

January 2017

## City Notes

### Holiday Schedule for Garbage Pickup

Due to the New Year's holiday, all pickups for the week of Jan. 2, 2017 will be one day later than usual. Lakeshore Recycling Systems will observe the holiday on Jan. 2 and will not collect garbage or recycling on this day.

### Find us on Facebook

Want to keep up with City news and events? The City is now on Facebook. Look for us at [www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton](http://www.facebook.com/CityOfWheaton).

### City Offices Closed

City of Wheaton non-emergency offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, 2017. They will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

### Business News

Natural and organic foods grocer Whole Foods Market opened their new 55,000-square-foot location at the intersection of

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## Crews Testing New Method to Clear Some Wheaton Streets

City of Wheaton residents who live on or frequently drive by cul-de-sacs will likely notice that snow removal is a little different this year.

To remove snow as promptly as possible and reduce the likelihood of snow piles blocking mailboxes, the City's snow removal crews are moving snow into the middle of the circle in cul-de-sacs. Previously, crews would push snow to the curb like other streets, but due to the larger roadway surface to clear and the circular shape, clearing snow this way proved to be challenging and time-consuming for plows. There are approximately 300 cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets in Wheaton.

"This new method



ensures that we can clear all roads for residents as quickly and safely as possible," said Street Superintendent Mike Wakefield. After using this method of clearing cul-de-sacs for the first winter storm of the season, crews estimate that they were able to reduce the amount of time spent clearing roads by 145 hours.

The City of Wheaton appreciates your cooperation in giving snow plows space to do their job and not parking on any street when 2 or more inches of snow falls. To reach the City's snow command desk during snow operations, call 630-260-7669. More information is also available [on the City's website](http://www.cityofwheaton.il.us).

## Note Dates for Free Christmas Tree Recycling

You can set live Christmas trees at the curb for free recycling during the weeks of Jan. 2 and Jan. 9, 2017.

During this free two-

week collection period, make sure your tree is free of decorations, and do not place it in a plastic bag. After the collection period, you will need to attach 5

garbage/organic stickers per tree to have it collected.

Please note that this is a change from the dates originally announced in the December City Newsletter.

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)

# City Council Passes 2016 Tax Levy

**A**t the Dec. 19, 2016 City Council meeting, the Council approved the annual property tax levy in the amount of \$19,788,204, which is an increase of 1.6% from the prior year's tax levy. The levy provides funding for two major additional expenditures proposed for the 2017/2018 City Budget: increases for library operations and increased police and fire pension obligations.

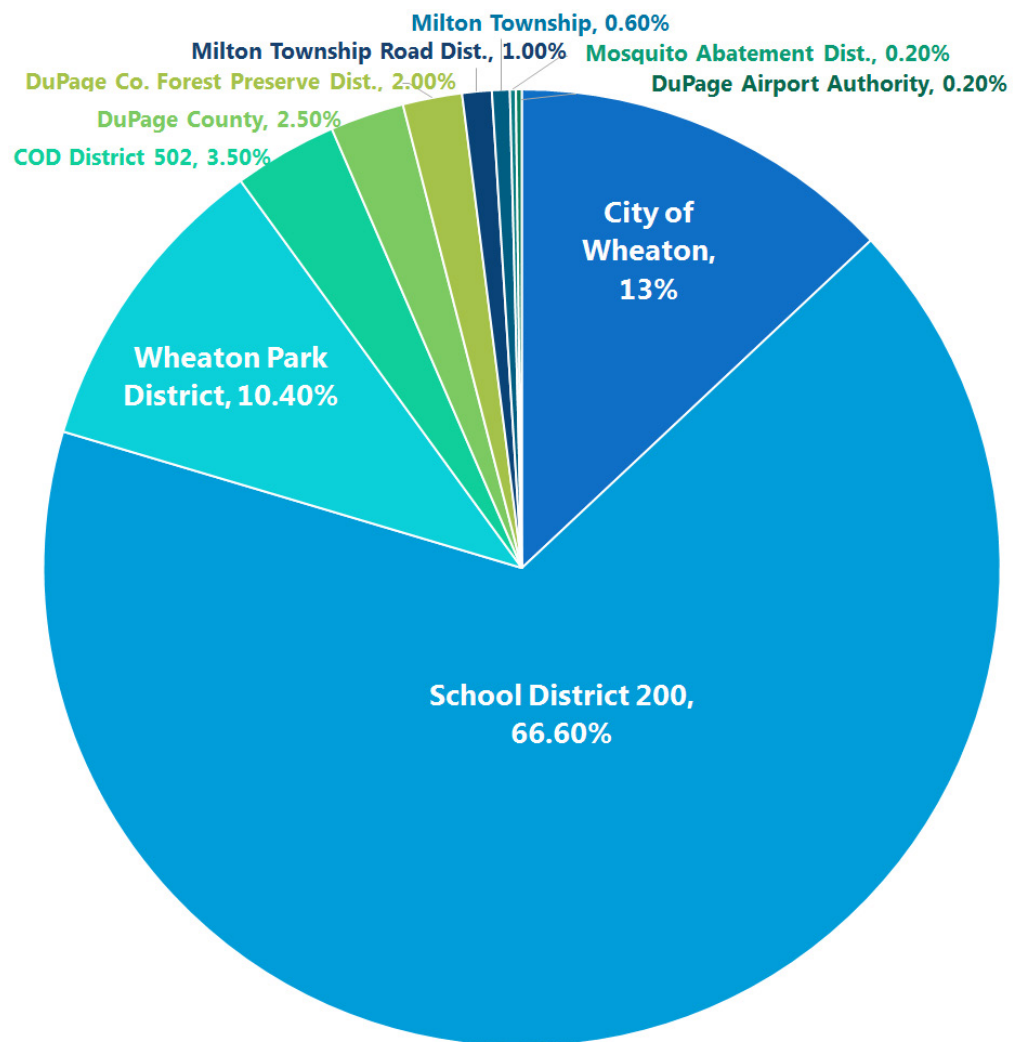
While the tax levy is a slight increase from last year's levy, it will not increase the City's portion of most residents' tax bills. The City's portion of a typical resident's 2015 property tax bill was 13.0%. The remainder of your property tax bill goes to:

- School District 200: 66.6%
- Wheaton Park District: 10.4%
- College of DuPage District 502: 3.5%
- DuPage County: 2.5%
- DuPage Co. Forest Preserve Dist: 2%
- Milton Township Road District: 1%
- Milton Township: 0.6%
- Mosquito Abatement Dist.: 0.2%
- DuPage Airport Authority 0.2%.

The City's portion of your property taxes pays for police and fire protection services; library services; and public improvements.

The City may abate all or part of the 2016 tax levy at a later date, once the City has worked through next fiscal year's budget process.

## Property Tax Breakdown: How Your Taxes are Distributed



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Naperville and Butterfield Road at 89 Danada Square East. The new store includes a beer and wine bar; expanded prepared food offerings; juice and coffee bars; and in-house smoked meats.

### Commission News

The City Council appointed Bob Barger to a three-year term on the Housing Commission.

## Jan. 19 Meeting Will Discuss Pollutants and Our Waterways

**T**o inform Wheaton residents of what the City of Wheaton is doing to keep pollutants out of our waterways, the City's Engineering Department will host an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Engineering

Department staff will explain the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program, which meet six nationally established control measures to prevent and reduce the amount of pollutants discharged into our waterways. This meeting will also include an

opportunity for residents to ask the Engineering Department questions and share comments and concerns.

To read more about the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Program, see the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/ms4](http://www.wheaton.il.us/ms4).



# Upcoming Events

## Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, Jan. 14

**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. There is a charge for all TVs and monitors at this event.

## Ask the Expert: Job Search

**Date:** Saturday, Jan. 14

**Time:** 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

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

With 20 years of HR experience, Bob Schlacks will review your resume, conduct a mock interview, or discuss any employment related question or concern. Call 630-868-7520 to reserve your 20-minute timeslot. No walk-ins, please. Meet in Meeting Room B on the lower level.

## State of the City Address

**Date:** Thursday, Jan. 19

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Location:** Le Jardin at Cantigny Park

Mayor Michael Gresk will present his State of the City Address at this Wheaton Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The presentation will be available on the City's website after the event. For more information, see the Wheaton Chamber's website. A fee applies for this event.

## Eating Healthy on a Budget

**Date:** Thursday, Jan. 19

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

Registered Dietitian Eileen McCarthy will discuss the expense of buying healthy versus unhealthy foods and how to shop for nutritious foods while staying within your budget. She will discuss coupon clipping, and what to buy for the best nutritional value. Registration required at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) or call 630-868-7520.

## Noteable Notes Ensemble

**Date:** Sunday, Jan. 22

**Time:** 2 p.m.

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

This local ensemble, comprised of the faculty from Wheaton's own Noteable Notes Music Academy, will feature vocalists, pianists, and strings. Their repertoire includes classical, light jazz, and light rock.

Attendees will be seated on a first come, first served basis.

## From Memories to Memoir

**Date:** Thursday, Jan. 26

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

Writing memoir stimulates your mind and your memory, and has the added benefit of developing a legacy for your children and grandchildren. Join Dr. Linda Sasser to learn about various formats for telling your stories.

You will experience ways to start creating your memoir and be inspired with ideas for continuing on the journey. Registration required at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) or call 630-868-7520.

## Ice (Cubed) Fest

**Date:** Saturday, Jan. 28

**Time:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Location:** Downtown Wheaton

Brave the cold and plan a day out with the family to tour the many ice sculptures displayed throughout Downtown Wheaton sponsored by the local businesses. This event is organized by the Downtown Wheaton Association.

For more information, see <http://downtownwheaton.com>.

## Lunch and Learn: Low Vision

**Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 31

**Time:** Noon

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

Bring your lunch and join us for a presentation from the Spectrios Institute for Low Vision in Wheaton that will discuss how to optimize your visual capabilities, manage obstacles in your home, and learn about resources and support available to you.

Please register at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](http://wheatonlibrary.org/calendar) or call 630-868-7520.

## How to Prevent Frozen Pipes

**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.

- Make sure to 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 very 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.

## What You Need to Know about Snow

**W**hen will my street be plowed? Can I park on the street when it snows? What do snow plow drivers want you to know to help them do their jobs more quickly and efficiently? Find out the answers to these questions and more in the new edition of the "[City Scene](#)" video series.

"City Scene" takes a look



behind the scenes of how the City works. You can [check out this short video](#) on the City's website or on City of Wheaton Channel 10.

## County Seeks Feedback on Possible Change

### *Merger proposed between Clerk's Office & Election Commission*

DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin, County Clerk Paul Hinds and DuPage Election Commission Chairwoman Cathy Ficker Terrill will hold a public hearing to receive feedback on the proposed merger between the Office of the Clerk and the Election Commission. Information about the proposal is available on the DuPage County website at [www.dupageco.org/ECproposal](http://www.dupageco.org/ECproposal).

Residents can comment using an online form or in person at the hearing, which will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 in the DuPage County Board Room, JTK Administration Building, 421 County Farm Road, Wheaton, Third Floor, or directly following the DuPage County Board meeting.

# Housing Commission Accepting Housing Assistance Applications

*Applications now available on the City's website or at City Hall*

Since 1972, the City of Wheaton has administered a Housing Assistance Program to assist its senior citizens with their housing costs. The City's Housing Commission is tasked with managing this program.

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.

#### To Qualify:

- **You must be at least 65 years old**
- **You must have lived in Wheaton for at least 3 years**
- **Your annual household income must be less than \$23,800**

- Residency: The minimum length of incorporated

Wheaton residency for this program is 3 years.

- Income: The maximum annual household income for acceptance into this program is \$23,800.

[Senior Housing Assistance applications are available on the City's website](#) or by calling 630-260-2019. To inquire about the program, please contact Lindsay Qualkenbush at the City of Wheaton at (630) 260-2019 or at [LQualkenbush@wheaton.il.us](mailto:LQualkenbush@wheaton.il.us).

## Recycle Your Holiday Lights Here

Keep holiday lights out of landfills by bringing them to Wheaton's holiday light recycling drop-off site.

Through Feb. 10, 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 any time between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Look for signs directing you to the holiday light recycling area just inside



the gate on the south side of Liberty Drive.

This program is collecting light strands (incandescent or LED) in any condition and extension cords only. 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.

In addition to residents, the City also welcomes businesses, schools and other organizations wanting to dispose of holiday lights to participate in the program.

## 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.

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- 2 City offices closed; no trash pickup
- 3 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 9 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 17 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 19 Pollutants & Waterways Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.

