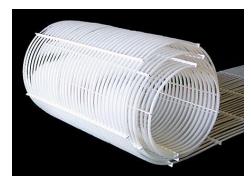
Strap on your skates; outdoor ice skating is coming soon to downtown Wheaton!

The Wheaton Park District has been hard at work figuring out the freeze they need for two ice rinks on the east side of the Central Athletic Complex (500 S. Naperville Rd.).

How do you keep ice cool when the weather's not? One big chiller!

The district had already asked renowned firm Elara Engineering to add a large chiller to the existing gyms on the former site of Hubble Middle School for other purposes. The chiller turned out to be strong enough to sustain two rinks.



To freeze them, special tubing will be rolled down the hillside to a flat area beside the athletic fields. Using plans from V3, a consulting civil engineering firm, permeable concrete pavers will be installed to serve as the base, on top of which the ice will be frozen.

Guests can skate for free late November through early March, after which the space will convert into a recreation area with picnic tables until the following November.





Waterloo Ontario Public Square in the Winter

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