

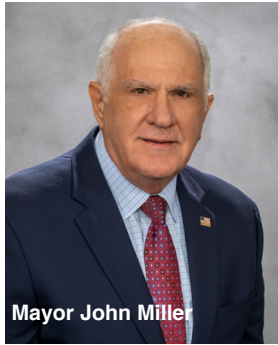
CITYSCOOP

The City of Collinsville's Newsletter



Collinsville Aquapark

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor John Miller

Spring has sprung, and we're excited for what is in store for 2022! This year marks the City of Collinsville's 150th birthday, also known as our Sesquicentennial (seh·skwuh·sen·teh·nee·uhl) Celebration. Festivities will kick off during the Memorial Day Fireworks Celebration on May 29, 2022 at the Collinsville Aqua Park, with more events planned throughout the year.

As we progress through this year, we will continue to see positive changes in our City. Staff is working diligently

to improve the City's parks & infrastructure, bring in new businesses, support existing businesses, and deliver high quality services.

Lastly, we are blessed to have some of the best first responders in the country. Officer Dylan Madron and Firefighter Jason Warner heroically saved a woman from a submerged vehicle in a freezing retention pond on February 12th, 2022. Both individuals received the "Meritorious Service Award," and serve as a constant reminder of the value of having a dedicated and well-trained Police and Fire Department.

LET'S CELEBRATE

This year marks a major milestone for the City of Collinsville – our city is celebrating its 150th anniversary! And we plan to celebrate this occasion all year long and share Collinsville's rich history.

It was September 30, 1872, when the residents voted in favor of the organization of Collinsville as a city. But did you know - the territory we now know as the City of Collinsville was originally a village named Unionville?

While many names are mentioned in historical accounts, John Cook is said to be the first settler and credited with building the first log cabin in 1810. Cook's cabin was built without nails but rather notched out by hand and daubed with mud. This log structure stood at the present intersection of E. Church and Orient Streets. Cook later sold his log cabin to the Collins brothers (Augustus, Michael, and Anson) in 1818 for \$544.20. And it is here where we get the name Collinsville.



City Hall and Fire Department, Collinsville, Illinois

The Collins brothers farmed the land and erected a log distillery and a mill. The horse drawn mill stone grinded the corn for the making of whiskey. They also built the Union Meeting House for villagers to have a common gathering place, on what is now known as South Chestnut Street. This structure was the first framed meeting house constructed in the State of Illinois.

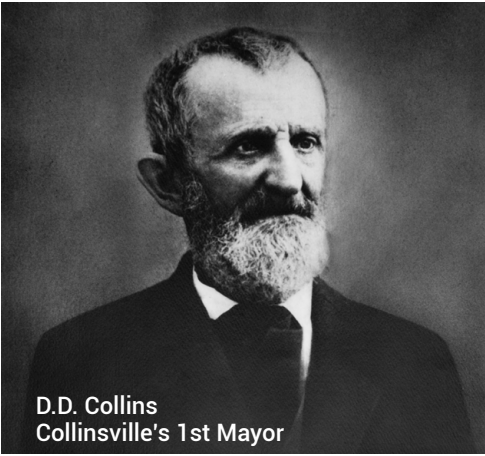
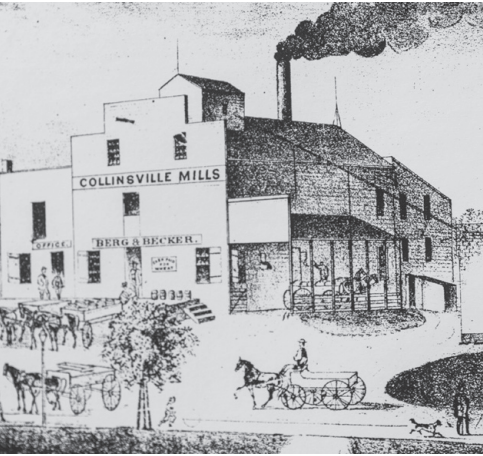
The Union Meeting House was used for church services as well as the first school in town.

The Collins brothers were also politically influential in leading the campaign to keep slavery out of Illinois.

On August 10, 1814, the Government land office opened in Edwardsville and started selling tracts of land. A block of four 640-acre sections, known to be the center of the original town of Collinsville, was purchased by Robert McMahon, Robert Lemen, John Turner, and James Renfro at \$2 per acre.

While early industry in Collinsville consisted of corn meal and flour mills, we are greatly known for our coal mines. In 1807, the Monks of La Trappe moved to the region and were later given the "great mound" (at Cahokia Mounds) as a site for their monastery. The mound was from then on known as Monk's Mound. It was the Monks of La Trappe who later discovered coal in the bluffs of Collinsville and is known to be the first coal mined in the State of Illinois.

This is only a brief glimpse of Collinsville's beginnings and there is so much more to know about the history of Collinsville over the past 150 years and beyond. We look forward to sharing Collinsville's rich history with you through stories, pictures, and memorabilia on our website, social media, and events throughout the year, as well as a community celebration of Collinsville's Sesquicentennial on May 29.



D.D. Collins
Collinsville's 1st Mayor

Utility Tax Rebate

Senior citizen, disabled, and low income City residents can apply for utility tax rebates from April 4 - May 27, 2022. The rebate is for Collinsville municipal taxes on gas and electric service and is a maximum of \$55.

Eligibility and Required Documentation

- Must reside within the City of Collinsville and have electric and/or gas service in your name.
- State or Federally issued ID
- Senior Citizen: 65 or older (no income limit)
- Disabled: Illinois Class 2 Disability Card (no income limit)
- Low Income: Income Tax Return, IRS Notice 703, or affidavit stating no income tax return was filed(see chart for income limits)
- Complete the letter agency form

Applications must be submitted online at www.collinsvilleil.org/utilitytaxrebate by May 27, 2022. Applications can be submitted from home, however, if you are unable to complete the application yourself we can help. If you have questions about the rebate, please call 618-346-5200 x1186.



Low income applicant only:

Family Size	Max Income
1	\$47,550
2	\$54,350
3	\$61,150
4	\$67,900
5	\$73,350
6	\$78,800
7	\$84,200
8	\$89,650

GOT E-WASTE?

RECYCLE IT RESPONSIBLY!



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: ANYTHING WITH A CORD, ALL TV MODELS, HOME ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS & MONITORS SMALL APPLIANCES, AIR CONDITIONERS, WASHER/DRYERS, DISHWASHERS, REFRIGERATORS, FURNACES, LAWN EQUIPMENT, LEAD ACID BATTERIES

JOIN US ON THESE 2022 COLLECTION DATES!

MARCH	12	8AM-2:30PM
JUNE	18	8AM-2:30PM
SEPTEMBER	17	8AM-2:30PM
OCTOBER	22	8AM-2:30PM

COLLECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT CJD E-CYCLING

5257 N. STATE RT. 157 | EDWARDSVILLE, IL

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: BUSINESS AND CONTRACTOR WASTE, PAINT, HAZARDOUS WASTE, BATTERIES, OILS, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, PROPANE TANKS, OXYGEN TANKS, DVDS, VHSS, CDS, CASSETTE TAPES, PCB, BALLASTS, DEVICES CONTAINING MERCURY, SMOKE DETECTORS.

FREE FOR ALL MADISON COUNTY RESIDENTS!

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

EMAIL RECYCLING@CO.MADISON.IL.US OR CALL 618.296.6647 TO SIGN UP

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:
MADISON COUNTY BUILDING & ZONING
CJD E-CYCLING

REGISTER HERE!
[HTTPS://RECYCLERESPONSIBLY.AS.ME/ELECTRONICS](https://recycleresponsibly.as.me/electronics)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



(OPEN PHONE CAMERA AND POINT TO SCAN CODE)



Madison County HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Collection Site



APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

Accepted Items: **Make An Appointment**

- Oil-based paints
- Pesticides & herbicides
- Lawnfertilizers & chemicals
- Cleaning solvents
- Paint thinners
- Hobby chemicals
- Antifreeze, motor oil, old gasoline
- Pool chemicals
- Household batteries
- Items containing mercury (i.e. thermostats, thermometers)
- Medicines
- Lead-acid batteries
- Fluorescent lights

www.RecycleResponsibly.as.me/hhwaste

Website: www.madisoncountybz.com

Phone: 618-296-5237

FREE drop off for Illinois Residents

Open every 1st Saturday and 3rd Friday of the month

8AM to 3PM

249 N. Old St. Louis Rd
Wood River, Illinois

No Latex paint, Tires, Electronics, Ammunition, Agricultural wastes, Explosives, Fireworks, Fire extinguishers, Smoke detectors, Farm machinery oil, Business or Biohazard waste accepted.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:
MADISON COUNTY BUILDING & ZONING
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 618.296.5237



BULK TRASH PICK-UP

Republic Services provides a free pick-up of large items and appliances for residents twice each year.

Please contact Republic Services at:
(618) 656-6883 or WWW.REPUBLICSERVICES.COM
to schedule your pick-up.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Appliances, Carpet (cut into bundles no longer than 4' in length and 3' in diameter and weighing less than 50lbs. per bundle), Furniture including couches, chairs, dressers, tables, desks, mattress sets. Glass portions of doors/windows must be broken down and placed into small box marked "GLASS".

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Republic Services offers Yard Waste Pick-up Service for Collinsville residents beginning April 1st.

3 months of yard waste service is \$55.32

Please contact Republic Services at:
(618) 656-6883 or WWW.REPUBLICSERVICES.COM
to start service.

BLOWING GRASS INTO STREETS OR SIDEWALKS IS PROHIBITED



Blowing grass or yard waste onto any public or private property in the City of Collinsville is prohibited.

Blowing grass and yard waste onto city streets can cause storm sewers to back up and cause flooding on roadways and may lead to damage of private property. It can also be a hazard for motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.



BLOW GRASS
BACK INTO
YARD



2022 Aqua Park Season Passes

Opening Day:
Saturday, May 28, 2022



Purchase season passes online at:
www.collinsvilleil.org/pass
(online account required)

Season pass prices valid through March 31, 2022

Pass prices will go up April 1, 2022

10 Gateway Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234
618-346-4571

www.collinsvilleaquapark.com
Visit our website for hours of operation

Season Pass	City Resident	Non Resident
Adult (13-59)	\$70	\$90
Child (3-12)	\$60	\$70
Senior (60+)	\$60	\$70
Family 2 Pack (2 passes)	\$120	\$140
Family 5 Pack (5 passes)	\$240	\$280
Add a Family Member	\$45	\$55

Daily Pass Rates	City Resident	Non Resident
Adult (13-59)	\$15	\$23
Child (3-12)	\$13	\$18
Senior (60+)	\$13	\$18
Military	\$12	\$17

Must show proof of residency or service in military to receive special pricing. Military pricing is for military member only. Family is not included.

2022 Collinsville Aqua Park Programs

Swim Lessons

Scout Badge Program

River Walk

Water Aerobics

Parent Tot-Time

Junior Guard Program

Adult Swim

VISIT COLLINSVILLEIL.ORG/PARKSANDREC
FOR ALL PARKS AND RECREATION INFO



CBSL 2022

www.collinsvilleil.org/programs

The Collinsville Parks and Recreation Department's youth baseball and softball league is a recreational league that seeks to teach participants the fundamentals of the game while encouraging sportsmanship and teamwork.



	Age	Grade	Gender	Res. Rate	N/R Rate
T-Ball	5-6		Co-Ed	\$60	\$65
Pitching Machine	7-8		Co-Ed	\$60	\$65
Minors Softball		3rd-4th	Female	\$80	\$85
Minors Baseball		3rd-4th	Male	\$80	\$85
Majors Softball		5th-6th	Female	\$80	\$85
Majors Baseball		5th-6th	Male	\$80	\$85
Juniors Softball		7th-8th	Female	\$80	\$85
Juniors Baseball		7th-8th	Male	\$80	\$85



Programs and Events March - June

SPRING FLING BARN DANCE

April 29, 2022 / 6-10 PM
Pre-register by calling 618-977-0941 or online at Collinsvilleil.org.
\$8.00 - Pre-register or CASH only at the door- \$10.00

BASIC HORSE CARE CLASS

Resident-\$10.00 per class / Non-Resident \$12.00
March 27, April 24, May 22, June 12, July 24, August 28, September 25, and October 23.
You can register for one or all.

ECOLOGY CLUB

1-3 PM on these Sundays:
March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26

ARCHERY

11:30 - 1 PM - Saturdays
4 classes per session.
Dates of Sessions: 4 /3-4/24, 5/1-5/22, 6/5-6/26
7/3-7/24, 8/7-8/28, 9/4-9/25

4H Club

Last Monday of each month at 6:30 PM
at Willoughby Farm



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

WEDNESDAY WORKDAYS @
Willoughby Farm - 9am - 1pm

PARKS-IN-ACTION
1st Saturdays from 9am-noon
Call to request individual or group
opportunities.



BOOK YOUR NEXT SPECIAL OCCASION
AT WILLOUGHBY FARM!
Be sure to visit our website at
Collinsvilleil.org or call 618-977-0941
to get our new rental prices for 2022.

OVER 500 TRAIN PIECES TO PLAY WITH!

ALL ABOARD PLAYTIME

TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM
10:00AM-12:00PM
AT THE COLLINSVILLE ACTIVITY CENTER

FOR CONDUCTORS UP TO 5 YEARS OLD;
\$2 DROP-IN FEE PER CHILD

FOR MORE DETAILS, CALL 618-346-7529!



COLLINSVILLE'S 2022 CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

APRIL 29 & 30 - RAIN OR SHINE!

RESIDENTS CAN REGISTER BY APRIL 22
BY CALLING THE PARKS & REC DEPT.
AT 618-346-7529 TO BE INCLUDED IN
THE GARAGE SALE GUIDE.

SPONSORED BY



RESIDENTS WHO REGISTER BY APRIL 22 WILL NOT
NEED A PERMIT TO DISPLAY DURING THEIR SALE, AND
REGISTERING FOR THE CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE
THROUGH PARKS & REC WILL NOT COUNT AGAINST
RESIDENTS' TWO ALLOWED YARD SALES PER YEAR.

PLEASE NOTE:
RESIDENTS WHO CALL TO REGISTER AFTER APRIL 22 WILL BE DIRECTED TO
CITY HALL TO APPLY FOR A REGULAR YARD SALE PERMIT AND WILL NOT
BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE GUIDE.

Code Enforcement

WE NEED YOUR HELP

City code enforcement officials' primary responsibility is proactive code enforcement. However, we rely on members of our community to report code violations and nuisance properties. This is a friendly reminder to all property owners regarding some of our most common property maintenance issues.

Top Code Enforcement Issues

Tall Grass & Weeds

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth more than 8 inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.



Sanitation/Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage

All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property which such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.



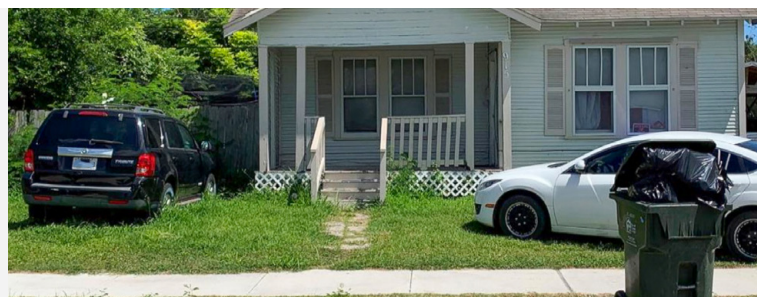
Derelict/Inoperable Vehicles

No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.



Parking in Yard

It is unlawful for any vehicle, or part thereof, to be parked in the front yard area other than in a private driveway; except that a currently registered vehicle that is parked for one time of up to 12 hours during a 14 day period so long as it does not display a sign "for sale," or such other similarly purposed graphic. It shall further be unlawful to park a vehicle, or any part thereof, on a vacant lot.



Blowing Grass/Yard Waste

Blowing grass or yard waste onto any public or private property in this city is prohibited. Blowing grass and yard waste onto city streets can cause storm sewers to back up and cause flooding on roadways and may lead to damage to private property. It can also be a hazard for motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.



Trash Cans/Refuse Containers

All trash and recycling containers are to be removed from the curbside as quickly as possible after pick up, but not later than twenty-four (24) hours following the scheduled pick up day.



Code Enforcement Responsibilities

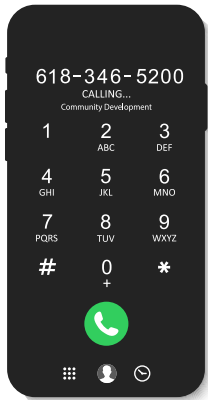
The Code Enforcement Division was established to promote and enforce compliance with the City of Collinsville's Code enforcement, most commonly related to property maintenance standards and zoning enforcement. Code Enforcement maintains and enhances the quality of existing development within the city. This ensures that Collinsville is a place all residents, business owners, and visitors can look to with pride. The Code Enforcement Division's role is to provide pro-active enforcement and investigate concerns regarding:

- **Property maintenance, which includes building and general maintenance of property.**
- **Enforces illegal and nonconforming sign issues**
- **Zoning issues**
- **Conducts investigations and inspections of concerns and maintains case files of those concerns.**
- **Conducts regular pro-active Code Enforcement patrols of the City.**
- **Mosquito Control Program**
- **Appears before the municipal hearing officer or county court on code enforcement cases.**

3 Ways To Report Code Enforcement Issues

1 - Call Community Development

Call Community Development at 618-346-5200 x 1123 to report an issue.



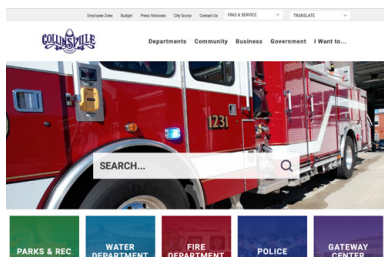
2 - Use the City of Collinsville 311 APP

Download the City of Collinsville 311 APP from the APP Store or Google Play. You can use your phone's camera to report issues as well as pin the location.



3 - Visit the City's website

Visit Collinsvilleil.org - navigate to Community Development, and fill out the Code Violation Report form.



JAMIE LANE PROMOTED TO GM



Longtime Gateway Center employee Jamie Lane has been promoted to GM as of January 2022. Lane started as an intern in 2000 and worked her way up to Sales and Marketing Director for Gateway Center. Lane was also recently recognized as the City of Collinsville's "Outstanding Employee of the Year" for 2021. Congratulations Jamie Lane.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAR 25-27** Illinois Archeological Society
- MAR 26-27** American Indian Ethnographic Show
- APR 8-9** Creating Keepsakes Scrapbooking Convention
- MAY 28** Warrior Wrestling
- JUN 3-5** Diecon 2
- JUN 5** Jacck Art Studio Craft Fair
- JUL 24** Gateway Wedding Show
- JUL 29-30** Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet

Gateway Convention Center offers flexible and affordable space with easy access for vendors and exhibitors. Our clients love the Center's close proximity to hotels, restaurants, and local attractions as well as the convenient, central location and free parking.

Gatewaycenter.com

Police Department

COLLINSVILLE YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

The Collinsville Police Department will host its 5th Youth Academy over a two week period from June 20th to June 30th, 2022.

Open to Unit 10 students(public & private schools) ages 13-17, the Academy introduces participants to the field of law enforcement and provides an opportunity for youth and police officers to connect. Students accepted into the program are able to learn about multiple topics/issues in the field of law enforcement in a fun, friendly, and hands-on environment taught by the men and women of the Collinsville Police Department.

**TWO WEEKS PACKED
FULL OF
FUN AND LEARNING:**

CPR training

Community Service Project

Fire Dept/ARCH Rescue

Gun Range - Safety, Handling, etc



AGES 13-17 - \$75 FEE - CLASS SIZE LIMITED - APPLY ONLINE: COLLINSVILLEIL.ORG

HEROIC WATER RESCUE BY COLLINSVILLE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

At approximately 1:30 pm on Saturday February 12th, a vehicle traveling Eastbound in the 1600 block of Eastport Plaza Drive in Collinsville left the roadway and entered a retention pond.

Multiple calls from witnesses were received via 911 by the Collinsville Communications Center. Within minutes, members of the Collinsville Police Department were on scene. Without hesitation, Officer Dylan Madron entered the ice covered, frigid water, tethered by two k-9 leashes, and attempted to free the lone female driver. Shortly thereafter, the Collinsville Fire Department arrived and Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Warner quickly entered the water to assist Officer Madron. Working in tandem, Officer Madron focused his attention on the driver side of the vehicle while Warner worked on passenger side. As the vehicle began to fill with water, it became increasingly more difficult to free the victim. Eventually, Warner was able to break the passenger window, open the door, rescuing the victim from

her fully submerged vehicle. The rescue was done quickly within 5 minutes.

The victim was transported to a local hospital by Collinsville paramedics for medical evaluation. Officer Madron sustained minor injuries to his hands as a result of being cut by broken glass, and was also transported by Collinsville paramedics to a local hospital for treatment.

Fire Chief John Bailot said "Any time a vehicle enters the water with someone inside, time is of the essence. With water temperatures at freezing, the time clock is sped up exponentially. If it was not for the quick actions of officer Madron and Firefighter Warner, the outcome of this incident, in my mind, would have been very different. The actions of Madron and Warner saved a life today."

Assistant Police Chief Brett Boerm stated "The thing that stands out for me in this incident, aside from the heroic actions of our police officers and firefighters, is that from start to finish,



Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Warner & Officer Dylan Madron

it was a textbook response from all of our first responders. Beginning with the information gathered and disseminated from the telecommunicators on duty to Officer Madron and Firefighter Warner entering extremely frigid conditions, everything worked as it should. Multiple first responder disciplines, coming together as a team, not looking for accolades or glory, to get the mission accomplished."



Watch the rescue video on the City's Youtube Channel

Fire Department

SPRING SAFETY TIPS

Spring Cleaning

With spring right around the corner, and weather to start warming, the fire department would like to offer some safety tips.

- Clean your garage and outbuildings of excess combustible materials that accumulate through the winter months.
- Keep brush, vegetation, and debris away from the house.
- Make sure to store any oily rags in sealed metal containers. Oily rags can cause a fire due to spontaneous combustion.
- If possible, store gasoline in a detached garage or shed, with gasoline in tightly sealed containers.

Grill Safety

- Grills should only be used outside.
- Grills should be placed a safe distance from flammables such as: roof overhangs, deck railings, siding, etc.
- Keep children and pets away from grills while in use.
- Check hoses on propane grills for signs of damage.
- When lighting a gas grill, make sure the lid is open to prevent excess gas build up.
- When using a charcoal grill, make sure the coals are completely cool before disposing.

Campfires

- Before starting a campfire, make sure it is permitted. The City of Collinsville has an ordinance that allows outdoor burning in commercial fire pits only.
- Make sure the fire is a safe distance from anything flammable.
- Avoid burning on dry, windy days.
- Never leave a campfire unattended and make sure to extinguish the fire before leaving.
- As with grills, children and pets should be kept away from campfires.

Electrical Safety Around Pools

- All wiring for pool pumps should be performed by an experienced electrician.
- Outdoor receptacles should have covers that keep them dry.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are required for pool equipment.
- Electrical appliances and equipment should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. Battery operated appliances such as radios are a much safer option around water.
- Do not swim during thunderstorms.

Camper/RV Safety

- Install smoke detectors and test regularly.
- Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector.
- Keep combustibles away from cooking appliances.
- Avoid overloading receptacles.
- Make sure to have a portable fire extinguisher.
- Practice a home fire escape plan.

CPR Classes are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 6-9 pm at Fire Station 1, 130 South Clinton.



CPR Classes

The class consists of Infant, Youth & Adult CPR as well as an introduction to the AED (Automated External Defibrillator). The class does not include First Aid Certification; available First Aid classes can be found at cpr.heart.org

The cost is \$25 for City & Fire District residents and \$50 for nonresidents.

Our classes are "Heartsaver" through the American Heart Association and are not appropriate for Health Care Providers who need "BLS Provider" Certification. BLS Classes can be provided to groups of 6 or more upon request. Heartsaver classes can be provided to larger groups upon request as well (scouts, church groups, businesses, etc).

To register, send your name, home address, phone number and date you'd like to register for, to: tcarlson@collinsvilleil.org.

You will receive a confirmation and additional information by return email.

To set up a group class, contact Tracy Carlson at 346-5022 ext. 3141

NEW CLASSES FOR 2022

The Collinsville Fire Department will be offering various opportunities in the community for community level interventions aimed at awareness and education related to *Sudden Cardiac Arrest*, *Bystander Compression Only CPR* and *AED* use. This new program is possible through a grant from Illinois Heart Rescue.

SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

Each Spring, the Collinsville Fire Department begins its annual hydrant flushing program. This means that we will "open" each of the 1,450 hydrants in the City to ensure the hydrant is not malfunctioning in any way and remove some of the sediment that has accumulated throughout the year. The hydrant flushing program not only helps protect you and your neighbors when there's a fire, but it also helps control Fire Insurance Rates for the community.

We will only be flushing Monday through Friday during normal business hours so we don't disrupt evening or weekend activities. When hydrants on your water mains are flushed, you may see a temporary drop in water pressure or some discolored (brownish) water. Water can be cleared by running faucets for about a minute and will then be safe to use.

The flushing schedule will be posted daily on Facebook at Collinsville Illinois Fire Department and on our website at collinsvilleil.org/firedepartment.

UNIT 10

Collinsville Area Vocational Center Receives Scholarship Donation; Spotlights Career & Technical Education Month

Collinsville Area Vocational Center (CAVC) has received a generous donation from long-time Collinsville residents Doug and Marilyn Huber to endow vocational scholarships. The announcement was one piece of news highlighted during February 2022 Career and Technical Education Month.

CAVC Director Joe McGinnis said, "The Huber family was looking to be philanthropic and help improve the community where they raised their family. They designated their gift to be split equally between the Kahoks Teaching Kahoks future teachers program and post-secondary scholarships for vocational students."

Marilyn Huber was a school psychologist in Collinsville Community Unit School District #10 for 17 years before retiring. Their children Aaron (CHS Class of 2005) and Patrick (CHS Class of 2006) attended Collinsville schools. Doug's father was the Superintendent of Schools in Westville, Illinois, which added to their family's desire to support education. Their passion for the Collinsville community, and new scholarship initiatives launched by CUSD 10 and CAVC, provided the catalyst for their philanthropy.

"I grew up in Collinsville and it's where we raised our family," said Marilyn, "Collinsville has such dedicated teachers and staff. We are impressed with the innovative approach the district has taken to grow future teachers through the Kahoks Teaching Kahoks program. And, as a former school psychologist, I know students have different talents and many thrive in the "hands-on" environment offered by Career and Technical Education. Access to both of these opportunities is important."

"Our contribution to these scholarship programs will help make it possible for high school graduates to continue their education and move toward careers. A simple act by our family will make a difference to students who are trying to pay for college or technical training," she said.

"Mr. and Mrs. Huber's passion to make a difference, and their love for the district, are evident in their generous contribution that will benefit our high school students for years to come and expand our work force in both education and the trades," said Collinsville CUSD 10 Superintendent Dr. Mark B. Skertich. "They embody one of our communities' strongest qualities: a constant dedication to our students."

The Huber gift is among several scholarship funds supported through the newly organized Collinsville Area Community Foundation. For more information on supporting scholarships for Collinsville CUSD 10 and CAVC



Machining Instructor Cody Coffin, Doug Huber, Marilyn Huber, CAVC Director Joe McGinnis

students, visit the Collinsville Area Community Foundation website. Donations through CACF are tax deductible.

CAVC Promotes Career & Technical Education During February 2022 CTE Month

Collinsville Area Vocational Center currently boasts its highest enrollment in a decade as more students and families see Career and Technical Education as a practical path to the workforce.

"We are preparing students for careers through a wide variety of programs. From long-established classes for the trades like welding and automotive mechanics, to courses in fields like education and cybersecurity, CAVC has diverse offerings that appeal to a broad-range of students," said CAVC Director Joe McGinnis.

In addition to Collinsville High School, CAVC currently serves students from Civic Memorial High School, Duplo High School, East Alton - Wood River High School, Edwardsville High School, Highland High School, Lebanon High School, Mascoutah High School and Triad High School.

McGinnis says other local schools are considering becoming part of CAVC.

"Taking a course at the CAVC is the safest, most affordable way to learn about a future career," he says, "Students can see if a field appeals to them and use vocational classes - which offer things like dual credit and professional certifications - as a springboard to the workforce and/or post-high school education."

McGinnis says course popularity varies from year-to-year. Currently, auto mechanics, criminal justice and welding top students' lists. Today, many CAVC classes are at capacity and have a waitlist. Program admittance is very competitive. Students are ranked based on academic performance, attendance and discipline during their early high school years to be accepted into vocational courses which are offered to juniors and seniors.

Current CAVC programs are: Auto Body Repair, Automotive Mechanics, Building Trades, Clinical Health Occupations,



Doug Huber, Maryilyn Huber, CAVC Director Joe McGinnis

Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, Early Childhood Education, Electronics, Engineering, Food Service, K-12 Teacher Prep, Precision Machining, and Welding.

"For the 2022-23 school year, we will launch the Kahoks Teaching Kahoks initiative to instruct and recruit future K-12 educators. This will be done through 2 new courses, Teaching as a Profession and a 2nd year education field experience course. We hope to add additional new course offerings over the next three years. A dental assistant and agriculture program are two under consideration," said McGinnis.

In March, CAVC will launch an updated career exploration project to make young students and their families more aware of CTE programs and career paths. The plan includes digital curriculum and a mobile career exploration trailer that will be brought to schools serving students in K - 8 grades.

"One of the long-term goals of CUSD #10 and CAVC is to increase career awareness and opportunities for students at all grade levels within the district," said McGinnis, " We have re-imagined and are rolling out a ways to increase career exposure to students in the lower grade levels. This will include a digital career curriculum for elementary students and a mobile career exploration trailer that will have 3d printers and LEGO stem kits that classroom teachers can reserve. As we roll out this initiative we will also be looking to add additional equipment and tooling to further expand opportunities for district students."

Parents wanting to know more about Career and Technical Education, should contact CAVC Director Joe McGinnis at jmcginnis@cusd.kahoks.org or 618-343-6141.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DISTRICT DATES

SPRING 2022

SPRING BREAK	APRIL 14-18
PROM	APRIL 23
4TH GRADE TRACK JAMBOREE	MAY 6 (Rain Date May 10)
GRADUATION	MAY 14
LAST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE	MAY 23 (if no emergency days used)

Kindergarten Enrollment Begins in April for the CHS Class of 2035

Enrollment for children entering kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year will begin in early April 2022. Families who reside in Collinsville Community Unit School District #10 will be able to enroll their future kindergarteners online. Information will be available in late March. Watch for details via mail, posted on the www.kahoks.org website and shared on district social media.

Please note: Children must be five-years-old on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten.



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