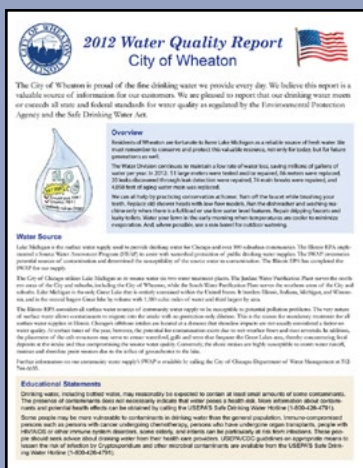


July 2013

City Notes



Water Quality Report Available on Website

The City of Wheaton 2012 Water Quality Report is now available online. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

As part of the effort to "Turn Wheaton Green" by being more environmentally responsible, the City is no longer printing these reports for mailing to all residents but has made them available online. Please go to www.wheaton.il.us/2012WaterReport to view your 2012 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water.

If you would like to have a paper copy, you may print one
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Ash Tree Reduction Program Continues as Infestation Spreads

Evidence of the emerald ash borer's destructive path is even more visible in Wheaton now that healthy trees are full of leaves, yet many ash trees present classic signs of infestation, including dieback starting from the top of the tree and heavy woodpecker damage. Wheaton's Forestry Division continues carrying out its ash tree reduction program and is increasing efforts to remove infested trees. However, due to the expansion of the infestation and associated costs, not all infested trees can be immediately removed.

The Wheaton City Council has allotted \$350,000 for the 2013-14 fiscal year to bring in contracted crews to remove infested ash trees in City parkways and for tree replacement. Because the infestation has reached every area of the city, crews will first target dead infested trees that are in the parkways near schools and trees identified for removal last year. Removal efforts will continue until funding has been depleted.

Watch this video, "[Wheaton](#)



Due to widespread emerald ash borer infestation throughout Wheaton, crews will continue removing parkway ash trees.

[ton Responds to the Emerald Ash Borer](#)," to hear from Forestry Superintendent Kevin Maloney about how the infestation has spread, what the City is doing and how to identify an ash tree.

The City's program for removing infested ash trees is only for trees located in the parkway; infested ash trees on private property are the responsibility of property owners. The City does have the authorization to require property owners to remove infested trees that are dead or substantially dead within 30 days of receiving notification from the City, as stated



[A new video](#) on the City's response to the emerald ash borer is available on the City's website and CWC10

in Section 78 of the Wheaton City Code. However, you do not need to wait for a notice from the City in order to have infested ash trees removed.

Due to the large number of affected trees, the City may not immediately be able to inspect all infested trees,
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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

Grant Assists City in Replacing 50 Ash Trees

Fifty new trees line East Loop Road where infested ash trees stood until a short while ago. The City recently completed replacing a large section of parkway ash trees with five different species, thanks to a federal grant from the U.S. Forest Service.

Since 2008, the City's Forestry Division has been carrying out an ongoing effort to reduce and replace ash trees on City parkways in response to this threat to the City's trees. The Illinois Department of Agriculture officially confirmed the presence of the emerald ash borer in Wheaton in 2010, and the City has continued implementing its plan to reduce the number of parkway ash trees, of which there are approximately 5,900.

A federal grant administered by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for nearly



Crews removed infested trees in the parkway along East Loop Road. A grant assisted the City in removing and replacing these ash trees with four different types of trees.

\$14,000 allowed the City to remove 55 infested ash trees in the parkway of East Loop Road and replace them with Swamp White Oak, Accolade Elm, Kentucky Coffee and Common Hackberry trees.

"In these times, money is tight, and while the

City Council has awarded \$350,000 to remove and replace ash trees in Wheaton, every dollar counts," said Kevin Maloney, Wheaton Forestry Superintendent.

This federal grant aims to minimize future loss of trees in communities.

Ash

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and the City appreciates your patience as crews continue addressing the infestation. However, if you suspect that a parkway ash tree is infested, you can contact the Forestry Division at 630-260-2122. For private property trees you suspect may be infested, you can contact a certified arborist.



This emerald ash borer was spotted on a Wheaton tree (top). Woodpecker damage is one of the signs of infestation.

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directly from the City's website. You can also receive a printed version by contacting the Water Division at 630-260-2090. For more information about how the City of Wheaton maintains the safety of your drinking water and to view previous years' reports, [visit the Water Division section of the City's website.](#)

No Garbage Pickup July 4/City Offices Closed

There will be no garbage, recycling or yard waste pickup on Thursday, July 4, due to the holiday. If your collection day is Thursday or Friday, your garbage will be collected one day later during this week.

In addition, City offices will be closed on July 4.

Flood Assistance Deadline July 9

If you experienced flood damage from the April 18, 2013 flooding, the City of Wheaton encourages you to apply for assistance with storm-related losses through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Residents have until July 9, 2013 to apply for Individual Assistance. FEMA is accepting applications to help with things such as home repairs, disaster-related expenses, losses of household goods, and low-interest SBA loans to residents and businesses.

To apply online: Register online at [www.](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)

disasterassistance.gov; or on a smartphone at m.fema.gov

To apply by phone: Call the Federal Emergency Management Agency at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

When you apply, have the following available:

- Social Security Number (including your spouse's number)
 - Private insurance information, if available
 - Address and zip code of the damaged property
 - Daytime telephone number
 - A telephone number where FEMA can reach you or leave a message
 - An address where you can receive mail
- If you want disaster assistance funds sent directly

to your bank, provide the FEMA agent with your bank account type (checking/savings), account number and routing number.

All damage assessments will be made on an individual basis. Grants may be available for repair work not yet completed. Direct reimbursements for damages are also being made. All receipts for repairs should be saved and provided to FEMA, along with photos of the damage. Losses for household goods also might be eligible for reimbursement.

Commission News

The City Council approved the reappointment of Barbara Wonser to a three-year term on the Library Board.

Celebrate Diversity at Event on July 11

First-ever Wheaton World Tour to be in Memorial Park

Get ready to use your senses during a world tour that will introduce you to sights, sounds and tastes from around the globe – all without leaving Memorial Park. Wheaton's Community Relations Commission encourages you to take part in [Wheaton World Tour: Celebrate Our Diversity](#), a night celebrating diversity and culture within our community. Activities will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 2013 in Memorial Park, followed by the Wheaton Municipal Band concert at 8 p.m.

Start your evening with international flavor, as food vendors will feature ethnic foods from around the world.

Then, watch performances by Real Women Belly Dance and Burundi and Rwanda Performers in native dress. Listen

as international performer, educator and composer Yin Han plays the Er Hu, a two-stringed violin, joined by her daughter, who will sing in three languages.

Also at this event, Women's Wisdom Artisans, a social enterprise program of the People's Resource Center, [www.peoplesrc.org](#), will be displaying and selling their multicultural hand-crafted creations at the Wheaton World Tour. The program assists low-income women in working toward starting their own businesses. Last year, the People's Resource Center worked with residents hailing from 76 countries, speaking 46 different languages.

World Relief will also be

participating in this event. The organization's artisans will sell handmade items during the Wheaton World Tour.

Keeping with the theme, Joy Wilcox of the Wheaton Public Library will present a 30-minute story-telling program called "Tales from Around the World." This program coincides with the library's summer reading program, "Have Book – Will Travel," which will include a range of free activities for children, teens and adults, plus prizes for participants who reach their reading goals. For more information, visit [www.wheatonlibrary.org](#).

This event will include a number of kids cultural activities, too. Children will travel

to different tables playing games, doing crafts and learning what makes our community diverse as they have their "passports" stamped.

Finally, listen to the sounds of the Wheaton Municipal Band, [www.wheaton-municipalband.org](#), which will take the band shell stage at 8 p.m. The band performs a mix of popular and classical music designed to provide summer outdoor music that is enjoyable for all ages. For this evening, plan to enjoy a selection of music from around the world.

Wheaton's Community Relations Commission is responsible for promoting community involvement and volunteering. Since its formation in 1965, the Commission has worked to foster understanding and promote cultural diversity among citizens and groups within the city. For more information about the commission, [see this section on the City's website](#).



Video Explains North Main Street Flood Control Project



This project will help reduce flooding on North Main Street between Cole and Parkway.

The southbound lane of North Main Street between Cole and Parkway is now closed, and it will remain closed through late October. This closure is related to work to help reduce flooding in this area, referred to as the North Main Street Flood Control Project.

[A new video](#) with Senior Project Engineer Sarang Lagvankar explains why this closure is necessary, why this area floods and what the City is doing to reduce the incidence of flooding. [Watch this video now](#) on the City's website.

Two detour routes are in



Watch the Video

[A video with the City's Senior Project Engineer](#) explains the goal of this project and outlines the associated road closure.

place – one to access local businesses and homes in the construction zone, and the other for southbound traffic to continue south on Main Street.

You can [see a map of these detours on the City's website](#).

Upcoming Events

Independence Day Fireworks Display

When: Wednesday, July 3, activities beginning at 5 p.m., fireworks at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Where: Graf Park & DuPage County Fairgrounds

The Wheaton Park District invites the community to celebrate Independence Day with activities, concessions and music starting at 5 p.m., followed by a fireworks show at approximately 9:15 p.m. Both will take place in Graf Park and the DuPage County Fairgrounds on Manchester Road. For more information, visit www.wheatonparkdistrict.com.

Fourth of July Parade

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

Where: Main Street

Celebrate Independence Day with Wheaton's annual Fourth of July Parade, organized by the Wheaton Park District. The parade steps off at 10 a.m. near Hawthorne and Main Street, traveling south on Main, turning west on Wesley, south on Wheaton Avenue, east on Front Street and concluding at Front and Cross streets. The theme for this year's parade is "A Salute to Service." For more information, visit www.wheatonparkdistrict.com. The parade also will be broadcast live on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10).

Wheaton World Tour: Celebrate Our Diversity

When: Thursday, July 11

Where: Memorial Park

Wheaton's Community Relations Commission encourages you to take part in Wheaton World Tour:



Celebrate Our Diversity, a night celebrating diversity and culture within our community. Activities will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 11 in Memorial Park, followed by the Wheaton Municipal Band concert at 8 p.m. For more information, [see page 3](#).

Electronic Recycling

When: Saturday, July 13, 9 a.m.-noon

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

Drop off your unwanted electronics for recycling during the City's monthly collection event. Electronics such as televisions, computers, printers and small household appliances such as toasters and hair dryers are accepted. Wheaton residents can bring fluorescent bulbs for safe disposal (no businesses). The types of bulbs accepted include T-12, T-8 and T-5 fluorescent bulbs (often found in utility room and basement fixtures); aquarium tubes; under-counter fluorescent tubes. Do not tape fluorescent tubes together. CFLs and household batteries are not accepted. [More information is on the City's website.](#)

To help with these events, call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877.

Wheaton Band Festival

When: 7:15-9:30 p.m. July 19,

6-9:30 p.m. July 20

Where: Memorial Park Band Shell, Karlskoga and Wheaton avenues

The 14th annual Wheaton Band Festival will include two nights of music in Memorial Park featuring the Chicago Brass Band, Fox Valley Concert Band and others. All performances are free. For more information, visit www.wheatonbandfestival.org.

Summer Entertainment Series

When: Mondays, July 1-29, 7-8 p.m.

Where: Memorial Park Band Shell, Karlskoga and Wheaton avenues

The Wheaton Park District invites the community to its Summer Entertainment Series, which includes a different act each Monday in July from 7-8 p.m. in the Memorial Park band shell. For more information about each week's entertainment, [visit the Park District's website.](#)

Summer Band Concerts

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

***NOTE:** Concert the first week of July will be Tuesday, July 2.

Where: Memorial Park Band Shell, Karlskoga and Wheaton avenues

Join the Wheaton Municipal band for a community tradition:

Thursday night concerts in Memorial Park. Concerts are free and begin at 8 p.m. The band plays a variety of styles, and each concert has a different theme. Also, the band will play an indoor concert July 27 at Edman Chapel. For more information, [visit the Wheaton Municipal Band's website.](#)

Vintage Rides

When: Fridays, 6:30-9 p.m. through Sept. 13

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

Check out antique and classic cars during this weekly summer car show on Front Street each Friday night. The free 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). To see the model of cars featured each week, [visit the DWA's website.](#)

French Market

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

Where: Parking lot at Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton

Wheaton's popular outdoor French Market takes place from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. each Saturday near the intersection of Main Street and Liberty Drive, just south of the railroad tracks in downtown Wheaton. Inspired by the outdoor markets of France, vendors at this weekly event sell much more than your typical farmers market. You will find pastries, flowers, art, jewelry, handmade gifts, locally grown produce and specialty items.

Curbside E-Waste Pickup Program Begins This Month

In order to give you an additional convenient, legal way to dispose of electronics, the City has added curbside electronic pickup (E-waste) to its residential garbage contract. On July 1, Wheaton's residential garbage hauler, Advanced Disposal Services, will begin collecting electronics as part of Wheaton's curbside service.

Acceptable electronics (see below) require one garbage sticker for each item. However, up to four small items may be bundled together using one sticker. For example, a hair dryer, blender and alarm clock may be bundled. There are no weight restrictions for E-waste items.

For your security, clear off files and information from your computer and devices before placing them at the curb. The City and garbage hauler are not responsible for the security of items placed at the curb. If you're concerned about the security of your information, you can use the City's monthly drop-off. (See information at the end of this article about the monthly drop-off.) There are

no weight restrictions for E-waste items.

You can place electronics at the curb for collection on your regular garbage day, but you must call Advanced Disposal Services at 630-587-8282 at least one day before your pickup day to notify the hauler that you have electronics to be picked up. Place items at the curb with the appropriate sticker by 6 a.m. on your pickup day.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Electronics:

- Examples of items requiring one sticker apiece: Televisions, printers, computers, computer monitors, laptops, gaming consoles, docking stations, fax machines, scanners, hard drives, stereos, copy machines

- Up to four smaller items can be bundled together with one sticker, such as: cell phones, keyboards/mice, extension cords, telephones, cameras, network cables, computer cords

Small household appliances:

- Examples: Blenders, microwaves, toasters, alarm

clocks, hair dryers, etc. Nearly anything with a cord. Smaller items can be bundled together, up to four items, with one sticker.

NOT ACCEPTING:

- Electronics containing liquids or other hazardous materials, including air conditioners, refrigerators and dehumidifiers. (These are considered "white goods" and are collected through a separate program, one sticker apiece.)

- Household batteries
- Batteries for cars, boats or sump pumps
- Smoke detectors
- Thermostats
- CFL light bulbs or fluorescent bulbs
- Gas-powered engines

Monthly Electronic Recycling Information:

Wheaton also provides a free monthly drop-off site for electronics from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month at the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive. This is an alternative to the curbside E-waste program.

Practical Tips for Safe Travel

When you're on a plane, do you know how many rows are between you and an emergency exit, just in case you need to exit quickly with low visibility? Or how many times have you traveled somewhere not knowing the county in which you were staying? This is critical information for you to know when a severe weather warning is issued for that county.

These are just a couple scenarios where being prepared for an emergency on vacation could save your life. In a new video, "[Vacation Safety](#)," David Gervino of the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management discusses these and many more practical tips to help keep Wheaton residents safe and prepared for an emergency, wherever you travel this summer. Whether you're taking a short day trip or traveling internationally, this video includes useful information for all types of situations – many of which you may not have considered.

[This video](#), produced by the City of Wheaton Communications Department, is now available online and City of Wheaton Channel 10.



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.

July 2013

- 1 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 4 City offices closed; no garbage pickup
- 8 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 15 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 22 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.