

February 2017

City Notes

Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has several job opportunities. The City seeks applicants for a part-time Media Assistant position in the Communications Department and a Police Services Representative. Also, college students looking for full-time temporary seasonal work can apply for summer positions in the Public Works Department. [Find out more on the City's website.](#)

Yard Waste Pickup Resumes in April

Despite mild temperatures, please note that yard waste pickup is not currently being offered. Yard waste is collected between the first full week of April and the second full week of December.

Holiday Light Recycling

Through Feb. 10, you can recycle strands of incandescent or LED lights and extension cords in any condition at the Public Works

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Mayor Reviews Wheaton's 2016 Successes and Upcoming Projects

On Jan. 19, Wheaton Mayor Michael Gresk presented his 2017 State of the City Address, highlighting Wheaton's successes of 2016 and what is on the horizon for the City of Wheaton. You can [watch the Mayor's State of the City Address video on the City's website](#) and on City of Wheaton Channel 10.

2016 was a year of some big changes in Wheaton. In May, former Assistant City Manager Mike Dzugan took the reins as City Manager, following longtime City Manager Don Rose's retirement. With 24 years of service to the City of Wheaton, Mr. Dzugan has an extensive knowledge of this community, and his transition to City Manager has been seamless.

This also marked the first year with Chief James Volpe leading the Police Department. Chief Volpe has worked for the Wheaton Police Department since 1983 and served in several leadership positions before becoming Chief.

Other changes included



former Human Resources Director John Duguay becoming Assistant City Manager, and the addition of a new Human Resources Director and Public Information Officer.

Library Improvements

Big changes are also happening at our library, which recently completed a reorganization project. You will find a larger creative play area for youngsters, a space for "tweens," an expanded Teenspace, an easy-to-find adult fiction section, a tech center with more technology

Watch the Video

[Watch Mayor Gresk's State of the City Address on the City's website or on City of Wheaton Channel 10.](#)

available for checkout, an enhanced Genealogy center and more. In cooperation with the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, the library also developed a Business Resource Center. These improvements were funded

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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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Storage Facility at 820 W. Liberty Drive between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Look for signs directing you to the holiday light recycling area just inside the gate.

Do not place your lights in a plastic bag. Elgin Recycling will collect the lights, which will be stripped and recycled for their copper and plastic parts.

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Update Session on Garbage & Recycling

Do you have questions about Wheaton's garbage and recycling program? Hear from representatives with Lakeshore Recycling Systems, who will cover any questions residents have about their garbage, recycling and yard waste service, including:

- Billing questions
- What you can/can't recycle
- Bulk item pickups
- Seasonal yard waste pickups.

The information session will take place at the Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St., at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, Room C (lower level). You do not need to register to attend.

If you are unable to attend the information session, the City will have a video of the session available after the event.

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primarily by donations to the library.

Downtown Improvements

After 4 years of planning, the City recently made a huge step toward improving the downtown streetscape. Primera Engineering is working on construction drawings and specifications for Phase 1 of the Downtown Streetscape Plan. This phase will include improvements of Front Street from West Street to Cross Street.

The entire downtown Streetscape Project will take close to five years to complete, bringing to fruition the vision the City Council, City Staff, residents and local stakeholders all created together. A variety of improvements are designed to increase the marketability and attractiveness of downtown Wheaton, while addressing and correcting deteriorating infrastructure. You will see improvements on our parking facilities, access for pedestrians and bicyclists, increased signage, and more.

Building & Economic Development

Many projects in Wheaton show continued growth in



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terms of building activity and economic development. The number of new single-family homes being built was up 14% in 2016, with single-family remodeling projects seeing an increase of 9%.

New businesses in Wheaton are a welcome sign. The past year has brought new businesses to vacant spaces, such as Miroballi Shoes, a CVS Pharmacy on Naperville Road, OMG Café, Choun's Restaurant and more.

Other businesses are investing in Wheaton by moving to larger locations, like Whole Foods. The new store in Danada Square East opened Jan. 25, and the renovation is already spurring activity in the shopping center, with the addition of a new Starbuck's and more changes coming soon.

Courthouse Square

Apartments received its final certificate of occupancy, bringing higher residential density to downtown, and the City is looking forward to seeing the completion of projects like the new ROC Storage, Bucky's, Sierra Trading Company and more.

Infrastructure Improvements

The City continues to invest a substantial amount of time and effort each year improving Wheaton's infrastructure – elements that affect us all every day.

Crews improved more than 5 miles of Wheaton streets in 2016. Alongside repaving these roads, the annual street program also involved replacing 100 storm sewers, 18,000 feet of curbs, and 1,300 feet of water mains.

The City also continues work on programs designed to reduce the amount of sanitary sewer backups and overflows that parts of the City experience during significant rainfall. Wheaton's Engineering and Public Works Departments are leading the way in this area with an innovative program that is making a measurable difference.

Garbage/Recycling Program

The City thanks the more



Wheaton's new garbage program uses innovative technology so residents don't need to use garbage stickers any more.

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Work Begins for Downtown Streetscape Project

Wheaton is moving forward with the City's downtown streetscape project after the Wheaton City Council approved an agreement with Primera Engineering, Ltd. The engineering company will assist the City with the Phase 1, the design and construction management of public improvements on Front Street between West Street and Cross Street.

"The City of Wheaton has been planning the downtown streetscape project for more than four years, and we're excited to begin work on the much-needed improvements that will increase the marketability and attractiveness of our City," said Wheaton City Manager Michael Dzugan.

Primera Engineering, Ltd. has begun survey work



The downtown streetscape project will improve infrastructure, add signage and much more.

on Front Street and will complete design drawings and specifications over the summer. Underground utility work will begin later this fall.

Crews with Rubino Engineering will begin marking locations for boring/coring work along Front Street the week of Jan. 30.

This work will not involve disruptions to traffic or downtown businesses.

The entire downtown project will take close to five years to complete, bringing together the vision the City Council, City staff, residents and local stakeholders created together. Significant

infrastructure improvements will be made to Downtown in this diverse and substantial project, including wayfinding signage, benches, trees, lighting and overall upgrades to the streetscape.

For more information, see the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/DowntownPlan.

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than 2,000 Wheaton residents who completed a survey early in 2016 to guide Wheaton's new garbage, recycling and yard waste program.

The result is a community-driven program that combines environmental responsibility, the latest technology available, and economical service.

In the new program with Lakeshore Recycling Systems, you pay only for waste you produce. However, this program uses technology similar to what is used in the Illinois Tollway system's iPass devices, rather than garbage stickers, as Lakeshore's trucks wirelessly scan your garbage and recycling carts upon pick-up. Wheaton also added a food scrap composting

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Channels 10 & 17

feature which can be combined with yard waste.

Online Conveniences

Conveniences and efficiencies for residents were created online this year as well. In addition to paying your water and sewer bill online, you can now also pay

for certain types of business licenses, leased parking permits and parking tickets at wheaton.il.us.

Wheaton is now on Facebook, too. The City is excited to see people connecting with the City and sharing their thoughts and concerns here. Keep

your comments, stories and thoughts coming so we can continue these meaningful interactions.

The City is also reaching out to you with more short and informative videos online and on Wheaton TV Channels 10 and 17. Check out the new video series called "City Scene," which takes you to the front lines of our City services, and you can soon watch the debut of a new show called "The Wheaton Insider".

Looking toward the future, this year you will see the City's website redesigned to improve its usability – making it easier to find what you're looking for no matter what type of device you are using.

With all of these successes and exciting projects on the horizon, the City looks forward to another year of growth, change and success in 2017.

Upcoming Events

Physicians' Untold Stories

Date: Wednesday, February 1

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Join Wheaton's own Dr. Scott J. Kolbaba as he discusses his new book, "Physicians' Untold Stories." Dr. Kolbaba will discuss the various stories of miraculous experiences of local doctors and will have copies of his book available to sign and sell. Please register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Pearl Harbor: A Day That Will Live in Infamy

Date: Thursday, Feb. 9

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

To honor the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, historian Jim Gibbons will explain how the beginnings of the storms of war led to the predawn attack that changed our nation forever. Registration required at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Feb. 11

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.

Pets at the White House: A History in Story and Song

Date: Sunday, Feb. 12

Time: 2 p.m.

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

Join the dynamic acting and singing duo Jenny Riddle and Elizabeth Doyle as they perform upbeat songs and wonderful stories about the four-legged, beaked and pawed inhabitants who have resided in the White House throughout the decades. Attendees will be seated on a first come, first served basis.

Eco-Friendly Gardening

Date: Thursday, Feb. 23

Time: 7 p.m.

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

Get ready for warm months ahead by learning how you can help save the planet from your own backyard. A representative from the Conservation Foundation will discuss how your garden can attract pollinators, conserve water, and more! Register at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar or call 630-868-7520.

In Good Taste Restaurant Week

Date: Feb. 24-March 5

Location: Participating downtown Wheaton restaurants

Visit downtown Wheaton restaurants during Restaurant Week, which features special menu items, discounts, pre-fixe menus, special events and more. The Downtown Wheaton Association organizes this event. For more information, see www.downtownwheaton.com.



Senior Housing Assistance Program Applications Due

The City of Wheaton offers an annual Housing Assistance Program to assist its senior citizens with their housing costs. The City's Housing Commission is accepting applications from qualifying Wheaton residents through Friday, Feb. 24.

Residents must meet the three following requirements to qualify for the Wheaton Housing Assistance Program:

- **Age:** The minimum age for acceptance into this program is 65 years old.
- **Residency:** The minimum length of incorporated Wheaton residency for acceptance into this program is 3 years.
- **Income:** The maximum annual household income for acceptance into this program is \$23,800.

Senior Housing Assistance applications are [now available on the City's website](http://www.cityofwheaton.org). To inquire about the program, please contact Lindsay Qualkenbush at 630-260-2019 or at LQualkenbush@wheaton.il.us.



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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- 4 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Offices Closed
- 21 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.