



# WHEATON

Newsletter

July 2015

## City Notes

### Police Officer Application Due July 1

The Fire & Police Commission is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Online applications and all required documents must be submitted by 4 p.m. July 1, 2015. For more information and to read about minimum requirements to apply, [see the job posting on the City's website](#).

### Firefighter Application Due Soon

The Wheaton Fire Department is accepting applications for the position of firefighter. An online application and all required documents are due by 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Orientation and a written exam will take place on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015.

[Read more about the minimum requirements to apply and learn more in this job posting.](#)

### City Employment Opportunity

The City seeks applicants for a Project Engineer position to perform civil engineering tasks related to local stormwater

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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](mailto:feedback@wheaton.il.us)

## Electronic Recycling Drop-Off Places Restriction on Some TVs

*Televisions can be recycled through curbside program*

The City of Wheaton is temporarily unable to accept CRT televisions (older, large tube TVs), projection-screen televisions and console televisions at its monthly electronic recycling drop-off events until further notice.

Due to the high volume of large televisions dropped off at monthly collections, the electronics recycling hauler the City uses for these collections is currently unable to accept these larger types of televisions. However, the collections will still accept nearly anything else with a cord, including CRT computer monitors and flat-screen televisions. The monthly events take place on the second Saturday of each month. The next event will take place on Saturday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at the City's Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive.



**Large tube TVs, projection-screen and console TVs temporarily can't be accepted at drop-off recycling events.**

### Curbside Option

The City's garbage hauler offers [curbside electronic recycling](#). Each large TV requires one garbage sticker, and call 630-587-8282 at least one day in advance for pickup.

An alternative to the monthly drop-off events is to use the curbside program offered by the City's garbage and recycling hauler. To have

electronics, including TVs, recycled on your garbage day at the curb, simply call Advanced Disposal Services at 630-587-8282 at least one day before your garbage day so the hauler can send a separate electronics collection truck. This program requires one garbage sticker for each large item, but smaller items can be bundled together, up to 4 items, with one sticker.

[Please see the City's website for more information on electronic recycling.](#)

# Get Ready for Independence Day Events

*Park District hosting fireworks July 3, parade on July 4*

## **Fireworks & Family Event**

The Wheaton Park District will kick off the community's celebration of Independence Day with the Fireworks and Family Event on Friday, July 3 at Graf Park. This event will include carnival rides, games and food starting at 4 p.m., with fireworks at approximately 9 p.m.



## **Fourth of July Parade**

Wheaton's 2015 Fourth of July Parade continues a long tradition in Wheaton, an event that draws thousands of spectators from Wheaton and surrounding communities. This year celebrates Wheaton's 100th Independence Day parade.

This year's parade will feature floats, bands and more, with the theme of "The All-

American Picnic." The parade will step off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2015 in downtown Wheaton.

Parade organizers are inviting former Mayors, City Council members and Grand Marshals to participate in this year's parade.

If you have Comcast cable, you can also see the parade

live on City of Wheaton Channel 10 (CWC10). A video of the parade will be available on the City's website the following week.

### **Parade Route:**

- The parade will begin at Hawthorne and Main, heading south on Main Street
- Turns west on Wesley Street

- Turns south on Wheaton Avenue
- Turns east on Front Street, concluding at Cross Street.

[A map of the parade is located on the Wheaton Park District's website.](#)

For more information about Independence Day activities, [see the Wheaton Park District's website.](#)

## City Notes

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studies, analysis of drainage concerns, data collection and organization on major storm events, and stormwater capital projects. [Find out more on the City's website.](#)

### **Normal Garbage Pickup Schedule**

Because Independence Day falls on a Saturday, the schedule for Wheaton's garbage pickup routes will not be affected by the holiday.

### **City Offices Closed**

City of Wheaton offices will be closed on Friday, July 3. Offices will reopen July 6.

### **Garbage Sticker Price Change July 1**

The price of garbage/yard waste and leaf stickers will increase on July 1, 2015, as set by the City's contract with Advanced Disposal Services. Garbage and yard waste, which both use the same blue stickers, increase from \$3.55 per sticker to \$3.62. Green leaf stickers increase from \$2.92 per sticker to \$2.98. Stickers are available at City Hall; [a number of grocery, hardware and convenience stores](#); and by calling Advanced Disposal Services at 630-587-8282.

### **Mark Your Calendar for Blood Drive**

The Wheaton Fire and Police Departments are co-sponsoring a blood drive to help our neighbors, community and country and to pay tribute to those who defend our freedom. The blood drive will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Wheaton Police Department, 900 W. Liberty Drive. The American Red Cross will operate the blood drive.

### **Commission News**

Laurie Metanchuk and John Piemonte were appointed to the Library Board; Penni Cannova was reappointed to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners; Thomas Kay was reappointed

and Maureen Fogerty and Frank Principe were appointed to the Historic Commission; Anthony Majszak was appointed to the Environmental Improvement Commission; and Jennifer Brown was appointed to the Liquor Control Commission. All of these appointments are for three-year terms.

### **Business News**

New Business: **Viride** massage and bodywork studio, 100 W. Roosevelt Road: Independent massage therapist offers a variety of massage therapy, bodywork and alternative therapy for health and wellness.



**Be prepared for severe weather by reading these flooding tips to help protect your home.**

# Flooding Prevention Tips

*Learn what you can do to help keep water from entering your home*

Since stormwater and flooding are complex subjects, the City recommends that you schedule a free drainage review and discuss your specific concerns with the City's stormwater engineer by calling 630-260-2868. However, the following are a few quick tips for staying high and dry:

All ground around a home should slope away from the house. If the ground slopes toward the home, water will flow against the home and increase the chance of flooding.

There should be approximately 6 inches of exposed concrete foundation around the entire residence. This will

prevent rot and help get water to flow past your home rather than into it over the top of the foundation.

All downspouts should extend at least 3 to 4 feet away from the foundation and discharge at a location that flows away from the home.

Never try to flood-protect a home with a pipe system. Pipe systems such as storm sewers, perforated drain tiles and French drains are convenience systems only and typically cannot flood-protect a residence.

The only perforated pipe that should be installed next to a foundation is a foundation footing tile that is connected to a sump pump

pit. All other perforated tiles (usually 4-inch black perforated plastic pipe) such as buried sump pump discharges, buried downspout discharges or yard drains will simply introduce surface water into the ground faster and increase the load on the property's foundation walls and/or sump pump. Piping next to a home should be solid wall pipe.

If you have a basement without a sump pump, it is highly likely that there will be water in the basement. The seepage level can range from very minor drips to multiple feet of water. The best way to improve upon this is typically to install a sump pump system.

## Keep Grass Clippings/Yard Waste Out of Streets

Grass clippings and yard waste in City streets are not only an eyesore, but they can clog storm sewers and are a violation of City Code. Sweeping, throwing or depositing materials is not allowed onto City streets,

including landscaping materials, grass clippings and leaves.

Please help reduce the likelihood of flooded streets by keeping grass clippings and other waste out of the streets and clear of storm drains.



## Open House to Review County's New Flood Insurance Rate Map & Study

*Meeting is July 29*

The Illinois State Water Survey and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourage residents living in or near areas of special flood hazards, realtors, insurance agents, developers and others to attend an open house presenting the newly produced digital Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for DuPage County. The open house will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at the DuPage County Government Center, Jack T. Knueper Building Auditorium at 421 County Farm Road, Wheaton.

This countywide project incorporated new flood hazard information in the Salt Creek and Sawmill Creek Watersheds, and for select streams within the East Branch DuPage River Watershed and the West Branch DuPage River Watershed. The City of Wheaton is primarily located within the West Branch DuPage River Watershed and a portion of southeast Wheaton is located in the East Branch DuPage River Watershed.

The new study information has resulted in new and modified: base flood elevations, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries, floodway boundaries, and flood insurance zone designations. The Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study are available on FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata).

# Upcoming Events

## Wheaton Municipal Band Summer Concert Series

**Dates:** Thursdays through Aug. 13, 2015

**Time:** 8 p.m.\* (\*Except 7:30 p.m. start time for July 23 concert)

**Location:** [Memorial Park Band Shell](#)

The Wheaton Municipal Band is carrying on a long-standing Wheaton tradition with its summer band concerts in Memorial Park. The concerts are free for the community to attend and feature a variety of music styles and themes. [More information](#)



**Dates:** Saturdays through Nov. 14, 2015

**Times:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.\* (\*Closes at noon on July 4)

**Location:** [Municipal Parking Lot at Main Street and Liberty Drive](#)

This outdoor market, modeled after those found in France, offers flowers, gifts, seasonal items, produce, jewelry, specialty foods and much more each week. For more information, contact Bensidoun USA at 312-575-0294 or [ccbcec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccbcec@sbcglobal.net).

## Independence Day Fireworks & Family Event

**Date:** Friday, July 3

**Time:** Event starts at 4 p.m.; fireworks begin at approximately 9 p.m.

**Location:** [Graf Park, 1701 Manchester Road](#)

The Wheaton Park District invites families to celebrate Independence Day with fireworks and more at Graf Park. See page 2 for more information.

## Independence Day Parade

**Date:** Saturday, July 4

**Location:** Downtown Wheaton ([map of parade route](#))

**Time:** Begins at 10 a.m.

The Wheaton Park District encourages the community to celebrate Independence Day with Wheaton's annual parade. This year's theme is "The All-American Picnic." See page 2 for more information.

## Wheaton French Market

### Music Mondays

**Dates:** Mondays, July 6-27

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.-approximately 8 p.m.

**Location:** Memorial Park Band Shell, [Karlskoga and Wheaton avenues](#)



Enjoy live, family-friendly entertainment in Memorial Park each Monday in July, presented by the Wheaton Park District. Each week we will feature a different type of music. Free concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until approximately 8 p.m. Bench seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. [More information](#)

### Vintage Rides

**Date:** Fridays through Aug. 28 (except no event July 3)

**Time:** 6-9 p.m.

**Location:** [Front Street near Main Street](#), downtown Wheaton

This weekly car show features classic cars, custom vehicles, muscle cars and more each Friday night. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each Friday through Aug. 28 (except July 3), see an ongoing display of vehicles will be along Front Street between Main and Cross streets. This family friendly event is an annual tradition of the Downtown Wheaton Association. [More information](#)

### Electronic Recycling

**Date:** Saturday, July 11

**Time:** 9 a.m.-noon

**Location:** Public Works Storage Yard, [820 W. Liberty](#)

**Drive** (near the Police Station)

Bring unwanted electronics, including nearly anything with a cord, to the monthly electronic recycling collection. **Please note:**

*These collections are currently unable to accept CRT (large tube) televisions, projection-screen televisions and console televisions.*

Also accepted are scrap metal, household batteries, cooking oil and fluorescent tube bulbs. This is a drive-through event where volunteers will help unload items from your car. Memory will be destroyed from devices, and electronics will be recycled. [More information](#)

### Wheaton Band Festival

**Dates:** July 17-18

**Times:** 7:15 p.m. July 17, 6 p.m. July 18

**Location:** [Memorial Park Band Shell](#)

Two nights of music will fill the Memorial Park band shell during the 16th annual Wheaton Band Festival. All concerts are free. For more information, visit [www.wheatonbandfestival.org](http://www.wheatonbandfestival.org).

See more events at [www.wheaton.il.us/ThingsToDo](http://www.wheaton.il.us/ThingsToDo)

# Program Recycles Latex Paint

**T**ake advantage of DuPage County's Latex Paint Recycling Program, which takes place June 15 through July 15, 2015, at the Woodridge Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7900 S. Route 53 in Woodridge. The program is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is also open one Saturday, July 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents can drop off their usable, unwanted latex paint during the designated summer collection period free of charge. Usable paint includes paint that has not been frozen, is less than 10 years in age and has not been mixed with other products.

Want to pick up some paint? The program also offers an opportunity for residents to pick up free recycled latex paint, available starting June 22. The paint will be filtered and re-blended into a variety of colors, types and finishes. It is available for free to any resident, business or nonprofit in 5-gallon containers. Pick up recycled paint during the same hours as the paint drop-off.

For more information, contact DuPage County Public Works Department at 630-985-7400.

# Summer Crime Prevention Tips

**T**he Wheaton Police Department recommends the following crime prevention tips for summer:

## Bike Safety Tips

- Obey rules of the road.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing while riding.
- Always ride with traffic – never against it.
- Parents should be aware of where their children are riding.
- Keep bicycles locked up.

## Vacation Watch

- When leaving town on vacation, stop by the police department or visit [www.wheaton.il.us/request](http://www.wheaton.il.us/request).



## [wheaton.il.us/servicerequest](http://wheaton.il.us/servicerequest)

to fill out a vacation house watch. We will keep an eye on your home.

- Have someone pick up your mail and newspapers.
- Leave a lamp on a timer.
- Always lock your home, garage or office.

## General Safety

- Do not leave valuables

in your car.

- If you must leave items in your car, put items in the trunk.
- When driving, always lock your doors.
- When transporting small children, use rear door child safety locks.
- Always let loved ones know where you're going and how to reach you.

# How to Report Streetlight Outages & More

**D**o you know how to report a streetlight outage? Taking a look at the type of pole it's on will tell you whom to contact.

## • Is it on a metal pole?

This is a streetlight maintained by the City. For City streetlight outages, you can use the Online Service Request form at [www.wheaton.il.us/request](http://www.wheaton.il.us/request) or call 630-260-2116.

## • Is it on a wooden

**pole?** This is a streetlight maintained by ComEd. Go to [www.comed.com/CUSTOMER-SERVICE/SERVICE-REQUEST/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.comed.com/CUSTOMER-SERVICE/SERVICE-REQUEST/Pages/default.aspx) to report a ComEd streetlight outage, or call 800-334-7661.

ComEd also has online tools to help you start/stop service, learn about generator guidelines, find construction/remodeling information and more. All of these are available at [www.comed.com/CUSTOMER-SERVICE/](http://www.comed.com/CUSTOMER-SERVICE/)

## [SERVICE-REQUEST/Pages/default.aspx](http://SERVICE-REQUEST/Pages/default.aspx)

To report a power outage or downed power line in your area, you can call ComEd 1-800-EDISON-1, use ComEd's online reporting form, or if you have subscribed to Outage Alerts from your mobile phone, you can text "Out" to 26633. Information on signing up for text message outage alerts is [available on ComEd's website](http://available on ComEd's website).

# 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](http://www.wheaton.il.us) for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 3 City Offices Closed
- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.