

December 2016

## City Notes

### Yard Waste Pickup Ends Soon

Yard waste/food scraps/organics collection in Wheaton will end the week of Dec. 12-16, with your last pickup being on your regular garbage day.

For leaf pickup, place leaves in containers 33 gallons in size or smaller, or in biodegradable bags. Containers or bags must weigh less than 50 pounds when filled. Each container or bag requires a Lakeshore Recycling Systems sticker, which is available at City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., and at many local grocery and hardware stores. More information about leaf collection is [available on the City's website](#).

### Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedules

Lakeshore Recycling Systems will observe the Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2, respectively, and will not collect garbage/yard waste/recycling on these days. All pickups for the weeks of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 will be one day later than usual.

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## Look for Your First Garbage & Recycling Bill in the Mail

*Information on payment options also included with invoice*

**B**e on the lookout for your first invoice for garbage and recycling service.

Lakeshore Recycling Systems began mailing invoices for garbage and recycling pickup service you have received since the new program began on Oct. 1. Invoices are being mailed in groups, and all residents served by Lakeshore should receive their invoice by mid-December.

Along with your invoice, you will also receive information about your payment options, how to set up your customer account online, and how to make a payment. The enclosed information also includes



answers to frequently asked questions about Lakeshore's billing system.

Please note that you must wait until you have received your mailed invoice before you can make a payment. The invoice includes your Customer

Account Number and Invoice Number, which you will need in order to set up your customer account.

If you have questions regarding billing after you receive your invoice, please contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at 773-685-8811.

## Please Decorate Safely for the Holidays

**T**his holiday season, the Wheaton Fire Department will decorate Wheaton's three fire stations with wreaths that have a special

significance. The wreaths are part of the Keep the Wreath Red fire safety campaign, a statewide program that reminds you to practice fire safety during the holiday

season. The wreaths feature red lights, and for each Wheaton fire caused by holiday decorations, the Fire Department will replace one  
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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)

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## City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2.

## Business News

New Wheaton businesses include:

**Miroballi Shoes**, 124 N. Hale St., is an independent shoe and accessory retailer in Chicagoland and northern Indiana. Since 1959, Miroballi Shoes has been serving Chicagoland customers with the finest in footwear and accessories.

**The Sipping Muse**, 122 N. Hale St., is a Creative Arts & BYOB Studio, where Fun Is Your Muse.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees will be collected as part of curbside recycling the weeks of Jan. 2 and Jan. 9 on your garbage/recycling day. (Note that your pickup day will be one day later during the week of Jan. 2 due to the observed holiday). Lakeshore Recycling Systems will recycle your tree without a sticker during these weeks.

Remove all decorations, including tinsel or garland, and place your tree at the curb on your regular garbage pickup day. Please do not place your tree in a bag.

If you miss the two-week collection period, you will need to put the tree at the curb with five Lakeshore stickers.

## Christmas Light Recycling

From now through Feb.



10, 2017, you can bring strands of incandescent or LED lights and extension cords in any condition to the Public Works Storage Facility at 820 W. Liberty Drive (across from the Public Works facility) any time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays.

Look for signs directing you to the holiday light recycling area just inside the gate.

Please do not place your lights in a plastic bag, and do not include lawn ornaments or other decorations.

Elgin Recycling will collect the lights, which will then be stripped and recycled for their copper and plastic parts. No materials will be shipped overseas.

## Commission News

The City Council reappointed Don Westlake to the Band Commission, appointed Gail Forrest to the Community Relations Commission, appointed Brittany Drummond to the Environmental Improvement Commission, reappointed Tracy Jones to the Wheaton Downtown Design Review Board, and reappointed Steph McGrath to the Historic Commission. Each will serve three-year terms.

# Three City Commissions Seek New Members

More than 100 Wheaton residents volunteer their time to serve on City boards and commissions, which help improve communication between the City and residents. These groups meet on a regular basis to review specialized matters, develop recommendations to the City Council, and/or plan programs and events benefitting the community. Three commissions are seeking new members.

The **Wheaton Housing Commission** administers a Housing Assistance Program to assist Wheaton seniors with their housing costs.

**Wheaton's Police Pension Fund Board's** duties include investing funds, enforcing contributions, keeping records of the

board's meetings and other duties related to managing the Police Pension Fund.

The **Group Care Home Commission** reviews all applications for group care homes that do not have a license from a federal, state or county agency; and reviews requests for group care home license renewals.

To apply for a position on the Wheaton Housing Commission, Wheaton Police Pension Fund Board or Group Care Home Commission, complete a [Boards and Commissions Volunteer Application form](#) on the City's website and send it to [cityclerk@wheaton.il.us](mailto:cityclerk@wheaton.il.us) or Wheaton City Hall, Attn: City Clerk, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187.

Contact the City Clerk at 630-260-2012 with questions.

# Information on Election Objections/Withdrawals

To file an objection to a nomination petition or to withdraw a nomination petition for the 2017 municipal election, residents must follow the procedures below. Objections and withdrawals are filed with the Wheaton City Clerk, Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St., Second Floor, Wheaton.

**Filing an Objection:** Objections to nomination

petitions may be filed within five business days following the last day of filing – Nov. 29, 2016 through Dec. 5, 2016 – between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**Filing a Withdrawal:** Any candidate who has filed a nomination petition may cause his/her name to be withdrawn up to Dec. 21, 2016, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

# Decorate

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red bulb with a white bulb.

Help Keep the Wreath Red by unplugging holiday lights before leaving home

or sleeping, being careful with candles, using flame-retardant decorations, ensuring lights are in good condition and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed, and keeping real trees watered.



# What Does it Take to Get Downtown Wheaton Ready for the Holidays?



Public Works crews put up the tree in Martin Memorial Plaza, fill planters with greens and much more before the holidays.

Mayor Michael Gresk put the finishing touch on downtown Wheaton's holiday decorations when he lit the tree in Martin Memorial Plaza and kicked off the Wheaton Christmas Parade on Nov. 25. But what does it take to get downtown Wheaton ready for the holidays?

[Watch the latest "City Scene" video](#) to find out how many lights and how much work go into making the



**Watch the Video**

You can [watch "City Scene: Holiday Decorations"](#) online or on CWC10.

downtown shine for the holidays.

"City Scene" is a new video series that takes a behind-the-scenes look at how things get done in the City.

## Learn How You Can Prevent Frozen Pipes This Winter

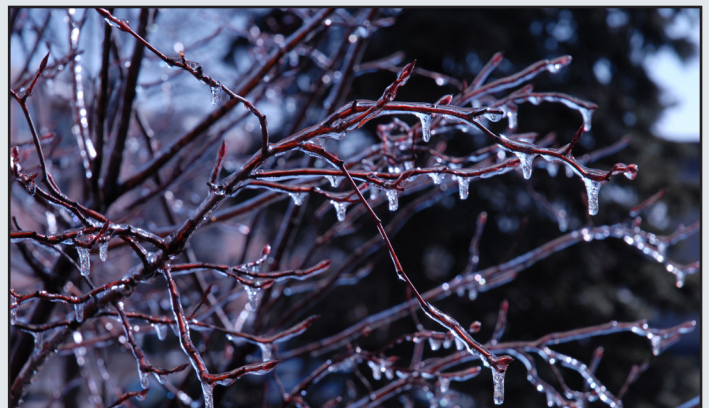
**D**o you know how to prevent water pipes in your home from freezing or how to thaw them if they do freeze? A few tips can save you the hassle of dealing with frozen pipes.

- Insulate pipes in unheated areas or against outside walls and seal any leaks that may let cold air in.
- Keep your garage door closed if your water meter is

located in that area.

- Disconnect your garden hose and shut off the water supply to outside faucets.
- If the temperature gets extremely cold, open cabinet doors under sinks to allow heat to get to pipes and let a faucet drip at a trickle if possible.

Questions may be directed to the City's Water Division at 630-260-2090.





# Upcoming Events

## Festival of Lights and Trees

**Dates:** Through Dec. 30  
**Location:** Cosley Zoo, 1356 N. Gary Ave.

Cosley Zoo is transformed into a winter wonderland with 20,000 twinkling lights creating spectacular displays, an amazing selection of Christmas trees for you to purchase, hot chocolate, and holiday gifts. The zoo is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily; lights come on at 3 p.m.

## A Visit with Santa

**Dates:** Saturdays through Dec. 17  
**Time:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Location:** Martin Memorial Plaza, Front Street west of Main Street

Visit Santa in his house on Front Street in downtown Wheaton. Sponsored by the Downtown Wheaton Association.

## Dickens of a Christmas Carriage Rides

**Dates:** Saturdays through Dec. 17  
**Time:** Noon-3 p.m.  
**Location:** Martin Memorial Plaza, Front Street west of Main Street

Enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides through downtown Wheaton. Rides begin at Martin Memorial Plaza, located on Front Street just west of Main Street. Sponsored by the Downtown Wheaton Association.

## Frosty Fest

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 3  
**Time:** Starts at 2 p.m.  
**Location:** Town Square Wheaton Shopping Center, Naperville Road & Blanchard  
Town Square will be



transformed into a winter wonderland with live reindeer, train rides, pony rides, face painting, Santa, freebies and more! Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. and will visit with children from 5:30-8 p.m.

## Holiday Stroll

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 3  
**Time:** 3-7 p.m.  
**Location:** Downtown Wheaton

Visit with your favorite Downtown Wheaton businesses as they offer special holiday treats, activities and promotions. Also, don't miss the live ice carving demonstrations at Martin Memorial Plaza (on Front St.) and traveling Christmas carolers!

## Sunday Concert: Beyond Glee

**Date:** Sunday, December 4  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Celebrate the holidays with the Wheaton Park District chorale group Beyond Glee!

This performance-based community chorus sings a wide repertoire of songs and will have you singing along to your favorite holiday songs! Concerts are seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

## The Essential Christmas Carol

**Date:** Thursday, Dec. 8  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

In this storytelling lecture, William Pack will discuss the curious origins behind one of the most popular stories ever written, Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." He will then perform a reading of the classic with a modern recreation of a magic lantern slide show popular during Dickens' lifetime. All ages are welcome! Please register at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) or call 630-868-7520.

## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 10  
**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 help unload items from your car. Please note that there is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event.

## Christmas Markets of Germany

**Date:** Monday, Dec. 12  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

For centuries, the ancient Christmas Markets of Germany have provided bright color and good cheer during the long gloomy nights of December. Ralph Danielsen presents a slideshow of the biggest, oldest, and most traditional markets as well as markets just founded in the last century. Please register at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) or call 630-868-7520.



## Find the City on Facebook!

The City of Wheaton is now on Facebook! Like our page at [www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton](http://www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton) to stay up-to-date with City news, events and more.

You will also find photos from things happening around Wheaton, reminders about upcoming events and important emergency alerts. See photos of the Wheaton Christmas Parade, get reminders on garbage holidays, see historical photos of Wheaton and more.

Check it out at [www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton](http://www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton) or search for "City of Wheaton government" on Facebook.



# Snow Removal Reminders

*Help snow plows by not parking on the street and clearing obstructions*

As snowy weather arrives, the City of Wheaton has a few reminders that will help City crews to clear Wheaton streets and minimize safety hazards.

Plowing, blowing or shoveling snow into the roadway or across the street to the opposite parkway creates several problems. Snow that piles up in the street is a nuisance to other property owners, creates more narrow traffic lanes, and produces safety hazards for other drivers. It also can cause plows to hit the curb, which can damage the curb. For these reasons, the City enacted an ordinance that makes pushing snow into the street or onto an opposite parkway a violation of City Code. Please help keep our streets safe by adhering to this ordinance. Violations yield a minimum fine of \$100 per day.

You can also help by keeping fire hydrants clear of snow and by removing obstructions – such as portable basketball hoops or decorative stone boulders – that are within 5 feet of the

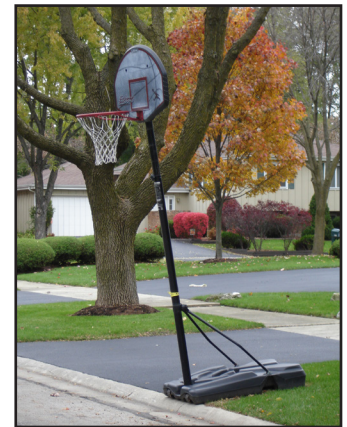


**Please check to make sure your mailbox isn't damaged or leaning into the street, and move portable basketball hoops and other items that are within 5 feet of the curb. These become obstructions for snow plow drivers that are trying to clear your street.**

paved street. Please check your mailbox, too, to make sure it's not leaning into the roadway. Leaning mailboxes become obstructions for snow plows.

Also, please remember that after 2 inches of accumulated snowfall, parking is prohibited on any street for 24 hours or until streets have been cleared.

Finally, please clear snow from sidewalks near your home. Keeping sidewalks clear, especially near inter-



sections, is very helpful for children walking to school or their bus stops and other neighbors who use the sidewalks.

To receive timely information during severe winter weather, you can [follow the City of Wheaton on Facebook](#), follow [@CityOfWheaton on Twitter](#) or get information delivered to you through [Email Updates](#).

## 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.

### December 2016

- 3** Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 5** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 19** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 26** City offices closed, no trash pickup

