modernize aging natural gas infrastructure.

For more information, visit nicorgas.com/WorkInYourNeighborhood. Please direct questions about this project to Nicor representative Ray Fazio at 630-317-1751.

Watch Fourth of July Parade Video



Did you miss Wheaton's Fourth of July Parade, or want to see it again? [A video of the parade is available on the City's website](#) and is airing on City of Wheaton Channel 10.

The 2017 parade, which was organized by the Wheaton Park District, featured bands, floats, performers and more. The theme for this year's parade was "There's No Place Like Home."



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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- 7** City Council Meeting, 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.