

July 2012

City Notes

Garbage Sticker Rates Increase July 1

The rates for Wheaton's garbage/yard waste and leaf stickers will increase starting July 1, 2012, as set by Wheaton's five-year contract with Veolia, the City's waste hauler. From July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, garbage/yard waste stickers will cost \$3.48 each, and leaf stickers will cost \$2.86 each.

Please note that Veolia stickers purchased before July 1, 2012 are still valid for you to use.

For complete information about Wheaton's garbage, recycling and yard waste program, [see the City's website](#).

No Pickup July 4

There will be no garbage, recycling or yard waste pickup on Wednesday, July 4, 2012, in observance of Independence Day. Pickup for Wednesday through Friday of that week will be picked up one day later.



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City Begins Replacing Sidewalks

Program starts with southeastern portion of Wheaton

A long-term program to replace highly defective sidewalk squares throughout the City is under way. Because Wheaton has more than 265 miles of sidewalks, this program will start with just one section of the city, which will serve as a pilot area for how other areas should be addressed. The program area is bounded by Naperville Road to the west, Roosevelt Road to the north, and the City's southern and eastern limits. In this area alone, the City identified more than 2,500 sidewalk squares that met the City's "highly defective" definition and need to be replaced.

The City hired indepen-



The City began by taking an inventory of the condition of all sidewalks in the pilot area. More than 2,500 squares need replacing because they met the "highly defective" definition.

dent contractor D'Land Construction to remove the existing sidewalk, frame and pour the new sidewalk, and complete restoration work.

Crews began working in mid-June, and the City anticipates the project to be complete

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Bond Refinancing Obtains Aaa Rating

Savings expected to exceed \$1.6M

The Wheaton City Council authorized the refunding of the City's 1998A TIF 1 bond issue and its 2004 library

bond issue. The refunding is intended to take advantage of the current low borrowing rates. The City's financial consultants estimate that the actual and net present value savings for the City's 1998A bond issue will be \$24,000. The 2004 bond refunding

will produce an actual savings of \$1.66 million and a net present value savings of more than \$1.4 million.

Moody's Investment Service has assigned an Aaa rating, Moody's highest rating,

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Contact
the City

Police/Fire: 911
After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161
General Information: 630-260-2000, 630-260-8090 (TDD)
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

Water Tower Repainting Begins Soon

Crews will begin painting the Orchard Water Tower located on Marywood Trail this month. Relocation of the cellular antennas to a temporary monopole began in June and, once completed, the painting will begin. The tower will be covered with a shroud to contain any overspray during the process. The shroud will be raised and lowered each day to accommodate the work.

The contractor will typically be working Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. There could be times when work may extend into the early evening hours. Depending on delays or weather conditions, some work



The Orchard Water Tower on Marywood Trail will be repainted this month.

may be extended to weekend hours.

Inspections will be performed to assure all reasonable precautions are followed in accordance with the

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Once complete, the cellular equipment will be relocated back to the tower and the temporary monopole will be removed.

Bonds

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to these refunding issues. In providing the City its Aaa rating, Moody's Investment Service noted the City's strong financial management, its ample reserve levels, its demonstrated record of tight budget management and its financial flexibility resulting from its status as a home rule municipality.



Sidewalks

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by the end of summer. The engineering firm Pavia-Marting is overseeing the contractor's work.

Residents who live in this southeastern section of the City and have a sidewalk square adjacent to their property that is scheduled to be replaced received a letter of notification. You can view the progress of the sidewalk replacement effort on the City's website by clicking on "[Sidewalk Replacement Program](#)" in the Quick Links section. The site will be updated daily, and it includes specific information about sidewalk squares scheduled to be replaced, including photos of the defective squares.

Questions about work in your area can be addressed to Rick Puno of Pavia-Marting at 630-774-8822 ricardo.puno@pavia-marting.com.

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In addition, City offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. They will reopen July 5.



Fight the Bite!

Because of the low rainfall we have received so far this summer, the number of nuisance mosquitoes in the area is much lower than in recent years. However, West Nile virus remains a disease threat. The DuPage County Health Department has reported a total of 18 positive-testing West Nile virus samples from its traps so far this mosquito season.

Avoid the false sense of security that fewer mosquitoes may bring, and "fight the bite" by:

- Avoiding outdoor activities at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most likely to bite
- Removing standing water from your property, even from the smallest buckets or containers.
- Using insect repellents.
- Calling Clarke's mosquito hotline (800-942-2555) to report mosquito problems.

Volunteers Needed at Recycling Events

Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission encourages you to help with the City's electronic recycling collection days. The volunteer-run event takes place on the second Saturday of every month at Wheaton's Public Works Storage Yard,

821 W. Liberty Drive, near the Police Department. The event regularly nets thousands of pounds of electronics each month in a drive-through format. Volunteers are needed to help unload items from residents' cars. If you can help, contact the Environmental Improvement Commission at 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877. The next event will take place on July 14.

Commission News

The City Council appointed Tony Lyons to a three-year term on the Environmental Improvement Commission, reappointed Penni Cannova to a three-year term on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, and reappointed Tom Kay to a three-year term on the Historic Commission.



Fourth of July Festivities Span Two Days

Get out your red, white and blue. The community will celebrate Independence Day with two events hosted by the Wheaton Park District.

Fireworks

Wheaton's traditional fireworks show will take place at dusk on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at the DuPage County Fairgrounds on Manchester Road. Festivities will begin at Graf Park at 5:30 p.m., including a DJ, carnival rides and food vendors before the main event, the fireworks show.

During this time period, motorists can expect traffic delays on:

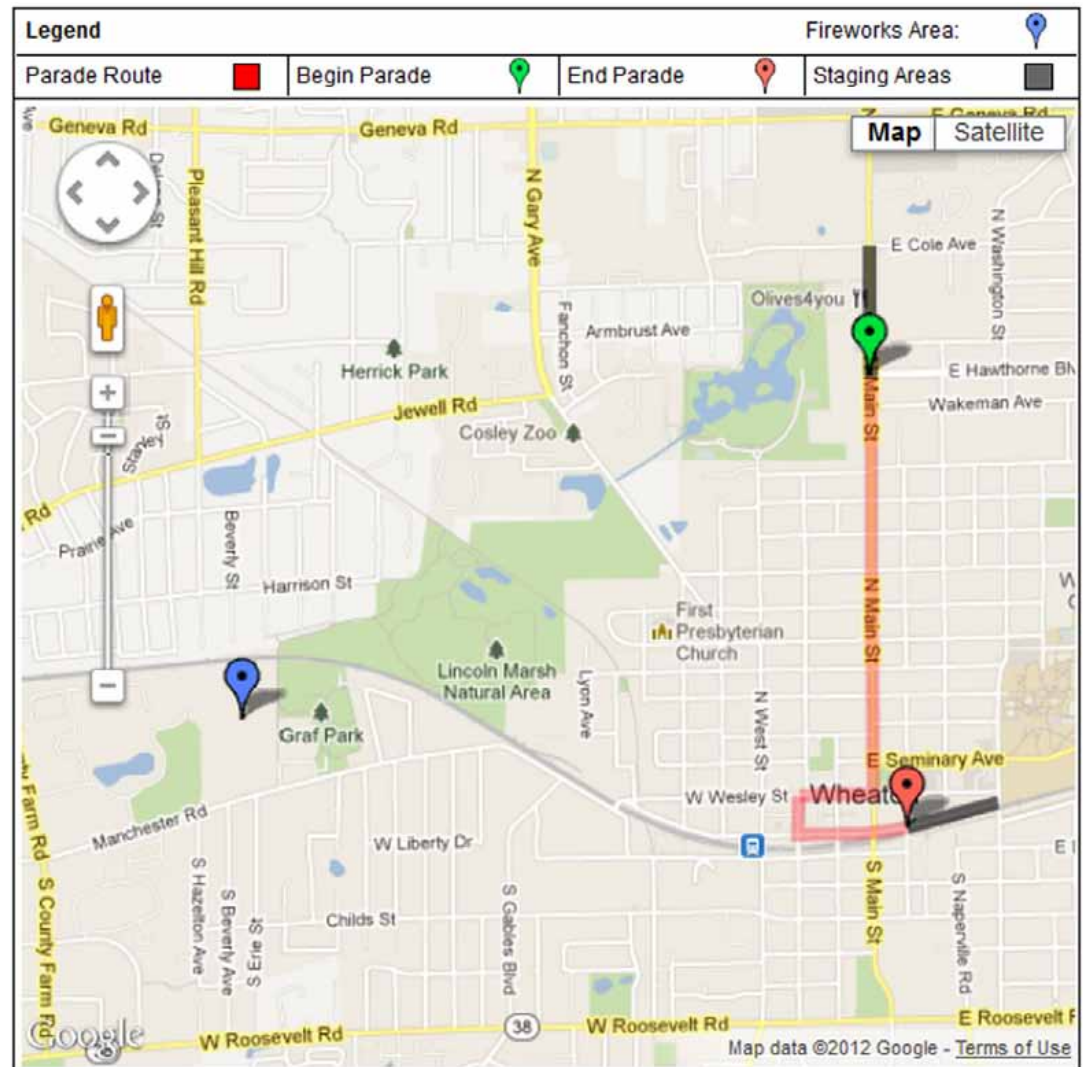
- North County Farm Road between West Roosevelt Road and Geneva Road
- Manchester Road between East Street (Winfield) and North Gables Boulevard, and
- Surrounding neighborhood side streets in the vicinity of the DuPage County Fairgrounds.

Parade

Then on Wednesday, July 4, the annual Fourth of July Parade will march through the streets of downtown Wheaton. This year's theme for the parade is "Snapshots of America." The parade starts at 10 a.m.

Parade Route:

- Starts at Hawthorne and Main Street



- South on Main Street
- Turns west (right) on Wesley Street
- Turns south (left) on Wheaton Avenue
- Turns east (left) on Front Street
- Concludes at Front and Cross streets

The following major streets will be closed for this

event:

- North Main Street between Geneva Road and West Wesley Street
- West Wesley Street between North Main Street and West Street
- West Street between West Wesley and Front Street and
- Front Street between West Street and North Cross.

Several side streets along

North Main Street will be temporarily closed for the staging of parade entrants.

The City plans to videotape the parade and broadcast it live on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10).

For more information and to learn how you can be part of "Snapshots of America," see the [Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Upcoming Events

Fourth of July Fireworks Display

When: Tuesday, July 3, activities start at 5:30 p.m.; fireworks at dusk

Where: DuPage County Fairgrounds and Graf Park, 1855 Manchester Road

Activities include carnival rides, a DJ and more starting at 5:30 p.m. Fireworks begin at dusk. For more information, see page 3.

Fourth of July Parade

When: Wednesday, July 4, 10 a.m.

Where: Starts at Main and Hawthorne. See parade map.

The Wheaton Park District hosts the annual parade in downtown Wheaton. For a full parade route and more information, see page 3.

Summer Band Concerts

When: Thursdays through Aug. 9, 8 p.m.

Where: Memorial Park Bandshell, Wheaton and Karlskoga avenues

The Wheaton Municipal Band presents its summer concerts in Memorial Park (Karlskoga and Wheaton avenues). Concerts take place at 8 p.m. Thursdays. Specific information about each concert is available on the [Wheaton Municipal Band's website](#).

French Market

When: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Main Street and Liberty Drive

Flowers, locally grown produce, baked goods, jewelry, crafts and more are sold from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at Wheaton's



popular outdoor French Market. For information, contact Bensidoun USA at 630-784-0862.

Vintage Rides

When: Fridays through Aug. 31, 6:30-9 p.m.

Where: 100 East and 100 West blocks of Front Street (on either side of Main Street)

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 on the 100 East and 100 West blocks of Front Street (on either side of Main Street) in downtown Wheaton. To see the model of cars featured each week, [visit the DWA's website](#).

Summer Entertainment Series

When: Mondays, July 9-30, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Memorial Park

Bandshell, Karlskoga and Wheaton avenues

A variety of family friendly entertainment will take place on the stage at the Memorial Park Bandshell from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, July 9-30. These free events are hosted by the Wheaton Park District. For information about each week's entertainment, see the [Wheaton Park District website](#).

Electronic Recycling

When: Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m.-noon

Where: Wheaton Public Works Storage Facility, 820 W. Liberty Drive

Please note that household batteries are no longer accepted at the monthly electronic recycling collection. However, you can drop off your rechargeable batteries or unwanted electronics for recycling during the City's monthly collection event. Electronics such as televisions, computers and printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted. [More information is on the City's website](#).

Library Outdoor Concert Series

When: Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m.

Where: West plaza of the Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

The Friends of the Wheaton Public Library outdoor concert series continues on July 17 at 7 p.m. with a musical tour of rock 'n' roll history by the Neverly Brothers. In case of rain, the concert would be moved inside the library. For more information, visit www.wheatonlibrary.org or call 630-868-7592.

Downtown Sidewalk Sale

When: July 26-28, individual store hours apply

Where: Downtown Wheaton

Downtown Wheaton stores will take their merchandise to the streets as the annual summer Sidewalk Sales return. Individual store hours apply. For more information, visit the [Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Video Provides Fresh Look at Growing Up in Wheaton



Watch the Video

You can [watch this edition of "Wheaton Remembers"](#) on the City's website.

Having lived in Wheaton all their lives, Diane Knippen Lynch and Jim Scheffler have amassed quite a bit of "Wheaton" knowledge. They can tell you what Wheaton was like when there was a Woolworth's downtown or how the Wheaton Theatre was a great place to catch a double feature. Or they can name their old high school hangouts like Willow Snack, where kids would get burgers and fountain drinks at tables with a juke box at each one.

You will no longer find farm land for raising hogs and growing produce in Wheaton, but that was the Wheaton of Scheffler's and Lynch's childhoods. These former elementary school classmates sit down in a new edition of "Wheaton Remembers" to reflect on their formative years. Listen as Scheffler and Lynch share their memories growing up in the '30s and '40s, and hear how their stories are intertwined with generations of Wheaton



Jim Scheffler (above and below, left) and Diane Knippen Lynch (below, right) were classmates in the 1930s and 1940s.



families.

"Wheaton Remembers" is a recurring television series produced by the City's Communications Department in which longtime Wheaton residents share their stories of growing up in Wheaton in order to educate residents and preserve Wheaton's history for future generations.



If you or someone you know are a longtime Wheaton resident and are interested in being a guest on "Wheaton Remembers," contact Richard Sagen at 630-260-2036 or rsagen@wheaton.il.us. The City is seeking both individuals and small groups to participate in the series.

New Parking for Motorcycles at Train Station

Daily fee parking or permit parking allowed in spaces

The City recently added 20 parking spaces specifically for motorcycles and motorized scooters at the College Avenue Metra Train Station parking lot (Municipal Parking Lot 10).

Signs on either side of this row of designate it as motorcycle parking. The spaces can be used by paying a daily fee of \$1.50 at the yellow pay boxes located with the other pay-per-day boxes. These boxes are located on the wall near the mail box.

Or, commuters with a valid commuter parking permit for the City of Wheaton commuter parking lots can park a motorcycle/scooter in the commuter pay parking lots in one of the designated spaces. The permit holders must photocopy the vehicle permit and affix the copy with a luggage tag to the handlebars of the motorcycle or scooter.

The City would like to remind scooter owners that these are classified as motor vehicles in Illinois and may not be parked on the sidewalk.



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 Wheaton City Hall. Visit www.wheaton.il.us for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 2** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 4** No garbage pickup; City offices closed
- 9** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 16** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23** City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.