

# CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

July 2019

## CITY NOTES

### No Garbage Pickup on July 4

Due to the Independence Day holiday, Lakeshore Recycling Systems will not collect garbage, yard waste or recycling on Thursday, July 4. Pickups for Thursday and Friday routes will be one day later than usual during the first week of July.

### City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City offices will be closed on July 4. They will reopen on Friday, July 5.

### Library Among Top in State for Attendance

A report by the Institute of Museum and Library Services recently recognized the Wheaton Public Library on its list for highest attendance in the state of Illinois. The

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## Adams Park Improvements Underway

*Park closed while crews make paths ADA-accessible*

**W**ork is underway to make Adams Park accessible to all. A master plan for Adams Park calls for updates to the park to make pathways ADA-accessible, including eliminating the raised sidewalk in the northeast corner of the park, widening the main walkways to the fountain to 8 feet, and making them ADA compliant.

Brick paver paths will be replaced with stamped concrete, and a ramp will be added up to the fountain. The project will also widen the perimeter pathway that goes around the park to 6 feet, address drainage issues in the southeast corner of the park and provide landscaping updates.



For more information about this project, please visit the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us/adamspark](http://www.wheaton.il.us/adamspark).

Construction is expected to take 8 to 10 weeks to complete. During this time, a fence will surround the area and the park will be closed. The City anticipates it will reopen the park in late August. Thank you for your patience as

crews implement these improvements.

This project is funded in part by a state grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. For more information and project drawings, visit [www.wheaton.il.us/adamspark](http://www.wheaton.il.us/adamspark).

## 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: Communications Department, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187  
Or email [communications@wheaton.il.us](mailto:communications@wheaton.il.us)



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Libraries Survey report provides an annual snapshot of public library use, financial health, staffing and resources. It showed that the Wheaton Public Library had 513,098 visitors for Fiscal Year 2016; a major achievement for a library in a community this size.

### Additional Bike Racks Available

The City has added more bike racks to accommodate all the summer riders this season. The additional racks can be found on Front Street near Kimmer's Ice Cream.

### Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton seeks applicants for the following jobs:

- Maintenance Worker – Forestry Division
- Seasonal Crossing Guard
- Superintendent – Street Division

For more information about these positions and how to apply, see [www.wheaton.il.us/jobs](http://www.wheaton.il.us/jobs).

### Videos on the City's Website

Keep up-to-date with what's happening in Wheaton by watching videos produced by the City of Wheaton. Some recent community programming you will find

includes the Wheaton Police Department's ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training, a Downtown Wheaton Streetscape Update, videos from recent City Council meetings and much more. Visit [www.wheaton.il.us/videos](http://www.wheaton.il.us/videos).

### Commission News

The Wheaton City Council:

- appointed Linda Moran to a 3-year term on the Historic Commission
- appointed Tameka Simone Morton to a 3-year appointment on the Library Board
- appointed Rachel Maggio to a 3-year term on the Sister City Commission, and
- appointed Vallari Talapatra to a 3-year term on the Library Board.

### Listen to Park District Podcast

Tune into 'A Talk in the Park', a new podcast created by the Wheaton Park District. Learn about Wheaton events, unique programs, conservation efforts, behind the scenes and more in this new, local series. Episodes will air the second Tuesday of each month beginning in July. Download and subscribe to 'A Talk in the Park' on iTunes or Android. For more information visit [wheatonparkdistrict.com](http://wheatonparkdistrict.com).



The Wheaton Police Department will host National Night Out on Aug. 6 at Northside Park.

## Save the Date for National Night Out

Join Police Department on August 6

The Wheaton Police Department encourages the community to take part in National Night Out from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Northside Park. Get to know

the Wheaton Police Department, with activities for all ages, food and more. Look for more information coming soon on the City's website at [www.wheaton.il.us](http://www.wheaton.il.us).

## See Wheaton's Annual Water Quality Report

The City of Wheaton 2018 Water Quality Report is now available online. Please go to [www.wheaton.il.us/2018WaterReport](http://www.wheaton.il.us/2018WaterReport) to view your 2018 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water.

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. If you would like a paper copy of the 2018



Water Quality Report, please call 630-260-2090.

# Note New Route for Parade

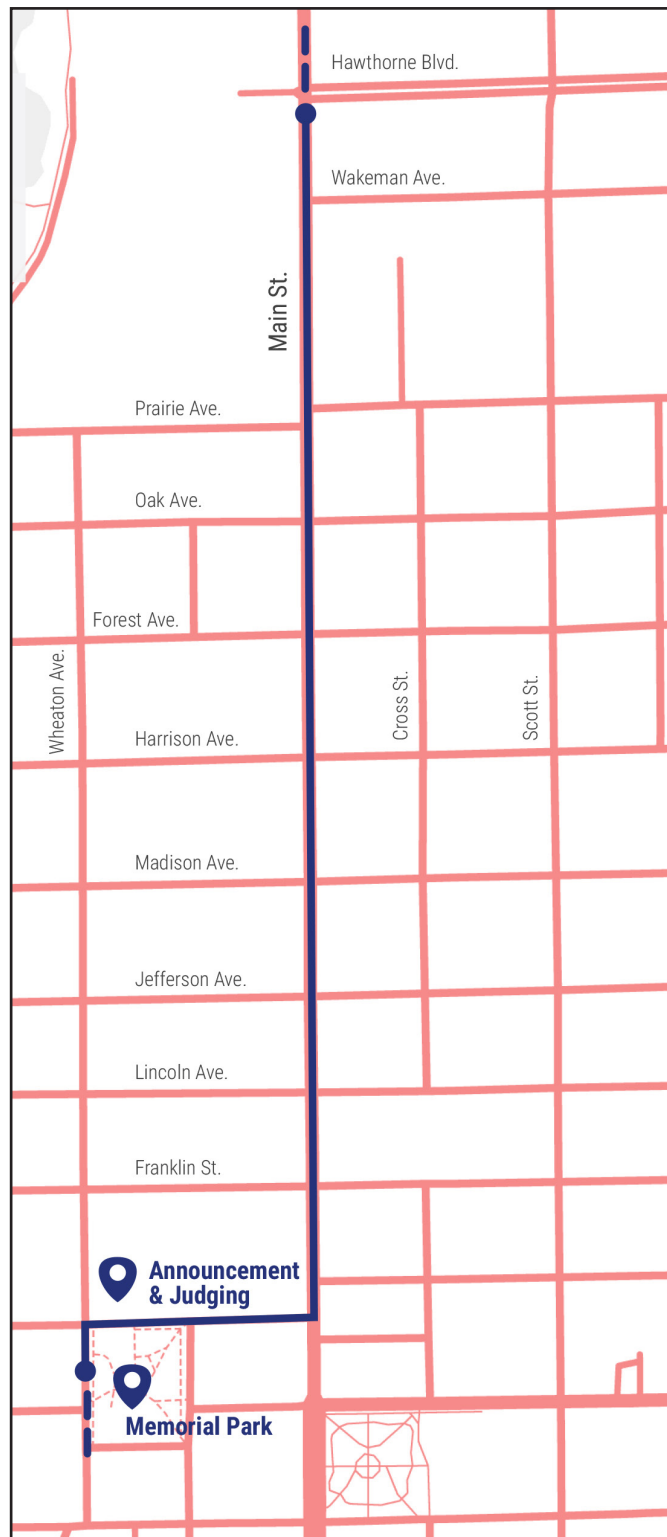
*Join Wheaton Park District for Fourth of July Parade*



**D**ue to work associated with the Downtown Streetscape Project, the route for the Wheaton Park District's Fourth of July Parade will be altered this year. Stepping off at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 4, the parade will begin at Main Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, continuing:

- South on Main Street
- West (right) on Union Avenue
- South (left) on Wheaton Avenue
- Concluding at Memorial Park.

Sponsored by the Wheaton Park District, this annual tradition has a theme of "Home Grown." This year's parade theme pays tribute to hometown Wheaton, including those who were born and raised here and those who continue to call Wheaton home



even if they have moved afar. For more information, visit [www.wheatonparkdistrict.com](http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com).

The City of Wheaton will record the parade and make it available for viewing after the event.

## North District Appointment at July 1 Meeting

**T**he Wheaton Mayor and City Council will be considering Christopher J. Zaruba to fill the North District Wheaton City Council seat at the City Council's July 1 meeting.

If approved by the Mayor and City Council, Mr. Zaruba will be filling the North District seat recently vacated as a result of North District Councilman Philip J. Suess being elected Mayor in April 2019. The 2-year appointment will expire May 2021.

The Mayor and City Council were very impressed with the number and qualifications of residents who applied for this appointment.

## County's Paint Recycling Not Available

**D**uPage County will not be hosting a paint recycling drop-off event at the Woodridge Greene Valley Treatment Plant this summer. This site is video monitored, and staff will be working with local law enforcement to stop residents from illegally dropping off paint.

For alternative options for recycling and disposing of latex paint, [please see DuPage County's website](http://please-see-dupage-countys-website.com).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wheaton Municipal Band Concerts

**Date:** Tuesday, July 2, then Thursdays, July 11, 18 & 25

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Memorial Park, 208 W Union Avenue

Join the Wheaton Municipal Band for summer concerts in the park. Each week has a different theme. Note that the concert during the week of Independence Day will take place on Tuesday, July 2. For more information, visit [www.wheatonmunicipalband.org](http://www.wheatonmunicipalband.org).



**Location:** Commuter Parking Lot at Liberty and Main Street

Flowers, locally grown produce, jewelry, crafts and more are sold from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at Wheaton's French Market. The outdoor market is at Main Street and Liberty Drive in downtown Wheaton.

## Independence Day Fireworks

**Date:** Wednesday, July 3

**Time:** 5 p.m. park opens; fireworks at approximately 9 p.m.

**Location:** Graf Park, 1855 Manchester Road

The Wheaton Park District encourages the community to attend the annual fireworks show at Graf Park. Event access is free. Activities will include a DJ, carnival rides, games, food vendors and more.

## Independence Day Parade

**Date:** Thursday, July 4

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** Main Street to Memorial Park

Join the Wheaton Park District for the Independence Day Parade in downtown Wheaton. See page 3 for more information and note that the parade will use a modified route.

## Wheaton French Market

**Dates:** Saturdays through November

**Time:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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.

## Music in the Park

**Date:** Saturday, July 13

**Time:** 7-10 p.m.

**Location:** Memorial Park, 208 W Union Avenue

The Wheaton Fine & Cultural Arts Commission will host the 12th annual Music in the Park event. The rain location is Gary Wheaton Church. This free event will feature: Jonas Friddle & Anna Jacobson: Old-time fiddle tunes and jug band blues on banjo and fiddle; Chris Vallillo: American roots music featuring six-string, bottleneck slide guitar and harmonica; Neptune's Car: Contemporary acoustic country and folk.

## Concert on the Park: Tropixplosion

**Date:** Tuesday, July 16

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street  
This Caribbean show

band features steel drums, incredible percussion, great vocals, and high-energy fun as they play all your tropical favorites. No registration.

## Moon Landings: Méliès, Hergé, and Armstrong

**Date:** Wednesday, July 17

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Verne, Méliès, and Hergé took us to the moon before the Russians launched Sputnik and before the Armstrong's 1969 moon landing. Julia Diliberti, humanities professor at College of DuPage, will illustrate how artists, writers, musicians, and scientists were converging on a cumulative space revolution. Registration required.

## Kids & Teens Craft Sale

**Date:** Saturday, July 20

**Time:** 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Come support local student artisans. Shop the Kids & Teens Craft Sale in the Arts & Culture Center. Whether you're shopping for yourself or others, you'll find keepsakes to treasure.

## Wizard Fest

**Date:** Saturday, July 27

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Location:** Wheaton Public Library, 225 N Cross Street

Travel by broom, express, or flying motorcycle to the Wheaton Public Library's all ages celebration of "The Boy Who Lived." Find games, activities, music, and magic throughout the library. No registration required.

## Fire Department Rating Could Mean Home Insurance Savings for Residents

**T**he Wheaton Fire Department recently learned that the Insurance Services Office raised its grading level for the City of Wheaton's fire protection capabilities, rating Wheaton among the top 3% of fire departments across the nation.

The ISO's Public Protection Classification involves a grading process every four years to establish personal and commercial property insurance rates. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being the highest possible score



for a community's fire department, water system and 9-1-1 dispatch center, Wheaton moved from a grading of 3 to a rating

of 2. The improved score will result in cost savings for applicable Wheaton property owners for their property insurance.

## Wheaton is "Low Salt" Award Recipient

**T**he Conservation Foundation selected the City of Wheaton as the winner of the 2019 Low Salt Community Award. This award is given to communities/organizations who make significant strides in reducing their road salt usage while keeping roads safe.

While the use of road salt is part of the City's strategy for keeping roads safe in winter weather, excessive salt can have negative consequences on the environment in higher concentrations. High levels of chloride can negatively affect aquatic wildlife, which can in turn affect water quality. The City of Wheaton works to keep streets clear through plowing and using a biologically safe beet juice-based anti-icing solution that increases the salt's effectiveness, allowing staff to use less salt overall. Public Works crews follow a policy that establishes salt use limits for each route and identifies the materials and application rates to be used. Operations include pre-treating salt and de-icing streets before storm events, which aids in the reduction of salt needed.

## Improvements to Wesley & Cross Streets Taking Shape

**W**ider sidewalks, trees and other amenities are taking shape as Phase 2 of the Downtown Streetscape Project continues. Crews are making significant progress on the north side of Wesley Street and east side of Cross street, with crews installing sidewalks, curbs and new trees. Next up, crews will install brick pavers, benches, lighting, planters, signage and other amenities similar to Front Street.

Crews are also making progress on the south side of Wesley



Street and the west side of Cross Street. Work will soon be underway on the west side of Hale Street, followed by the east side of Hale Street in mid-August.

For more information, visit [www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape](http://www.wheaton.il.us/downtownstreetscape).

## Keep ATV's & Mini-Bikes Off Public Streets

**T**he Wheaton Police Department would like to remind residents that riding ATV's and mini-bikes on City streets and in Wheaton Parks is illegal and can be dangerous. These vehicles are not street legal and Police will ticket riders who drive on public roadways, sidewalks, and parks. These vehicles may only be driven on private property.

The Police Department thanks you for your help in keeping our neighborhoods and parks safe for everyone.



# Wheaton Welcomes Group from Sister City

*Government officials, athletes visit from Karlskoga, Sweden*

The City of Wheaton was pleased to host a group of more than 70 baseball players with the Karlskoga BATS and leaders from our sister city. The visitors are from Wheaton's sister city of Karlskoga, Sweden, and they are visiting the Chicago area to play in a tournament.

Among their stops in Wheaton was a visit to Wheaton City Hall and downtown Wheaton. Mayor Suess met with the group, as did the Wheaton Sister City Commission and City officials.

Mayor Suess and City officials also welcomed to the community the mayor of Karlskoga and head of their city's council.

Karlskoga, Sweden is a community of approximately 27,000 people. Wheaton and Karlskoga became sister cities in 1973.



## Wheaton Ranks Among Best Cities to Live in Illinois

*Organization cites excellent schools, downtown among reasons for high rating*

A recent survey by ChamberofCommerce.org [ranked Wheaton as the third best place to live in Illinois.](#)

The website cited Wheaton's small-town character and big-city

access as part of its draw. "With an excellent school district and a great downtown area with shops and restaurants, Wheaton is an in-demand city to settle down in," the report stated.

For this ranking,

ChamberofCommerce.org rated a total of 2,509 qualified cities (those with populations above 25,000 and enough data for analysis) by five factors: employment (number of establishments, median earnings); housing

(owner-occupied housing with a mortgage, monthly housing costs); quality of life (work commute, poverty levels); education (percentage with a bachelor's degree or higher); and health (obesity ratios).





## More Options Coming for Daily Fee Commuter Parking Payment

**T**he City of Wheaton has contracted with Total Parking Solutions to install new digital paystations for commuters paying daily parking fees at the College Avenue Train Station, the Downtown Wheaton Train Station and at the corner of Crescent and Chase Street.

Drivers will enter their license plate number into the paystation and can pay with cash, a credit/debit card, online or via an app. Informational signage and flyers will be shared with commuters prior to the installation of the paystations, which will occur later this summer.

# Include Pets in Emergency Plans

*Have pet food, medicine as part of emergency kit*

**P**ets are cherished family members in many Illinois homes, so the Illinois Emergency Management Agency encourages pet owners to have plans to keep their pets safe during and after emergencies.

“Emergency situations can be very stressful, particularly for pets who don’t understand what is happening,” said Acting IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. “Don’t forget to include their unique needs in your home emergency plans.”

Home emergency supply kits for people should include a three-day supply of such items as food, water, first aid kit, weather alert radio, flashlights, spare batteries and other items. Pet owners should also have a pet preparedness kit stocked with items



such as:

- At least a three-day supply of food and water
- Extra supplies of pet medicines
- Copies of pet registration, vaccinations and other important documents
- Photo of your pet in case you are separated during an emergency
- Collar with ID tag, harness or leash
- Crate or other pet carrier in case of evacuation
- Pet litter and box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach for sanitation
- Toys, treats or other

familiar items to reduce your pet’s stress during the emergency

It’s important to take pets with you, as an evacuation could last several days, even weeks, and your pets likely cannot survive without care. Plan now for places you and your pets can stay following an evacuation, as many public shelters do not allow animals inside. Have a back-up emergency plan in case you can’t care for or evacuate your animals yourself.

More preparedness information is available at [www.Ready.Illinois.gov](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov).



## 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.

### July 2019

- 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.