

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

November 2022

CITY NOTES

Holiday Light Recycling Returns for 2022

Wheaton's holiday light recycling program is back Monday, Nov. 14 through Friday, Jan. 20. Bring strands of incandescent or LED lights in any condition to the Public Works Storage Facility at 820 W. Liberty Drive between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. Look for signs directing you to the holiday light recycling area just inside the gate. This program is for light strings only. Please do not drop off lawn ornaments or other decorations, and do not put lights in a bag or box. Elgin Recycling, www.elginrecycling.com, 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

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Bicycle Commission Expands Mission to Include Pedestrian Issues



The Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Commission recently received approval from the Wheaton City Council to include pedestrian issues in the mission of its commission. The official title of the commission is now the Wheaton Bicyclist and Pedestrian Commission.

The expanded commission will:

1. Provide advice and recommend strategies to the City Council to encourage and foster bicycling and pedestrian opportunities, and to consider access issues in the city.

2. Promote bicyclist and pedestrian education programs in the school systems and disseminate safety information to the public at large.

3. Review and make recommendations regarding implementation of the Wheaton Bicycle Plan.

4. Establish and maintain communications with those agencies, individuals, and organizations within Wheaton that advocate bicycling and walking and promote the sharing of those resources among them.

The commission aims to provide both walkers

and bicyclists safe access to our community. The commission encourages the community to enjoy Wheaton's great business districts, beautiful parks, and peaceful neighborhoods on foot or via bike, as these activities promote mental health and fitness.

Beyond the commission's annual events, look for walking tours of Wheaton to be added to the commission's group events in the future. Information about the commission and a list of their group events can be found [on the City's website](http://www.cityofwheaton.il.us).

CONTACT THE CITY

Police/Fire Emergency: 9-1-1
General Information: 630-260-2000
Wheaton City Hall: 303 W. Wesley Street
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Send feedback to communications@wheaton.il.us

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organizations wanting to dispose of holiday lights to participate in the program. There is no limit as to how many lights you can drop off for recycling.

Light Up Wheaton Decorating Returns

As you put up your seasonal displays to help light up Wheaton, consider entering the Light Up Wheaton decorating contest. Residences, businesses, churches, and other organizations are welcome to enter this free contest hosted by the City of Wheaton and the Wheaton Park District. Look for more information coming soon on this contest and how to enter.

Thanksgiving Garbage Collection & City Office Holiday Closures

There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, Nov. 24. Pickup will be delayed by one day for residents whose regular collection day is Thursday or Friday. Additionally, City offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Leaf Pickup Continues Through Dec. 16

This fall, the City of Wheaton reminds you of the ways you can properly dispose of leaves. Place leaves in containers 35 gallons in size or smaller, or in biodegradable bags. Containers or bags must weigh less than 50 pounds when filled. Each container or bag requires an LRS yard waste/organics/excess garbage sticker, available at City Hall and at many local grocery and hardware stores.

When you're cleaning up leaves, please be careful not to blow or rake them into the streets. Doing so can prevent storm sewers from functioning properly and can lead to flooding. If your house is located near a storm sewer catch basin, please help keep it clear



by sweeping away leaves and debris from the sewer grate. Also, please note that burning leaves is not allowed. LRS will collect leaves and yard waste on your garbage day through the second full week of December.

If you have brush and tree trimmings, please remember to follow the requirements for collection. Although brush/tree trimmings do not need to be placed in bags or containers, you must place

them in stacks that are no longer than 4 feet and no more than 18 inches in diameter. Each stack must have an LRS sticker attached and must weigh less than 50 pounds.

Stacks can be bundled with twine or spaced apart so that crews can easily collect the stacks. We appreciate your cooperation to ensure LRS collection crews are able to efficiently and safely remove yard waste from the parkway.

New Bike Ramp Installed at Pedestrian Underpass on Roosevelt Road

There's a new addition to the pedestrian underpass at Roosevelt Road and Wheaton Avenue! Wheaton's Public Works Department recently

installed a bike ramp to help bicyclists safely walk their bikes down (and up) the stairs using a thin ramp specifically made for bike tires. This new feature is the

result of resident feedback asking for a way to make it easier for bicyclists to use the underpass. A special shoutout to Public Works for completing this project.



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Employment Opportunities

The City of Wheaton has the following employment opportunities:

- Building Inspector
- Civil Engineer - Capital Improvements
- Crossing Guard
- Facilities Maintenance Technician
- Lateral Police Officer
- Police Officer (Entry Level)

City to Discuss Budget at Workshops

The City Council will discuss the draft 2023 City Budget at two Budget Workshop Sessions, which are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19 at 9 a.m. Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. These meetings are open to the public and will be recorded. The draft budget will be available on the City's website during the first week of November.

Help the Wheaton Fire Department Keep the Wreath Red this Year



This holiday season, the Wheaton Fire Department will decorate Wheaton's three fire stations with wreaths that have a special significance. The wreaths are part of the Keep the Wreath Red fire safety campaign, a statewide program that reminds you to practice fire safety during the holiday season. The wreaths feature red lights, and for each Wheaton fire caused by holiday

decorations, the Fire Department will replace one red bulb with a white bulb. Help the Wheaton Fire Department Keep the Wreath Red by unplugging holiday lights before leaving home or sleeping, being careful with candles, using flame-retardant decorations, ensuring lights are in good condition and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed, and keeping trees watered.

Bring Pumpkins to be Composted



The City of Wheaton's Environmental Improvement Commission will once again host a "Pumpkin Smash" drop-off for pumpkins right after Halloween. This collection will allow you to drop off pumpkins (please remove decorations first) to be composted, rather than going to the landfill. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon in the commuter parking lot at Liberty and Carlton.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Giving Thanks this Holiday Season

November marks the start of the Holiday Season with Thanksgiving followed by Christmas and other Holiday Celebrations by members of our community. Hard to believe that 2022 is almost past us. As we move into the Holiday Season, I want to acknowledge how fortunate we are to be part of Wheaton. While we have our challenges as do all communities, we are grateful that we can effectively address and manage the adversity that comes our way. I want to thank our city employees who provide the ongoing services to maintain our community as a vibrant,



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desirable place to live. As a community, we are thankful and appreciative of their dedication and service. We are also thankful to the efforts of our residents, our businesses, our government partners and our various

community organizations for their ongoing contributions to help others in our community.

The City's many holiday festivities will commence at 5 p.m. on Friday, November 25 with the return of the Nights of Lights to Adams Park. The Annual Christmas Parade will again wind through the streets of Downtown Wheaton at 6 p.m. Following the parade, at 6:45 p.m. we will celebrate the tree lighting ceremony at the new pavilion, south of tracks, east of Main Street. Please join us for the music and entertainment at each of these events.

This is a wonderful

time of the year to enjoy the many different events offered in Wheaton. With the new light displays at Adams Park, the colorful parade through Downtown Wheaton, to the Christmas Tree and lighting at the new pavilion south of the tracks, Wheaton is ushering in the Holiday Season like never before. We thank the the Downtown Wheaton Association for their hard work in putting these events together.

We encourage everyone to take the time to experience the various Holiday events in Wheaton. On behalf of the City, I hope all of our residents enjoy a safe and happy Holiday

Election Petition Filing Period is Nov. 19-26

This spring, Wheaton voters will vote for the positions of Wheaton Mayor and two Wheaton City Council at-large positions.

Residents interested in running for one of these positions must file petitions for candidacy, available from the City Clerk's Office at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W Wesley

The filing period is Monday, Nov. 21,

2022, through Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding weekend days and holidays.

For more information on the requirements for filing a petition for nomination, visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us or contact the City Clerk's Office at 630-260-2012.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Cider Stroll

Date: Saturday, Nov. 5

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Downtown Wheaton

Enjoy autumn in Downtown Wheaton as you try a variety of hot apple ciders and get started with your holiday shopping. Over 15 of your favorite Downtown businesses put their spin on the classic fall beverage with unique toppings and flavorings. For ticket information, visit

the [Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#).

Wheaton Nights of Lights

Date: Beginning Friday, Nov. 25 until Jan. 9

Location: Adams Park

The winter season is quickly approaching and so, too, is Wheaton's Nights of Lights! Adams Park will be lit with thousands of bulbs for another year of a festive celebration. This year, the light display will have

new features including an animated ice skater, and a custom poinsettia archway will mark the entrance to Adams Park at Main and Wesley streets. Adams Park will be lit from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. through Jan. 9.

Wheaton Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Date: Friday, Nov. 25

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Downtown The Wheaton Christmas Parade

is back this year! Hosted by the Downtown Wheaton Association and the City of Wheaton, this event will usher in the holiday season with a colorful, light-filled parade through downtown Wheaton. The parade will travel from Wheaton Avenue at Wesley Street south to Front Street, turning east (left) on Front Street, and finishing at Cross Street. Parade entry is free. See the [Downtown Wheaton Association's website](#) for information.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Visit the [Wheaton Public Library website](#) for details and for registration at [wheatonlibrary.org/calendar](#).

C.S. Lewis and the Marion E. Wade Center: Wheaton's Connection to Britain

Date: Thursday, Nov. 3

Time: 7 p.m.

102 E. Wesley St.

Laura Schmidt, Archivist of the Marion E. Wade Center at Wheaton College, presents on the life and influence of British writer C.S. Lewis, author of "The Chronicles of Narnia" and "The Screwtape Letters." Come and learn more about C. S. Lewis and this British haven nestled in the heart of Wheaton, Illinois. Provided in partnership with the DuPage County Historical Museum and will be held at the Museum at 102 E. Wesley St. Registration required.

Library Holiday Book & Art Sale

Date: Thursday, Nov. 10 / Friday, Nov. 11 / Saturday, Nov. 12 / Sunday, Nov. 13
Time: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. / 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. / 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. / 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Wheaton Public Library Main Floor

The Holiday Book & Art Sale features like-new gift books for adults and children, collectible books, leather-bound treasures, first editions, framed and unframed artwork, and more! All proceeds benefit the library.

The Airborne on D-Day

Date: Thursday, Nov. 10

Time: 7 p.m.

Hybrid

In the early hours of 6 June, 1944, US Airborne

Divisions perilously dropped paratroopers into enemy territory. Robert Mueller will explain how these paratroopers prevented Germany from attacking the American amphibious landings, despite being frequently off target, lost, and lacking heavy weapons. Registration required.

Sunday Concert: Jazz Spectrum

Date: Sunday, Nov. 13

Time: 2 p.m.

In-person

Jazz Spectrum is an energetic, jazz-influenced vocal quartet backed by three horns and a swinging rhythm section. From lush ballads to hip renditions of big band music, from good-time '50s rock n' roll to lightning-fast vocalese lyrics,

Jazz Spectrum lays down a dazzling performance of rich harmonies and tight ensemble work. No registration required.

ALICE Training

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 15

Time: 7 p.m.

In-Person

The Wheaton Police Department presents ALICE Training (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate). ALICE helps teach individuals and groups how to proactively handle the threat in a violent encounter or active shooter event. Registration required.

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November is Winter Weather Preparedness Month in Illinois



Despite it still being fall, winter is right around the corner. November is Winter Weather Preparedness Month and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL), Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the National Weather Service (NWS) are prompting all Illinoisans to prepare for extreme cold, ice, and snow.

All vehicles should have an emergency supply kit. When checking and restocking a vehicle's emergency supply kit, make sure it contains items such as:

- Blankets
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Non-perishable snack food
- Water

- Sand or cat litter
- Shovel
- Booster cables
- Phone charger

It's also important to keep in mind winter weather health hazards. Exposure to the cold for prolonged periods of time can pose major health risks such as hypothermia, which is extremely dangerous and can be deadly if not promptly treated. Frostbite is another byproduct of exposure to extremely cold conditions and can lead to severe tissue damage. Whether working indoors or outdoors, everyone is encouraged to follow these winter weather safety tips.

Remember, properly preparing for winter does not take much money or time. Before extreme conditions start, prepare now.

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Native American History & Culture

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 16

Time: 7 p.m.

Virtual

Journey with Ojibwa author and speaker Kim Sigafus through a typical day in the life of a Native American in the early 1800's. Learn about the history of Illinois tribes, including the Trail of Tears. Native gardening, harvest, music, and culture will also be highlighted. Provided in partnership with the Wheaton Community Relations Commission and Wheaton League of Women Voters. Registration required.



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 for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 5 Coffee with Council, 10 a.m.
- 7 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 City Budget Workshop Session 7 p.m.
- 19 City Budget Workshop Session, 9 a.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 City Offices Closed, No Garbage Pickup
- 25 City Offices Closed
- 28 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.